

### BETWEEN THE LIONS

By BOB GRUBB

Coach Roy Simmons is having his troubles as the boxing season at Syracuse is about to open. Bo Dluski, who fought in the light heavy-weight division last year, broke his leg and will be lost to the Hill ring team for the season. Artie McGivern, who is well known to Lion fans, having boxed in the 155-pound class last year, now weighs over 185 pounds and will have a difficult job training down to make the welter-weight division.

Two shakeups like that will have an important bearing on Eastern Intercollegiate ring competition, for the two leading schools in this circuit always have been Penn State and Syracuse. Had McGivern been able to make the weight it would have meant a return engagement between him and Sammy Donato. After fighting to a draw in the dual meet last year, Sammy defeated the Orange "tough guy" in the finals of the tournament.

Russ Van Atta, Lion hurler of a few years ago, is given credit for having appeared in the greatest number of games during the past major league season, a survey of the American League records reveals. Russ, who has been on the pitching staff of the St. Louis Browns for the past two years, was in 52 games during the past season. Coach Galbraith uncovered a valuable piece of material during the freshman-varsity meet the other night in the person of Har Quick, a senior who just decided to come out for the tank team this year. Joe Krupa, only member of last wrestling team not yet reporting, is working out in an Altoona gym where he is practicing teaching. Mike Zelezack Roman, now coaching at North Carolina dropped in recently. In the first year of intramural boxing there, 1500 persons turned out to witness the bouts, proof that Mike is inaugurating boxing in a big way.

# COURTMEN PREPARE FOR OPENER AT PENN

## Practise Tilt Arranged for Lion Quintet

Basketeers To Return From Xmas Recess December 28

By WOODROW W. BIERLY  
With less than two weeks of practice to prepare for the opening game of the season which will be played on Wednesday night, January 6, Coach John Lawther is putting his basketeers to work in earnest.

The cagers have been practicing every night for the past several weeks and scrimmages have become more frequent as the opener approaches. The starting line-up for the game at Penn has not been decided as yet. The showing the boys make during the last week of practice before the opening tilt will probably be the deciding factor as to who does or doesn't play at Penn.

Will Return Early  
The candidates for berths on the quintet will leave tomorrow for their Christmas vacation, but will return on Monday, December 28. Several practice games have been scheduled to be played during the final week of practice. December 30 has been tentatively chosen as the date for the Lions to meet a Y.M.C.A. team at Williamsport.

When the Nittany basketeers tackle the Red and Blue, they will be meeting a team that has been playing scheduled games for almost a month, and remains, to date, undefeated. So far they have played Lafayette, LaSalle, Harvard, and Swarthmore.

Murray Won't Play  
The odds seem to be against the State team, in so much as it will be playing its first scheduled game, under a new system, as well as a new

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## Little Excitement Offered In I.M. Mit Tourney Finals

Wilson, Simkow, Leskin, Sandson, Ricketts, Lessig, Nemeth, Quailley Win Crowns

By CHARLES M. WHEELER, JR.  
Contrasting sharply with the spectacular performances of the early rounds, Tuesday night's final intramural boxing bouts provided few thrills to the 2,000 fans that sat unmoved in the balcony of Recreation hall.

Whereas the semi-finals Monday afternoon were scrappy affairs, Tuesday's were for the most part listlessly contested struggles where the fellow that was least stage-struck won.

After encountering some very tough competition in the previous fights, the finalists suddenly grew wary when in the ring at the pay-off. It was mostly that there had to be a pay-off that anything was accomplished.

Kermit Wilson '38, Delta Theta Sigma, won the 115-pound title by clearly defeating George O'Malley '40 in an awkward performance. O'Malley showed something in every fight up until this one and then seemed amazed as Wilson became an aggressor for the first time in the tourney.

125 Fight Best  
It was two lively 125-pounders who provided the most excitement of the evening. Desider Sinkov '38, Phi Kappa, won this one from George Settle '39, Tau Phi Delta, after a lot of hard blows had been landed on every part of two anatomies. Sinkov was bleeding at the finish but was adjudged ahead in a close fight.

Another bleeder took the 135-pound class title as Joseph Leskin '38, Phi Kappa, took over Richard Smith '40, independent. Leskin was the aggressor the whole way as Smith relied on a long left arm.

Bernard Sandson '40, Sigma Tau Phi, ended National Champion Frankie Goodman's sympathetic performance in his corner early in the second round by TKO'ing Frank Whitman '40, Chi Phi, with a murderous assault of right hand punches. Goodman, who had followed every second of the struggle with pantomime, a la Speidel, in his frat bro's corner, retired to the bench after the fracas far more worn than Sandson. This was a 145-pound go.

Ricketts Wins Again  
By far the cleverest and most consistent performer of the tourney, Edward Ricketts '37, Alpha Chi Sigma, then stepped in the ring to take the 155-pound title, with Joseph Korsak '38, Tau Sigma Phi, as game opposition. It was boxing on the part of Ricketts that gave him the nod over the wilder-swinging white-haired lad.

In a comedy fuss between Heber Lessig '38, independent, and John Kauffman '39, Delta Tau Delta, the former gained the decision by simply landing the only blows of the fight. He used a stiff chopping uppercut to land, while Kauffman used nothing to accomplish the same.

Theodore Nemeth '40, independent, well-built football tackle, took the 175-pound crown by besting Marvin Angstadt '38, Pi Kappa Phi. Ted was the aggressor and landed more blows. But on the whole it was not a very spectacular performance.

Bless'd Be the Ties That Bind  
Two Phi Delta Thetas, Harry Cromwell '37 and Charles Quailley '40, were the heavyweight finalists.

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## Matmen Open 29th Season Next Month

Jack Light Will Form Nucleus of Team; 6 Men Return

By FRANCIS SZYMCAK  
State's twenty-ninth intercollegiate wrestling season opens next month with Princeton's Tigers at Princeton, New Jersey, on January 16.

The Nittany wrestlers are hopeful of retaining the championship of the Eastern Intercollegiate Association. Coach Charles Speidel is beginning his eleventh season here.

During the past ten seasons State has lost only nine meets, winning fifty-one and tying two. The Lions have a schedule of seven dual meets, the Eastern Intercollegiate tournament, and the National Collegiate wrestling tournament scheduled during this season.

Light to Wrestle  
Jack Light, 135 pound intercollegiate champion for two years and still undefeated in team competition will be the Lion nucleus. Captain Joe O'Dowd, heavyweight; Ross Shaffer, light heavyweight, and Joe Krupa, 165 pounder, are the members of last year's team who finished as runners-up.

Aldo Zazzi, John Calvin, Ray Brooks, Bobby Reynolds, and Fred Stegmaier are leading contenders for the other positions. Speidel has instructed all of the inexperienced men to participate in the intramurals. One hundred and eighty-one students have registered for the competition to date.

During the week Coach Speidel has instructed the grapplers in the various switches, wrist locks, and the fundamental starting offensive and defensive positions. He pairs the wrestlers in six-minute matches outside of their weights in order that the same weight men will not know each other's style for the interclass meet on January 9.

## 58 Frosh Boxers Report for Team

Coach Tommy Slusser Expects Good Season Despite Lack of Stars

By JERRY WEINSTEIN

Although freshman boxing prospects are not as bright as in recent years, Coach Tommy Slusser considers this a good sign. The absence of so-called amateur stars will give the new coach the opportunity to start from scratch, and with several promising sluggers in view, he expects a good season.

Of the fifty-eight that reported Wednesday for the yearling team, several boxers that showed well in the intramurals, including Adler, Sandson, Simkow, Quailley, Smith, Handler, and O'Malley were present.

With these as nucleus, Coach Slusser will begin work immediately on the largest squad ever to report.

After the vacation, the freshmen will go through a two-week conditioning period, with ring work scheduled to begin in mid-January. Practice will be held on Monday and Friday from 4 to 5:30 o'clock and on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 6:30 until 8.

Problem at 115 Pounds  
Slusser's biggest problem, like Leo Houck's with the varsity, is in the 115 pound class. Only two men turned out in this class and the first work to be done will be to find a man for this weight. Those who reported:

115 pounds—O'Malley and William Smith.

125 pounds—Deiber, Jones, Sypherd, Eno, Gillespie, Simkow, Clarke, and Booth.

135 pounds—Weisberger, Ketter.

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## McEwan, Osterlund, Barnes Make All-East Soccer Eleven

Penn State dominated the Associated Press all-Eastern soccer team as Captain Bill McEwan, Frank Osterlund, and Phil Barnes were placed on the first team. Eddie Mandel made the second team.

Yale and Navy players were granted two positions each, while the other first team berths went to booters from Princeton, Springfield, Lehigh, and Lafayette.

The all-Eastern team was chosen for the first time by eight coaches in the Eastern Intercollegiate soccer association. Included in this group were mentors from Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Navy, Temple, Syracuse, Lehigh, and Coach Bill Jeffrey of Penn State.

McEwan was selected by six of the eight coaches. It was the third time the Nittany leader was honored at the center forward position. He was called "a great opportunist" by the selecting body.

Osterlund made the first team after receiving second team mention last season. He had quite a bit of competition due to the fine quality of the forwards playing this year.

Barnes was the outstanding fullback in the East. He clearly won first team selection, receiving no opposition, and there was a wide scramble for the other fullback spots. The selections:

First team—goal: Haines, Navy; fullbacks: Barnes, Penn State; Singmaster, Princeton; halfbacks: Spahr, Springfield; Orth, Yale; and Lucard, Lehigh; forwards: McEwan and Osterlund, Penn State; Sanderson, Navy; Lasell, Yale; and Elienewski, Lafayette.

Second team—goal: Geuther, Temple; fullbacks: Beck, Swarthmore; Forbes, Penn; halfbacks: Pearson, Swarthmore; Kelly, Navy; and Mandel, Penn State; forwards: Patterson, Penn; Hughes, Syracuse; Margeson, Brown; Morgan, Princeton; and Wood, Harvard.

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