

### «« Between The Lions »»

By BOB GRUBB

Hats off to the Lion wrestling and boxing teams!

To the wrestlers goes the credit of doing the unpredictable by not only retaining their eastern team championship, but by winning five individual titles for the most decisive victory in the association's history. To the ringmen goes just as much credit for doing as well as they did in the face of the odds which presented themselves at Syracuse. For, while losing the coveted ring championship by the barest margin the Lion boxers proved their superiority in sportsmanship.

Followers of the two teams in the tournaments at Lehigh and Syracuse came back to State with little respect for the sportsmanship shown at either place. Added to the fact that accommodations for the conduct of intercollegiate tournaments were woefully inadequate at both schools, was the discourteous treatment received by the teams at the hands of the spectators.

The mixup in the O'Dowd-Sterngold semi-final decision at Lehigh is a prime example of both these points. In the first place, the decision Friday night which placed Sterngold in the finals was caused by an error in timing—something that should never have happened had this department of the tourney been functioning perfectly. When the error was discovered and the case put up to the association's executive committee, there was only one solution—to complete the extra periods of the match when it was found that there had not been sufficient time advantage to justify the referee's decision.

Lehigh's officials, coach and team members seemed to accept the committee's verdict willingly enough, but when the spectators found that O'Dowd and Sterngold had fought extra periods and the decision had been reversed in favor of O'Dowd they threw aside the rules of courtesy and sportsmanship. The conduct of the crowd became so bad that every time a Penn State man stepped on the mat he faced a barrage of Bronx cheers. It was only after Lehigh's coach, Billy Sheridan, stepped on the mat and pleaded with the crowd for a break for the guests that the heckling subsided.

The same picture presented itself at Syracuse. The precision that has always characterized tournaments here was unheard of there. While the Lion wrestlers established a new high for team scores in the eastern association tournaments, they also accomplished something unknown in intercollegiate competition in nineteen years by winning five of the eight individual titles. The only time that such a record has been surpassed was in 1918, Penn State's first year in the tournament when the Lions won six individual titles and set the high scoring record of 34 points which lasted until this year.

The EIBA might take a hint from the EIWA in the matter of conduct of its tournaments. Entries of anything less than a full team are almost unknown in the wrestling association's tournaments. Reason: There is a penalty of five points for each man missing from a full team. There were nine teams entered in this year's mat tourney and all had representatives in each weight, making 72 wrestlers in all. With such a set-up to work with, officials have a much easier time making the pairings and there is less danger of discrimination.

The boxing association has been considering setting a minimum number of entries for each team for some time. The main drawback here is that few schools sponsor boxing on the scale that obtains here and therefore do not see fit to enter full teams. A minimum of at least four and possibly six should be set, however, in an effort to make for a more competitive type of tournament. There is no reason why any school sponsoring boxing as a varsity sport should be allowed to send one or two representatives to the tournament.

## Lion Cagers Trim Hoyas, 31-25, in Final Contest

### Reichenbach Leads Mates With 4 Goals

### Courtmen Place 3rd In Conference Standing

By WOODROW W. BIERLY

Playing one of the best away games of the season at Washington Saturday night, the Lion courtmen whipped the Georgetown five, 31-to-23, to wind up the 1937 season. They finished in third place in the Eastern Conference standing, while Pitt's 48-to-42 victory over West Virginia enabled them to tie with Temple for the championship.

Jack Reichenbach again led the scoring with four field goals and two foul shots while Herb Peterson, reserve forward, placed second with three baskets and one free throw. Sol Michoff and Joe Proksa each scored two points and Max Corbin one.

McWilliams Unable to Play

Coach Lawther started Michoff, Proksa, Prosser, Corbin, and Reichenbach. His only substitution was to send Peterson on the court to replace Michoff during the first fifteen minutes of the second half. Jay McWilliams, who had been in the infirmary until the latter part of last week, was not able to play.

The game was a close battle during the first few minutes, the Lions overshadowed. The score at the half was 11-to-10 in favor of the Hoyas and it was not until the last two minutes that the Nittany five ran away with the game. Coach Mesmer had left things in the hands of some substitutes and although he again sent his regulars on the floor, the Georgetown boys were not able to check the Lions who, with Reichenbach setting the pace, dropped three baskets in the waning minutes of the battle.

Saturday night's tilt completed a successful season for the Lion cagers, their first under the coaching of John Lawther, former Westminister mentor. The team scored ten victories and lost seven games. They won six of their ten Eastern Conference tilts, the first since they entered the league last season. Michoff was high scorer of the season with 125 points while Reichenbach followed with eighty-two. Prosser scored a total of seventy-nine points.

### Conference Standing

	W.	L.	Pct.
Temple	7	3	.700
Pitt	7	3	.700
Penn State	6	4	.600
Carnegie Tech	4	6	.400
Georgetown	4	6	.400
West Virginia	4	6	.400

### Nittany Fencers Lose Close Meet to Temple

Outpointed in foil, the Lion fencing team lost to Temple 9-to-8 Saturday before a gallery of curious and somewhat bewildered spectators in Recreation hall. Although led by Temple throughout the fighting, the Lions kept the final score in doubt until the last saber blow was struck.

The Owls gained their initial lead in the foils event, scoring five victories to four for the Nittany men. Both epee and saber matches were split, with four points for each team. Failing to win decisively in epee and saber, the Lions could not gain the additional point that would have decided the meet in their favor and dropped their first home meet, together with their hopes for an undefeated season.

Both co-captain "Lefty" Bowen and Scotty Rankin took two out of their three foils bouts. Foltz and Kirk took turns defeating and being defeated by Launick and Silverman of Temple in the epee bracket. Co-captain Lewis and Spence Potter both defeated Landesman and lost to Stern, of Temple.

### Olexy, Downey, Clark, Relay Team Place in IC4-A Meet

A third place in the two-mile run, and three fourth places were captured by Coach Chick Werner's trackmen at the I.C.A.-A. meet in Madison Square Garden Saturday night.

Olexy led the field during the greater part of the first eighteen laps when Phil Smith, of Rutgers, and an unknown dark horse from M. I. T. nosed him out in the last fifty yards. Olexy, whose time was 9:36.8, ran his best indoor race, finishing only three-tenths of a second behind the winner.

Howard Downey took a fast fourth the freshman team up from sixth to place in the 600-yard run with the time of 1:13.9, eight-tenths of a second better than the time with which he won his trial heat. The Penn State co-captain was handicapped by an outside lane, but closed fast to gain fourth place. The race was won by Eddie O'Brien, Syracuse Olympic flash in 1:13.1. Bork, of Manhattan, and Hueker, of Cornell, were the other two men who finished before Downey.

Clark Places Fourth  
Bob Clark cleared 12 feet 6 inches in the pole vault to gain a tie for fourth place. State's only other place came in the freshman medley relay race which did not count in the team.

### Swimming Team Elects Dewalt '38 as Captain

Robert H. Dewalt '38 was chosen captain of the Penn State varsity swimming team for the 1937-38 season at a meeting of the squad last week.

Dewalt, a letter-winner last season, began swimming here in the Glennland Pool team two years ago. He competed mostly in the 220 and 440 yard freestyle races, and in the century race. He was handicapped at the beginning of this season by a knee injury received in intramural football.

### Take 3rd State Title

Scoring ten more points than its nearest rival, Allentown High's swimmers earned 31 points to capture the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Association championship for the third straight year Saturday morning in the Glennland pool.

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