

# Lion Courtmen Engage Vaunted Syracuse Quintet At 8 Tomorrow

Nazi universities in Germany showed a decrease of 32,659 students within two years after Hitler's political coup, according to a doctor's thesis published by the University of Chicago.

## Kröse, Smaltz Head Freshman Grid Team

Leonard E. Kröse and William R. Smaltz were elected season captains for the freshman football team at a meeting of the squad's 18 members Saturday afternoon.



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## Varsity, Frosh Mermen Stage Practice Tilts

By HERB NIPSON The Lion mermen got their season's first taste of competition as a team of varsity Blues outswam the varsity Whites, 50-25, in a practice meet in Glennland Pool Saturday afternoon.

At the same time, the frosh Blues took the yearling Whites by a 39-26 score.

Captain Chuck Welsh, swimming for the Blues and sophomore Bill Kirkpatrick of the Whites, last year's freshman flash, grabbed the meet's spotlight as they met in both the 50 and 100 yard free-style sprints and then anchored their 400 yard relay teams.

Kirkpatrick edged out veteran Welsh in the 50 with the fast time of 25.7 seconds and Captain Welsh came back shortly later to turn the tables in the 100 yard sprint, being clocked in 57.9 seconds.

In the closing event the two got together again as Welsh anchored his 400 yard relay team to victory.

Luther Hoy, diving for the Blues, turned in a good all-around performance, garnering 94.6 points to take first place. Guy McLaughlin, White, took second with 83.04 points and Al Hildebrandt was third. Both Hoy and McLaughlin were regular varsity divers last year.

In the freshmen meet, the divers turned in the outstanding performance with Al Price downing Howard Irvin and Dave Lynch, intramural champ. Elmer Webb won the frosh 100 yard backstroke in 1:7.9.

Varsity Summary: 300-yard medley relay, first—Blues (Vincent, Reilly, Allison) time 3:28.3, 50 yard freestyle, 1 Kirkpatrick (White) 2 C Welsh (Blue) 3 Rubner (White) time—25.7, 220 yard freestyle, 1 Bunk (Blue) 2 Wood (White), time—2:34.4, 100 yard freestyle, 1 C Welsh (Blue) 2 Kirkpatrick (White) 3 Robinson (Blue), time—57.9, 150 yard backstroke, 1 Vinzant (Blue) 2 D Welsh (White) 3 Newberry (Blue), time—1:54, 200 yard breaststroke, 1 Reilly (Blue) 2 Boileau (White) 3 Bitner (White), time 2:58.4, 400 yard relay, 1 Blues (Robinson, Allison, Crocker, C Welsh), 2 Whites (Kendall, Hildebrandt, Marcus, Kirkpatrick), Diving, 1 Hoy (Blue) 94.6, 2 McLaughlin (White) 83.04 3 Hildebrandt (Blue) 74.8

## First Real Battle Seen With Orange

By ROBERT L. WILSON Penn State's basketball Lions, two victories plump, sail into trouble with a capital "T" when they face a vaunted Syracuse Orange five a 8 p.m. tomorrow in Rec Hall in what is expected to be the most fiercely-fought pre-conference battle on their schedule.

### BACK AGAIN...



WILMETH SIDAT SINGH

Syracuse, reputed twice mightier than last year, will be seeking redemption for the 38-32 court jockeying State handed them late last season as well as for the 33-4 grand upset administered only last October.

Sidat-Singh To Play Sparking Syracuse's veteran quintet will be Wilmeth Sidat-Singh, football whirling dervish and smallest regular on the Orange cage squad Singh, a varsity reserve for the past two seasons, is a truly great floorman with an unusual ability to set up.

### Kranich Hampered By Illness, Out For Year

Sandy Kranich, towering Lion cager, is back in school after a month's illness but will not be available for varsity basketball duty this season. Rheumatism in the knees, the outgrowth of a streptococci infection in the throat, was responsible for Kranich's condition. Kranich, six-foot three-inches tall, was slated for a starting post this year.

He was largely responsible for the top-heavy 50-17 walloping the Orange gave Toronto U. in their opening last week.

Besides Sidat-Singh, Coach Lew Andrews will probably start Bobby Stewart, varsity regular for the past two seasons and, high scorer last year, Billy Thompson, veteran of two past seasons and a sharp shooter of dangerous ability, Johnny Schroeder, a steady performer and the possessor of a deadly overhead shot playing his third season as regular guard, and Mark Haller, proficient pivot man and the team's most potent scoring threat. All, with the exception of Singh, are over six feet tall.

### Starters Unchanged

The unpleasant task of attempting to solve the Orange attack will fall to the same five men who started both Maryland and Susquehanna on the road to destruction. Lawther will start Max Cobin, Charley Prosser, Bill Stopper, Cliff McWilliams and Johnny Bai.

Against Susquehanna (who lost, 45-22, in a facial fray, incidentally), this quintet played scarcely 10 minutes, so not much can be said about how they looked. However, if the 16-1 lead which they piled up during the 10 minutes that they did play is any indication of their basketball ability, then this combination was really torrid. Personally, the Singer Midgets would have done better against Lawther's Lions than did Susquehanna.

State's shooting percentage, especially in the first half, was considerably better than it was in the Maryland game. In 40 flings from the field, the Nittanymen sank nine for an average of 22.5 percent. State made 11 of their 14 fouls.

### Three Reserves Good

George Chalmers, Norm Racusin and Jim Richardson looked like usable varsity reserves and should do yeoman relief service when the 1938-39 basketball plot gets thicker. Without these three, the Crusaders would have whined the Lion reserves—and happily.

Both Johnny Moffatt, red-headed sophomore who tried for scoring honors with Cobin (8 points), and Kermit Christman, sophomore guard, looked good against the Crusaders but neither are safe varsity reserves yet.

## I. M. Sluggers Score 4 TKO's In 13 Matches

By BILL ENGEL

Four technical knockouts registered by Herman Goffberg '42, Independent, Harry Finney '40, S. P. E., Harry Perfer '40, Independent, and Kimber Gimm '42, Phi Sigma Kappa, featured the second session of intramural boxing action in Rec Hall yesterday afternoon.

With competition in only two weight classes, 135-pound and 155-pound, 13 boys advanced to the second round in hotly-contested combats. Bob Baird, freshman Independent presidential nominee, decisively Laveine Nelson '41, Phi Gamma Delta, in one of the best bouts.

### The Summaries:

135-pound Class: Herman Goffberg '42, Independent, won by TKO over Walter Greenberg '42, Independent, 75 seconds, third round.

Richard Barton '41, Beta Kappa, won decision over Sylvester Chek '42, Independent.

Al Hileman '41, Independent, won decision over Bud Smith '41, Independent.

Harry Finney '40, Sigma Phi Epsilon, won by TKO over Carl Singhouse '42, Kappa Delta Rho, end first round.

Harry Perfer '40, Independent, won TKO over Herb Nipson '40, Independent, 25 seconds, third round.

155-pound Class: Richard Gieman '39, Independent, won decision over Bill O'Brien '39, Phi Delta Theta.

Robert Baird '42, Penn State Club, won decision over Laveine Nelson '41, Phi Gamma Delta.

John Hartman '40, Junior Forestry Club, won decision over Ralph DeFaleo '39, Independent.

John Mahoney '42, Phi Delta Theta, won decision over Beine Pearl '39, Independent.

Stan Glabick '41, Independent, won decision over Donald Del Marro '42, Delta Upsilon.

Robert Stafford '42, Sigma Pi, won decision over Robert Brooks '42, Delta Upsilon.

Kimber Gimm '42, Phi Sigma Kappa, won by TKO over John Currier '42, Phi Gamma Delta, 20 seconds, third round.

Baney Ewell '42, Independent, won decision over John Rose '40, Independent.

## Track Coach Picked Mentors' President

Chick Weiner, Penn State's track and cross-country coach, has been elected president of the coaches' association organized for the first time at the recent N. C. A. A. meet at East Lansing, Mich. Weiner's election makes him

the third Nittany Lion mentor to hold office in the N. C. A. A. Leo Houck is vice-president of the boxing coaches' association, and Charley Speidel served last year as president of the wrestling group.

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## Sportography

### Max Corbin Is Cool General Of Court

By BOB WILSON

Calm, cool and collected—that's Max Corbin, key man and guard for Penn State's basketball Lions. Apparently the field general of the team, Max has been a varsity regular for the past three years. His canny ability to sink long shots and the defying confidence with which he handles the ball brand him as an individual star.

But Max is definitely a team man. He does most of the feeding, keeps the team from becoming rattled and is one of Lawther's best defensive weapons.

Before he came to State, Max played for Huntington (36 miles southwest): High school. Along with Windy Wear, State's Tom Thumb grid star last year, he helped Huntington win 19 games in a row. Max was All-Mountain League center two years straight and was All-Western Conference center his senior year.

Vital statistics: Being only six-one-and-a-half, Max is the smallest man on the first team. Has a very dry humor, a particularly jovial personality, is not at all fussy and generally takes things as they come. His favorite shot is a long, overhead heave from mid-court. He sank five of ten against Temple last year.

Has averaged about five points per game since he came to State. Lived with Solly Mierhoff last year. Is a conservatively smooth dresser. Broke his wrist at Pitt last year and couldn't play in the last five games. Is a Tarni Noug. Wants a basketball coaching job when he "gets out". Once got 23 points in one game. Waits tables as well as he plays basketball, but has one tragic failing: He's a lousy ping pong player.

## Ping-Pong Entries Due 5 P.M. Friday

Deadline for entries in the interfraternity ping-pong tournament is 5 p.m. Friday, Lewis W. Shollenberger '39, chairman of the committee, announced yesterday.

Registration must be made at Student Union where rules for the tourney will be available. At least four men will compose a team.

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## Houck's Varsitymen Battle Within Ranks For Team Positions

There'll be plenty of fireworks in Rec Hall when Coach Leo Houck's proteges don the padded mittens in a few days and start throwing punches for "real".

With the different weight divisions packed with keen competition, it is hard to foresee who will come out on top of the heap.

Of especial interest will be the outcome of the Al Tapman-Alex Sopchak affair. Sopchak, varsity 113 pounder the year before last, who did not fight last year because of his inability to get down in weight, will go after the 127-pound berth which Tapman has held since the past two years.

Action Seen in Middle Weights: The 145, 155, and 165 pound divisions will hold plenty of action in store for local astromaniacs Frank Silvestri and "Red" Stanko, 145's, will have a tough issue to settle, Silvestri having fought varsity last year and Stanko an up-and-comer from last year's freshman group.

Paul Bachman, varsity 55's last year, who will be eligible only for the first two fights of this semester, will wage wars with Bernie Sandson and Jim Lewis. Hank Schweitzer, Johnny Patrick (Sr.), Dave McKinley, and Les Cohen will tangle for the 165 pound position.

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