

# Roethke Will Coach Lion Tennis Team This Season

## Tapman, Schweitzer Ready To Battle In National Mit Tilts

Al Tapman and Hank Schweitzer this morning completed a strenuous week of training and will leave this afternoon with Coach Leo Houck, Manager Pat Costello, and Dr. Carl P. Schott for the National Collegiate Boxing tournament at Wisconsin which gets under way Thursday night.

Both boys have been doing road work daily and boxing three and four rounds under the watchful eye of Coach Houck, and are reported in perfect shape.

Tapman, who was originally entered in the 120-pound division, will box at 127 due to the new ruling which calls for contestants to have participated in at least 50 percent of dual meets at the weight entered. Schweitzer will battle at 165.

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## Beta Sigma Rho Captures IM Volleyball, Table Tennis Titles

### Lion Runners Begin Training For 1st Meet

Under Coach Chuck Werner's disconcerting eye, the Lion tracksters held their first organized practice yesterday afternoon in preparation for the fast-approaching Penn Relays.

The Nittany Lions will enter teams in the four-mile, half-mile, quarter-mile, and medley relays and "special field" and weight events.

Three veteran runners, Frank Maule, Len Henderson, and Charley Pierce stand excellent chances of being on the four mile relay team, with the race for the fourth position wide open.

**Sprinters Practice**  
Will Sutton, Bill Engel, Paul Staller, Walt Dempler, Chuck McKillip, Miller Prazier, Walt Hosterman, Van Hartman, and Bernie Kalmanowicz are churning the cinders for positions on the half and quarter-mile sprint relay teams.

There is a strong possibility that the freshman will enter a one mile relay team, but there are so many candidates that it is impossible to predict a team until the men have revealed their top four.

A New England College Rifle League has been formed for shooting competition among institutions in those states.

### Accomplish Rare Feat In Taking Double Victory

Beta Sigma Rho-dominated intramural sports activity at the close of winter season by copping the team championships in volleyball and table tennis Friday Two such feats on the same day have rarely been accomplished in intramurals here.

The Independents were victims of the Beta Sigs in a hotly-contested volleyball final tilt, 15-12, 12-15, and 15-11. Phi Sigma Delta bowed 5-0 in the table tennis final.

Advancing to the final by downing Lambda Chi Alpha 15-13, 15-11, Thursday, Beta Sigma Rho's ace spikers literally ripped the Independents wide open. Only fierce drives by Shorty Terbusch kept the losers in the contest.

In the table tennis playoff fracas Friday night, Beta Sigs' five-man lineup of Sid Miller, Harry Fields, Sid Bergman, Floyd Coyne, and Sandy Kranch belted away at the Phi Sigs to win without loss of a game. Not a single match was lost by the Beta Sigs throughout the interfraternity competition.

All Waters and Lou Schollenberger managed volleyball and table tennis respectively.

### Lion Baseball Lineup Gives Bedenk Worry

After seeing his varsity baseballers in action outdoors all last week, Coach Joe Bedenk is rapidly getting a line on which of those 65 gray uniforms contain half-pivots and which do not.

Although Bedenk was pleased with the first week of outside practice sessions, his list of outsiders for the week is still devoid of a first or second baseman and the pitching situation is still pretty much up in the air.

Among the hurlers, lanky Bill Neal has been showing the best form so far, with Tom Watts, Jerry Siefen, and Bob Wilson junior transfer from Delaware University, close on his heels.

**Sophomores Shine**  
In the outfield in addition to Captain Ray Brake at center, sophomores Peany Gates and Walt Kniaz are flashing fine form at the left and right field posts.

Moving in toward the plate Coach Bedenk's tentative lineup puts Paul Menzie at third, Joe Gillespie behind the platter, and Harry Harrison, in spite of two weak ankles, at shortstop.

Bedenk gave notice that this lineup was by no means permanent and that all positions were subject to change.

## Bortz, Cooper, Beck To Captain Wrestling, Boxing, Gym Varsities

Mike Cooper, for two years regular Lion 120-pound representative, and Merrill Beck, veteran star on the parallel bars, were elected boxing and gym captains respectively, it was announced yesterday.

Ernie Bortz, ace 175-pound grappler and third-place winner in the intercollegiate, replaces Don Bachman as wrestling captain.

Cooper succeeds Roy Hanna, Eastern Intercollegiate 135-pound champ, while Beck takes over the duties of Ray Runkle and Al Kilgman.

For the past two years, Cooper fought his way to the finals of the intercollegiate tournaments held here and at Syracuse, only to lose out by close shades to Walt Lavendusky, the rangy cadet of Army.

Beck has been a varsity gymnast the past two years and has majored in the parallel bars.

## Stickmen Vie For Positions

Hounded by farter weather and the arrival of the long-awaited helmets, Nick Thiel lost no time in plunging his varsity lacrosse men into exhaustive scrimmage Friday and Saturday afternoon. Scrimmages will continue until the team leaves for Annapolis April 4 to face St. John's.

A wide-open scramble for positions has ensued as the coveted Ester tip looms in the near future. Ambitious stickmen vied for Coach Thiel's attention as tentative first and second string teams battled.

**Trials Possible Lineups**  
A tentative first team, according to Thiel, puts Ralph DePalco at out home, Ruy Coskey at in home, Brit Buset at first attack, John Genther at second attack, Ott Wuenschel at center field, George Ritter at second defense, Roger Sharp at first defense, John Bachman at point, Alex Cowan at cover point, and Bud Myers at goalie.

Second string centerfielders include Harry Hauth, Al Blair, and Joe Carter, with Berne Cramer pushing Carter hard for position. Second string inside defense men are Hot Drake, Dan Hess, and Frank Clark, with Jim Riddell, Andy Krause, and Seampy Dowler, inside attack men, and Jack Yudin, goalie, finishing out a probable second team lineup.

## Kirkpatrick Loses In Swim Nationals

Bill Kirkpatrick, swimming Coach Bob Galbraith's sophomore freestyle sprint ace, swam the fastest 50-yard dash he has ever turned in but he still failed to qualify in the National Swimming Championships held at Ann Arbor, Mich., on Friday and Saturday.

Kirkpatrick was timed in 24.4 seconds as he placed fourth in his heat behind Waldemar Tomski, Big Ten champ, St. Elmo Acosta, Florida champion and Van Oss of Princeton, a member of the Tiger medley relay team that set a new world's record for the 300-yard medley relay this season.

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## Dink Stover Replaced By Ex-Mentor

Theodore Roethke, former Lafayette coach and at present an instructor in English composition, will coach the Lion tennis team this season, it was announced yesterday by Dr. Carl P. Schott, dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics.

Roethke replaces Hainer W. "Dink" Stover, professor in the Extension department, who was forced to drop the job because of excessive work which is taking him away from the campus.

Although playing no varsity tennis while an undergraduate, Roethke managed to get a good deal of net experience before leaving his alma mater, Michigan University, in '29. In his four years there he played regularly against Henry Hutchings, Wolverine coach.

**Played Tourney Tennis**  
After graduation, Roethke played tournament tennis in the Midwest. Later, while enrolled in Harvard's graduate school, he was coached in tennis by the Crimson's mentor, Harry Cowls. In 1932, '33 and '34 Roethke coached tennis at Lafayette.

If Roethke has as much success with his netmen as he has had with his poetry, the Nittanymen should go places this year. Hailed as one of the leading younger poets in America today, Roethke has had works published in the Atlantic Monthly, Scribner's, New Yorker, New Republic, Nation, Commonwealth and several other leading American magazines.

He has also been published in the London Adelphi and the Seventeenth Century Verse, two other English publications.

In picking a literary man as tennis coach, Penn State is following a trail blazed by North Carolina University. There Archibald Henderson, famous biographer, regularly turns out some of the most successful net aggregations in the country.

## Lion Golf Squad Begins Practice For 1939 Season

Paced by co-captains Jack Mahaffey and Bill Gross, the varsity golf team swung into practice last week under the tutelage of Bob Rutherford Jr., interrupted only by a brief thunder shower on Saturday.

In addition to members of last year's team who appeared for the week's drills, four members of last year's freshman squad showed up for practice. They are Bill Hubler, Hailan Hostetter, Scott Maxwell, and Jack Brand, P I A A. champion of two years ago.

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## Gymsters Score Moral Victory In Losing 40-14 At West Point

Gaining a moral victory by chalking up more than five points, the Nittany Lion gym team bowed to a powerful Army squad, 40-14, Saturday.

Coach Writstone's men once again displayed excellent form on the horizontal bar and consistent performances by Co-Captain Ray Runkle, but lacked the all-around strength of the Cadets, Eastern Intercollegiate runner-up.

St. in Feldman garnered first place on the high bar with George Terwilliger taking second to give the Nittanymen eight of its total points. Runkle accounted for the remaining six by winning the tumbling event and placing third on the parallel bars.

Despite being handicapped by the loss through injury of Charley Gillespie, ace rope climber, the Lions made a better showing than in any of the six previous meets with the Army. Army ranked first nationally last year.

The loss to the Cadets gave the Lions three setbacks against two wins for the season. Kutztown Teachers and Princeton bowed by large margins, but Navy, Temple, and Army trimmed the up-and-coming gymsters.

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## Blue and White Grid Game Ends Up With 6-6 Score

If the first intra-squad game played Saturday afternoon, which ended in a 6-6 tie, is any indication of the competition being given for positions on next year's varsity football team, Coach Bob Higgins is in for a tough job in selecting a first string, without keeping several good men on the bench. Every position seems studded with a number of shining stars.

The White team, made up for the most part of Freshmen, gave the boys in Blue a nip and tuck battle all the way, with Len Krause, Freshman back, scoring after a few minutes of play. The Blues struck back quickly to knot the score at 6-all, when Craig White took a pass from Chuck Peters.

**Krause Scores From 9**  
After play had seen-sawed in the middle of the field the Whites received a lateral tossed by Lloyd Fields on the Blue 30-yard stripe. Big Bill Smaltz and Dick Ewalt dove to the 20, while the Blues held momentarily. Steve Rollins whirled around end for six yards and an offside penalty gave the White team its second first down. One play later, Krause, who had replaced Ewalt, sliced off tackle, eluded two Blue tacklers and went nine yards to score standing up.

An exchange of fumbles and the entrance of a new White team into the game, gave the Blues their first chance to get moving. White and Ickes gained 22 yards on three drives. Chuck Peters was good for 12 through tackle to push the ball inside the 10-yard stripe. Ickes dove within inches of the goal line on the next play.

**Medlar Meddles**  
Here Chuck Medlar, towering veering tackle, rose up and stopped two power drives by Peters and Ickes. With the White defense drawn in close, the Blue team struck through the air on the next play, with Peters tossing a short pass to White, alone in the end zone, for the tying score.

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S. T. St. J. Garbinski  
R. E. Vairo  
B. J. Peters  
B. Ickes  
B. White  
B. Patrick, J. R. Rollins

**42 Baseballers Set For Practice Tilts**  
With at least three players out for every position, the freshmen baseball squad will begin playing practice games this week, giving Assistant Coach Dan Musser his first chance to study the team in action.

Musser, who is handling the nine until Leo Houck sees his boxers through the National Intercollegiate, is pleased by the showing made in most of the positions.

The team started indoor practice early in February—the earliest start a cub squad has ever had—and this has brought the players along fast so that the coaches can settle on a lineup well ahead of the opener at Mercersburg on April 26.

Hurlers who have reported to practice are Joe Wilk, Walt Hodgkins, Don Delmanzo, Buzz White, Tom Kelly, Bob Kroner, Steve Curzi, Charley Medlar, and Kern Witmer.

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