

# Leo Houck Names All-Time Lion Ring Team

## Lions Set Pace In College Boxing

Organized collegiate boxing, which came into national prominence following the World War, has progressed steadily since 1921 when Penn State, Navy, M.I.T., and Penn first organized the Intercollegiate Boxing Association.

During the war, Dr. J. E. Raycroft, of Princeton, was in charge of training camp activities of the War Department. Through his efforts, boxing became one of the most popular sports among service men, and after the war, this interest was carried over by the influx of soldiers into colleges.

The first college boxing match on record took place in 1919 when Penn defeated Penn State, 4-2, in Philadelphia. In 1922 and 1923, boxing became an outstanding sport in Eastern colleges and in 1924 Penn State won the first intercollegiate tournament, which was held at State College.

Boxing was introduced in the South in 1922 by the University of Virginia and Washington and Lee university. Since 1926, an annual boxing tournament has been held by colleges of the Southern Conference.

In order to select a group to compete in the Olympic trials, NCAA officials conducted the first national tournament in 1932. Seventy-five boxers from 30 different colleges competed in the two-day affair, which was held at State College. After a lapse of three years, national tourneys were begun again in 1936 and have continued each year since then.

## IM Cage Season Ends Next Week

Intramural cagers will wind up their season next week with finals in both fraternity and independent brackets slated for Thursday night, it was announced by co-managers "Red" Yoho '42 and Walt Parsons '42.

Tuesday night's schedule is as follows:

### Fraternity

- Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs. Sigma Pi.
- Delta Upsilon vs. Delta Tau Delta.
- Delta Sigma Phi vs. Sigma Nu.
- Phi Sigma Kappa vs. Beta Theta Pi.

### Independent

- Watts Hall Blues vs. Colonial Hotel.
- BRB No. 2 (Billetts) vs. Rocky Ramblers.

## Blues Will Meet Orange In Grid Battle Today

Coach Bob Higgins' gridders will have their first taste of real action when the first (blue) team scrimmages the second (orange) team on the New Beaver Field practice gridiron at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

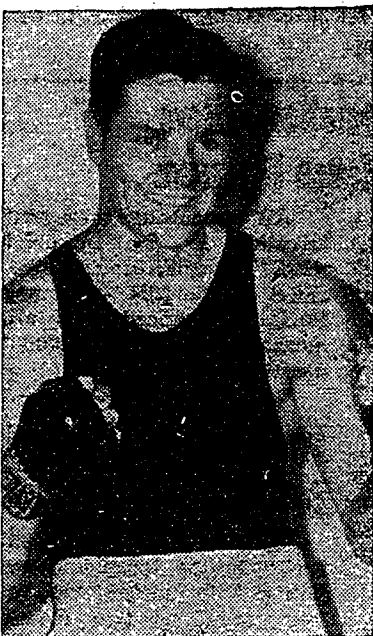
The Blue backfield will be made up of Sparky Brown, Bill Smaltz, Paul Weaver, and Hank Day. Will Vanlenten and Bob Davis will be first team ends. Blue tackle positions will be filled by Ken Schoonover and Mike Kerns. Mike Garbinski and Sol Schlegel will be the guards and Bob Wear the center for the Blues.

Orange backfield men will be Sonny Rice, Ralph Ventresco, Aldo Cenci, and Lem Gramley. Ends for the second team will be John Potsklan and Bucky Walters or Bob Wallace. In the tackle slots will be Bob Halpin and Barry Brosky. Don Yoho and Jim Jaffurs will be in the guard positions and Chuck Rayson will be snapper-back.

### These Four Men—



DAVEY STOOP



BILLY SOOSE

Davey Stoop, boxing captain in 1932, was State's first national champion. Billy Soose, another Nittany champion, will finally get his crack at a world's professional title when he meets Ken Overlin in May.

### Three NCAA Champs Listed In-Lineup Of Nittany Greats

Three national boxing champions received recognition on Coach Leo Houck's All-Time Penn State Boxing Team selected for the Daily Collegian.

Davey Stoop, captain of the 1932 boxing team that played host to the first national tournament, was selected for the 120-pound position at which he won the national title. Al Lewis, brother of Jimmy Lewis, won the 145-pound national crown that year and received Houck's recommendation to hold that post on his all-time team.

Frankie Goodman, donor of the annual outstanding senior boxer award and national 135-pound champion in 1936, was named to Houck's team in his championship class.

Two college boxing coaches, Allie Wolff, now at Cornell, and Mike Ronman, North Carolina mentor, hold down the 165-pound and 127-pound berths respectively on the honor team. Both won EIBA titles. Wolff held three titles during his Penn State career.

Billy Soose, leading professional middleweight champion contender, won the 155-pound assignment by virtue of his brief but meteoric college career.

Heavyweight honors on Houck's all-time eight go to Steve Hamas, Lion star who entered the pro ring after leaving Penn State.

At 175, Houck placed Marty McAndrews, now coach of Penn State's freshman football squads. McAndrews was EIBA champ and Lion captain in 1930.

Houck selected alternate boxing alumni for each position. At 120, Frankie Mann was chosen; Johnny Napoleon and Russ Crisswell at 127; Johnny McAndrews, Marty's brother, 135; Sammy Donato, 145; Lou Ritzie, who, though he fought most of his bouts at 165, was a natural at 155 according to Houck; Bill Stubel, 165; "Hap" Frank, 175; and Izzy Richter, heavyweight.

Sixty-two colleges had boxing teams in intercollegiate competition last year.

### Were Lion Aces



AL LEWIS



MARTY McANDREWS

Al Lewis, brother of Jim Lewis, was another national titleholder. He is now in charge of Army recreation at Indiantown Gap. Marty McAndrews was a former Lion boxing captain and now coaches frosh football.

## Lion Trio Has Won NCAA Titles

Lewis, Stoop, and Goodman—three "golden" names in the Penn State boxing annals. Each was a National Intercollegiate Boxing Champion; each gained his title during a colorful career; each gained it rightfully.

Al Lewis, "big brother" to Jim and national welterweight champion in 1932, was a colorful and hard-hitting converted left hander of the class of '32. In 1930 he won seven fights but lost the intercollegiate title to Hall of Navy when the referee stopped the fight because of a cut over Lewis' right eye.

In 1931, Al drew with Hall and in another bout defeated him, to win the welterweight title after a string of seven victories in dual meets. Repeating his undefeated season in 1932, he marched on to win the 145-pound championship in the first NCAA meet held here.

Davey Stoop, also from the class of '32, came to State from Altoona and, in his sophomore year, gained the EIBA 115-pound championship after a four win-one loss year. In 1931, he lost the championship to Wertheimer of Syracuse. Then, going undefeated through dual competition in 1932, Davey gained his national championship title in the 115-pound class.

Frankie Goodman '37, donator of the Goodman Trophy which he awarded first in 1939, came to Penn State from Philadelphia in 1934. In 1935, a tried and proved 145-pounder of the boxing squad, he defeated Art McGovern of Syracuse in an upset dual competition meet.

Gaining the EIBA title in 1936, he retained it again in 1937. His greatest victory, however, was over Johnny Mastrella of Syracuse at Charlottesville in 1936, when he became the NCAA champ.

Frankie was pointed out as a particularly good boxer because of his excellent foot work, his clever maneuvering, and his clear "boxing" head.

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## Alexander Wins Title, Hess Places Second In AAU Mat Tourney

Glen Alexander, varsity Penn State wrestler, won the 158-pound championship of the Alleghny Mountain Association of the AAU in Pittsburgh on Wednesday.

Of the other two State representatives at the tournament, Claire Hess was runner-up in the 123-pound class, and Joe Valla placed third at 174.

In the semi-finals, Alexander defeated Andy Sapp of Greensburg, champion of the 158-pound division for the past 22 years, and member of 2 Olympic teams. The Nittany matman won over Stoner of the Pittsburgh downtown YMCA for the title.

Hess was pinned in the finals by Harold Sullivan, the Inter-scholastic tate Champion, after a furious battle.

After going strong for most of his bout with Pedroni, Valla was thrown to the floor outside the mat, and sustained a cut over his eye. The dazed Lion grappler continued the fight with three stitches on the cut, but was edged out.

### Training Band To Meet

The training band, for students who failed to make the ROTC band, will meet in Room 423 Old Main at 4 p. m. Monday, Prof. Frank Gullo of the department of music announced yesterday.



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