

## Between The Lions

WITH PAT NAGELBERG

### Gajecki, Barr And Scally

We've only authored this department for several weeks but we've become rather sentimentally attached to it by now. So it is with real regret that we pen our last BTL till September (Hitler and Uncle Sam's draft board permitting), hoping next year's athletic wars produce as many scintillating performers as Gajecki, Barr, Scally, and Co. who are leaving us for greater worlds to conquer.

It's been a long time since the Nittany Valley gave birth to three great athletes as Leon, Johnny, and Paul in a single year. Two All-Americans and national collegiate boxing champion in the short space of nine months is a boast few ivy covered institutions of higher education can match.

The three Nittanymen have one thing in common, excellence in their sport dominions, yet strangely enough, the three arrived at their final destination through entirely different routes. Gajecki was only a mediocre football player in his freshman year and the beginning of his first varsity campaign. Then suddenly he found himself in that historic 7-7 game in 1938 on Franklin Field, displaying All-American form. Since that game, "Gates" never fell from the high level of performance he always set for himself and reached his height in his senior year when he captained the best Lion eleven in twenty years.

### Big John A Real Money Player

Johnny Barr came here after a brief sojourn at Cornell, a polished basketball player in every sense of the word. He may have reached equal efficiency on the football field but an injured knee confined his activities to the court. He starred for Johnny Lawther's five during the last two years and received deserved recognition on Chuck Taylor's All-American team and all-State selections. A brilliant team player and a real money shooter, a rare combination, that was Big John.

The third of the triumvirate is modest Paul Scally. Never had a glove on till Doc Houck laid eyes on him in intramural competition and spotted hidden possibilities in the nimble-footed lad. He barely made the varsity in his junior season, yet it took a very questionable decision to keep him from taking eastern intercollegiate crown from him that year.

Paul was out for practice every day, always learning new tricks of the ring game. He shuffled back between light-heavyweight and the unlimited division during last winter, getting beaten now and then, but always putting up a stiff battle. Came the nationals here and the two years of apprenticeship bore unexpected fruit. Paul came through unscathed to the finals and there cleanly outfought a worthy foe for the fourth national crown in the history of Penn State.

### Others Will Be Missing, Too

Those three won't be the only ones, by any manner of means, whose shoes will be hard to fill. There is Walt Hosterman, a mainstay on Bill Jeffrey's soccer team for three years and recognized the outstanding booter in the East.

Gone, too, will be those two stars of the mat, Frank Gleason and Joe Scalzo, baseball Peanny Gates and Eddie Sapp, six of the "Seven Mountain forward wall," the bulwark of the grid team, Chuck Peters, Johnny Patrick, and many others who carved a long-living niche for themselves in the Lion hall of fame. They will all be gone, but not forgotten by the many who thrilled to their endeavors for four years.

Next year some newcomer may zig-zag his way through the enemy for ninety yards, or sink a long shot in the last second of a thrilling basketball tilt, or pound his way to a decision in the ring. But there'll always be someone in the stands who'll say, "Gajecki could have stopped him," or "Johnny makes these guys look sick," or "Scally could make a sucker out of this chump." And who will blame them for saying it.

# Lion Lacrosse Team Battles Army Tomorrow In Finale At West Point

## Four Stickmen Play Last Game For State

Four Lion stickmen will play their last game for Penn State tomorrow when the Varsity travels to West Point, N. Y., for its season's finale against a first ranking Army ten.

Captain Bud Dattlebaum, little Jimmy Riddell, Al Blair, and Johnny McHugh make up the Nittany quartet who will be getting their final taste of intercollegiate lacrosse competition.

With three victories and five defeats on the records, State's chances for adding one more triumph at the expense of the Cadets look mighty slim—judging from recent performances by the ram-paging Army stickmen.

Army, who has dropped only one game this season to Princeton has an impressive list of lacrosse victims, including such top-notchers as Yale, Syracuse, Maryland, and Harvard. Last year, the Cadets whipped State, 9-5, in a nip-and-tuck battle.

Two Nittanymen who should make plenty of trouble for the soldier lads are Bill Ziegenfus at second defense and center Al Blair. Both boys have played outstanding lacrosse all season, and, according to Coach Nick Thiel, may receive bids to play on the North All-Star team in next month's encounter with the South All-Stars. Thiel, incidentally, has been selected as a coach for the North aggregation.

The Lion roster will have sophomore Jim Henderson at goal in place of Mort Saler, who is out of action with a knee injury; the points will be covered by Jimmy Gotwalls and Johnny McHugh, and Mark Singley and Bill Ziegenfus will take over the defenses. Al Blair will play at center, Jimmy Ritter and Bill Henning at the attacks, and Jimmy Riddell and Captain Bud Dattlebaum at the home positions.

### Old Clothes Needed

The British War Relief would be grateful for any discarded boys' or girls' clothing. It can be left at headquarters over Wises' grocery store on College avenue.

Deer and other animals that are hunted have nostrils extending around to the side, to aid them in catching warning scents from all directions.

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**LION COMMANDER.** Captain Eddie Sapp will as usual hold down second base when the Lion baseball squad attempts to take Army's nine into camp tomorrow afternoon on the West Point battle field.

## Lion Baseballers Leave For Army

Sunk in the depths of an unusually bad season, Penn State's varsity baseball team leaves for West Point via train at 11 o'clock this morning to play the Army nine tomorrow afternoon.

Coach Joe Bedenk is taking 17 players on the trip, his nine usual starters, five extra pitchers, two other catchers, and a fourth outfielder.

Starters against the Army will be Chuck Medlar, pitching, Jack Stauffer, catching, Bill Debler on first, Captain Eddie Sapp playing second, Whitey Thomas at short-stop, Freddy Ball at third, Peanny Gates in left, either Will Van Lenten or Warren Kolkebeck in center, and Bob Perugini in right.

Other Lions who may get into action are catchers Alex Basista and Jim Sampsel, and pitchers Jim Richardson, Ed Tuleya, Bob Robinson, Wes Smith, and Al Mauer.

With only five more games to play, the Nittany diamondmen will be trying to end the season with at least a .500 victory average by evening up their record to date, which is five wins, eight losses.

The baseball Lions' record in the 13 games played is:  
 State 3, Penn 8.  
 State 4, Princeton 8.  
 State 21, Gettysburg 1.  
 State 3, Susquehanna 0.  
 State 4, Syracuse 7.  
 State 9, G. Washington 12.  
 State 5, Dickinson 2.  
 State 12, Western Maryland 1.  
 State 1, Navy 8.  
 State 9, Syracuse 12.  
 State 5, Pitt 19.  
 State 6, Muhlenburg 4.  
 State 7, Temple 8.

## Lion Thinclads To Enter IC4-A And NCAA Meets

Depending on performances in tomorrow's Michigan State meet, Track Coach Chick Werner plans to send about 16 Lion representatives to the IC4-A games to be held in New York City, May 30 and 31.

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