

**Between  
The Lions**

With DICK STEBBINS

**Big Time Stuff**

A small group of students from Philadelphia, a few talented sophomores, and the able guidance of their coach, Gene Wettstone, have assured Penn State of a top position in the eastern gym league.

But more than racking up a victory-blazed record for the season, the gymnasts have also brought the sport into prominence on our campus. Until this year, Penn State gymnastic teams have been considered as being in the minor sport category—with the emphasis on "minor," and it was never considered unusual for only a handful of spectators to attend the league meets.

Improvement is the keynote of the history of the acrobatic sport in the Nittany valley. The college has been represented in gymnastics since 1932 when a few Lion enthusiasts engaged in two meets. For the next four years, the interested men were guided by anyone who wished to give them advice. No full-time instructor coached the men until 1938, when Dean Schott arrived on campus and submitted to the pleas of the gymnasts and hired Gene Wettstone as a full-time mentor.

Wettstone, a graduate of the University of Iowa where his uncle is gym coach, was the Big Ten all-round champion in 1935 and 1937 and also won the individual titles on the horizontal bar and side horse in those years. In 1938 and 39 the gym teams drew an even split in their conquests and bettered their record in 1940 when allowed to compete in the EIGA league with an unofficial rating.

In 1941, its first official league season, the team placed third behind Temple and Army in the league standings and produced some individual champs in Roman Pieo and Lou Bordo. "Flit" Pieo copped the National AAU rope climb championship while his teammate Bordo clinched the parallel bars trophy.

This year's record speaks for be a champion in tumbling, having gone through the league competition without a defeat in the event and Sol Small has defeated some of the best gymnasts in the country on the parallel bars. But the team's record is not due to individual champs; instead, a team of stars who performed before two or three thousand spectators, the largest since the sport started.

If Navy defeats Army at Annapolis this weekend, the two-way tie between the Cadets and the Lions will be broken and Wettstone's pupils will have undisputed possession of first place

**Lion Trackmen Arrive In New York For IC4-A's**

**Grey, Fardella, Baird, Richards  
Whip Foes To Reach Semi-Finals**

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Syracuse, fell victim to Jess Fardella's right hooks as the Penn State contender scored his second victory of the season over the Orange star.

Fardella lost the second round when Roland threw left hooks to his midsection but retaliated in the final period to outpunch his opponent. Fardella will meet Dulaney of Army when the bouts resume on the Virginia campus today.

Although unimpressive in dual meets this season, Bill Richards came back strong in his first round tilt against Hughes of Maryland and racked up a close decision. Richards weaved and jabbed in typical Houck style to outpunch his foe and enter the semi-final round in the 155 pound division.

Richards will be the underdog when he tackles defending champion McGarrity of the Coast Guard this afternoon but his initial tournament victory over the strong Marlander in last night's bout labeled him as a dark horse competitor.

Southpaw Joe McCormick was TKOed by Maryland's Gilmore in the 165 weight to record the first Lion loss of the contest. Gilmore proved too experienced for the Lion mitman and he floored McCormick just nine seconds before the gong ended the last round.

Bob Perugini made his second collegiate boxing appearance but like McCormick, lost to a more experienced foe, Emerson of Coast Guard, in a three round decision.



**Wernermen Seek Upset  
Over Favored Fordham**

Special to The Collegian  
NEW YORK, March 6—Highly respected by its "big town" opponents, Penn State's track and field team arrived here tonight to prepare for its bid for the Blue and White's first IC4-A indoor track trophy.

Fordham's relay teams have made the Rose Hill school a top favorite in the 21st renewal of the indoor championships scheduled for Madison Square Garden tomorrow night, but many metropolitan track experts give the Nittany team an outside chance to break the eight-year victory string of the New York City schools.

Barney Ewell, favorite in the 60-yard dash and broad jump events, and John Glenn, holder of the Penn State high jump record of 6 feet, 5½ inches, are the strong points around which Chick Werner will build his hopes of upsetting the Rams.

Other possible winners of the all-important points in the track events are Norm Gordon and Alex Bourgerie, mile entrants, and Curt Stone and Herm Goffberg, Lion entries against a strong two-mile field of Schwartzkopf, Schmidlein, Casey, and Nichols.

Ed Miller is scheduled to run in the 1000-yard event, while Max Peters, Nittany ski captain, is the lone entrant in the 600-yard event. John Campbell of Fordham is the defending champion in the shorter event.

Barney Plesser, surprise winner of the third place laurel in the 1941 outdoor IC4-A meet, will face strong competition in the hurdles events from MacKinnon of Harvard, and Hall of Tufts.

Point possibilities for the Lions in the field events are Captain Joe Bakura, pole vaulter; Irv Krug, broad and high jumper; Saul Hanin, weightman; and Ewell and Glenn.

A two-mile relay team of Gordon, Miller, Peters, and Bourgerie has been selected by the Nittany track teacher with the hope of garnering a few meet-winning points.

**Harvard Withdraws From Eastern  
Intercollegiate Mat Tournament**

Harvard's Crimson grapplers will not be among those present when the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association tournament gets under way in Rec Hall next Friday afternoon, it was announced last night.

The cancellation of the Harvard entries carried no reason for the withdrawal but left only ten member colleges represented in the championship bouts. This means that 80 grunt-and-groaners will compete for individual Association titles.

Tickets for the four sessions beginning at 2 p.m. Friday and ending at 7:30 p.m. Saturday will go on sale Monday at the Athletic Association windows in Old Main. Cost of all tickets for the preliminary sessions at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday have been placed at 55 cents.

Semi-final bouts may be viewed at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 14, by purchasing general admission ducats for 75 cents. Reserved seats will be on sale only for the finals which will begin at 7:30 p. m. Saturday. These seats cost \$1.10 and will be situated in the upstairs balcony. General admission tickets are also available for bleacher seats at 75 cents.

Four champions of the 1941 tournament will defend their titles in the 38th annual competition of the EIWA: Charlie Ride-nour, Penn State, 121-pounds; Warren Taylor, Princeton, 136 pounds; Milton Bennett, Navy, 155-pounds; and Dick DiBattista, Pennsylvania 175-pounds, are present possessors of the uncertain crowns.

**Nittany Swordsmen  
Seek Fourth In Row**

Clashing swords in the only home athletic contest this afternoon, the Nittany fencing team will meet the City College of New York swordsmen in Rec Hall at 3:30 p. m.

The Nittany sword flashers, entering their second contest under the guidance of Dr. H. Arthur Meyers, will be seeking to protect a three-match victory string.

After dropping their opening matches to traditionally strong Navy and Cornell teams, the Lion fencers slashed their way to consecutive victories against Syracuse, Temple, and Lehigh.

The Penn State lineup for today's match by weapons: foil—Harder, Reed, Riley; Swope, substitute: epee—Harder, DuBois, Swope; McReary, substitute; saber—Hankin, Montgomery; Burleigh, substitute.

**PIAA Finals Tonight**

After completion of semi-final matches in the PIAA high school wrestling championships in Rec Hall starting at 2 p. m. today, competition will enter the last stage at 8 p. m. when schoolboy grapplers fight for titles in 11 weight divisions.

Uncle Sam promises plenty of rubber rings for canning season—thereby keeping out of a jam.

AT LONG LAST—After four unsuccessful attempts to whip Loren Shoff, Captain Bob Baird, above, finally stopped the Syracuse 145-pounder yesterday in the EIBA tourney at Charlottesville, Va.

**Elmer Gross Tops  
Cagers' Scoring**

Elmer Gross, senior co-captain and forward of the 1941-42 Lion court quintet, captured high scoring honors for the season when he tallied 168 points to pace the Nittanymen during their best year in the history of basketball at Penn State.

Gross, with a total of 59 field goals and an impressive record of 50 successful foul tosses in 66 attempts, was not far ahead of rangy Herk Baltimore who took second honors with 162 markers. Baltimore edged Gross in field goals, however, by tallying 69 two-pointers.

Three teams, in addition to the Lions, have accepted NCAA tourney invitations. They are Illinois in the Eastern division and Rice and Colorado in the West.

Individual Scoring			
	fg	f-ft	pts
Gross	59	50-66	168
Baltimore	69	24-46	162
Gent	51	22-41	124
Egli	37	17-28	91
Ramin	35	15-25	85
Hornstein	30	11-25	71
Grimes	26	13-22	65
Silan	2	0-0	4
Smith	2	0-1	4
Cohen	1	0-1	2
Totals	312	152-255	776

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