

Baird, Fardella Win EIBA Titles; Team Places Third

Two Lion finalists and a third place team position emerged from the 19th annual EIBA boxing tourney held at Charlottesville, Va., last weekend, along with the announcement that the 1943 contest would be held on the Penn State campus.

Ranked as cellar-position contestants, Leo Houck's mittmen upset the statisticians Friday and Saturday when Captain Bob Baird and Jess Fardella outclassed the other entries in their divisions and four more Nittany punchers captured third places.

"Baird was the talk of the tournament." Leo Houck stressed yesterday in reviewing the fine showing made by the team. Every tournament spectator proclaimed the Lion captain as the outstanding performer after he whipped Loren Schoff in the first round, soundly outpunched Pence of Army, and won a decisive decision over Aljenshein of Maryland.

Alpenstein was the Southern favorite to cop the weight and Schoff was seeded as a top contender by virtue of his 25 straight bouts without a defeat.

The other Blue and White finalist, Jess Fardella, outclassed all other pugilists in the 127-pound class when he decided Roland of Syracuse, Dulaney from Army, and Coast Guard's Lincoln. Houck commended Fardella on the brilliant boxing he displayed throughout the tournament, sparked by a strong left hand.

Penn State followed the University of Maryland and Syracuse in team scoring for third place honors to rise from the fifth place spot the 1941 mittmen had sunk to. Maryland scored 15 points, Syracuse 13, Penn State 10, Virginia and Maryland 8, and Coast Guard and Army 5.

Ironically, every fistic artist who defeated a Penn State man fought in the finals and, except for the 165-pound weight, all won championships.

"Hammering Homer" Hoffman proved to be the "hard-luck boxer" of the contest when he lost to Peden of Army in the semifinals. Hoffman had held his own the first round and battered the Cadet badly at the start of the second. The fight was stopped while Peden's cut eye was patched up, a process that was repeated soon again. Peden retaliated after that and threw "one from his knees" that stopped the Lion star near the end of the round.

Bill Richards fought two of the best bouts of his career in the 155 class against Maryland's Fisher, whom he soundly outscored, and McGarrity of the Coast Guard. The McGarrity battle was close and the decision could have gone either way without much dissection. The Coast Guard slugger won the division title.

Aldo Cenci copped his third place medal by fighting a losing battle against "Toots" Mirabito of Syracuse for three rounds. Cenci showed great improvement against the unlimited foe who captured the weight for the second year.

In the 127 division, Jack Auclair from Syracuse proved the nemesis for Lion Jackie Grey and the other five opponents as he swept the division and captured the trophy. Grey defeated Cunningham from Coast Guard in the quarter finals but met Auclair in the semi-finals who stopped his title bid. Grey was knocked down the first round and could have continued but Houck stopped the contest rather than face the chance of possible injury.

IM Deadline Changed

Deadline for entries in the IM ping pong and badminton singles tournaments has been moved back to Saturday noon by Eugen C. Bischoff, IM head. An entrance fee of 25 cents is required for the singles competition.

CATHAUM:
"Ball O'Fire"
STATE:
"The Vanishing Virginian"

5 Teams Accept NCAA Invitation

With the championship issues already settled in most of the major basketball conferences, five of the eight teams in the NCAA tournament have been selected, and the remaining three vacancies are expected to be filled sometime this week.

The Eastern Regional playoffs in New Orleans on March 21 and 22 will find Penn State, Illinois, and Kentucky, as well as the unnamed District 1 representative, battling for the right to meet the Western champ in the national finals at Kansas City on March 28.

Dartmouth holds the upper hand in District 1 at present, but Princeton is still in the race. The latter, by defeating both Penn and Columbia this week, can tie the Dartmouth Indians, and a playoff to determine the District 1 representative will be necessary during the early part of next week.

On the other hand, Western Regional tourney officials have indicated that Rice and Colorado, in addition to two unnamed teams will vie for the Western title at Kansas City on March 21 and 22. Kansas and Stanford or Oregon State are the top contenders for the two open berths.

Interest has also been running high in the Metropolitan post-season classic, which opens at Madison Square Garden March 17. Included in the New York tourney lineup at present are the West Texas State "giants," the University of Toledo and Rhode Island State. Both Long Island University and City College of New York have been assured berths, while other teams that are under consideration are Duke, Rochester, Oklahoma A. and M. and Western Kentucky.

Top attraction at the Garden tournament will be the three outstanding high scorers of the nation. Price Brookfield of West Texas has tallied 507 points this year, Bob Gerber of Toledo has registered 467, and Stutz Modzelewski of Rhode Island with 454 for the season, now holds the national four-year record with a 1,714 total.

Ewell In Newsreel

The spectacular duel between Barney Ewell and Bill Carter of Pitt in the 60 yard dash for the IC4-A title is now showing in the newsreel at the State Theatre.

11 Fraternity, 8 Independent Cage Squads In IM Final Rounds

Eleven intramural basketball squads in the fraternity division, and eight squads in the independent section, winners in their respective four-team leagues, are now qualified for the championship tournament.

FRATERNITY

Delta Theta Sigma defeated Alpha Gamma Rho, 11-6, and Beta Sigma Rho defeated Alpha Zeta last night, 13-8, to enter the eliminations along with Alpha Chi Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Sigma Kappa, Sigma Pi, Phi Sigma Delta, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Triangle.

In first round playoffs last night, Alpha Chi Sigma advanced to the semi-finals by defeating the Sigma Alpha Epsilon squad, 13-11.

Phi Sigma Delta advanced to the quarter-finals by virtue of a 19-12 victory over the previously unbeaten cagers from Beta Theta Pi.

In the only other fraternity playoff game, Triangle took the measure of the boys from Sigma Phi Epsilon after a close, hard-fought game, 12-10.

INDEPENDENT

Lion Hockeymen Face Service Team Today

Having spent another two weeks in "iceless" idleness, the Lion ice hockey team will assume the role of the underdog tonight when they meet the U. S. Navy All Stars in Washington, D. C. The game will be the first exhibition meet between a Penn State athletic team and a service outfit.

The Naval All Stars are composed of service men in and around Washington who are former college athletes. Their goalie was a former Olympic star from Boston College.

"Little chance is conceded for a Lion victory against the powerful service team," Coach Art Davis admitted, "but it will give the boys some good experience, and at least a chance to get on the ice again."

The Lions have won four games out of five thus far this season, having lost only to Georgetown. Saturday night they will wind up their season against Lehigh at Hershey.

IC4-A Win Protested

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second to Ewell in the broad jump competition to win all-round individual scoring honors for the meet.

Loss of Max Peters in a poorly seeded heat of the 600-yard trials probably was of more help to the winners than any place the ski captain could have taken in the event, since his freshness was one of the deciding factors in the all-important placing of the two mile relay team.

Peters led off with a 1:59 performance in the relay, then passed the baton to Ed Miller, brilliant sophomore middle-distancer. Alex Bourgerie retained the third place spot behind Dartmouth gained by the preceding Blue and White runners before handing the baton to Gordon, who passed the Hanover runner during the anchor leg to finish second to Ford ham, winners by 20 yards in 7:52.8.

Another outstanding performance turned in by the track contingent from the Nittany Hills was the victory scored by the Lion freshmen in the mile and seven-eighths medley relay in the good time of 7:37.6. Gerald Karver, IC4-A cross country champion, anchored the team home with a 4:17 mile to bring the '45 squad from 120 yards behind to victory. Cliff St. Clair ran the lead-off 880, Bill Shuman carried the baton for the 440-yard stint, and John Dibeler ran the 220 on the Garden boards.

EIWA Tourney Closes Winter Sports Program

Grunts and groans will mark the finish of Penn State's Winter sports program as the Nittany Lions play host to nine other colleges in the 38th annual tournament of the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association this weekend.

As 80 grapplers begin the grueling two-day battle in Rec Hall at 2 p. m. Friday, the University of Pennsylvania's undefeated matmen are regarded as definite favorites to capture their first team championship in 38 years.

Led by Captain Dick Di Battista, National Collegiate 175-pound title-holder who has never lost a college bout, the Quakers will present a serious contender in every weight.

Navy and Penn State are likely to give Penn the most competition for the coveted team crown. Both Coach Austin Bishop's artists and the Lions have edged out the midshipmen but Navy has undefeated contestants in three weights.

Earl Buckwalter, 136-pounds; Bill Carmichael, 165-pounds; and Shuford Swift heavyweight, will be the Navy's big guns supporting the attack of defending champion Mickey Bennett, 155-pounds. Bennett is undefeated in Eastern competition.

The Nittany Lions have won their last seven dual meets and bowed only to the University of Michigan, not an Association member. Undefeated entrants in the first three weights lend much to the strength of Coach Speidel's squad.

Charlie Ridenour, defending 121-pound champion, is undefeated in eight bouts and scored six victories by falls. Sam Harry, brilliant 128-pounder, has compiled an enviable record as a sophomore by winning eight consecutive matches. In the 136-pound class, Allan Crabtree will seek tourney laurels with a background of five undefeated engagements.

With the withdrawal of Harvard from this year's competition, eight-man teams will be entered by Cornell, Columbia, Army, Lehigh, Syracuse, Penn State, Navy, Pennsylvania, Princeton, and Yale.

CCNY Downs Fencers; Sweeps All Weapons

Dropping a match to the City College of New York on Saturday, the Nittany fencers evened the season's record at 3 meets won and 3 meets lost when the visitors broke the Lion winning streak by a 17-10 score.

The CCNY bladesmen exhibited superior power in overwhelming Dr. H. Arthur Meyer's artists in all three weapons. Only one dual meet remains on the local schedule. The Penn State swordsmen will meet New York University in Rec Hall Saturday afternoon.

Score by weapons: Foil—CCNY, 6; Penn State, 3. Epee—CCNY, 5; Penn State, 4. Sabre—CCNY 6; Penn State, 3.

Low, 23-18. Alston, with eight points for the losers, and Bennett and Deitrich, with seven each for the winners, were high scorers.



WILL PLAY HOST — Boxing Coach Leo Houck and his Nittany Lion punchers will play host to the 1943 Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing Association Tournament, it was announced at the matches at Charlottesville, Va., Saturday.

Lion Gymnasts Win League Title

The first EIBA league title ever won by a Penn State gym team was awarded to Coach Gene Wettstone's team Saturday when Navy dropped the Army Cadets from their first place tie with the Lions by a 32-22 victory at Annapolis.

The first place title for the gymnasts was outstanding in that this is only the second year of league competition for a Penn State team. State's tie meet with Army was the only blemish on the 1942 record and if the Cadets had proven victorious over the Middies Saturday, a first place tie would have occurred.

Encouraged by the championship award, the acrobats began serious training for the Eastern Intercollegiate Championship meet to be held at Temple University Saturday. Wettstone will enter ten men in the meet and three of the contestants will vie for the all-around individual honors.

Final league standings:

	W.	L.	Tied
Penn State	3	0	1
Navy	3	1	0
Army	2	1	1
xTemple	1	3	0
Princeton	0	4	0
xLast year's champs.			

Tankmen Top Temple In Seasons Finale

After being destined for the cellar position in Penn State's Winter sports record, the Lion swimmers won their first dual meet in five starts when they outsplashed Temple's Owls, 44-31, in Philadelphia Saturday afternoon.

This victory permitted Bob Galbraith's proteges to break even during their weekend tour, since they had previously been defeated by Rutgers, 59-16, at New Brunswick, N. J., Friday. Against Rutgers the Lions did not cop a single first place, while at Temple the Nittanymen won the top berth in only four events.

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