

Between The Lions

With DICK STEBBINS

A Fly In . . .

Just as the intramural program was reaching its peak in perfection, the IM wrestling tournament intervened to cast the entire set-up into a state of turmoil.

The contest was the largest in intramural history but two men, one whom we understand was particularly inefficient, should have been able to handle the 198 registrants. Other IM activities were run by the duo-managership method this winter without conflict and the boxing tourney was handled by one man who had 150 contestants to handle.

It was reported that 11 aspirants were omitted from the roster before the tournament commenced. Several contestants found that they had "forfeited" although they had never been informed of their scheduled match. To top it all off, names of fraternity men appeared in the independent division, which was a handicap to both matmen.

It was suggested to the intramural supervisor, Eugen Bischoff, that the meet be run over again. Although this was seriously considered, the shortened college term and the confusion that would have resulted discouraged the idea.

Another outstanding defect in the manner the meet was conducted was the engaging of referees. Although some of the referees were members of the varsity wrestling squad and the officiating as a whole was satisfactory, men who were entered in the meet should not have been allowed to handle bouts.

Timers of the grappling contests were not experienced people, but rather, anyone that came along who offered their services. Accurate timing might have meant the difference between victory and defeat for some of the contenders. One clock-gauger in the finals was keeping three minute rounds instead of the scheduled two.

The wrestling results may also have some effect on the winner of the intramural all-year trophy, annually awarded to the fraternity scoring the most points. Several commendable grapplers never had a chance to represent their houses and win laurels for themselves.

This column was not written with the thought in mind that the past tournament can be remedied. These faults were brought out to serve as an example to intramural managers who will be in charge of contests in the future. May the IM program not suffer too greatly from this one blemish on their otherwise clean record.

Associated Press Names Moffatt To State Team

Scotty Moffatt, star forward on Coach Lawther's cage team last year, now working for Uncle Sam, was named to the Associated Press All-Georgia independent team after leading his Camp Wheeler teammates to the Georgia state championship.

Tallying 44 points in the four-day tournament staged in Atlanta, Ga., Moffatt brought his season scoring total to 92 to make him high scorer for the year.

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IC4-A To Act On Gordon's Eligibility; Baird, Fardella Slated For Nationals

To Represent Lions After Copping EIBA

Jess Fardella and Captain Bob Baird will defend Penn State's boxing laurels in the eighth annual National Collegiate Boxing Tournament to be held at Baton Rouge, La., March 20-21, Dean Carl P. Schott announced last night.

Schott stated that the boxers were selected to represent the Lion team because of their outstanding performances in the EIBA tourney last weekend when Fardella copped the 127 class and Baird won the 145-pound trophy.

The team wound up in a third place tie with Wisconsin last year when the contest was held on campus for the second time since the first national collegiates were held at Penn State in 1932. Paul Scally was the only victorious mittman in last season's tourney when he copped the 175 trophy.

Captain Baird battled his way into the final round in 1941 but was decided by Tobiasson of the California Aggies. Fardella will be making his first national tournament debut when he enters the 127 class at Louisiana State on the 21st.

Fardella has rolled up an impressive record this season having competed in five dual meets in which he has suffered but one loss. The diminutive slugger TKOed Zeigler of Western Maryland, defeated McIver of Virginia, defeated Roland of Syracuse, and won over Michigan State's Zurawski. His only loss was inflicted by Captain Johnny Johnston from North Carolina who had polished off the best in the south. Fardella was praised highly by Carolina's coach, Mike Ronman, for the great fight he put up.

Baird, who missed the first match, has also won four bouts this year against one defeat. The Nittany Captain was awarded a forfeit from North Carolina, decided Virginia's Victor, and out-punched Pence of Army, and decided Cadet Wood at West Point. Loren Schoff decided Baird in a close dual bout at Syracuse but was revenged when the fistic-politico whipped him in the EIBA tourney.

Both Baird and Fardella will be considered threats when the national's get under way after they garnered first place cups in the EIBA contest. Baird, who was "the talk of the Eastern tournament," should have a good chance to land one of the top positions, according to mentor Leo Houck.

Three Lion Wrestlers Enter Bouts Unbeaten

In addition to three undefeated Nittany Lions who stand as formidable threats in the lightweight divisions, eight other Eastern Intercollegiate wrestlers enter the championship grind this weekend with undefeated dual meet records.

Although Charlie Ridenour, 121-pounder, and Sam Harry, 128-pounder, have not dropped a match this season there are two other title contenders in the same weights who have not been beaten.

Carl Sparke, Penn 121-pound star, has captured eight bouts while his captain, Jim Laggan in the 128-pound class, is also undefeated. Laggan was runner-up in this weight last year.

Other matmen who have not lost a bout this season are 136-pounders, Allan Crabtree, Penn State; Jack Castle, Yale; and Warren Taylor, Princeton's defending champ. Bill Levering, Penn 145-pounder; Bill Carmichael, Navy 165-pounder; Dick Di Battista, Penn 175-pounder; and Shuford Swift, Navy heavyweight, are also undefeated.



EIBA CHAMP—Bob Baird will attempt to win new laurels when he enters the NCBT March 20-21.

Gymnasts Aim At Intercollegiate

After walking off with the EIGA league crown, Gene Wettstone's varsity gymnasts will compete in the Eastern Intercollegiate tournament at Temple Saturday with hopes of copping their second trophy of the season.

The Lions didn't fare too well last year, producing only one champion, Lou Bordo, who won the parallel bars and placed third in the all-around. Ed Trybala garnered a third place on the horizontal bar and Sol Small took fourth place honors on the rings.

Lou Bordo, because of an injured hand, is forced to withdraw from the all-around competition at Temple, leaving Sol Small, Sid Rudman, and Ed Trybala to carry the Lion hopes.

State's championship 10-man team is favored to pace the other league members and should capture a couple of championships. Hal Zimmerman, undefeated in tumbling this season, will be the main threat on the mats. Defending parallel bars, champ Lou Bordo will have his hands full with his own teammates, Small and Zimmerman.

On the rings, both Sid Rudman and Small have a good chance of placing while Ed Anderson may surprise the experts with a position in tumbling.

Captain Charlie Sent on the ropes, Warrington on the side horse, and veteran horizontal bar star Trybala are also potential place winners.

Two PIAA Cage Teams Advance In Playoffs

Last night Rec Hall was the scene of two breath-taking PIAA district basketball games. In the initial fracas, Yeagertown downed a scrapping Snow Shoe five, 38-35, establishing its bid for the district 6, Class B, crown. Although Baker of Yeagertown had 16 points, Etters of Snow Shoe took scoring honors with 18.

In the A section, Lock Haven came from behind to win by the narrowest of margins, 35-34. McGhee of Lock Haven proved to be the hero of the evening, scoring 14 points.

CATHAUM: "Ball of Fire"
NITTANY: "Playmates"
"Bad Lands of Dakota"

Trackmen May Lose Hardearned Trophy

Penn State's claim to the recently earned IC4-A track trophy, along with the question of Norm Gordon's eligibility for future Association meets, remained shrouded in mystery today as the IC4-A executive committee announced that no official protest had been made.

First really official action on the case, brought to the attention of the meet authorities by a New York Herald Tribune article written by Jesse Abramson, will be taken this morning by the executive committee at a hastily-organized meeting.

Complete explanation of Penn State's side of the conflict was made by Dr. Carl P. Schott, dean of the School of Physical Education, in a letter to Asa S. Bushnell, executive director of the committee.

Dr. Schott's report admitted the fact that Penn State had overlooked Article V, Section 7, referring to the ineligibility of contestants five years after their original matriculation in college, but vigorously denied implications that Penn State had willfully and dishonorably entered an ineligible athlete.

Intercollegiate track circles were in a hub-bub over the affair, which threatens to deprive the College of the first major indoor track trophy ever to be placed in the Rec Hall trophy case, and popular opinion throughout the country seemed to favor the Nittany men's case.

Stan Woodward, sports editor of the Herald Tribune, wrote a column which defended Gordon from the accusation of being a "tramp athlete," a direct contrast to the Bill Stern radio broadcast which contended that, "Penn State has a lot to explain about using a six-year athlete."

Gordon, made nationally famous by the squabble and his outstanding performances for the Blue and White squad, will be eligible for dual meet competition and NCAA championships, said Schott's letter, since he fulfills the strict eligibility code of the college and the national association.

If the IC4-A ruling is upheld today it will mean that any athlete who leaves school because of illness, service in the armed forces, or, as in Gordon's case, because of financial difficulties, would be ineligible for further IC4-A activity.

Ken Yount To Compete For National Rifle Title; Varsity Blazers Entered

Boasting a season's average of 288.6, Ken Yount, freshmen rifle ace, has been declared eligible to compete in the National Rifle Association individual championship meet to be fired at Annapolis March 28. He will accompany the varsity marksmen, who are in quest of the initial national rifle title.

With this mark Ken has already surpassed any individual record in Penn State's history. Ben Stahl, Lion All-American last year, held the old record at 281. Yount's mark even betters last year's NRA winning score of 286, set by Virgil Pettit of Iowa.

Also in the running for the national individual title is Hal Yount, brother of Ken, and Bill LeWorthy, co-captains of the Nittany gunners. Hal has been taking scoring honors for the Blue and White frequently and the brothers are considered to be the Penn State threats in the meet.

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