

# 38th Annual Wrestling Tourney Begins In Rec Hall At 2 Today

## Gymnasts Face Stars At Temple

Penn State's best gym team in history will meet their match this weekend when they trek to Temple to display their undefeated championship form in the Eastern Intercollegiate tournament.

While the Lions boast of such champions as Hal Zimmerman, undefeated on the tumbling mats this season, Sol Small, specialist on the parallel bars, Sid Rudman who garnered points for the Blue and White contingent on the flying rings, and the rope climb expert Captain Charlie Senft, the other four league teams also have individual stars.

Navy's Captain Blattman is a double threat on the horizontal bar and side horse since he captured first place in all league meets. Bigelow of Princeton is another potential champion after racking up victories on the rings for his cellar position team. Another outstanding performer is Szygula of Temple who defeated Zimmerman by two points in capturing the event in last year's tourney.

Senft should have his hands full when he enters the rope climb Saturday against Cox of Navy and Cadet Watkins of Army. Both contenders have lowered their time to the 3.8 and 3.9 mark. Senft broke Roman Pieo's 4.3 record set last season when he notched a 4 flat time at Navy two weeks ago.

### CATHAUM:

"Song of the Islands"

### NITTANY:

"Appointment For Love" and "Riding The Wind"

## Karver, 4:17 Frosh Miler, May Get Crack At MacMitchell This Spring

Beware MacMitchell or the freshman "will getcha if you don't watch out."

New York track fans may feel confident that Les MacMitchell, NYU mile great, will hold off the challenge of Gil Dodds, ex-Ashland College runner, in the feature mile at the Knights of Columbus Games, but Penn State fans wish that Jerry Karver, Blue and White freshman, could run in tomorrow's meet.

Karver, scheduled to leave this morning with other members of the frosh mile relay team for the Cornell meet, turned in a 4:17 mile performance at last Saturday's IC4-A meet, a feat that would easily have been the talk of the track world except for the rumpus raised by the protest of Norm Gordon's eligibility.

A 4:13.7 clocking was the best the "great Mac" could turn in to win one of the most lack-luster miles of the indoor season from Don Burnham of Dartmouth and Lynn Radcliffe of Syracuse.

To give fans an idea just how the Nittany frosh's performance compares with other Lion track records, we did a little investigating and found that he just missed breaking the varsity mile record of 4:16.2 held by George K. Offenhauser '29.

Well-known to Penn Staters because of his numerous appearances in the state championship

## EIWA Officials Release Admission Prices For Annual Tourney In Rec Hall This Weekend

Time — Preliminary round, today, 2 p. m.; quarter-finals, today, 8 p. m.; semi-finals, tomorrow, 2 p. m.; finals and second and third place bouts, tomorrow 7:30 p. m.

Teams entered — Penn State, Army, Navy, Cornell, Princeton, Lehigh, Syracuse, Columbia, and Penn. Other two association members, Harvard and Yale, have withdrawn from tourney.

Defending team champions — Columbia, Princeton, and Yale.

Returning individual champions — Charlie Rideau, Penn State, at

121 pounds; Warren Taylor Princeton, at 136 pounds; Mickey Bennet, Navy, at 155 pounds; Dick Di Battista, Penn, at 175 pounds.

Favorites for team championship — Penn, with strongest opposition from Penn State and Navy.

Ticket Prices — For preliminary and quarter-finals rounds 55 cents, tax included, general admission only. For semi-finals, 75 cents, tax included, general admission only. For the finals, general admission, 75 cents; reserved seats, \$1.10, tax included.

## 4 Former Champs Seek To Regain Last Year's Intercollegiate Titles

### Dartmouth Completes NCAA Basketball Roster

With the announcement that Dartmouth has been selected to represent District 1 in the NCAA basketball tourney in New Orleans next weekend, the roster for the Eastern Regional playoffs is complete.

Penn State, Kentucky, and Illinois are the other three contenders who will battle for the Eastern crown and also for the right to meet the Western champ to determine a national titlist.

During the progress of the wrestling intercollegiate today and tomorrow the Lion cagers will practice in the Armory. The team will leave for New Orleans on Wednesday night.

Four defending champions are seeking to retain their 1941 titles in the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association tournament in Rec Hall starting at 2 p. m. today.

All four, Charlie Rideau of Penn State at 121, Warren Taylor of Princeton at 136, Mickey Bennet of Navy at 155, and Dick Di Battista of Penn at 175, are favored to repeat.

Rideau, State's only titlist, is undefeated in intercollegiate dual meet competition. He finished fifth in the National Intercollegiate last year.

Top-heavy favorite to retain his title in the 121-pound class, Charlie is expected to receive his stiffest competition from undefeated Carl Sparke, Penn's sensational sophomore.

Princeton's Warren Taylor, surprise winner last year, will probably have the most difficult job of any of the champions in defending his title in the 136-pound division.

Taylor is undefeated in five matches this year. In the dual meet with Penn State he has defeated Clair Hess, 9-4. Hess spotted him ten pounds, however.

Mickey Bennet, Navy's titlist in the 155-pound spot, is also undefeated in eastern competition. He lost a match to Wempe of Kansas State earlier in the season, however, in an intersectional meeting. Bennet decided State's Glenn Alexander, 3-2, earlier in the season. The loss was one of two suffered by Alexander this year.

Navy and Army entered the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association for the first time last year. Oddly enough, the two service teams have never met before in dual competition.

In tournament last year this trend seemed destined to continue until Bennet drew Army's Welles in the finals. Bennet defeated Welles for the championship.

Strongest challenger to Bennet's hopes for a repeat victory is Penn's Andy Melguard. Bennet has already gained a decision over Melguard earlier this season, however.

Penn's Di Battista, at 175 pounds, is in a class by himself, and thus far has no serious challenger. Dick is one of the big reasons why Penn has been established a heavy pre-tourney favorite to capture the eastern intercollegiate championships here this weekend.

Only a junior, Di Battista has run up a string of 71 consecutive victories to remain undefeated during his wrestling career. Last year he won the Eastern and National titles in the 175-pound class, and is regarded by many as the outstanding grappler in the country.

He has already defeated eight of the ten grapplers entered in his division this year. The remaining two, Frank Mazjeko of Syracuse, and Bob Morgan of State are conceded little chance of preventing D. Battista team gaining his second success title.

## Houckmen Tackle Wisconsin Monday

Wisconsin's powerful boxing team, who crushed Miami 7½-7½, toppled Michigan State 8-0, and bowled over Virginia, will supply the Houckmen with stiff competition when the Lion punchers meet the Badgers in Madison Monday night.

John Walsh has four veterans from his 1941 team back this year and a group of newcomers who have rapidly become capable contenders. The Wisconsin aggregate is supplied with power two deep in almost every weight and selection of starting lineups this season has been a problem for Coach Walsh.

Captain "Smiling" Gene Rankin, holder of two National Collegiate crowns in the 135-pound class, is one of the best ring generals in collegiate boxing. Rankin will oppose "Hard Luck" Homer Hoffman in another feature fight for the Nittany slugger who has met some of the top boxers in the weight this year.

Verdayne I. John and Warren Jollymore are familiar names to Penn State boxing fans since both boys showed plenty of ability in the NCAA meet held here last year. John had a good record in the heavyweight division last year and has compiled a winning slate this season.

Jollymore fights in the 145 class but has been pushed for his varsity berth this year by Lutz who scored a decision in the season's opener at Miami. Both men, according to Walsh, are dependable, steady, and pack dynamite in both hands.

In the 120 division, Roy Crandall and Johnny Gibson have shared the toil this season and keep the Badger coach flipping coins to select a starter.

## Weight-Lifting Tourney Planned For April 11

Penn State's annual All-College weight-lifting tournament, sponsored by the Health and Strength Club, will be held in Rec Hall on April 11, according to Milt Griffith, club president.

The tournament will be divided into five or six weight classes, beginning at the 132-pound division and extending into the unlimited class, which includes all entrants over 175 pounds.

Theme of the tourney will be based on "Physical Fitness for Defense."

## Penn Leads Contenders For Team Championship

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record, the Penn matmen are conceded an excellent chance to capture their first team title in 38 years. Although the Quakers have only one defending champion, 175-pound Dick Di Battista, the Philadelphians boast a squad packed with potential title-holders.

Penn State and Navy are considered to be the only teams which may upset the Quakers although last year's co-champion, Princeton, will be greatly strengthened by Warren Taylor, defending titlist, in the 136-pound division.

Navy will enter favorites in three of the heavier weights, Mickey Bennett, 155; Bill Carmichael, 165; and Shufford Swift, unlimited. However, the second and third places that Penn State is expected to capture along with any first place titles may be enough to nose out the Middies.

Bill Levering of Penn, who was 136-pound titalist two years ago and who placed third in that weight last season, is the favorite at 145. Lion Captain Glenn Alexander, who has wrestled most of his bouts in the 155-pound class is considered a formidable challenger along with Joe Mount of Cornell and Glenn Ingwerson of Army.

The team winner will be determined under EIWA rules providing that individual first place winners receive five points, second, three points, and third place, one point. In addition, each grappler is awarded a point for the team total whenever a fall is scored.

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