

Between The Lions

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Mitman and Matman

This is a tribute to two outstanding Penn State athletes — two champions who have gained campus prominence because of their grim determination in sports for the last four years.

These two seniors, captains of their respective teams this season, have been close friends and roommates ever since their freshman year when fate threw them together. The athletes enjoyed each others company for three and a half years and, as the boxer emphasized recently, "We would still be rooming together if I hadn't had to practice teach last semester."

One of the duo, who had never entered the fistic ring, embarked on a successful boxing career under Lion mentor Leo Houck in 1939. Since he won two bouts on the frosh squad in 1939, the pugilist has notched 16 dual meet victories while submitting to defeat in but 5. He has boxed in three EIBA tourneys and although he reached the finals each year, his first trophy was won this season. The Lion puncher reached the finals in the NCAA tourney last year when he lost a close decision.

The other freshman had been a high school wrestler so he tendered his interests on the Rec Hall mats. He achieved as outstanding a record as his boxing roommate in winning 16 dual matches out of 22 in four years. The wrestling captain copped the EIWA 145-pound crown, garnered his second West Penn AAU trophy, and won 11 out of 13 matches this year to record his best season.

The grappling leader alternated in the 145 and 155-pound weights but fought his best battles in the lower division, having lost but one collegiate '45 battle. His boxing bunkmate also competed in the same weights and, like his roommate, won the major share of his victories in the 145 class.

Boxing captain Bob Baird departed for Baton Rouge, La. yesterday as the Lion's only hope in the nationals while his wrestling roommate, Captain Glen Alexander, leaves for East Lansing, Michigan today for the NCAA mat tourney.

May two captains be crowned champions in their collegiate finales.

BUY DEFENSE STAMPS AND BONDS



LOOKING AHEAD — Hal Zimmerman, Penn State's tumbling and parallel bars champ, may find his successor in his high school teammate, Bill Meade.

Warren High School Tumbling Star Looms As Successor To Zimmerman

Tumblers are not born. They are made.

The place they make the best ones is at Warren, Pa. Notable products are Hal Zimmerman, Eastern Intercollegiate tumbling and parallel bars champ, Eddie Anderson, sophomore mat star, and Ray Sorenson, freshman gym captain.

The newest gymnastic sensation from Warren comes in the form of Pennsylvania's new high school tumbling and parallel bars titlist, Bill Meade. At the PIAA gym championships in Rec Hall last weekend, Meade not only copped the two first places that Penn State's "Jimmy" garnered two years ago, but paralleled Hal's performance by annexing the Gene Wettstone Award for the outstanding individual of the meet.

According to Bill, he is undecided between Penn State and Temple. He will take phys ed no mat-

Nittany Matmen Leave For NCAA Tournament

Courtmen Return Home With NCAA Sidelights

Penn State's basketball Lions returned home yesterday afternoon with a few sidelights on the Eastern Regional playoffs, which were held in New Orleans last weekend.

According to newspaper reports of the tourney, Dartmouth and Penn State turned in the two surprise showings. Before the playoffs began, 37 collegiate coaches picked Illinois to win the title, while 15 others tossed their lots with Kentucky. Dartmouth got 10 votes and Penn State only one.

After Dartmouth won the championship, it was a different story. New Orleans sports writers credited Dartmouth as being the most under-rated team in the nation, and also went on to say that Penn State was the second best team in the tourney.

"When we lost to Dartmouth," Coach John Lawther explained, "our plays worked very well, but we threw the ball away too often."

During the Lions' victory over Illinois, Larry Gent tallied 21 points, which was the top score registered in the tournament.

Coach Speidel Absent As Lions Face Test

Undaunted by the loss of Coach Charlie Speidel to the Navy, four determined Nittany Lions will leave today for East Lansing, Mich., where they will tangle with the country's outstanding matmen in the wrestling Nationals this weekend.

Although minus the experienced advice of sage Charlie Speidel the grapplers are expected to make a spirited showing with the fervor of the Eastern Intercollegiate being carried over into the NCAA meet.

Representing the Lions will be three EIWA champions, Charlie Ridenour, 121-pounds; Sam Harry, 128-pounds; and Captain Glen Alexander, 145-pounds. Al Crabtree, 136-pound Nittany star who has been defeated only once this year, will also be entered.

Despite the fact that the four Nittany grapplers have lost only three individual bouts all season, it is conceded that Penn State will have a difficult time in approaching the coveted titles.

The Lion representation which will leave State College at 5:45 p. m. today has been practicing intensely since the Intercollegiate. Alexander last week earned the Western Pennsylvania AAU championship at Pittsburgh by overwhelming Maylin Kirkwood of Clearfield.

Both Ridenour and Harry are unbeaten this year while Crabtree bowed only to Penn's Bill Levering in the Eastern tourney semifinals. Alexander has been bested twice in eight dual meets.

In the absence of Coach Charlie Speidel, Ridge Riley, director of sports publicity, will accompany the Nittany grapplers to Michigan State.

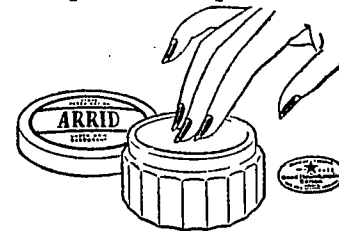
West Virginia Will Play In Metropolitan Finals

Upsets have ruled supreme in the nation's two major post-season basketball tourneys.

While Dartmouth was pulling the unexpected in the NCAA Eastern Regional playoffs, several other under-rated quintets were also fighting their way into the finals of the annual Metropolitan Invitation Tourney at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

Tonight West Virginia will battle West Kentucky State for the championship in the New York tournament. West Virginia, whose tourney invitation came as a surprise, has defeated the two favorites, Long Island University and Toledo.

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