

## Between The Lions

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Elsewhere on this page there is probably a small story announcing the election of two new fencing captains and the retirement of Bob Harder, present captain. Just that and nothing more would be a great insult to one of Penn State's most conscientious athletes. Something more remains to be said.

Fencing is not a spectator sport. That fact is acknowledged by even the most ardent blade enthusiasts. Lightning action and involved movements are too much for an unframed observer. As a result the sport has never received much attention from Nittany Lion sports lovers.

Despite the lack of glory and the many wearisome hours needed to acquire proper technique and timing, a small group has come forth year after year to learn how to match wits with a sword-bearing opponent. At last their effort has been rewarded.

In winning the Eastern Intercollegiate Fencing Association epee title Bob Harder has brought Nittany fencing into the limelight. Possessing more than technical knowledge, speed, and endurance the be-spectacled Lion captain exemplifies what one man can do for an individual sport.

Certainly careful coaching by Dr. Harry Krutter and lately by Dr. Arthur Meyer contributed to the almost professional mastery exhibited by Harder in New York last weekend. More than that, however, has been his six-year love of the sport.

Back in Berwick High School Harder was regarded as "having swords on the brain" when he first indicated his interest in "the under-rated sport." After convincing the athletic authorities that he was serious, Harder was granted authority to fool around with the blades in gym class.

Out of that "foolin' around" has come Penn State's first fencing champion. For three years the lean swordsman has been a valuable part of the Blue and White team. Ever since the third bout of his sophomore year he has been ranked first man in epee.

Oddly enough that initial Lion championship was almost foiled by a cold. For four days Bob Harder was the bed-ridden victim of the common ailment but he pulled himself together, fought through many potential champions, and finally finished off his collegiate fencing career by blanking a powerful opponent in a grudge bout for the title.

No-fencing isn't spectacular but it is fascinating for certain men who have for at least twenty centuries shown the imagination and ability to uphold its existence. Bob Harder is one of those men.

## "The Yanks Are Coming"

"The Yanks are Coming" is the title of the special supplement to be published with Friday's Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. The section will be devoted to educational material on the organization of our armed forces, maps, pictures, and illustrations of our leaders and men in action. A copy may be reserved at downtown paper dealers before Thursday noon.

## Fencing Team Chooses Gimber, Riley Captains

George A. Gimber '43 and Wallace M. Riley '44 were elected captains of the fencing team for next winter's season yesterday.

Necessity for electing two captains arose from the speeded up College program under which Gimber, the senior captain will have graduated in December, before the season is well started.

The new captains will replace Bob Harder, this year's captain and Penn State's first fencing champion, who will be graduated in May.

## Gymnasts To Vie In National Contest

Penn State's EIGA gym league champs will invade Annapolis again Saturday, this time as the first Lion contingent in history to compete for National Collegiate honors in the fifth annual tourney.

After copping the Eastern League title this season the Wettstonemen will be rated high as a possible trophy winner when the meet is run off in Machough gym Saturday afternoon. The Eastern League teams: Temple, Army, Navy, Princeton, and Penn State, and the members of the Big Ten circuit are expected to dominate the contest although a few scattered entries from other colleges may pull upsets.

The Lions will be handicapped by a NCGA ruling which bans the rope climb from counting toward team scoring and the substitution of the long horse, an event which is not found in the Eastern loop.

The long horse resembles the side horse except that it has no handles and is considerably longer. The contestants take a running jump from a take-off board and use their hands to manipulate themselves in "flying swans" and other routines.

Lou Bordo, Sid Rudman, and Charlie Lebow, who participated in the event in high school, have been working hard to perfect their routines before Saturday.

## 8 Boxers, 11 Puckmen Earn Varsity Letters

Eight boxers and eleven hockey men were awarded varsity letters yesterday by Neil B. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics. At the same time, eight freshman pugilists were given numerals for their season's fistic work.

Three ringmen, Captain Bob Baird, "Hammering Homer" Hoffman, and Joe McCormick will graduate this year, while the hockey team will lose the services of seniors Captain Larry Lightbody and Mike Fedock.

Varsity mitmen who received letters were Jack Grey, Jess Fardella, Bill Richards, Bob Perugini, Aldo Cenci, Baird, Hoffman and McCormick.

Hockeymen who will wear the varsity "S" are Jim Fisher, Bull Anthony, Tom Goodwin, Johnny Dufford, Earl Johnson, Art Gladstone, Ted Cauffman, Fred Bernboum, Lightbody, Fedock, and John Clark, varsity manager.

Jack Dempsey, Cy Ivory, Glenn Hawthorne, Johnny Graf, Jack Tighe (honorary captain), Al Davis, Web Moriarta, and John Laughlin received freshman numerals in boxing.

# Nittany Wrestlers Arrive At Nationals; Bob Baird Awaits NCAA Boxing Pairings

## Lion Captain Appears In Last College Meet

Pairings for the twentieth annual National Collegiate Boxing tournament, which starts in Baton Rouge, La. at 2 o'clock today, will be made this morning as Penn State ring fans anxiously await information of the outcome of the sole Lion entry, Captain Bob Baird.

Baird, who left campus Tuesday noon with mentor Leo Houck, was scheduled to work out and weigh-in this morning before the bracketing commenced. Baird's title bid will mark his last appearance in collegiate boxing.

A hot scramble is promised for the 145-pound title with some of the nation's best fighters ready to participate. Beside Baird, Loren Schoff of Syracuse, Cadet Peden from Army, Wisconsin's Warren Jollymore, Alpenstein of Maryland, and Victor who tosses leather for Virginia, just a few of the expected entries.

Before departing for the tourney, the Nittany captain expressed his desire to meet Schoff and Jollymore in the contest. Baird has tangled with the Syracusean five times in his college career and it wasn't until this season in the EIBA tourney that he finally proved victorious.

Schoff won the first encounter between the old rivals in 1940 when they met in a dual meet. The Orange puncher repeated the victory again that year in the final bout of the EIBA contest. In 1941, the Blue and White mitman reached the finals of the EIBA's only to be defeated again by Schoff.

Baird was determined to turn the tables on the Syracuse captain when the Lions traveled to the New York state college to compete in a dual meet, but again, it was Schoff who captured the headlines.

## '44 Ag-Ed Volleyballers Win Independent Title

By virtue of a 15-12, 15-12 victory over Fairmount Hall '44 Ag-Eds were crowned winners of the independent division of the Intramural Volleyball tournament last night at Rec Hall.

Three teams, Phi Sigma Kappa, last year's champions, Sigma Nu and Sigma Phi Epsilon, runner-up last year, entered the final play-offs in the fraternity division.

BUY DEFENSE STAMPS



**TRY, TRY AGAIN** — Charlie Ridenour, Nittany dynamo and two-time EIWA 121-pound champ, will attempt to snag a Penn State championship in the NCAA wrestling tournament when he meets the nation's best at Michigan State tomorrow and Saturday. Last year Ridenour advanced to the semi-finals.

## Billy Soose Names Gould As New Ring Manager

Joe Gould, who tutored Jimmy Braddock to a heavyweight crown, will replace Paul Moss as manager of Penn State's former boxing star, Billy Soose, who expects to make a bid for the light-heavy title soon.

Soose, who is now a chief petty officer in the U. S. Navy at Norfolk, Va., has been inactive in the ring since January 13 when he dropped a decision to Jimmy Bivins in Cleveland.

Moss has managed the ex-Lion star ever since he entered the pro ring, and expects to join the educated pugilist in the Navy soon.

## Michigan Twins Primed For Ridenour, Harry

Special to the Collegian

**EAST LANSING, Michigan, March 25** — Penn State's four formidable championship aspirants are expected to arrive here tomorrow morning at 10:30 for the NCAA wrestling tournament to be staged in the Michigan State College gymnasium Friday and Saturday.

Of special interest to Michigan fans are Charlie Ridenour, 121-pound EIWA title-holders for two years, and 128-pound Sam Harry, sophomore EIWA champion in that weight.

Meryl Jennings, 121-pounds, and Beryl Jennings, 128-pounds, are looking forward to tangling with the Nittany Lions. The Michigan State twins were National champions as sophomores last year and are expected to give the Penn State men plenty of trouble.

Powerful Glen Alexander, Nittany 145-pound grappler and the third Lion EIWA title-holder, will undoubtedly make a strong bid for a final position. Allan Crabtree, 136-pounds is the only Penn State entry who didn't grapple his way to a title in the Eastern Intercollegiate last week.

Because of their undefeated records there is a strong possibility that Ridenour and Harry may be seeded before the drawings Friday morning.

Actual competition will begin Friday afternoon when all entrants have been placed in their proper brackets. Quarter-final wrestling is set for Friday night and the semi-finals will be staged Saturday afternoon.

Final grappling for individual championships will be run off Saturday afternoon. The runners-up in the finals will get second place while the losing semi-finalists will meet in consolation bouts for third and fourth places.

## At The Movies

CATHAUM:

"The Male Animal"

STATE:

"The Ghost of Frankenstein"

NITTANY:

"A Day In Soviet Russia"

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