

Matmen Take 3rd In Nationals; Baird 2nd In NCAA Tourney

3 Grapplers Triumph In Consolation Bouts

Although eliminated in the NCAA wrestling semi-finals at East Lansing, Mich., last weekend, Penn State's four-man grappling squad made a strong comeback in consolation matches to capture third place among 23 team entries.

Oklahoma A and M carried off its sixth national title with 31 points while Michigan State totaled 26 for second place above the Nittany Lions who compiled 10 points by winning 12 of 17 bouts. This is the highest total ever compiled by Penn State NCAA contestants.

Third place winners in their respective bouts were 121-pound Charlie Ridenour, 145-pound Glen Alexander, and 128-pound Sam Harry. Allan Crabtree, Nittany 136-pound hopeful, struggled against overwhelming experience and power but failed to place in the consolation round.

In addition to throwing his first round foe, Mel Steifel of Kansas State, Charlie Ridenour pinned Cecil Morr of Iowa State Teachers and Dick Kopel of Michigan in the consolation bouts to score the most falls during the tournament. The 121-pound EIWA titleholder for two seasons was awarded a personal trophy for this feat.

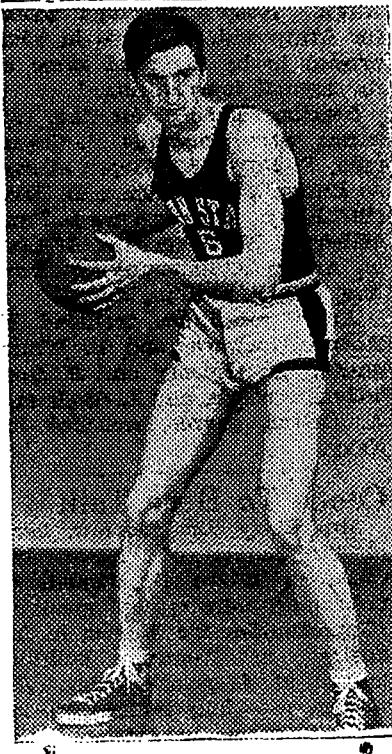
Malcolm MacDonald of Purdue proved too much for the dynamic Lion in the semi-finals and kept him on the defensive by tying up his legs to score an 8-3 decision. This defeat was Ridenour's first loss of 1942.

After bowing before the superior ability of Michigan's Manly Johnson in the semi-finals by a score of 5-0, Captain Alexander defeated Lucian Bowman of Illinois State and Newton Copple of Nebraska in the consolations for the third place berth.

Previously undefeated, Sam Harry was blanked by expert Sid Marks, Oklahoma A and M captain, 3-0. To earn his third place, Harry threw Les Landmesser of Iowa State and outpointed Mark Matovina of Purdue, 5-4.

The 1942 National champions follow:

121-pounds, Merle Jennings, Michigan State; 128-pounds, Burl Jennings, Michigan State; 136-pounds, Bill Maxwell, Michigan State; 145-pounds, Dave Arndt, Oklahoma A and M; 155-pounds, Vern Logan, Oklahoma A and M; 165-pounds, Virgil Smith, Oklahoma A and M; 175-pounds, Dick DiBattista, Penn; heavyweight, Lloyd Arms, Oklahoma A and M.



HERKY BALTIMORE

CAPTAINS ALL - STATERS — Herky Baltimore, Penn State's junior center was named captain and center of the 1942 all-Pennsylvania basketball team selected by the Associated Press.

Marksmen Place Fourth In NRA Eastern Meet

Penn State's rifle team stepped up from last year's ninth ranking to a probable fourth in the national intercollegiate ratings over the weekend as they placed behind Lehigh, Maryland, and Navy in the Eastern Section of the annual tournament at Annapolis, Md. Saturday. The Lions fired 1379 to the winners 1393.

Returns from all eight sections have not been received because wire service to many parts of the nation has been cut off by heavy snow storms. However, returns that are available indicate that no other team fired any better than the initial four in the Annapolis meet.

In individual competition, Penn State's sensational freshman, Ken Yount, placed third, just one point behind the winner. Yount's 285 tied the score of Navy's Sappington, but the Naval Academy's star had a better off-hand score and thereby annexed the runnerup spot.

It was stressed by Captain Arno P. Mowitz, rifle coach, last night that these positions are only tentative until results from all regional competitions have been received.

Lion Captain Drops Decision To Jollymore

Penn State's only hope for a national boxing champion, Captain Bobby Baird, fought his way to second place in the tournament, but dropped a close decision to his old rival, Warren Jollymore of Wisconsin, in the finals of the NCAA ring carnival at Baton Rouge, La., Saturday night.

Ironically enough, this was the same man that Baird decided in the semi-finals of last year's tournament in Rec Hall before bowing to Tobiasson in the final battle. Jollymore, however, decided the Lion mittman in dual competition this season.

The Penn State pugilist piled up an early lead in the initial round but the Badger ace decided the title when he came back strong in the last two stanzas to cop the 145-pound crown. The decision drew several rounds of booing from Louisiana fans who thought that the decision should have gone to the Nittany EIBA title-bearer.

Jollymore's win was one of four by Wisconsin which enabled the Badgers to capture the NCAA team crown. They replace last year's titlists, Idaho, who failed to win an individual title in this year's event.

Captain Baird was the only Lion entered in the national tournament. Jess Fardella, Blue and White EIBA champ in the 127-pound class, was nominated to compete in that division but declined the bid.

The Nittany mittman gained the final round by virtue of a semi-final decision over his long-standing jinx, Loren Schoff of Syracuse. Baird had previously edged the Orange welterweight in the preliminary round of the EIBA tourney this year.

Snow Halts Lion Baseball Practice

"We'll only get about seven days good practice before the opening game," said Baseball Coach Joe Bedenk two weeks ago. He had predicted snow would hamper drills during the past two weekends.

Now the Nittany nine is confined to hold exercises in Rec Hall, for the Lion mentor's prediction became correct to the extent of more than two feet of snow on the Beaver Field diamond.

Six of the pitchers are Ed Tuleya, only experienced moundsman; Bruce Pryor, sophomore; Paul Lazar, senior, John Roberts and Wes Smith, juniors, and sophomore John Stover. Behind the plate will be either Oggie Martella, George McWilliams, Bill Rumberger, all sophomores, or Fran Donovan, junior.

Slated for infield posts are Captain Bill Debler at first base, Fran Farris and Larry Lucas at the keystone sack, Bill Thomas at third, and Bill Sidler, sophomore, at short stop.

Patrolling the outfield will be Joe Piontek in left field, Jack Burford in center and Bob Perugini in right. Other fielders are Bob Vail, Ned Cummings, sophomores, and Warren Kolkebeck and John Ebersole, seniors.

At The Movies

CATHAUM:
"A Yank On The Burma Road"
STATE:
"The Kennel Murder Case," and
"Gambling Lady"
NITTANY:
"The Body Disappears"

Sigma Nu, Phi Sigs Meet For Volley Ball Title

IM volley ball's three bracket eliminations are rapidly drawing to a close with the possibility that eventual winner of the fraternity division will be decided tonight. Sigma Nu, SPE, and Phi Sigma Kappa were the finalists in three separate divisions of the league and have been playing off in round-robin style to decide the championship.

With two losses eliminating a team the playoffs started with Sigma Nu winning from SPE last Thursday afternoon, and then defeating the Phi Sigs on Friday evening.

Yesterday the Phi Sigma Kappa team eliminated the SPE sextet by 11-15, 15-12, 15-12 to go into today's final round with the up-campus team. If Sigma Nu wins today at 5:15 they will be crowned champions, but if the Phi Sigs win it will necessitate an extra game tomorrow to decide the championship according to Walt Cummings, tournament manager.

Five '45 Fencers Win Numerals In Tourney

Freshman fencing numerals will be awarded to Charles Hellie, Thomas Davenport, William Tessier, James Framo, and William Graul. Receivers of the awards were determined by competition in a round-robin foil tournament Sunday afternoon. Hellie was the winner of the tournament.

This system for naming numerals winners was necessitated by the fact that the freshmen had no competitive meets this year but need for making the awards was brought about by the full season of practice the team put in.

Snow Doesn't Faze Cheerleading Tryouts

"By gum, it's going to take more than 30.5 inches of snow to call off our first scheduled meeting of cheerleaders Tuesday afternoon," a very determined Johnny Dague '42, head-cheerleader, announced last night.

"I'm calling a meeting for all candidates in the first floor lounge of Old Main at 7 p. m. instead." A board of interested faculty and student leaders will then choose cheerleaders on the basis of their interest and ability to lead.

Gymnasts Take Second In NCAA

Penn State's Eastern Champion gym team threw a scare into Illinois, defending champion, as the Lions captured second place close on the heels of the Illini in the national gymnastic tourney at Annapolis, Md., last Saturday.

Once again it was Hal Zimmerman, sophomore star, who led the Nittanymen by garnering the national parallel bars crown and gaining second place in the star-studded tumbling event. The junior class president-elect is the first Penn State man ever to capture a national gymnastic title.

Penn State led the favored Illini up to the final event, the all-around competition, where the defending champions placed three men and won the meet. Illinois amassed 37 points to the Lion's 30 followed by Minnesota with 23 and Chicago with 19. In fifth place was Temple with 18 points.

For the initial time in his collegiate career, Zimmerman was defeated in his specialty, the tumbling event. "Zip" Syzputa, Temple's National AAU champion, reversed two previous losses to the Penn State ace by tumbling beautifully and tallying 285 points to win the event.

Biggest surprise among Penn State entrants was Ed Trybala who placed second on the horizontal bar. Sid Rudman captured third on the flying rings and fifth in the all-around event. Sol Small placed fourth on the parallel bars.

Charles Warrington, Eastern side-horse titlist, bogged down in his favorite event and failed to place. "Chuck" Lebow and Eddie Anderson placed fifth on the horizontal bar and tumbling events respectively.

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