

## BETWEEN THE LIONS

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It was back in 1922—the year in which Gifford Pinchot hit the headlines as new governor of Pennsylvania, and this humble writer did likewise in a birth announcement—that Penn State acquired one of its all-time master showmen.

The Lancaster Larruper had just returned from a tour of Cuba, home of the black stogie, after dusting off the pride of the island and acquiring Cuba's lightweight boxing championship—all in one night, too—and was preparing to permanently move off cauliflower street.

By some strange juggling of the horoscope he happened to stop in Philly that Fall to see the Penn-Penn State football game, and met Hugo Bezdek then State's athletic director for the first time. Leo "Fred" Houck walked away from that meeting as Penn State's new boxing coach.

The man Houck replaced was none other than Dick Harlow, originator of varsity boxing here at State and at Western Maryland, the school the team meets in its season opener this Saturday night.

Houck—who is called "Leo" by the freshmen, Fred by the sophomores, Florian by many of the juniors, and "Lemuel" by seniors, janitors, and alumni—begins his 21st year as boxing mentor when his team engages Western Maryland in Rec Hall to open the current season.

In that time he has treated Penn State to some of the most colorful Saturday nights it has ever witnessed. His boxing shows annually attract many alumni back to the school for an enjoyable weekend.

Since 1922 there has been only one year in which Leo Houck's boxing team has not had at least one Eastern Intercollegiate champion in the line-up. And he has turned out several National Intercollegiate champions.

In light of all his achievements as boxing mentor here at State, Leo still takes pride in the fact that he has never induced anyone to box for "dear old State."

He has never had to scout the high schools or academies for material, nor has he ever "helped" any budding boxer enroll at the College. Nearly all his material has come out of intramural boxing matches or from physical education classes.

When a boxing season rolls around, Houck merely passes the word along, and on opening day the material is always there.

At present, prospects point to another good season for the boxing team. Houck has a wealth of candidates from which to draw for starters. His greatest problem now appears to be the matter of final selection.

Houck's team will receive a formal sendoff at the All-College Independent dance tomorrow night. An altercation has been arranged between two extremes in Selective Service possibilities—the Champion of the World versus the Masked Marvel—and promises to be a colorful eye-fel, judging from the bloody predictions emanating from the "rival" camps.

The incident will be refereed by Houck himself as guest arbiter, after which members of the varsity boxing squad will be introduced from the "ringside."

# Lion Basketeers Gain Fifth Win With 42-28 Verdict Over Syracuse

## Syracuse High Scorer



Joe Glacken, substitute forward for the Orangemen, entered last night's game in the second half and accounted for seven of the visitors' points to lead them in scoring for the evening.

## Crabtree, Harry, Ridenour Probable Lion Starters Who Oppose Syracuse

"Although I do not definitely know the strength of the Syracuse squad, if past years are any indication, we should not have too much trouble in gaining a victory Saturday afternoon," Paul Campbell, Lion wrestling coach, said last night.

A starting lineup has not been made final to date, but probable varsity matmen who will defend Nittany wrestling honors are Mattem or Lowrie at 121; Ridenour at 128; Harry at 136; Crabtree at 145; Dipner or Lindzey at 155; Reeves at 165; Conrad at 175; and Morgan at heavyweight.

Conrad replaces Smith, who wrestled last year at 175 but who is ineligible for the current season.

Coach Campbell stresses that although the season has already started, the starting lineups are subject to change each week and any men who have ever wrestled before and who are interested in wrestling in varsity competition, should report to him in Rec Hall at their earliest convenience.

## Ice Hockey Will Continue As Varsity Sport—Davis

Ice Hockey Coach Arthur F. Davis stated last night that ice hockey has not been abandoned as a varsity sport but will be continued in the interest of physical-fitness for young men who will enter the armed forces in the near future.

Said Coach Davis, "Ice hockey will be continued whether other collegiate competition is scheduled or not. If no other teams will accept bids, hockey will continue even if we have to resort to intrasquad contests."

Requests for games have been sent to Cornell and the Navy All-Stars with bids already received from Drexel and Franklin and Marshall.

## VonNieda Leads Scorers With Fifteen Points

After Ferriss's point, Baltimore dropped a one-handed shot from the side of the court for the first field goal of the fray as the initial quarter ended.

After Hornstein had netted the first two of his five fouls, Joe Sylvestri netted a one-pointer and Bill Hoepfel hit the cords for the Orangemen's field goal.

Egli scored two field goals and Hornstein added another two free tosses to end the Lion scoring for the opening half. Three fouls by the visitors raised the half-time score to 14 to 8 with the home club in the lead.

The final half started out much different from the opening twenty minutes as the teams started their respective scoring machines. However, the Lion's defense was still working beautifully as they held the Orangemen to five points while the Lawthermen tallied 13 in the third period.

The fourth quarter was more of the type of wide open basketball, which is scarcely ever seen in Rec Hall, as each team netted 15 points in the last ten minutes. Bob Shaddock and Glacken each scored two field goals for the Syracuse account during the final quarter and each of the Lion's starting five scored at least one two-pointer during the same time.

The Syracuse win placed the Lion's won and lost record for the season at five won and one lost. The one loss was the 49 to 40 defeat at the hands of NYU at Madison Square Garden last week.

For the first time this year in a Lion tilt, there were no players ejected from the game on fouls. The Nittanymen and Orangemen both committed 12 violations during the fray. Herk Baltimore and Larry Gent had three fouls called on them, and no one else had more than two personals against them.

After but one day's layoff, the Lions resume their cage activity with a weekend of basketball in Pittsburgh. Friday night the Lawthermen encounter Carnegie Tech and the following evening they meet a strong Pitt lineup.

The Penn State representatives are favored in both of the contests, but they should meet a lot of stiff opposition on Saturday against Pitt, who defeated West Virginia, last year's Madison Square Garden National Tournament champions.

These tests will go a long way in determining the District Two champion for this year. Penn State now holds the title by virtue of last year's record of 17 wins and two losses.

The Lions will make their next Rec. Hall appearance on January 23 against a strong quintet from Colgate.

Following the Red Raider tilt, (Continued on Page Two)

## BOWLERS WANTED!

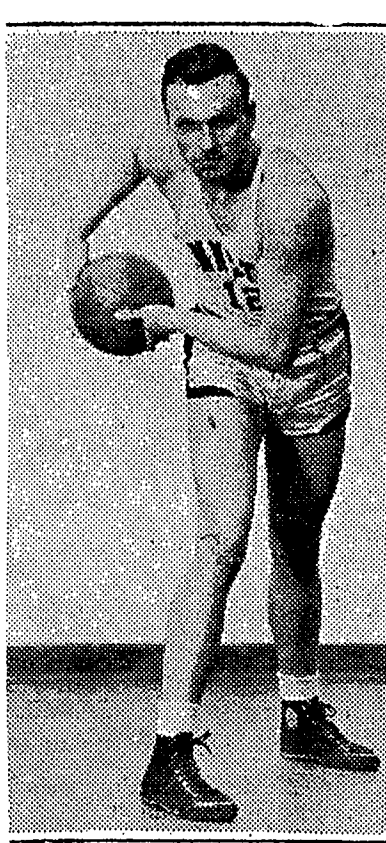
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## Returned to Duty



JOHN EGLI

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## BOX SCORE

Syracuse	G.	F.	Tot.
Ferris, f.	0	3	3
Ackerson, f.	0	1	1
Shaddock, f.	3	0	1
Stanton, c.	0	1	1
McTiernan, c.	1	0	2
Sylvestri, g.	0	2	2
DiPace, g.	0	0	0
Glacken, g.	3	1	7
Totals	9	10	28
Penn State	G.	F.	Tot.
Von Nieda, f.	6	3	15
Gent, f.	2	1	5
Biery, f.	0	0	0
Hornstein, c.	2	4	9
Baltimore, g.	3	1	7
Lawther, g.	0	0	0
Egli, g.	3	0	6
Totals	16	10	42

## Lion Boxing Coach Still Uncertain

Three days away from the opening meet with the University of Western Maryland and Leo Houck's gloved killers still have the coach undecided as to who will be in the starting lineup Saturday night.

For the most part, the would-be boxers lack experience. Even such ring-wise men as Jackie Tighe and Glenn Hawthorne have been off in their punching and timing during the past three nights.

A possible solution of the middleweight problem would be in the shifting to different weight classes of a few of the men.

Ernie George, wiry and lanky 145-pounder, may possibly get the nod from Houck.

In the event that George does go in at the 145-pound division, it is possible that Jackie Tighe will be shoved up another notch to the 155 class.

Captain Billy Richards, who last year fought in this weight, may be heavy enough to tangle with the 165-pound boys.

Richards has been sparring with heavyweight Frankie Hawrylak this week. His ability to absorb the heavyweight's solid blows and get in a few good licks of his own may be responsible for a shift to the 165-pound class.

At the present time, Jackie Grey seems the most likely to receive a starting assignment against the Terrapins. Grey wastes few motions either in or out of the ring, but his lightning left jab and quick footwork make him a dangerous little man.

At 127, Houck has the services of Glenn Hawthorne who, according to Leo himself, has been shaping up fairly well at this point of the pre-season training.

While these men have looked the most promising it is possible that they won't even get to start.

So uncertain is the Lion trainer that he told manager Ben Leaman to have scoreboard identification cards made for everyone.

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