

Penn State Plays Host To Gym Intercollegiates

Blue Band to Play at Championship Meet

Appearance of the Blue Band, Advanced ROTC students and Ensigns will present a military background to the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastic Individual Championships scheduled to take place at Rec Hall, 2 o'clock this afternoon. Admission for the meet is 55 cents per person.

Naval Ensigns on campus will provide the cheering for the competing Midshipmen while ROTC students will cheer for the Cadets from West Point. Penn State and Temple will receive their moral support from the students of both schools who will attend the meet.

Lions to Receive League Trophy
Penn State, which won the Eastern League title by trouncing all competitors during the 1943 season, will be awarded the trophy before competition gets underway.

Fifty-three contestants from four squads will attempt to gain honors in this afternoon's meet. Army will have 18 performers participating, while Navy, Penn State and Temple will enter 17, 12 and 7 men respectively in the six events.

Three Winners from Each Event
Three winners for each of the six events will be chosen, together with an all-around performer who has garnered the highest score in five events, the rope climb being excluded.

Entries in the horizontal bar competition include Schatz, Nolan and Gross for Army; Herlong, Farles and Vaughan for Navy; Bordo, Sorenson and Lebow for the Lions; and Reiff, McKinney and Szyplula for the Temple Owls. Favorites in this event are all three of Penn State's entries, Vaughan of Navy and Szyplula of Temple.

Climbing May Be Keen
Young, Barclay, Wirtschaffter and Lebow, Lion rope climbers, are undefeated this season and will provide plenty of competition for Rafferty of Navy and Wear of the Cadets. Temple has no entries in this event.

Barclay, Lion number three climber, eliminated Wirtschaffter in a practice climb and will start for the Blue and White. Wirtschaffter will also compete, but his score will not be tallied.

Best on Parallel Bars
Parallel bar competition will no doubt dominate the event, with Temple's Schabacker and Szyplula, Penn State's Small and Bordo, Navy's Julian and Army's Gross fighting it out for the top three positions.

"Breaks" will decide the winners of the flying ring event, with Navy and Army performers being particularly strong. Parker, Midshipman with the National and Eastern championships under his belt, will pit his skill against Watkins, Moore and Boruski of Army; Litvin and Patterson of Temple; and Small and Bordo of Penn State.

Szyplula Standout
Tumbling standout of the tournament will probably be Szyplula, National champ. Frey and Mead of the Lions, however, are expected to give him a run for mat title honors.

Captain Lou Bordo of Penn State is favored to pull an upset win over defending all-around winner Szyplula, provided he gets a few breaks. Small of the Blue and White and Owl Patterson will also try for honors in this competition.

Judging System
Three judges, Head Judge Witzig, Harry Nelson, Homer Fleming, Homer Wilbur and Dr. Atwood, will select the winners of each event by scoring exercises on the basis of 100 points, 40 for form and continuity and 60 for difficulty.

Three medals will be awarded to the three individual place winners in each event and the first three winners in the all-around competition will receive trophies.

Intercollegiate Host



Gene Wettstone, Penn State gymnastic coach, will serve as host to the three visiting squads competing in the Eastern Intercollegiate Championship playoffs set for Rec Hall, 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Sickness Forces Cowell To Withdraw from Tank Intercollegiates Today

BULLETIN!

LEWISTOWN, Pa., Mar. 12.—Bobby Cowell, sensational Penn State backstroke, left here late tonight for New Brunswick, where he will enter the Eastern Intercollegiate Swimming Meet, after doctors found his physical condition improved over an afternoon examination.

Penn State's swimming hopes suffered a crushing blow yesterday, when champion backstroke Bobby Cowell was unable to leave with his teammates for the Intercollegiate being held at Rutgers University this afternoon.

Cowell was stricken by the flu epidemic which swept through the team several weeks ago, but got out of a hospital bed to take first place in the Temple meet on Feb. 27, but was further weakened by his activity.

During spring vacation, the freshman sensation was warned by doctors to remain out of the Eastern meets to prevent a serious relapse in his condition, but Lion Coach Bob Galbraith was hopeful that the unbeaten merman would be able to make the trip.

In the past few days, Cowell's illness has become gradually worse, until local doctors advised him to remain out of the tourney.

Last night the Nittany tanker was resting, attempting to recover for the National Intercollegiate scheduled for Columbus, Ohio, on March 27. Cowell said that he had received a bid for the Harvard Invitation Meet, but turned it down due to his physical status.

Only a few weeks ago, Cowell was accepted for admission to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, and will leave Penn State for his midshipman's training in early June.

Rocky Young, Bill Christy, and Don Knoll are the Lion entries in today's tourney, and are favored to cop several high places in the rankings. Young offers stiff competition to Ralph Buratti for the diving title, while Knoll should place second in the distance freestyle races.

Christy enters the 50 and 100-yard sprints against a very fast

Lion Pugilists Face Unbeaten Wisconsin In Season's Finale

Champ Jack Grey Meets Gibson in Return Bout

Penn State's boxing team dons the leather gloves for the final time this season when it plays host to the Battling Badgers of the University of Wisconsin in Rec Hall, 8 o'clock tonight.

Coach Leo Houck's Lion mittmen, who captured second place in the Eastern Intercollegiate at Syracuse last weekend, will be facing their toughest opponent of the season as they try to stop the Badgers' 18-straight win streak.

Wisconsin Coach John Walsh and his boxers arrived in town early yesterday afternoon and soon began to work out in Rec Hall.

Walsh's two national champs, Cliff Lutz at 155 lbs. and George Makris at 175 will be fighting their last fights before they leave for the Army next week. Already Wisconsin has lost two of their best men to the armed forces this year.

EIBA champ Jackie Grey will be fighting his last fight for Coach Houck tonight when he meets Jackie Gibson in the evening's first bout. Gibson met Grey last year and won out by a close decision. This year, however, Grey is a much improved fighter and is favored over his Wisconsin opponent.

Tonight's Lineup

Penn State	Wt.	Wisconsin
Grey	120	Gibson
Hawthorne	127	Weirren
Cassidy	135	Collentine
Tighe	145	D. Miller
Richards	155	Lutz
Maier	165	M. Miller
Martella	175	Makris
Hawrylak	Heavy	John

Badger Heavyweight



Verdayne John, hard-hitting Badger heavyweight, who meets Penn State's Frank Hawrylak tonight in Rec Hall. John has won both of his fights this year by knockouts—against Henry Stewart of Virginia in second round and Max Nichols of Washington State in the third.

Ridenour, Harry, Crabtree to Enter Grappling Finals

Lions Are Only Squad Able to Defeat Navy

(Special to The Collegian)

PHILADELPHIA, March 12.—Co-captain Charlie Ridenour, Co-captain Sam Harry and Al Crabtree of Penn State's varsity wrestling squad will enter the final bouts in the 1943 Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association's championships to be held in the Palestra here tomorrow.

With these three men in the final round, Penn State is the only member of the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association that has a chance of upsetting the favored Oklahoma-studded Navy outfit. The Lions actually finished the semi-final round ahead of the rest of the competition on points. State has four points on falls to three each for Navy and Pennsylvania.

Navy will be hard to beat as they have five finalists. Army, Penn, and Cornell each have two, and Cornell and Princeton have one each.

In the 121-pound class, State's Kryder Mattern defeated Al McNulty of Princeton, but lost his semi-final match to Navy's Mickey MacDonald by a count of 7-1.

Ridenour handed in impressive victories, defeating Tom Moore of Princeton with a short arm scissors, and Joe Sullivan of Penn, an old rival of Sam Harry from Du-Bois, by a score of 8-5. The bout with Sullivan found Ridenour winning the takedown and keeping ahead of his opponent throughout the progress of the bout.

Scoring two falls, one in the preliminary bout and the other in the semi-finals, Sam Harry advances to the finals. Harry threw Bob Shanley of Columbia in both the second and third periods of the preliminary bout and tossed Nickerson of Cornell for the first time in the latter's career in 8:50 with a cradle hold.

Crabtree defeated his first opponent, Frank Adamson of Columbia, with a head scissors in 2:42 of the first period. He decided Hal Ayares of Penn in the semi-finals with a score of 12-4.

The remaining State lineup, Dipner, Samler, and Conrad, are out of the running for second place, with Mattern and Bob Morgan still having chance to take runner-up honors.

In the finals, Ridenour will meet Roy Zackey of Lehigh, Harry will meet Bob Kitt of Navy, and Crabtree will meet Joe Henson of Navy.

Sixteen Basketball Squads Chosen To Compete in IM Cage Tournament

Following the end of the regular IM basketball schedule on Thursday evening, the outstanding teams of the eleven intramural basketball leagues have been decided and will participate in the playoffs to start the first part of next week. This information came from Leon W. Reinheimer '44, IM basketball manager.

The sixteen top teams to play include:

INDEPENDENT

- Grubersville J. V.
- Lions Den
- The Vagabonds
- Ingleside Club
- Allen Co.op
- Podunk Prep
- Fletcher House
- Bell A. C.

FRATERNITY

- Sigma Nu
- Sigma Pi No. 1
- Beta Theta Pi No. 1
- Phi Kappa Psi
- Sigma Chi
- Kappa Sigma
- Phi Sigma Kappa No. 1
- Beta Theta Pi No. 2

The first games, according to card of opponents, but should place near the top in one of the two events.

Siegel of Rutgers is now favored to take high honors in the backstroke race, since Cowell is not able to compete. The Rutgers man was beaten by ten lengths when he raced the Nittany tanker in the regular season meet.

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