

Penn State Gym, Swim, Mat Stars Win Intercollegiate Honors

Lebow Shares Rope Title With Teammate Young

By STEPHEN SINICHAK

Chick Lebow took off his shirt and shoes and then climbed to a world's rope-climbing record of 3.8 seconds for the 20-foot distance from a floor-sitting position to highlight the Eastern Intercollegiate gymnastic tournament held in Rec Hall Saturday afternoon.

Teammate Freddie Young also did a 3.8 on the ropes, but the third official clocked the blonde gymnast at four seconds flat, thereby disqualifying him from a record mark. Young, however, shares the rope-climbing championship with Lebow.

Side horse competition was very keen, with Temple's Schabacker taking top position. Midshipman Julian had turned in the best performance before he "broke," and finished in the runner-up position. Penn State's Small was third.

Bordo Takes Bar Title

Finishing his superb exercise with a beautiful dismount, Captain Bordo of the Blue and White claimed the parallel bar title after teammate Sol Small, who came nearest to equalling Lou's performance, "broke" just before the conclusion of his exercise. Szypula earned second place, while Small took the third position.

Sensational George Szypula, the human cartwheel, was unexcelled in the tumbling exercises as he rolled his way to the mat championship. Szypula regained the title he lost to Penn State's Zimmerman last season by an exhibition that brought a great ovation from the crowd. Lion Frey was second best in this event, with teammate Meade taking third, after falling off the mat with only three-fourths of his exercise complete.

Summaries of the events are as follows:

Horizontal: First, Lebow (PS), 268; second, Bordo (PS), 252; third, Szypula (T), 242.

Side Horse: First, Schabacker (T), 267; second, Julian (N), 261; third, Small (PS), 259.

Rope climb: Tie for first place, Lebow and Young (PS), 3.8; third, Rafferty (N), 4.1. (Lebow's time is recognized world's record.)

Parallel Bars: First, Bordo (PS), 259; second, Szypula (T), 251; third, Small (PS), 242.

Flying Rings: First, Moore (A), 264; second, Parker (N), 249; third, Bonsall (PS), 234.

Tumbling: First, Szypula (T), 278; second, Frey (PS), 253; third, Meade (PS), 230.

All-around: First, Szypula (T), 1085; second, Bordo (PS), 1040; third, Small (PS), 966.

Record Breaker



CHICK LEBOW.

Chick Lebow, Lion gymnast who broke the world's rope climbing record by hoisting himself up to the 20-foot level within 3.8 seconds. Lebow also won the horizontal bar championship at the intercollegiate playoffs staged in Rec Hall Saturday.

Karver Wins K of C 1000-Yard Run

Running the best time for an amateur runner in the 1000-yard competition this winter, Jerry Karver, Lion track star, took the Knights of Columbus thousand-yard run with the excellent time of 2:12.5 in Madison Square Garden Saturday night.

Karver, who usually stayed behind until the last lap and then put on a spurt for a fast finish, took over the lead from the start and did not relinquish it until he was overcome by Hulse of the New York A. C. after the fourth lap.

Jerry was able to pass the Big City star on the last lap, but had to run all the harder to keep ahead of Norwicki, Fordham entry. The race ended with Karver crossing the finish line a scant six inches ahead of runner-up Norwicki.

Cowell Wins Eastern Collegiate Tank Crown

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NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., March 13.—Bobby Cowell, seriously ill with flu, and advised by team physicians not to enter the pool, splashed to the Eastern Collegiate swimming crown on Saturday night, as the Penn State Lions garnered 18 points and five titles in the 23rd annual meet.

Freestyler Don Knoll won two medals, taking second place in the 440-yard event and third place in the 220-yard race. Jerry Levin, ace swimmer from Rutgers, bested the Nittany merman in the 440 by several lengths.

In the 220-yard race, Siegel of Rutgers copped first place, and repeated his performance in the 100-yard freestyle sprint. Temple's Robinson was second in the 220, only a short distance ahead of Knoll.

Buratti Beats Young

Diver Rocky Young turned in a superb performance on the springboard, but placed second to Ralph Buratti, the Rutgers man, who was the only swimmer to defeat the Lion tanker this year. Buratti in winning the 1943 crown ended an undefeated season and held the Eastern title he won last year.

The Nittany sprinter, Bill Christy, entered the 100-yard free style event to win a fifth place rating in a field of the meet's top swimmers. Bill Robinson of Temple took another second place title in this race.

Cowell Wins in Final Spurt

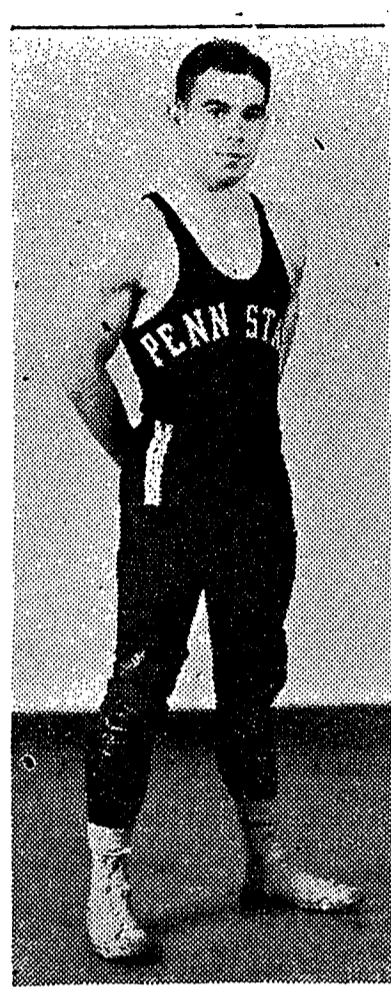
Against the Lion's only champ, Bobby Cowell, were entries from Temple, Brooklyn, Rutgers, and Manhattan. Hassler of Manhattan placed next to Cowell, while the Rutgers swimmer was third. Cowell fell behind for the first 100 yards, and fans believed that his illness had used too much of his strength, but a final spurt in the last stretch brought the Nittany tanker thrashing over the finish line seconds ahead of Hassler.

Cowell was stricken with the flu during the New York trip of the Galbraith squad three weeks ago, and had not recovered when he left the hospital to swim in the Rutgers meet on February 24.

Advised Not to Enter

Doctors advised the ace backstroker to remain out of the Eastern tourney to assure good physical condition for the National meet next week in Columbus, Ohio, but an improved state in his illness late Friday night permitted the Lion to board a train for Rutgers University, site of the championships.

Champ Again!



CHARLES RIDENOUR

Nittany Matmen Take Third In EIWA Meet

Charlie Ridenour, Penn State's 128-pound wrestler and co-captain of the grappling team, returned to State College on Sunday with Coach Campbell and the Lion squad, able to boast of his third Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association championship in as many years, as he captured the title in his weight class.

Having won the 121-pound championships for two successive years, 1941 and 1942, Ridenour this year moved up to the 128 bracket to decision Roy Zackey of Lehigh by a 9-3 score.

Sam Harry and Al Crabtree, State's wrestlers who were finalists in their weight classes, were defeated in the final bouts. Harry was runner-up to 136-pound champion, Bob Kitt of Navy, while Crabtree dropped down to third place in the 145 class. Only other Lion to gain any honors in the championships was 121-pounder Kryder Matern, who took third place in his division.

The championships proved to be a little less than one-sided, with the midshipmen of the Navy winning five of the eight championships. Navy's winners were Malcolm MacDonald in the 121 class; Robert Kitt at 136; Josiah Henson at 145; Clarence Creel at 165; and Shufford Swift in the heavyweight division.

Wisconsin Badgers Beat Lion Mittmen In Season's Finale

By BEN FRENCH

Showing considerable strength against one of the best collegiate boxing teams in the country, Coach Leo Houck's Penn State mittmen lost their final dual meet to the Battling Badgers of Wisconsin, 4½-3½, before a capacity crowd Saturday night in Rec Hall.

Heavyweight Verdayne John's decision over Frank Hawrylak in the evening's final match broke the 3½-3½ tie and gave the boys from Wisconsin their 19th straight victory. After a slow start, Hawrylak made a valiant comeback and even had John groggy before the final bell.

Best bout of the evening was the 155-pound match between Lion Captain Billy Richards and the Badger national champ, Cliff Lutz. Richards, too, staged a sensational comeback and came close to scoring a KO.

Hawthorne Scores with Lefts

Glenn Hawthorne with his hard hitting lefts scored an easy win over Badger Johnny Werren for Werren's first defeat of the season. Werren tried to stage a rally at the beginning of the third round but he was no match for Hawthorne's left which seemed to always find an opening.

Jim Cassidy was awarded a decision over Johnny Collentine of Wisconsin in a fight that started out slow.

Ted Maier, fighting his first fight in Rec Hall, fought Badger freshman Myron Miller to a draw in the 165 weight division. Oggie Martella put up a good exhibition with the Badgers' other national champ, George Makris, before losing the 175-pound match.

Tighe Looks Good

Jackie Tighe proved more than a match for Don Miller from Madison, Wis., in the 145-pound clash. The bout was the hardest fought affair of the evening's card.

Badger Jackie Gibson proved the surprise of the evening when he bested newlywed Jackie Grey for the second straight year in a close hard fight.

Jackie Gets Trophy

Before the bouts began, Jackie Grey, winner of the Eastern Intercollegiate boxing crown for the 121-pound class last week at Syracuse, was presented the Goodman Trophy, awarded each year to the outstanding senior member of the boxing team.

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COLLEGIAN SPORTS

By STEPHEN SINICHAK

Clinching of the 1943 Eastern Gymnastic League Title as well as three individual championships in the playoffs has brought the Penn State Gym squad in the National limelight.

Up to the past few years, the Lion gymnastic efforts were nothing of which Penn Staters could be proud. However, after the arrival of new gym coach Gene Wettstone on campus, things began to perk up for the Blue and White. Gene came to State College in 1938 and immediately began to set up the nucleus for the great Penn State teams of the past few years. It meant a lot of hard work—both for the coach and the gymnasts themselves. But hard work proved to be the key to success, for in 1940 Penn State, through the efforts of Roman Pieo, was able to boast of a National AAU champ in the rope climbing event.

This was the break for which the Lions had been waiting. The next few years found two Blue and White performers within the winner's circle. Pieo had repeated his performance to clinch the '41 climbing title, while Captain Lou Bordo, then a sophomore, pivoted into the eastern parallel bar championship.

Last year found the Lions hit the "jack pot" as far as crowns were concerned. To begin with, the squad as a whole won the league title. Then in the eastern playoffs, Zimmerman tumbled his way to the tumbling crown over favored Szypula. Hal lost to the "human cartwheel" in the National AAU a month later by a fraction of a point, but added to his laurels by taking the eastern, the National CAA and the National AAU parallel bar championships. Charles Warrington contributed the Eastern side crown, while Senft concluded the '42 triumphs with the NAAU rope-climbing title.

Lion Fencers Drop Close One To NYU

Penn State's fencers were tripped by NYU's foil wielders by the closest of margins, 14-13, in a meet on the latter's floor Saturday.

After the foil bouts, the New York team led 6-3, but the tables were turned as the Blue and White boys took seven out of nine epee decisions to put the score at 10-8. In the deciding saber bouts, NYU took 6 points to gain the final victory.

Outstanding for the Nittany fencers was Captain Wally Riley who extended his epee win streak to 15 and added a triumph in foil to the Lion total. Bob Swope took three bouts in epee and Tom Davenport garnered two wins in foil.

Much competition in the Intercollegiate at New York City will be provided by the NYU fencers Penn State met this Saturday. Maren, foil and epee man, is a good bet to annex the foil crown, while Wally Frank is making a strong bid for the saber title. State's Wally Riley seems to be the outstanding contender for the epee crown.

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