

# COLLEGIAN SPORTS

By BEN FRENCH

Leo Houck and his contingent of Lion boxers left this peaceful little mountain borough last night bound for the green pastures of the National Intercollegiate Boxing tournament in Madison, Wis. There was a good size crowd gathered in front of the Unusual Corner as the party boarded the autos that would take them to Tyrone to meet the Chicago-bound train.

Everyone was wishing the boxers the best of luck while the boxers do their best to make a good showing. Leo was rather silent when we approached him on the subject of how Penn State would place. "Well, we have as good a chance as any of the others," he remarked.

Of the five boxers making the trip, two are given excellent chances of returning to State College with a National crown on their heads. Jackie Grey by virtue of his winning the Eastern Intercollegiate crown at Syracuse ranks as a favorite to end up with the 121-lb. title. Jack's foremost competition lies in the gloves of Wisconsin's Jackie Gibson. Gibson, as you can remember, barely came through with a victory over Grey in his Rec Hall bout several weeks ago. Our Jack looks to us like a much-improved fighter and unless the unexpected happens should return with a wedding present of the 121-lb. National crown.

Jackie Tighe is our other choice for a title. Tighe had a lot of hard luck up in those Syracuse finals and has improved a great deal. We have always maintained that Jack Tighe is the most professional-looking man on the team. Jack fights with a style that reminds one of Penn State's own Billy Soose and heavyweight Billy Conn. All three rely on their boxing ability rather than their slugging power. Yes, mark up Jack as our choice for the 145-lb. crown.

We feel pretty sure that the two Jacks will come through but don't count the other three boys out. We have it from no less an authority than Jackie Grey himself that Glenn Hawthorne has improved greatly in the last several weeks. Grey and Hawthorne sparred together yesterday afternoon and Jackie reports that his stable-mate is in top shape. Glenn will probably be meeting Johnny Werren of Wisconsin in the tournament and you remember well what happened here.

We said yesterday that Captain Billy Richards would get at least to the semi-finals or perhaps the finals. Billy will have to be in top shape if our predictions come through, for he will run up against the best competition in the entire competition. Present National Champ Cliff Lutz is in this class and you remember the swell fight those two gave us several weeks back. Let's call this one a runner-up spot for Richards. We have our fingers crossed, though, we're still optimistic.

Heavyweight Frankie Hawrylak concludes the quintet of Lion hopefuls. Frank likes to slug it out with his opponent and should win several fights if he comes through with the socko punch at the right time. One thing we want to give Frank credit for is the guts that he shows in his fights. He's the type that you can overlook a few mistakes when he keeps on slugging until the end. With this vote of confidence, we hope Frankie climbs through the ropes and makes a good showing; he deserves it.

Leo showed us a letter last night that he received from Lt.



Leo Houck

Col. William R. Young, commandant of the United States Armed Forces Institute in Madison, asking the Lion coach and Dean Schott to be his guests at a Rotary Club luncheon in the Loraine Hotel tomorrow noon. Leo and the rest are establishing headquarters in the Park Hotel this afternoon.

## Ex-Penn Stater Makes Out

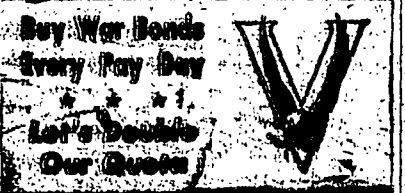
Remember Bill Stanley, star of the Lion wrestling and boxing teams of several years back? Well, here's a little clipping that Leo received yesterday about him that appeared in an Army post news sheet:

If any Axis soldier should find himself in hand-to-hand combat with Pvt. Bill Stanley of Group 903, they may not live even long enough to regret it.

Bill, who hails from Canonsburg, Pa., accomplished one of the most unusual feats in the history of the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Association when he was a standout performer with the boxing and wrestling teams at Penn State during the same season in 1941.

A state champion while representing the Canonsburg High wrestling team, Stanley followed through on the Penn State squad. In Bill's last year, however, Leo Houck, Penn State boxing coach, was desperately in need of a 125-pound boxer for the eastern ring championships. He called upon Stanley and Billy came through to reach the finals before he met defeat.

Stanley has completed his basic training and is hoping to qualify as an aviation cadet.



## Two Lion Swimmers Enter National Tank Tourney At Ohio State

Penn State sends Bobby Cowell and Rocky Young into the National Collegiate Swimming fray at Ohio State on Friday and Saturday to compete in a star-studded field of the nation's top swimmers and divers. Cowell, the only undefeated Lion merman, will carry the Nittany colors in the backstroke race, while his companion will drive in one-meter diving board competition.

Cowell enters the National Tourney, fresh from winning the backstroke crown two weeks ago at Rutgers, and fresh from a siege of flu which has kept him in the infirmary, and under doctor's care since early in February.

### Shattered Own Mark Twice

Bob Galbraith's ace backstroke broke the Eastern Intercollegiate record in the first meet of the year, and twice shattered his own mark in following weeks. His time of 1:39.3 still stands as unparalleled in sectional competition.

Last night, Cowell, still weakened by his illness, was timed at Glennland Pool during a brief workout, clocking in at the surprisingly slow time of 1:48. Early in the season he recorded a 1:39.2 backstroke race in team practice, but since this is not official, his championship title can be called his fastest time this year.

### Wolverine Favored in Tourney

Individual meets throughout the country (this season have marked Harry Holliday of Michigan as logical contender for the National crown however, since the Wolverine tanker has been hovering the official clock around the 1:31 mark for the same course. Ohio State's Mark Follansbee has clocked the 150-yard backstroke race near 1:36, and should cop an easy second place in the meet.

Rock Young, the remaining Lion entry in the tourney this weekend, followed Ralph Buratti of Rutgers to high honors in the fancy diving event at the Eastern several weeks ago, and is expected to rank in the first five Friday and Saturday at Columbus, Ohio, site of the National tourney.

### Buratti Stumbles Rocky Young

Diver Young went through five consecutive meets this season without a defeat, but was stumbled by Buratti in the last event of the year, when the Rutgers ace proved his worth as holder of two Eastern springboard crowns in a clean-cut win over the Galbraith protege.

Also slated to make the trip to the Ohio pool this week were Don Knoll, winner of a second and third place title in the distance freestyles in the Easterns, and Bill Christy, fast Lion sprinter who copped a fifth place rating in the 50-yard freestyles. Transportation facilities, however, forced the tankers to select only two men to represent the Penn State squad.

## IM Basketball

IM basketball results for last night are:

- Fraternity
  - Phi Sigma Kappa No. 1, 14; Kappa Sigma, 13.
  - Sigma Nu, 17; Beta Theta Pi No. 1, 15.
  - Sigma Pi No. 1, forfeit over Phi Kappa Psi.
  - Beta Theta Pi No. 2, 23; Sigma Chi, 13.
- Independent
  - Ingelside Club, 57; Fletcher House, 9.
  - Vagabonds, 14; Bell A. C., 9.
  - Podunk Prep, 24; Allen Co-op, 23.
  - Gruberville J. V., 22; Lions Den, 16.

## Golf Seconds to Report

Students interested in second manership in golf are to report to the Caddy House at 4:15 this afternoon, according to Douglas W. Purdy, manager. The varsity will not report until the links improve with the weather.

## Coach Bedenk Puts Question Marks Around Baseball Future This Year

### Lions Meet Annapolis In Season's Opener

By REM ROBINSON

Joe Bedenk stood behind the backstop up at the baseball diamond last night, clicked some mud from his spikes with a new bat, and then, with a grim tug at his cap, outlined the Penn State hopes for the Spring season, opening early next month.

The Lion mentor, a master of the diamond sport himself, batted through some of the fastest semipro teams in Pennsylvania when he was at his peak over a decade ago, and can now take a rough-edged squad of men onto the field in Spring to turn out a finished product by Summer, as his record for the past years has indicated.

Joe was doubtful over the outcome of the 1943 loop, remembering that more than a dozen of his starters from last summer have been called from school to duty in the Armed Forces. Several men on the nucleus of the present squad may be summoned to vacate college sport competition in the next few weeks, if the ROTC men are forced to bottle athletic competition for the duration, so the future of his Lion nine is still a big question mark.

Not being a pessimist, however, the Nittany pilot has been whipping over a score of potential varsity men into shape for the season's opener against Navy at Annapolis on April 12, and will have a promising team on the field in several weeks under the helm of Captain Whitey Thomas, veteran shortstop.

Sparky Brown sparks the Lion moundsmen on the 1943 edition of the nine, and is followed by hurlers Johnny Stover, Ken Yount, Mike Wardrop, Curt Roop, and Mike Gales. On the receiving end of the battery, Oggie Martella, 175-pound boxer, should see action.

At the keystone sack, Chuck MacFarland is favored to hold down the first base zone, while Captain Whitey Thomas is assured of the shortstop post. Varsity man Dale Bowers is being challenged for second base honors by Eddie Sebastianelli. Bowers was a regular batter in 1942 lineups.

Close competition is apparent in the fight for right field, with Ray Biting and Johnny Sylvester struggling for the starting lineup. Sophomore Dan Carruthers is pushing veteran John Poentek for the left field nod, while swimmer Bob Musselman is out for veteran center fielder Bennett's position.

## Lacrosse Squad Practices Daily; 9 Lettermen Returning

With some of the best lacrosse teams in the country scheduled on this season's card, Coach Nick Thiel has his squad out on the golf course every day in an attempt to round the team into condition at an early date.

In addition to exercising and road work, the lacrosse boys are being put through practice in stick-handling and shooting. Realizing that "condition" has been the Lion's weak point in previous seasons, Coach Thiel has been making good use of the extra hour of daylight allowed him this year under Eastern War Time.

Outstanding this year for the Nittany squad should be both Captain Jim "Tex" Gotwals and Tom Mitchell. Gotwals, good on the defense, has also proved valuable in midfield or attack position and may see action in any one or all of these spots.

Tom Mitchell, who saw action along with Gotwals in the North-South annual lacrosse classic last year, is the most experienced man on the squad. He is equally good in center-field or on attack and led the Thielmen in scoring last season.

Other varsity men returning are Bill Piper and Sam Flenner, attack; Larry Faries, George Pittenger, and Dick Ross, midfield; Bill Briner and Howie Hausner, defense; and Mike Milliken, Bert Sesler, and Dick Schmidt.

Goalie is again proving a tough position to fill for Coach Thiel. With no experienced men on hand to handle the cage assignment, Penn State's former All-American and coach is teaching several new men the ropes of the backstop assignment.

Still up in the air as to whether the Advanced ROTC men will be on hand to participate in the majority of this spring's matches, the team faces a traditionally ominous string of teams.



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