

# COLLEGIAN SPORTS

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Football's big league moguls met in their Chicago lair last week, and divided the spoils of the 1942 gridiron stars in their annual professional pigskin draft.

Each year, presidents from all pro clubs meet to select the top footballers of the previous season. The club with the lowest standing gets first choice of the nominees, and it is illegal for the gridders to change to another team without his sponsor's consent.

After last fall's season drew to a close, fans, players, and officials alike knew one thing for sure—Cleveland with a record written in red ink had ended one of the most unsuccessful years in its history, losing every game by large scores. To this club, however, went Frankie Sinkwich, Georgia's All-American ace.

### Three Lions Drafted

Penn State's Nittany squad had three big names in the pro mixing bowl. The Brooklyn Dodgers went overboard to get tackle Ken Schoonover for the coming schedule, while captain-center Lou Palazzi was placed on the roster of the New York Giants, and Johnny Jaffurs was slated for a guard position on the Pacific Coast team of the Washington Redskins.

The selection of Jaffurs in the draft this year is somewhat symbolic of an instance back in 1940 when Pittsburgh played every card they had in their hand to get All-American Penn Stater Leon Gajewski on their pro team, and then found out that they were a year too anxious since the Lion captain was only a junior and not eligible for pro football for at least another year if he wanted to graduate.

Art Rooney, the Pirate prexy, was hence on the butt end of football's biggest joke that year, for in choosing Gajewski he passed up some of the best material in the country for a man who was still carrying books under his arm.

Jaffurs is only a junior this semester, but it is doubtful as to whether he will get a chance to don his Redskin pads for several years, since he is an Advanced ROTC man, slated for active call in May.

### Giants Want Palazzi

Captain Lou Palazzi, center on the 1942 edition of the Bob Higgins aggregation, was the choice of the metropolitan squad of the New York Giants. Palazzi graduated in December, and is considering accepting a commission in the Navy, so it seems as if the New Yorkers are partners of Washington in the "useless choice" column.

Flatbush's Brooklyn Dodgers may have made the only lucky selection this year in drafting Ken Schoonover, the former Lion tackle who played a sensational game last winter in the traditional East-West game at San Francisco.

At the present time, Schoonover is practicing teaching in Northern Pennsylvania, but expects to be drafted within the next few months. If his call does not arrive by the time football days arrive again, it is probable that he may accept the offer.

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## Cowell Heads Lion Swimmers With Two Backstroke Titles

### Tanker Starts Collegian Parade of Sports Stars

(Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of articles about the Penn State athletes who will enter the Armed Forces at the end of the current semester. Today, Bobby Cowell, varsity swimmer, opens the parade of Nittany stars.)

In the years Coach Bob Galbraith has led the Lion tankers here at Penn State, no one man has gained more prominence in the pool sport than Bobby Cowell, a champion backstroke swimmer in his first year of college competition.

Cowell paced the Nittany mermen through a mediocre season, winning six straight dual swims and twice shattering his own record for the 150-yard course. At the present time he claims the Eastern Collegiate title with a time of 1:39.2, which he set in the Syracuse meet in February.

Breaking this title at Syracuse marked the first time any swimmer has set a new backstroke record in the Eastern Collegiate league twice in two days, for just twenty-four hours before Cowell swam to first place in the Cornell meet at Ithaca in 1:39.3. It was the following night that he shaved one-tenth of a second from his own title to place the crown tighter on his head.

### Cowell Gets Flu

During the Lions' tour through New York several months ago, Cowell was one of the tankers who fell under an epidemic of flu and spent some time in the College hospital upon the team's return. When Temple swam Penn State, the ace backstroke got out of his infirmary bed to take top honors in the 150-yard event.

This exertion of energy, however, put Cowell in a serious condition and he was not in top shape for the Rutgers battle several days later. When the Eastern Intercollegiate Meet arrived, Cowell was running a high temperature, and was confined to his home at the advice of several physicians.

### Team Leaves Him Behind

The remainder of the Galbraith entries in the tourney left for the championships without Cowell, but an improvement in his condition permitted him to take a train from Lewistown on the night before the meet.

Cowell entered the tourney despite the warning of team physi-



BOBBY COWELL

cians, but went out to cop the 1943 championship against a field of nearly 10 schools. His time for this event indicated that his condition was weakened, but he still had enough push left to outrank his opponents.

### Lion Enters Nationals

Several weeks later, the Nittany backstroke left Penn State with teammate Rocky Young for the National Intercollegiate tourney in Columbus, Ohio, where the cream of the nation's swimmers were entered for the top honors of the country.

In this meet he became the first Penn State man ever to place in the medal winner bracket for the national swim when he took a fast fifth place just behind Harry Holiday of Michigan, who is rated number one man in the backstroke event in this country.

Cowell hails from the Pittsburgh district, where he swam in schoolboy competition last year, winning the National AAU title for the backstroke race. Several weeks ago, the Lion champion received an appointment to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md., where he is scheduled to report for his midshipman training early in June.

Tomorrow: Jackie Grey.

### At The Movies

CATHAUM—  
"Edge of Darkness"  
STATE—  
"Tarzan Triumphs"  
NITTANY—  
"Sherlock Holmes' Secret Weapon"

## Bedenkmen Gird For Temple Tilt Here This Week

After edging Villanova to a 3-2 defeat in 12 innings on Saturday, Coach Joe Bedenk's baseballers were forced indoors to sharpen their guns for an undefeated Temple team at New Beaver Field this Saturday afternoon.

Rain hampered the scheduled Lion-Navy game at Annapolis on Monday, and a steady downpour here at State College all day yesterday made it impossible for the Nittany batters to benefit from any outdoor practice.

The Lion mentor will put his charges through fast paces the next few days to make a final check on the starting lineup, and is expecting to give the Philadelphians a hard battle, as neither squad has tasted defeat this year.

Last week, Bedenk had his ace pitcher, Johnny Stover, on the mound against the Villanova Wildcats, and may start him again this weekend. Stover yielded but five hits in the 12-inning stretch. On the receiving end of the battery, Oggie Martella will get the assignment. Martella hammered two of the Lion runs over the plate, winning the game with his double in the final frame. The Bedenk catcher is leading the Lion pack in the batting column, boasting a .400 average for the opener.

At first base, Chuck MacFarland will gain the nod for the starting position. It was MacFarland who lined a single through the infield last week to score on Martella's deciding double. The Penn State first baseman made two hits in six trips to the plate to give him an impressive average of .333.

A lone change in the lineup may be at the right field spot, where Dale Bowers started in the Villanova battle. Bower was injured this winter while playing handball, and this has handicapped his running facilities to a limited degree. Bedenk may substitute Johnny Sylvester in this position, depending on subsequent practices this week.

Jake Flowers batted out a .333 average, as did Burford, in his six times at the plate, and is the sure man for the left field garden. Completing the outfield will be Jack Burford, the man who never had a baseball glove on until he came to college. Burford had one for five in the game last week, but is expected to raise his average to one of the top positions before the season ends.

At second base, Eddie Sebastianelli will be in the starting lineup, while Captain Whitey Thomas will guard the shortstop area, and Gene Sutherland will span the hot corner in his regular position.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

## College To Add Econ, Political Science, History In Summer

Planning its academic program this summer with an eye to the future, the College will offer courses in history, economics, and political science which are incident to the conduct of the war as well as postwar planning and reconstruction.

In addition to the regular academic semester from June 14 to September 24, there will be four separate summer sessions of varying length particularly designed for in-service teachers, school administrators, and special students engaged in emergency training.

For the benefit of those who are unable to devote longer periods to study during wartime, a large majority of the summer sessions courses will be given on an intensive basis of one, two, or three weeks' duration. The first of these begins on May 17 and will end on June 4.

Courses dealing with our Allies and the economic, political, geographical, social, and cultural problems related to the war will be offered. These include Eastern Europe in Modern Times, Social and Cultural History of Latin America, American Foreign Policy, in Relation to the United Nations, Post-war World Organization, and Party Issues in the United States.

Since the State Department of Public Instruction in December made it obligatory for all teachers in the public schools to be quali-

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## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

ABOUT THE

# WAVES AND SPARS



Q. How long will my training period be?

A. The training period will average about four months.

Q. Can an enlisted woman request training in a particular field—for instance, radio—even if she has had no previous training in that field?

A. Yes. But it cannot be guaranteed that the request will be granted.

Q. When do I get my uniform?

A. After you arrive at training school. However, you should bring enough civilian clothing for a week or two.

Q. What will my hours be at training school?

A. The hours will depend on the school you attend. However, they will be on a military basis. Reveille, taps, etc.

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## Invitations

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