

# Boxers Open Home Season With Virginia; Lion, Navy Gymnasts Test New EIGL Rules

## Cochran-Miragliotta Bout Promises Action

Coach Leo Houck, Penn State boxing mentor, today indicated that he might use Pvt. Tubby Crawford in the 165-pound division when his varsity squad meets undefeated Virginia in Rec Hall tomorrow night, immediately following the Lion-Navy gym meet.

Crawford has won varsity letters in football, track, soccer, and hockey since he arrived with the Marines on the campus last July. Last week he pole vaulted in the Millrose field events at Madison Square Garden, coming in fourth with a jump of 13 feet. For the past two weeks, the Marine athletic ace has been working diligently on the Houck team, and will be in peak condition tomorrow.

Highlight of tomorrow night's fights will be the Jimmy Miragliotta-Billy Cochran bout in the 135-pound class. Miragliotta is undefeated on the Virginia team and last year punched his way to the semi-finals of the NCAA tourney. Cochran is undefeated this season, but was held to a disputed draw in the Maryland bouts last Saturday.

Stan Miller, Arnie Feldman, Chuck Klausung, and Hal Howard figure in the 145 and 155 pound mixup, with the starting choices in each bout pending on eliminations tonight. Marine Pvt. Mike Sweeney is certain to get the 175-pound nod, after fighting his Terp opponent to a draw at College Park last week.

Jack Chabek, who was out-weighted by some 40 pounds against Maryland's heavyweight, was knocked out after 35 seconds of the first round had ticked off last week, but will again get the starting nod tomorrow. In the 127-pound class, Houck will start his only civilian boxer, Frankie Serago. Serago lost close decisions in both Lion fights this season.

Penn State and their Southern rivals have been meeting each other in the ring since 1925. The Lions claim the edge with four wins to three losses, copping three of the last four meets by a one-point margin. This year, Virginia has tied North Carolina, and whipped North Carolina's Pre-Flighters and Emory & Henry.

The Lion record on the other hand, is not too impressive, with two defeats recorded against them by West Point and Maryland. Both losses were via a 6-2 count, but these scores do not indicate that the bouts were not closely fought, according to Houck.

## Hapless Swimmers Rely On Woehling

Leigh Woehling, stellar back-stroker for the Galbraithmen, should take his third consecutive win in the 150-yard backstroke event when the Nittany swimmers race the Temple pool team in their meet in the Owl pool tomorrow.

It will be the last meet for the tankmen, with Colgate, originally having been scheduled for February 26, being cancelled.

Johnny Milan in the breast-stroke department should find his competition down around his range after swimming against three of the nation's top teams in Navy, Army and Cornell.

Ed Meyer and Frank Yale will carry the burdens in the 50 and 100-yard dashes while it will probably be Bob Zusman and Jack Martin again in the 220 and 440-yard swims. Times for the freestylers are improving, according to Coach Galbraith, and this should show in the final score tomorrow.

Doc Ridings will travel to his



**HOME AFTER** two boxing defeats at West Point and Maryland, Leo Houck, left, will open his 1944 home season on the second half of a twin sports menu tomorrow night, when his mittmen meet undefeated Virginia in Rec Hall. Gene Wettstone, right, will send his untried gymnasts against Navy to open the avenging festivities at 7 p. m. Highlight of the gym meet will be the inauguration of a new scoring system, which eliminates the former 5-3-1 method of awarding points.

## Nittany Runners Inaugurate West Point Relay Carnival

Penn State's track team has accepted an invitation to be one of the first colleges to participate in the newly inaugurated Indoor Invitation Relay Carnival to be held in the West Point Field House tomorrow.

Other colleges to be represented at this meet, sponsored by Col. "Biff" Jones, head of Army athletics, are Navy, Princeton, Colgate, Cornell, Penn, Dartmouth and NYU.

Coach George Harvey has nominated teams to compete in the 3600, 2400 and 1200-yard relay events on the West Point indoor cinder track.

The same relay combine that placed fourth on the two-mile relay run at the Millrose Games in Madison Square Garden last weekend will attempt to climb a couple of notches when they enter the 3600-yard relay at the Carnival.

Bob Jones, Johnny Dibeler, Dennie Crimmins, and Johnny Hermanies are Harvey's choices for this event.

George Dissman, Navy trainee from Elizabeth, N. J., who has been showing rapid improvement in the distances will get a chance in the 2400-yard relay. Dick McCown, Marine who took first place honors away from Dissman in their outdoor duel in the intramurals last summer, will run on the same team this time. Jones and Dibeler will fill in the other two spots.

Then Dissman and McCown will double up again in the 1200-yard baton-passing run with Stu Block and Bill Dudek.

Tubby Crawford will not accompany the team to participate in the pole-vault in which he took fourth spot in the Millrose competition, because of scholastic reasons.

Since this is the premiere of this innovation in the way of track meets, each time set in the relays and other events, will establish a Carnival record. —ARM

former Alma Mater without the company of Valentino, gym tumbler, who will meet Navy with Coach Wettstone's team. Ridings takes care of the Nittany diving chores.

Ken Hill, Bob Doerr, Joe Crouch, Dave Pearlman, Bud Kipp and Andy Anderson will complete the roster.

## Navy Doctor Ex-Grizzer

Lieut. (jg) Matthew E. Kuber, former Villanova grid star, has been assigned to Penn State as medical officer of the Navy V-12 unit.

Kuber, a native Philadelphian, played on the Villanova eleven that defeated Penn State by a 13-0 score in 1936, for Villanova's only win over the Lions in five grid engagements.

## Crippled Mat Team Faces Unbeaten Navy

Meeting the toughest opposition of the current wrestling schedule, Penn State will challenge Navy's unbeaten team at Annapolis, Md. tomorrow afternoon.

A victory for the Lions would be a definite upset, for the Middies have been leisurely topping all comers since the start of the season by lopsided margins. Best showing to date against the Academy was made by the Lehigh wrestlers who managed to squeeze out five points in a 25-5 defeat.

Other Navy victims this year were Penn, Ohio State, and Princeton.

Adding little encouragement in the face of Navy's remarkable record are the injuries that are plaguing the Lions lower weight representatives who have been greatly responsible for the Penn State successes against Colgate and Cornell.

Ray Shibli, 128, who missed the Cornell meet because of an ear injury, has been troubled by a neck ailment in recent practices and may not be available. Another setback came early this week when Apprentice Seaman Pat Harrington, with two wins in the 136-pound class, received an arm injury which may keep him out of action.

Starting assignments in the 165 and 175-pound divisions will probably go to Chuck Hall and A. S. Jack Shaw. Each man has had one 165-pound match and which one will meet Navy in the heavier class is still undecided.

The remainder of the lineup will include Bob Lowrie, 121; A. S. Lynn McIlvaine, 145; Charley Dipner, 155; and either Red Moore or Marine Pvt. Dick Little, heavyweight.

## Team Untried with Frey Only Letterman

By EMIL KUBEK

When Penn State meets Navy in the first half of a double-bill starting program in Rec Hall tomorrow night at 7 p. m., they will be serving as a proving grounds for a new set of gymnastic rules.

New rules and regulations of the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastic League states that each team will enter three men in each event, six events constituting the entire meet. The trio that scores the highest number of points in an event wins that event and chalks up one point for the team, so that a total of six points may be scored in an encounter.

Penn State will place Howard Hallman, Joseph Linn and Warren Neiger in the first event, the side horse, while Julian and Troutman will start for Navy, the third man being a toss-up between Fryer and Adams.

The horizontal bar will see Neiger, Frank Bayer, and varsity member Harold Frey on the Penn State line-up.

Gerald Edgy, V-12 trainee, and Marvin Marcum will take on Navy in the rope climbing event. The third rope-man will be either Sal Postich or Mike Gatonis.

Frey, Neiger, and Bayer will swing on the parallel bars event for the blue and white with Julian, Watson and Dougherty representing Navy. Frey and Neiger will also start on the flying rings, with V-12 trainee Charles Bond the third man.

John Valentino, PIAA champ, Lee Gaumer, and Frey will tumble for Penn State in the last event. Navy will start Dinwiddie, Campbell and Moorman.

Julian of Navy comes here with an outstanding scholastic and athletic record. He is top man in his class, team captain and a member of the regimental staff. Attention will be directed toward his work on the parallel bars and side horse.

Whether or not we have baseball this year the Yanks will be in there pitching.

## Meningitis Cases Cancel Colgate, State Cage Fray

By ART MILLER A/S USNR

With several cases of spinal meningitis reported, Colgate authorities have put up a "Keep Out" sign on the Hamilton campus as far as athletic competition is concerned.

In telephone conversations between the Red Raider coach and himself, John Lawther, Nittany basketball mentor, decided with the approval of the athletic offices of the up-state university and Penn State, to cancel the contest between Colgate and Penn State scheduled for tomorrow night on the Hamilton court.

Riding the crest of a modest mid-season streak with victories over Susquehanna, Washington and Jefferson, Pitt, NYU, and Carnegie Tech and only one loss—to Temple—in six contests, the Nittany five was dethroned by the Red Raiders in the last meeting between the two teams here January 22.

That was the night that Colgate's Wanzer and Dewey out-scored Moskowitz and McNary to give the Raider team a well-earned win.

**Finish At Home**  
With the Colgate tilt crossed off the slate, the Nittany quintet will lower the curtain on the 1944 cage season with three games on the Rec Hall floor in the next two weeks.

The good Doctor Carlson will bring his Pitt ball-freezers to the campus for what the hometown folks hope is not a repetition of the marathon ball-holding session that resulted in a 15-12 Penn State victory when the two squads last met in the Smoky City.

Last year about this time, Carlson initiated his demonstrative objection to the Lawther-style of play on the Rec Hall boards by instructing his players to hold the ball for the entire first half except for occasional slips to identify the game as a basketball contest. The half-time count was 5-2.

**Beaten By Own System**  
The irked State team rallied in the second half to scuttle the Pitt team and the Carlson tactics to the tune of 33-15. With other (Continued on page seven)

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