

Eastern Colleges To Slug For Boxing Crowns

In This Corner . . .

LEO HOUCK, host of the 21st annual Eastern Intercollegiate boxing tourney, will be hoping for his eighth team title in the 20-year-old all-East round robin. A former pro boxer, Houck started to coach on the Nittany campus in 1923, and during his tenure has fit 42 men into eastern crowns, and has tutored four more to national diadems.

BILLY CAVANAUGH from West Point has led his cadets through many fighting seasons on the Hudson River, this year holding a record of three losses, against a pair of wins, and a draw.

ROY SIMMONS, Houck's major rival from Syracuse, holds one less team crown than the Lion squad, which boasts of seven ti-

ties. Winner of last year's tourney, the Orange coach could not even muster a team this season, but will bring three men to fight for individual crowns tomorrow.

LT. H. K. "MICKEY" McCLERON former pro fighter, and nationally known trainer from the Coast Guard Academy, has coached his squad through wins against Army and Maryland, but dropped a return engagement to the West Point mittmen.

ARCHIE HAHN from Virginia is new in the fight world, but his son Archie Jr. was three times Southern Conference champ. Hahn lost six out of eight men last week, when Navy transfers stripped his once-defeated team.



PLAYING host to the 21st annual EIBA boxing tourney, Leo Houck is hoping for several Nittany Lion titles tomorrow, when the intercollegiate boxing meet returns to the campus on which it first started in 1924. Last time the round-robin was held in Rec Hall, the Lion mittmen took the team title.

Houck Pins Hopes For Title On Unbeaten Mike Sweeney

(Continued from page one) circuit this season, and holder of the All-Service crown for his boxing debut in State College last August. Sweeney, after drawing twice, floored his Virginia opponent when only 90 some seconds had ticked from the first round. He followed with decisive nods against Army and Coast Guard.

FRANKIE IN SHAPE

Frankie Serago, the Lion 127-pounder, has been moving in and out of the win column with rhythm this season, but is one of the best conditioned men on the Nittany slugging crew. Diminutive Frankie had to boil nearly a dozen husky pounds off early in the season to make the 127-pound slot, but has since strengthened his shape to a sharp peak.

Licked last week by tough Dick Miyagawa, the national champ from Wisconsin, Frank is back with a scoreboard of four losses, against a draw with West Point, and a win over Virginia. Houck believes that his 127-pounder will find Coast Guardsman Joe O'Hara the man to whip for the title.

Marine Private Hal Howard, Houck entry at 145, started the season with three eye-wakening wins over West Point, Maryland and Virginia, and many fans saw the slim, raw-boned boxer as one of the Lion's best bets for a crown in March. Army broke the bubble however, when they sent Cadet Jack Bodie to Penn State to jab Howard out of a win, and out of a clean slate. Two weeks later, Wisconsin sent Glen Northing into the ring to draw with the Lion mittmen.

Penn State's Howard has been improving despite the Army loss and mentor Houck hopes for revenge over Bodie in the tourney tomorrow.

SMITH DARK HORSE?

Paul Smith may be the Lion dark horse, and his record at 135 since Cochran's departure may surprise unaware competition. Smith was "drafted" for the Coast Guard fight after sailor Cochran was whisked away, and without any training went to New London to give the Houckmen one of their

four wins. Last Friday night before 7,500 cash customers in Madison, Wisconsin, the hard-hitting civilian student duplicated with another win, keeping his opponent constantly guarding against a knockout blow. His supremacy of his went, however, will be strongly disputed by Virginia's Miragliotta.

New prospect for the heavy-weight spot in tomorrow's bouts is Wilber Greene, Marine trainee who has been named to fill Pvt. Jack Chabek's shoes in the final weight class. Chabek was TKO'ed in all of his fights this season.

Greene was a former wrestler on the Clearfield High School squad, and later taught jiu jitsu at the Marine boot camp on Parris Island. While afloat with the Fleet Marines, Greene was a hand-to-hand combat instructor, and dis-

Preliminaries and semi-finals will begin at 2 p.m., and finals will be held at 8 p.m.

played his boxing prowess in several exhibition bouts aboard ship.

TUBBY ALSO LOST

Undefeated Tubby Crawford, who had earned wins over Virginia and Army in his debuts of the boxing sport, was considered one of Houck's EIBA champs this season in the 165-pound notch. Crawford utilized Ohio State, Dartmouth and Penn State credits, however, and Marine headquarters whisked him to pre-officer's school on Parris Island.

Filling the spot vacated by Crawford, will be Spike Moran, regular on the squad for the first few bouts this season. Substituting for injured Mike Sweeney against Wisconsin last week, Moran lost a decision but Houck is hopeful that he will be able to round into condition for the three-round test.

Slater Was Wrestler

In the 120-pound competition, the Nittany mentor will use Navy trainee Rollin Slater, 127-pound high school wrestler who has had little experience in the ring. Any training went to New London Army's Dave Fink, who TKO'ed (Continued On Page Four)

Lions Grapple East's Best At Mat Intercollegiates

Penn State's best chances for victory in the wrestling Intercollegiate at Lehigh tomorrow rest on a trio of first-year competitors.

Bob Lowrie, former Teaneck, N. J. grappler, will be the Blue and White entry for the first time in the 121-pound. Bob Shadley, 128 pounder and Lynn McIlvaine, 145 pounds, Clearfield, will carry Coach Campbell's hopes for individual titles against the stiff opposition provided by perennially strong teams like Navy, Penn, Lehigh, Cornell, Dartmouth, Princeton, Army, Yale and Harvard.

Alternates for the 128 pound spot on the Nittany card are Ray Shibli and Warren Jeffries who will attempt to dethrone Shadley as the Lion entry in final competition before the meet.

Pat Harrington will get the nod at 136 pounds and Captain Charlie Dipner will try his luck in the 155 bracket.

Chuck Hall will face a little hometown opposition from newcomer Don Holmes before earning the chance to wrestle in the 165 or 175 pound classes. Glenn Smith, frosh grappler under Coach Bob Higgins two seasons ago, has recently returned to college and seems likely to get the call for the 175 slot.

Another new face on the Nittany mat squad is heavyweight Johnny Peters, a recent acquisition to the line-up. Peters will probably be nominated to fill in that position at the Bethlehem competition.

Under Coach Campbell's first full year of coaching, the Penn State wrestling team took decisions from Cornell, Colgate and Temple while dropping their meet with Navy and another close contest to Lehigh. Navy grapplers are overwhelming favorites to win the majority of the individual titles and the team diadem.

Erie Captures Schoolboy PIAA Swim In Glennland

Gaining revenge for the mythical victory hung up by their York high school rivals in last year's state championships, Erie East swept two of the five individual first spots and copped top position in both relays to capture the mythical PIAA swim crown in the Glennland Pool last Saturday.

Team standings: Erie East 33, Erie Strong, Vincent 22½, Allentown 20, York 18, Upper Darby 10½, Hershey 9½, Meadville 8, Coatesville 7, Clairton 4, West Reading 3, Butler 2½ and Lancaster 2.

Hollywood Leo
Leo Houck has gone Hollywood!
After nearly three decades of fighting, managing, and coaching in the boxing profession, he has finally been asked to teach a Hollywood honey how to throw a haymaker at a celluloid matinee idol in the forthcoming picture, "Irish Eyes Are Smiling."
The honey: starlet June Haver. The unlucky celluloid matinee idol: Dick Haynes.

Nittany Gymnasts Seek EIGA Titles

Penn State's gymnastic team will aim for individual honors in the Eastern intercollegiate gymnastics championships at the Naval Academy, Annapolis, tomorrow, declared Nittany Coach Gene Wettstone.

Veteran Hal Frey will bid for the all-around title, not including the rope climbing event. Frey, who was honorably discharged from the SeaBees for defective eyesight, will compete despite a broken bone which has kept his foot in a cast for the last four weeks.

Coach Gene Wettstone's Nittany squad will compete with Army, Navy, Temple and Dartmouth. The Lions are defending national champs. Individual titles will be awarded in six events, including the side horse, horizontal bars, rope climbing, parallel bars, rings, and tumbling. The all-around title will be given to the man who shows the best performance on the most events.

Neiger and Frey will perform in all events except rope climbing. Their special effort will be seen on the horizontal bars and rings. Greene and Linn will enter in the side horse competition. Greene, new sensational freshman gymnast, stands a good chance also in the rope climbing contest, along with Eddy and Mangus, according to Wettstone.

Johnny Valentino, last year's Pennsylvania schoolboy tumbling champion, will strive for top honors in tumbling and parallel bars. Penn State will also have Gaumer in the former spot.

Julian, top man at the Naval Academy, will enter in the side horse and parallel bars events. Julian's performance at State College marks him as considerable competition for Nittany gymnasts. Spangler of Navy will carry hopes for the horizontals crown,

Between The Lions

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The snows are melting from the hills of Penn State and with it goes the winter sports card—the first real wartime winter schedule in the history of Lion sports.

Leo Houck's mittmen will hang up their gloves after they play host to the Eastern Intercollegiate in Rec Hall tomorrow.

Coach Paul Campbell's grapplers will travel to Lehigh hoping to place a champion on the EIGA roster—the 50th in the history of Nittany wrestling.

The Gymnasts enter the Intercollegiate at Annapolis.

Basketball, swimming, track hockey squads have already ceased firing for the winter.

All in all it has not been a bad season. The teams came out about even in the total count but the love of competition and physical conditioning are still there. And that's what counts.

Hit Jackpot In Finale

Pittsburgh's Coach Doc Carlson lost valuable ground in his argument against the zone system when State piled up 76 points against Carnegie Tech in the final meeting of the two teams last Saturday.

The low scoring game, a direct result of the zone system according to Carlson, did not materialize. As a matter of fact the encounter marked the highest score (Continued on page five)

The Winnahs!

The all-time record follows:

Year	Site of Tourney	Winner
1924	State College	Penn State
1925	Philadelphia	Navy
1926	Annapolis, Md.	Navy
1927	Syracuse, N. Y.	Penn State
1928	Philadelphia	Navy
1929	State College	Penn Staet
1930	Philadelphia	Penn State
1931	State College	Navy
1932	Syracuse, N. Y.	Syracuse
1933	State College	Syracuse
1934	Syracuse, N. Y.	Syracuse
1935	State College	Penn State
1936	State College	Penn State
1937	Syracuse, N. Y.	Syracuse
1938	State College	Army
1939	Syracuse, N. Y.	Army
1940	State College	Penn State
1941	Syracuse, N. Y.	Syracuse
1942	Charlottesville, Va.	Md.
1943	Syracuse, N. Y.	Syracuse

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