

# Between The Lions

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The start of the gymnastic season is still a month and a half away, but Penn State's hermits are already working out daily on the mats, rings, ropes and bars in preparation for another schedule against competent opponents.

More important than the opposition is the shadow of an impressive record the Lions have garnered in the past seven seasons since Gene Wettstone, from the Corn State, took over the coaching reins. There are not many teams in collegiate circles today which can claim 10 intercollegiate and 10 national champions in seven seasons, and the Lions are aware that the spotlight will be on them as the season progresses.

Roman Pico was the first Lion gymnast under Wettstone's tutelage to come through with a national crown. He took the rope climbing event in 1940 and repeated the performance the following year. Lou Bordo, a sophomore in '41, claimed the eastern intercollegiate parallel bar event and then took the title again in 1943.

### 1942 A BIG YEAR

Back in 1942 a chunky fellow named Hal Zimmerman bounced into the limelight when he beat out favored Temple's Szygula for the tumbling crown in the Easterns. Szygula, called the "human cartwheel," gained revenge when he edged out the Lion ace by a fraction of a point in the NCAA tournament. Besides the tumbling title, Zimmerman made a clean sweep of the parallel bar event in the eastern NCAA and NAU play-offs.

Two "Charlies"—Warrington and Sentf—made 1942 a year to remember as Warrington grabbed the Eastern sidehorse crown and Sentf captured the National rope title. It was in this year also that the Lions took the Eastern intercollegiate championship.

### STILL GOING STRONG

The Blue and White continued its winning ways in '43 by winning three events in the Easterns. Charles Lebow set a new world's record for the 20-foot rope climb from a sitting position by covering the distance in 3.8 seconds. Freddie Young also made a 3.8 second hoist but one of the three officials clocked Lebow's blonde teammate in 4 seconds flat and the time was declared unofficial.

Lebow also claimed the horizontal bar title that same day, and then captured the rope event in the NCAA's. As mentioned above, Bordo took the parallel bar event in the Easterns, but gave way to Sol Small in the NCAA play-off.

As a result of these stellar performers the Nittany squad took the Eastern team title for the second straight year and also claimed the National crown.

### ANOTHER THREE WINNERS

Steve Greene, in the 1944 Easterns took the side horse event while Johnny Valentino claimed the tumbling title and Hal Frey the all-around crown. In the nationals, Green snatched the rope climbing event in 4 seconds flat to erase Lebow's 4.2 record of the previous season.

Frey switched to tumbling competition in the NCAA's when Valentino entered the service following the Easterns, and took the title easily. Bill Winterssten topped all competitors in the Indian club event.

Gymnastics was shelved during 1945 but Steve Greene took in the Nationals, when colleges were allowed to enter one event, and emerged the rope climbing champion to give Penn State the crown in that event for the sixth straight season. The Lions also took the NAU team title in '45.

### A RECORD TO DUPLICATE

The 1947 version of the gymnastic squad has quite a record to uphold, but with capable veterans like Bonsall, '46 NAU ring champ, Sorensen, Warrington, Petroff, Wortschaffer, Neiger and Mead and a host of other seasoned acrobats carrying the Blue and White colors, the Wettstone men will be a team to beat.

## Beta Theta Pi Five Takes Lead After Whipping Tau Phi Deltas

### Walton's 15 Tallies Clinch Beta Victory

An onrushing Beta Theta Pi court squad leaped into the lead in intercollegiate No. 6 as it lambasted an inferior Tau Phi Delta team 39-14. Former Harrisburg John Harris High star Johnny Walton poured 15 points through the net to lead his brothers to their fourth win.

In this same bracket, Phi Kappa Tau fell before Sigma Nu 17-11 in a shoddily performed game. Bidding along with the Betas for the lead prior to this encounter, the Phi Taus failed to produce the fine form which had marked their previous three wins.

Dunking the Hoopsters 29-24, the independent Blazes scored their third straight win and tied Dorm 11 for the top rung of bracket three. Ireland of the Blazes was again high man for his outfit with nine pointers.

**BETA SIGNS WIN**  
Beta Sigma Rho put the clamps on Delta Upsilon "B's" bid for a crown as it submerged the heretofore unsinkable DU's, 23-13. Don Miller, besides his usual fine form, headed the scoring column for the victors.

**Games scheduled for tonight have been postponed until Sunday afternoon, January 12. Those slated for Friday, January 3 will be played Thursday, January 15.**

A rejuvenated Acacia quintet set back Pi Lambda Phi 19-14 to even its record at the 500 mark. Acacia, who'd been whitewashed 14-0 in its first game by Beta Theta Pi, and was crushed 18-6 by Phi Kappa Tau in its second, has displayed in its last two contests plenty of zip and ability.

Dick Mathieu paced his Dorm 11 mates to an 18-14 decision over Dorm 4 to maintain its flawless record in tournament competition.

**FIRST WIN**  
Delta Chi chalked up its first win as it edged Alpha Tau Omega in a close tussle 16-15. For three quarters the score se-sawed back and forth between these two evenly matched fives.

Toward the end of the final stanza, the Delta Chi forward line, paced by Dave See and Pudge Tompkins, found more accurate range and the Delta Chi gained their initial win.

A latent Delta Sigma Phi team caught fire as its twice beaten aggregation humbled Phi Kappa 36-5. Bob Musselman was the big offensive gun for the Pink Elephants in this victory.

Forfeit wins were posted by the undefeated Maccabees over Marilyn Hall, by Lower Underfoot over the Poolecats, and by Lutheran Students over Dormitory 14.

### ZETAS DOWNED

Alpha Chi Rho, with Wilson Brown consistently hitting the mark, put the skids on Zeta Beta Tau, outscoring them 18-14. By virtue of this triumph, Alpha Chi Rho pulled into a tie for the lead in league five, along with Sigma Phi Sigma.

In other independent play, Beaver House copped its first decision as it took the measure of Penn State Club 14-9, and Atherton Hall boys trounced Murphy's 20-5.

Stan Seigel and Herm Wein paced Phi Sigma Delta to a 17-8 victory over Alpha Zeta. Berletics outplayed an aging Seven Old men outfit 16-7, with speed being the margin of victory. Penn Haven toppled Dorm 7, 18-14 in another contest.

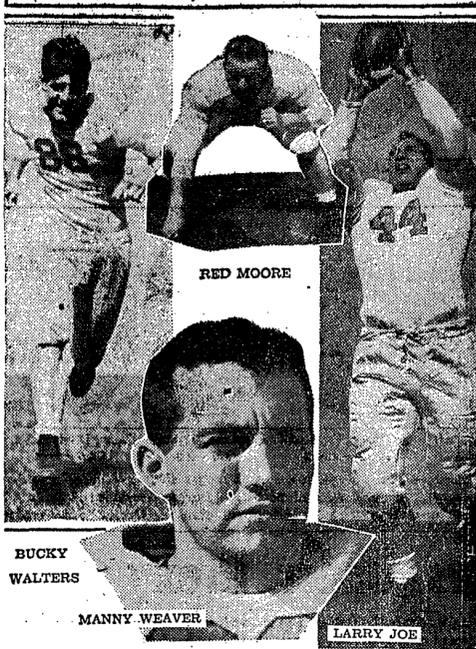
After last evening's play, just seven night's of basketball remain prior to the termination of the normal playing period. Following the determination of the winners in each of the eight fraternity and four independent league classifications, the play-offs will commence to crown the champions in the two leagues.

### Pitt, Temple Next

The next varsity basketball game will see Penn State face the Pitt Panthers Saturday, January 4, on the Pittsburgh court. Then, on Wednesday night, January 8, two days after the Christmas recess, the Nittany Lions take on the Temple Owls at Rec Hall.

## Houck Urges Mittmen To Train During Recess

### They'll Play in "Bowl" Games



FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT YEAR, Penn State will be represented in the nation's two top post-season games—the North-South attraction at Montgomery, Ala., and the East-West fixture at San Francisco, Calif. Bucky Walters, Derry, and Larry Joe, Derry Township, will play at Montgomery, while Manny Weaver, Harrisburg, and Red Moore, Rochester, will go to the coast. Weaver and Joe are backs, Moore's a tackle, and Walters blaxsan end position.

### Tighe Heads Boxers; Preparing for Miami

Christmas will mean an extra-long vacation to everyone but the 31 men out on the 1947 edition of the Nittany Lion boxing team.

With the opener against Miami on January 10, less than one week after the opening of school, Coach Leo Houck has issued orders to the squad to keep in shape during the recess.

Emphasizing the need for collegiate boxers to be in peak shape for their bouts, both the coach and Captain Jackie Tighe urged shadow boxing, road work and general conditioning in order to be in shape for the first match.

Tighe, who was named captain at the 1943 boxing banquet, returned from the Pacific area where he served as an infantry lieutenant and also as coach of Pacific Olympic boxing team. Tighe, along with his 1943 teammate, Glenn Hawthorne, will form the nucleus of this year's Lion team.

### ENTERED FINALS

In 1943, the Lion captain went to the finals in the Eastern Intercollegiate at West Point to lose a close bout to a fighter he had already whipped in the dual meet season. In the Nationals of that year, Tighe drew a soldier from a southern air base as his first round opponent and ended up on the wrong end of another close decision.

Returning this year, with much more experience, Tighe looks to be the man to beat in the 165-pound class.

Glenn Hawthorne, who also lost a close fight in the 1943 EIBA tourney, will probably be Houck's choice to start at the 130 or 135-pound slot. Tighe and Hawthorne are the only two boxers who can feel safe as starters this season.

In other weights there is a general scramble of good men, with Coach Houck in a dither as to whom he will start. The genial coach is flooded with material for the first time since the war. Most of it is potential raw material, however, with few seasoned fighters.

### TRIO AT 125-POUND

Johnny Turcaco, Red Cramer and Fred Smith are fighting it out for the 125-pound spot and either of the trio may receive the nod for the opening bouts. In the 135-pound division, with Hawthorne are Joe Bondi, Dick Benefield, and Jim Cassidy.

Bob Boal, Tom Owens, Bill Wills, Maurey Wolff, John Sheehy and Lee Eisenberg are weighing in at 145 while Tom McCaffrey, Ted Alex, Ken Cook, Bob Fore and John Slusser will tip the scales at 155.

With Tighe at 165, Pat Conlon, Ken Mills, Nick Ranieri, and Will Greene are sparring for the 175-pound berth.

Heavyweights Bill Laughlin at 225, Joe Bardo, 180; Joe Conlon, 189; Sid Sidor, 190; Fred Mauk, 185; Jerry Sitkin, 215 provide the team with a wealth of material in the division.

The Lions' opponent on January 25, Virginia, opened their season last night against Maryland at College Park for the curtain-raiser, of Eastern intercollegiate boxing.

Ring sessions at Rec Hall will begin again after the vacation and final selections for the Miami bouts will be made at that time.

## Sports Shorts

Timmy Petroff, Lion soccer player during the past season, has moved to the mats to perform as a tumbler for Gene Wettstone's gymnastic squad.

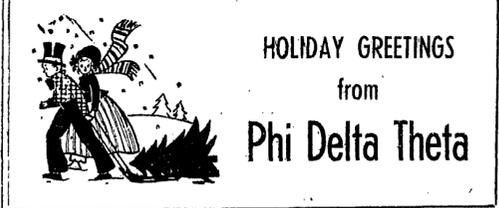
1946. This marks the second time in the history of the trophy that a team has placed two men for the selection. Doc Blanchard, the other West Pointer, received the award in '45. Kelly and Frank of Yale were selected in '38 and '37.

Red Moore, Nittany grid captain for the '46 season, will grapple with Charlie Speidel's men after returning from the East-West game.

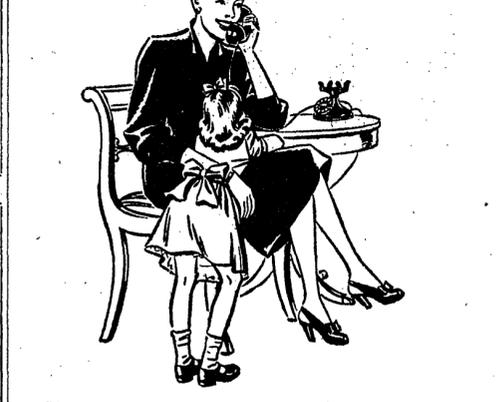
Gerry Karver will carry Penn State colors over the mile route in the 1947 indoor championships.

Glenn Davis was awarded the Heisman Memorial Trophy for

Barney Bwell, former Penn State sprint star, will compete indoors again this winter.



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## IM Basketball Standings

INDEPENDENT LEAGUE No. 1			LEAGUE No. 4		
Won	Lost		Won	Lost	
Berk's Independents	3	0	Beta Sigma Rho	4	0
Lutheran Students	3	0	Delta Upsilon "B"	3	2
Atherton Hall Boys	2	1	Alpha Tau Omega	2	2
Murphy's	2	2	Delta Sigma Phi	2	2
Dorm 14	1	3	Delta Chi	1	3
Lower Windcrest	1	3	Phi Kappa	0	4
Polecats	0	3			
LEAGUE No. 2			LEAGUE No. 5		
Won	Lost		Won	Lost	
Comets	3	0	Alpha Chi Rho	3	1
Yahoos	2	0	Sigma Phi Sigma	3	1
Dorm 5	2	1	Phi Sigma Delta	3	1
Ramblers	1	1	Triangle	2	2
Ralleys	1	2	Zeta Beta Tau	1	3
Nittany Co-op	0	2	Alpha Zeta	0	4
Eagles	0	3			
LEAGUE No. 3			LEAGUE No. 6		
Won	Lost		Won	Lost	
Dorm 11	3	0	Beta Theta Pi	4	0
Blazes	3	0	Phi Kappa Tau	3	1
Marauders	1	1	Sigma Nu	3	1
Beaver House	1	1	Acacia	2	2
Hoopsters	1	2	Pi Lambda Phi	0	4
Dorm 4	0	2	Tau Phi Delta	0	4
Penn State Club	0	3			
LEAGUE No. 4			LEAGUE No. 7		
Won	Lost		Won	Lost	
Maccabees	3	0	Phi Epsilon Pi	3	0
Stags	2	0	Phi Delta Theta "B"	2	1
Penn Haven	2	1	Sigma Alpha Epsilon	2	1
Berletics	1	1	Sigma Chi	1	2
Seven Old Men	1	2	Delta Theta Sigma	1	2
Dorm 7	0	2	Phi Gamma Delta	0	3
Marilyn Hall	0	3			
FRATERNITY LEAGUE No. 1			LEAGUE No. 8		
Won	Lost		Won	Lost	
Phi Delta Theta "A"	4	0	Lamba Chi Alpha	2	0
Sigma Phi Epsilon	3	1	Sigma Pi	2	0
Kappa Sigma	2	1	Pi Kappa Phi	1	1
Alpha Phi Delta	2	2	Tau Kappa Epsilon	1	2
Chi Phi	1	3	Delta Tau Delta	0	3
Delta Upsilon "A"	0	4			
LEAGUE No. 2					
Won	Lost				
Theta Chi	4	0			
Kappa Delta Rho	3	1			
Alpha Chi Sigma	3	1			
Sigma Phi Alpha	2	2			
Alpha Gamma Rho	0	4			
Theta Xi "B"	0	4			
LEAGUE No. 3					
Won	Lost				
Phi Kappa Pi	4	0			
Pi Kappa Alpha	3	1			
Phi Sigma Kappa	2	2			
Phi Kappa Sigma	2	2			
Alpha Sigma Phi	1	3			
Theta Xi "A"	0	4			

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