

# Veteran Gymnasts Form 1947 Squad

Veterans gymnasts, from Lion teams as far back as the 1943 Intercollegiate championship squad, will form the 1947 version of Coach Gene Wettstone's acrobatic team.

Ray Sorensen, who works the horizontal bar, side horse, parallel bars and ring events, will captain the Blue and White through its six dual meets and intercollegiate championship competition. The all-around star took fifth place in nation-wide competition last season.

### NAAU CHAMPION

Another stellar performer and 1946 National AAU flying ring champ is William Bonsall. Besides performing on the rings, Bonsall is expected to compete in the horizontal bar, side horse and tumbling events.

Charles Warrington, 1942 Intercollegiate champ in the side horse event, will be back at his same spot for the current season, while Stanley Wirtshafter is again fighting for the starting position on the ropes. Wirtshafter was a member of the '43 and '46 squads.

Chunky Billy Mead—nicknamed "Superman" by his teammates—was a letter winner in 1943 and placed fourth in the 1946 NAAU tumbling competition. He will work on the parallel bars and mats this year. Soccer halfback Timmy Petroff, of the '45 and '46 gymnastic aggregations, will participate in tumbling events.

### ALL-AROUND

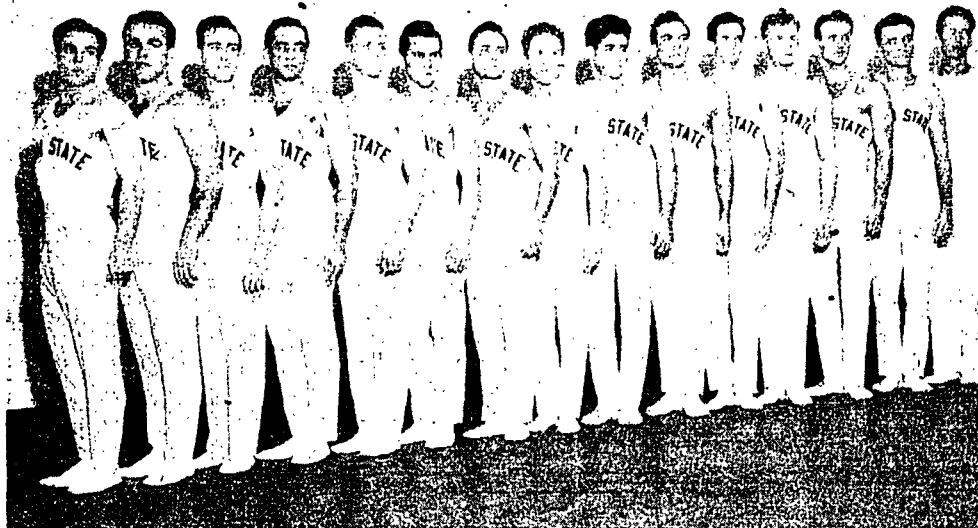
Warren Neiger, another letter winner from past Lion teams and third man in the 1944 Intercollegiate all-around event, will perform on the horizontal bar, parallel bars and rings.

Gerald Eddy, '44 letter winner, will compete in the rope climbing event as will last year's team member Wendell Lamady. Lamady also works on the horizontal bar.

Jerry Berliner is back to work the parallels. Jim Clark will fight for the side horse berth and Byron Emory is expected to compete in the parallel bars and tumbling events.

### PROMISING PIAA WINNER

Another promising newcomer and '44 rope climbing champ is Joe Rossi. Rossi has been hit-



Left to right: Jerry Berliner, William Mead, Jim Clark, Maurice Posner, William Bonsall, Tim Petroff, Stanley Wirtshafter, Warren Neiger, Joe Rossi, Ray Sorensen—Captain, Charles Warrington, Byron Emory, Wendell Lamady, Gerald Eddy, and Gene Wettstone, coach.

ting around the four second mark consistently and may be the man to watch. Rossi also works out on the horizontal bar.

Maurice Posner of the 1943 squad is back to perform on the flying rings, while Dayton Greenly is getting in shape for the rope, side horse and parallel bars events.

The Wettstone team will open the season against Minnesota February 1 and two days later compete against Michigan at Ann Arbor. A tilt with Navy follows before Penn State fans get a chance to see the gymnasts in action against Army in Rec Hall February 15.

### MEET SYRACUSE

The Lions will travel to Syracuse February 22 to compete with the Orange and then return for a home stand against Temple March 1. The Easter Intercollegiate Championship playoffs are scheduled for March 8 at West Point, N. Y.

Syracuse will floor its first gymnastic team this season, with 90 per cent of their performers being PIAA champions.

# Lions, Bucknell Clash in Rec Hall Out to Revenge Defeat by Bisons

Having evened their record at four wins and four losses with two surprise wins over Temple and Muhlenberg, Coach John Lawther's cagers find themselves in a good position to begin a revenge campaign as they face the Bucknell Bisons in Rec Hall tonight.

The Bisons, who dealt Penn State its first defeat with a 38-34 overtime victory at Lewisburg in December, come to Rec Hall with an undefeated record of four wins. The Lawthermen would like nothing better than to turn the tables on the Thundering Herd.

Game time for the Bucknell fray tonight—last home contest until the Pitt game February 1 which marks the close of the first semester—is 8 p.m.

The Bisons will face a Lawther team fresh from two successive upsets over topflight teams—a team that knows how to use an intricate defense to spoil the opponent's game and grab the ball off the backboard for quick offensive sallies. It will be a much more confident crew that Coach Lawther floors against the talented cagers from Lewisburg.

### BEAT BUCKNELL

It may interest Nittany Lion fans to know that Bucknell students adopted a "Beat Penn State" slogan to spur their team on to victory in the first encounter. With the cheering favoring the opposite squad tonight, the familiar "Beat Bucknell" byword will probably be very much in evidence.

In the first game against the Bisons, State had a 19-14 halftime lead, only to see it dwindle as Bucknell found itself in the second half to push on for the win.

### DESCI STAND-OUT

Lou Desci, the standout of the Bison team, caused a lot of trouble for the Lawthermen and his heady passing and smart shooting will bear plenty of watching by the Lions.

**Jack Harper**  
HATER HABERDASHER TAILOR

# Berks Takes Loop 1 Title

A smooth rolling Berks' Independent quintet, paced by Shollenberger, downed heretofore undefeated Lutheran Students, 22-9, to gain the championship of Independent League No. 1. The Berks' aggregation will now rest until playoffs begin for the tourney crown.

With one more tilt to play, the Yahoos appear to have sewed up the League No. 2 championship. The Yahoos notched their fifth consecutive win in setting back Dorm 5 by a 36-15 count. Atherton Hall decided Lower Windcrest 20-18 in another contest.

Dorm 11, in conquering the Blazes, 18-10, grasped a foothold on League No. 3, with but one more team to get by for the crown. The Maccabees tightened their hold on the top rung in Loop No. 4 with a 21-4 triumph over Penn Haven.

Scores of other games: Marauders 17, Beaver House 15; Dorm 4 22, Penn State Club 7; Berletics 27, Stags 14; Dorm 7—20, Seven Old Men 18. Forfeit wins were posted by Balleks over the Ramblers, the Polcats over Dorm 14, and Lambda Chi Alpha over Tau Kappa Epsilon.

# Spiedel Sifts Squad For Princeton Meet Swimmers, Carnegie Tech Set For Opener

Although Penn State's swimmers were not very impressive in their inter-squad meet last Saturday, according to Coach Lenny Diehl, they will provide stiff competition for Carnegie Tech in the Tech pool at Pittsburgh Saturday afternoon.

The Nittany natators turned in times in their trials which were about equal to the times made by the Tech tankmen as they beat Western Reserve, 53-22, last week.

### YOUNG INJURED

Rocky Young, who placed third in the diving events in the 1943 Intercollegiate, sprained his ankle last week. Coach Diehl plans to use Mickey Becket if Young is unable to dive.


Taking 17 of his swimmers to Pittsburgh, Diehl will rely on six veterans for most of Penn State's points—Herb Hershfield and Bill Christy for sprints, Don Knoll for distance, Leigh Woehling for backstroke, and Clyde Bell for breaststroke.

In an election held last week, Ray Dieterich was named as head manager.

Coach Charley Spiedel sent his grapplers through a series of stiff workouts this week in preparation for the first match of the season. The matmen travel to Princeton, New Jersey, Friday morning to meet Princeton University. After the meet on the 18th, the team returns to Rec Hall to meet a strong Lehigh University team the following week in the first home match of the season.

Spiedel is holding a series of inter-class competitions this week in an effort to form a tentative first team. In the heavyweight matches, George Purnell eked out a close decision over Red Moore, and Clark decided Lang.

- 121 lbs.—Blanch, Holly, Lenox, Mitchell, Schautz, Wurfl.
- 128 lbs.—Grey, Lux, Magee, Shadley, Shibley, Vigilante.
- 136 lbs.—Harrington, Hepburn, Kachel, Noker, Weil.
- 145 lbs.—Capt. Greene, Hoyt, McIlvaine, Tucker, Wills, Dougherty.
- 155 lbs.—Dixon, Clauser, Schutzman, Widdowson, Wynn, Otto.
- 165 lbs.—Little, Long, McKeever.
- 175 lbs.—Chambers, Spaeth.
- Heavyweight — Purnell, Long, Moore, Clark.



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