

**Lions Break .500 as . . .**

**Simon's Last Minute Basket Beats Hard-Fighting Hoyas**

**Lion Boxers Prep For Orangemen**

Beehive-like activity key-noted workouts at the Blue and White boxing ring as Coach Houck's ringsters prepared for Saturday's bouts against a well-balanced boxing unit from Syracuse.

Lion Captain Jackie Tighe, who again injured his nose in the West Point tussle and had to have his much-battered "sniffer" sewed with three more stitches, was "advised" by team physician Reid Brader not to engage in Saturday's meet. Despite this the veteran Tighe has decided to remain in the lineup. Rec Hall fans will witness an outstanding fistic duel when he meets Dick Prussin, a 155-pounder who captured the Orange two winters ago.

Coach Houck most likely will start two aces-in-the-hole, Bob Keller, a 175-pounder and Hal Howard, a 165-pound slugger. The Lions have been particularly weak in the middleweight class and since Pat Conlon bowed out of the collegiate boxing picture, the mittmen are also weak in the 175-pound class.

Keller, a semi-finalist in the recent intramural boxing tourney, has shown plenty of ring 'savvy' during the last few practice sessions and should receive the starting nod as should Hal Howard, an aggressive puncher who shows great promise.

210-pound Chuck Drazenovich is slated for a starting berth in the unlimited weight class. During last week's sparring sessions he demonstrated a knockout wallop in either hand.

Diminutive Fred Smith, a 118-pound ring midget, will most likely step into the ring against Syracuse Captain Jerry Auclair.

**IM Entries**

Fraternities and independent groups desiring to submit entries for the volleyball and handball singles tournaments must turn in entry blanks to the IM office in Rec Hall by 5 p.m. Monday, announced Eugene C. Bischoff, director of intramural athletics.

A see-saw battle in which neither team could gain more than a six-point lead was broken up in the last 30 seconds when Milt Simon sank a "peep" shot to give Penn State a 42-40 decision over Georgetown University Wednesday night on the Hoyas' court.

Although the Lawthermen have not been able to win more than two games in succession this year, they will try to break this jinx when they entertain the Depauw Tigers in Rec Hall at 8:30 o'clock Saturday.

Starting slowly, the Lions were unable to cope with the Georgetown style of play, and after a few minutes found themselves trailing the Washington team by seven points. Suddenly the cagers came roaring back, and with Jack Biery leading the attack, overcame the deficit and went ahead 21-19.

In the second half the team slowly pulled away from the Hoyas but as the clock hand drew close to the zero mark, Georgetown again found the range and closed the gap between the teams.

Back and forth the battle raged with the lead changing hands three times.

Finally, with less than a minute to go, Jackie Biery tied the count with a field goal. At this point in the contest Simon marked up the vital two points that carried Coach Lawther's team to its seventh win in thirteen starts.

Box score:

Georgetown	g	f	p	Pts
Falvey, f	0	0	0	0
O'Keefe, f	4	6	2	14
Ablondi, f	1	0	2	2
Burnos, f	0	1	0	1
K. Brown, c	4	1	4	9
Alga, f	2	1	4	5
Culhane, c	1	0	0	2
Corley, f	3	1	3	7
Kraus, g	0	0	0	0
Toatls	15	10	11	40

Penn State	g	f	p	Pts
Biery, f	5	5	1	15
Ruhlman, f	1	1	2	3
Batnick, g	3	0	2	6
Kulp, c	1	3	3	5
Parkhill, c	2	1	2	5
Simon, g	3	0	2	6
McGowan, g	1	0	0	2
Totals	16	10	14	42

Missed foul tries: Penn State, Batnick, Biery 2, Kulp, Parkhill 2. Georgetown: Corley 2, K. Brown 3, Culhane. Officials: Collins and Doremus.

**Matmen Invade Lehigh; Varsity Seeks Second Win; Foe Undeclared**

Lehigh University furnishes the opposition for two Penn State wrestling teams this Saturday when both the varsity and Jayvees meet the Engineer matmen from the Lehigh mats.

Coach Charlie Speidel is readying both squads for the tough competition that the Brown and White is expected to furnish. The Nittany varsity will be striving for win number two when it tackles Coach Billy Sheridan's powerful grunt-and-groaners. The Lehigh varsity team is undefeated thus far this season, having pinned VMI, Yale, and Cornell.

Leading the Engineers is Captain Bill Jackson, one of the East's outstanding 175-pounders last year. The Ericson brothers are also members of the veteran Lehigh aggregation.

Last year Lehigh edged out Navy for the team title in the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Tournament.

**Title Studded . . .**

**Gymnasts Take on Syracuse In Season's Second Contest**

Lion sports fan will have their second chance tomorrow to watch a crack Nittany gym squad in action. Carded for 2 p.m. in Rec Hall, the meet pits Penn State, 1947 Eastern title-holder, against invading Syracuse.

The Orangemen, coached by Paul Romeo, have split even in two meets to date, trouncing McGill University of Canada, 64-32, and dropping a 58½-37½ verdict to Army. The Nittany squad, a good bet to re-capture the Eastern crown in the championships March 13, has chalked up an excellent 71½-40½ win over Minnesota, Big Nine champ.

A top performer in tomorrow's Syracuse lineup will be Jack Bean, 1943 Eastern Intercollegiate parallel bars and tumbling champion.

Coach Gene Wettstone's gymnasts boast several titles. Steve Greene is the present Eastern Intercollegiate side horse champ

(1947), a crown which he also copped in 1944, and was National Amateur Athletic Union rope climb titlist in 1944, 1945 and 1946.

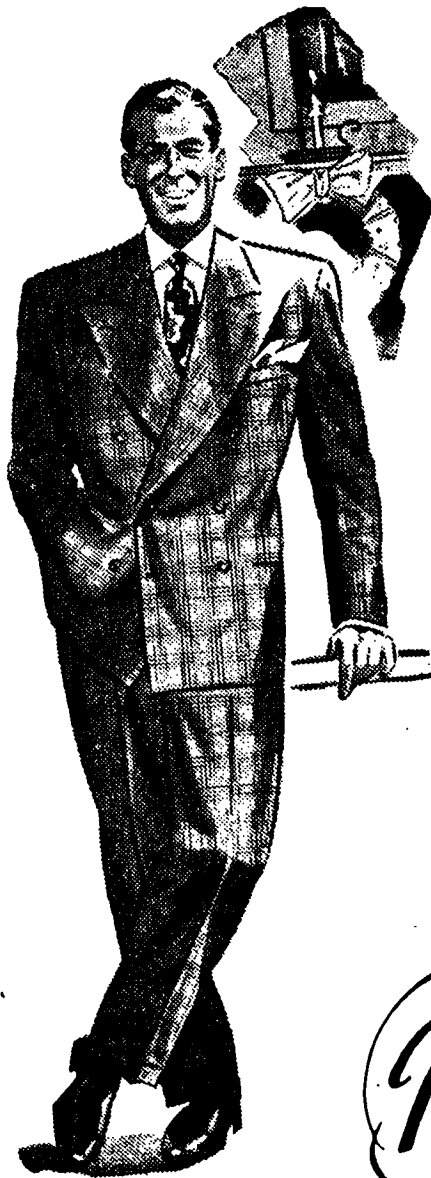
Ray Sorensen is present NAAU calisthenics champion (1947) and Bill Bonsall copped the 1946 NAAU diadem on the flying rings. Bill Meade, a top-notch competitor who placed fourth in Eastern Intercollegiate tumbling last year, scored 280 out of a possible 300 points in the tumbling event against Minnesota. This total tied with that of Bonsall on the rings as the top individual performance in the meet.

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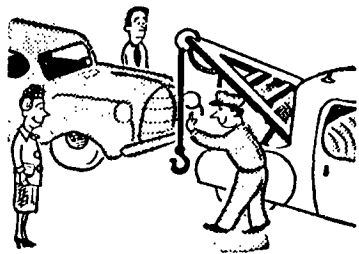
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