

# Between the Lions

By Tom Morgan

If you think the Nittany gymnasts are top caliber, you're not alone. Here's proof: Tomorrow's meet at Temple, where they don't have AA books, was a sellout on Tuesday.

Speaking conservatively, this contest will be a pip. Both teams are undefeated and the 1948 Eastern Intercollegiate team championship hinges on the outcome. Other competing schools have been

eliminated; now all that's left is the battle royal between the Owl and Lion.

We got the dope straight from the Lion's mouth that Nittany Coach Gene Wettstone is counting heavily on "slamming" the rope climb, that is, taking the first three places in the event. Although other events count equally, performance on the rope climb will reportedly be a key factor in whether State emerges victor or victim.

## ROPE CLIMBING

Speaking of rope climbing, Norwood Lawfer, number two Nittanyman in this event, graduated to varsity ranks from a regular physics class in Rec Hall. Although Lawfer had no experience

and never toyed with the idea of trying out for a sports team, Coach Wettstone persuaded him to try climbing the rope. His official time of 4.3 seconds in the Navy meet bespeaks the coach's confidence in him.

But his is not the only success story. Lawfer's cohort on the climb, Joe Linn, Saturday negotiated the 20 feet in 3.9 seconds, an amazing mark when one considers that this is his first season as a rope climber. Unfortunately it's also his last, since he's a senior.

Incidentally, in his freshman year at the College, Linn tried out for the team — but didn't make the grade — as a side horse performer.

### Sports Schedule

**SATURDAY—HOME**  
 Boxing—Virginia ..... 7 p.m.  
 Basketball—Temple .. 8:30 p.m.

**SATURDAY—AWAY**  
 Gymnastics ..... Temple  
 Fencing ..... Cornell  
 Swimming ..... Cornell

# Miragliotta Trio Paces Virginia

The three Miragliotta brothers, among the biggest names in intercollegiate boxing, will highlight tomorrow night's matches when the high-flying Cavaliers from Virginia invade Rec Hall.

Basil dons the mitts in the 135-pound class. The fleet-footed ringster last season was undefeated in eight dual meets and this year sports a 3-2-1 record, the draw was against Michigan State's Chuck Davey, 135-pound National champ who last week TKO'd Curt Crooks.

Jimmy, the fightingest of the three brothers, represents the Cavaliers for his fourth boxing season. He is a two-time winner of the Eastern boxing crown in the 135-pound class. Competing in the 145-pound class this season, he has won all six bouts in an impressive manner. Two wins were by the knockout route.

Joe competes in the 155-weight class. Last season he won five and lost two. A fine ring general, Joe is the trickiest of the trio. He boasts a 3-1-1 record to date.

Another ace performer for the Cavaliers is 175-pound Ralph Shoaf. Shoaf will long be remembered by Nittany ring fans for his thrilling battle last season in the Intercollegiate against Syracuse's Julie LeVine. Undefeated in dual meets last season, the rugged slugger participated in five meets this season, winning three by knockouts and one by a decision.

**Other Ringsters**  
 Bolling Izzard, last season's heavyweight battler, this season competes in the 165-pound division. In the first season with the Virginians is Allen Hollingsworth, a 125-pound scrapper.

Another newcomer to Cavalier boxing circles is Grover Master-son, a powerful slugger who boasts a very impressive six win record to date, two coming via TKO's.

Two heavyweights have received the starting nod alternately each meet. Allen Smith, a freshman, trades his starting position with Lapsley Hamblen, a member of the Virginia football team.

**Gym Managers**  
 Head manager of the gym team this year is Steve Martin, while first assistant managers are Bob Sankey, Francis Felder and Abe Bosler.

# Tracksters Compete with Top Foes

Competition, which has always been tough for the Penn State track team, will reach its zenith tomorrow when five Nittany runners meet champions of all descriptions in the Knights of Columbus Games at New York.

The Wernermen will not enter the meet unequipped, however, since two track stars, Gerald Karver and Horace Ashenfelter, boast Intercollegiate A A A A championships in the mile and two-mile runs.

Jim Gehrdes, although ineligible for the collegiate meet, will compete in the K of C meet in the high hurdles. Gehrdes, who topped the timbers in 7 and 3/10 seconds at Army, will compete against Harrison Dillard, AAU champ, and Ed Dugger, Dayton A.C. ace.

Competing in the 60-yard dash, Jim Robinson will have top-flight competition against two AAU finalists, Bill Mathis and Ed Conwell.

Although Ashenfelter won the IC-4A championship last week,

Curt Stone, Ash's former running mate, and Forest Efav are favored to outrace the newly crowned champ.

All of the runners entered in the mile have been topped by Jerry Karver at one time or other. Listed as his nearest rival is Tom Quinn of New York.

# Volleyball Tourney Opens With Nine Games Slated

Another mid-winter sport gets under way as 18 teams compete in the first action of the Intramural volleyball league at Rec Hall, Monday night. Eighty teams are entered.

Monday's schedule — 7:00: Beta Phi-A—Theta Kappa Phi (1). Phi Kappa-A—Tau Kappa Epsilon-A (2). Delta Chi-A—Sigma Pi-A (3). 8:00: Phi Kappa Psi-A—Phi Sigma Kappa-A (1). Alpha Tau Omega—Alpha Zeta (2). Sigma Phi Alpha—Triangle (3). 9:00: Acacia-A—Alpha Epsilon Pi (1). Chi Phi—Lambda Chi Alpha-A (2). Delta Sigma Phi—Theta Chi-A.

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# On the Mats

Lehigh lost its first meet of the season to Navy Saturday, as the Middies triumphed, 18-11. The win kept the sailor win streak alive . . . The future admirals have won 45 straight dual meets . . .

Defending champions will be the rule rather than the exception at the Eastern Intercollegiate wrestling tournament next Friday and Saturday at Bethlehem. . . A total of six champions from last year will be back . . . Pilgrim McRaven and Ed Erickson, Lehigh; Wayne Smith and Captain John Fletcher of Navy; Stan Thevenet, Army; and Hank O'Shaughnessy, Columbia, are the 1947 titlists returning . . .

Army's title hopes dropped somewhat last week when Frank Mansell of Yale threw Thevenet, Cadet 155-pounder, in 5:09 . . . It was Thevenet's first loss . . .

Navy climbed into the favorite role in the EIWA tourney with the Lehigh win. Coach Ray Swartz's grapplers had won the team title for four straight years before Lehigh upset them last year.

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