

Houck Says He's Best But ...

# Benglian Loses Close Fight To Badger Featherweight

Johnny Benglian, veteran south-paw featherweight, watched Wisconsin win the NCAA boxing championship from the sidelines Saturday night, but in Coach Leo Houck's book he was still champ in his weight class.

Benglian, the lone Lion entry in the tournament, lost in the semi-finals to Wisconsin's Jim Sreeran by a 30-28 decision. Sreeran continually beat Benglian to the punch but Benglian counter-punched accurately, drawing blood from the Badger's nose.

### BENGLIAN SCORES

Coach Houck said that Benglian lost the fight when he was not awarded a knockdown after flooring Wisconsin's Sreeran.

As the Badger boxer went down he pulled Benglian with him. The official said both fighters slipped, thus denying Benglian the two points which are subtracted from a contestant's score when he is knocked down. Those two points would have meant victory for Benglian and defeat for Sreeran.

Doug Ellwood, Louisiana State boxer, went on to decision Sreeran in the finals, but Houck felt sure that Benglian could have out-

boxed Ellwood. The Lion mentor said: "I think Benglian was the best man in the 127-pound class in the tournament."

Upsets highlighted the tourney as three defending NCAA champs dropped by the wayside. First to go down was Syracuse's Jerry Auclair who lost to Bill Moss in the semi-finals. Second champ to be decisioned was middleweight John Lendenski. The Badger ace lost to Eddie Rieder of Maryland.

### SAEY UPSET

Heavyweight Art Saey of Miami, a pre-tourney favorite, lost in the finals to Wisconsin's Vito Parisi. Parisi spotted his opponent 25 pounds but it was his fight all the way. In dual meet competition Parisi lost a 29-27 decision to Chuck Drazenovich, Nittany heavy.

Another upset came in the semi-final round when "Sandman" Ralph Shoaf of Virginia got a little sand in his own eyes. Wisconsin's middleweight, Calvin Vernon, scored a knockout in 51 seconds of the third round.

Only two defending titlists successfully regained NCAA crowns. Michigan State's Chuck Davey won in the 136-pound division and Herb Carlson, Idaho, retained the 160-pound class title.

The eight NCAA champions will compete for U.S. Olympic team berths at the final Olympic boxing tryouts in Boston on June 28-29.

Newly crowned National boxing champions:

112 pounds—Ernie Charboneau, Michigan State.

119 pounds—Steve Gremban, Wisconsin.

127 pounds—Doug Ellwood, Louisiana State.

136 pounds—Chuck Davey, Michigan State.

147 pounds—Don Dickinson, Wisconsin.

160 pounds—Herb Carlson, Idaho.

175 pounds—Cal Vernon, Wisconsin.

Unlimited—Vito Parisi, Wisconsin.

All entries for the intramural handball doubles and badminton singles tournament must be turned in at the IM Office at Rec Hall by 5 o'clock today.

Fraternalties are permitted to enter one team of two men for the handball tourney and two men for the badminton tournament.

# Sigma Nu Sends Four Grapplers Into IM Finals

Sigma Nu increased its intramural wrestling lead last night at Rec Hall by sending four men into the IM finals, which are tomorrow night. The defending champions have a total of 72 points, followed by second-place Sigma Pi with 43.

Bill Marshall, Bill Brinker, Bill Eggert, and Joe Colone are the Sigma Nu's in the finals. In addition, Paul Eggert, Sigma Nu 175-pounder, wrestles Phi Delt Bud Pierce in a postponed semi-final match tonight.

Lambda Chi Alpha and Pi Kappa Alpha are the only other fraternities with more than one grappler in the finals. Each has two.

In last night's matches, Fred Shihadeh, Phi Kappa Sig 123-pound wrestler, scored the fastest fall by pinning Chi Phi's Dean Altemus in 2:43.

The finals are scheduled for Rec Hall at 7 o'clock tomorrow night. 15 points will be added to the team score for individual champions' fraternalties, while 10 points will be awarded to the runners-up.

165-pound Bill Eggert, Sigma Nu, scored his fourth straight fall of the tourney last night, when he threw Skip Ritts, Kappa Sig, in 4:43; while Bob Heckel, Pi Kappa heavyweight and last year's 175-pound king, earned his third consecutive fall. He pinned Leo Nobile, KDR, in 3:49.

121 pounds—Kutsenkow, Sigma Chi, pinned DeLong, Phi Sig Kappa, 4:17; Moser, Lambda Chi, decisioned Trego, Sigma Pi, 7-0.

128 pounds—Shihadeh, Phi Kappa Sig, pinned Altemus, Chi Phi, 2:43; Holly, Kappa Sig, decisioned Krane, ZBT, 3-0.

135 pounds—Kurtz, Lambda Chi, decisioned Hallowell, AGR, 4-3; Jensen, Sigma Pi, decisioned Beetem, Alpha Chi Sig, 9-2.

145 pounds—Thomas, DU, decisioned Smith, Beta, 10-5; Marshall, Sigma Nu, decisioned Egan, SPE, 3-0.

155 pounds—Brinker, Sigma Nu, decisioned Cameron, Beta, 6-0; Van Hallyn, Delta Chi, pinned Vernon, KDR, 3:02.

165 pounds—Hanford, Pi Kappa, decisioned Roberts, Sigma Pi, 5-0; W. Eggert, Sigma Nu, pinned Ritts, Kappa Sig, 4:43.

175 pounds—Guiteras, KDR, decisioned Pearson, DU, 5-0.

Unlimited—Colone, Sigma Nu, pinned Dale, SPE, 2:56; Heckel, Pi Kappa, pinned Nobile, KDR, 3:49.

### Ace Hurdler

Watch Jim Gehrdes, is the word from track coach Chick Werner, who likes the looks of his sophomore hurdler.

# Olympic Gym Chatter

By Tom Morgan

When the country's top-notch gymnasts converge on State College May 1, there'll be more national champions around than you can shake an Indian club at.

Two of the cream of American gymnasts, who are to their sport what Joe Louis is to boxing and Ben Hogan is to golf, are Edward Hennig and Frank Cumiskey.

Hennig is a 1904 Olympic Games champion who now—44 years later and at the age of 68—is seeking another Olympic championship. In the 1904 games, he won the Indian clubs and horizontal bar titles in the international competition held that year in St. Louis.

May 1 he'll compete in the clubs event of the American Amateur Athletic Union meet in Rec Hall. A victory here will place him on the United States 1948 Olympic team.

In his gymnastic career, the phenomenal Hennig has captured 14 AAU championships. Spectators at the May 1 meet will marvel at the Indian club routine which won him titles in 1904, 1911, 1933, 1936, 1937, 1939, 1940, 1942, 1945, 1946 and 1947.

Back in 1890 Hennig attended a gym performance at which he watched a New York gymnast swing the Indian clubs. That furnished the impetus for his title march; five years later he was practicing seriously. He developed his own routines and today can swing the clubs in a five-minute demonstration without repeating any maneuver.

In 1942, at 63, he was third in the balloting for the Sullivan trophy given annually to the outstanding American athlete. He followed pole vaulter Cornelius Warmerdam and swimmer Bill Smith.

A rabid hockey fan who never misses a home game in Cleveland, Hennig plays handball and works out regularly at a YMCA. He bowls weekly. For 40 years he has been with the Kaitenbach Corporation in Cleveland and today is its chief engineer and designer of drydock cranes.

A pole vaulter-turned-gymnast is Frank Cumiskey, 36-year-old star who will also appear in Rec Hall May 1. While a student at Union Hill high school in New Jersey, he competed successfully in the pole vault, but after graduation joined a Swiss gym society and began a remarkable career as a gymnast.

While many of his contemporary gymnasts were small and compactly built, Cumiskey is six feet tall and weighs 180 pounds. He has been on two Olympic teams, won the American all-around championship five times, and copped 18 other national firsts and many senior district titles. Cumiskey won his place on the 1932 Olympic team when nineteen.

That he accomplished so much despite a seeming handicap was mainly due to "a desire to excel, an ability to think fast and act faster on apparatus and a tremendous driving swing," according to gym experts. He was the innovator of several new tricks on two apparatuses—the side horse and horizontal bar.

For the last three years Cumiskey has been national all-around title-holder and side horse champion. Over a span of 16 years he has seven national crowns on the side horse, one on the long horse, one on the flying rings, two on the parallel bars, one in free calisthenics and six on the horizontal bar.

After marrying, in 1937, a star performer of the 1936 Olympic Women's Gymnastic team, he settled down to raising a family (twin girls and a boy), and a traveling job with a railway. This eliminated regular gym work-outs and made competition impossible.

Returning in 1941 to work regularly in New York after a four-year layoff, he showed his mettle by placing second in the national all-around meet in 1942 and 1944, then swept the championship in 1945, 1946 and 1947.

He is now volunteer coach of the Swiss Gymnastic Society, Union City, N.J.

# Cagers' Defense Mark 14th in Nation

Penn State's basketball team, despite its record of nine wins and 10 losses for the 1947-48 season,

finished 14th among the major colleges in team defense, according to statistics released by the National Collegiate Athletic Bureau.

John Lawther's crew held its opposition to an average of 44.9 points per game to tie with Southern California for the 14th listing.

Heading the team defense is Oklahoma A&M, which allowed an average of 32.5 points per contest for 31 games. Wyoming is second with a 39.4 average in 25 games.

The Nittany Lions are less than five points per game behind Creighton, which is in fourth place in the team defense.

Penn State's free throw percentage ranks ninth in the nation this year. The Lions completed 228 out of 345 attempts for a percentage of .661. Baylor and Yale are tied for seventh place with .662 while Texas leads the group with .730.

### Volleyball Slate

Tonight's schedule in the intramural volleyball league:

7 o'clock: Tau Kappa Epsilon-A—Beta Theta Pi-A (1), Theta Kappa Phi—Zeta Beta Tau-A (2), Phi Sigma Kappa-A—Delta Chi-A (3).

8 o'clock: Sigma Pi-A—Phi Epsilon Pi-B (1), Triangle—Alpha Tau Omega (2), Alpha Zeta—Delta Upsilon-A (3).

9 o'clock: Lambda Chi Alpha-A—Acacia-A (1), Alpha Epsilon Pi—Sigma Nu-A (2), Phi Delta Theta-B—Phi Kappa Sigma-B (3).

# Golfers Face Five Foes; Also Slated for EIGA's

Veteran coach Bob Rutherford's Nittany Lion golfers will engage in five dual matches in their 1948 schedule. The linksmen will also enter the Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Association Tourney.

The EIGA playoff will take place in two phases, and the Rutherford men will be seeking to equal or surpass last year's showing when they won their district title and emerged third in the final playoffs at Atlantic City.

The schedule:

April 30, Georgetown; May 1, Georgetown; May 4, Bucknell, at Lewisburg; May 7-8, EIGA at Pittsburgh; May 15, EIGA finals, at Atlantic City; May 19, Bucknell; May 22, Colgate, at Hamilton, N. Y.

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