

# Vast Intramural Sports Program To Begin Soon

An expansive intramural sports program embracing 17 different tournaments will begin next month with touch football, tennis singles and swimming.

Eugene C. Bischoff, director of intramural sports, this week urged the thousands of incoming sophomore men to enter intramural competition in one or more sports. He said:

"Any regular undergraduate student is eligible to compete in any intramural sport provided he hasn't won a college letter in that sport."

In 1168 contests played in 17 tournaments last year, a total of 5481 men students participated (with some duplications where players took part in more than one sport). In basketball alone, more than one in every five Penn State undergraduate men competed.

### SPORTS NAMED

Sports to be conducted this year will include touch football (nine-man teams), tennis singles and swimming in the fall; boxing, basketball, handball singles, handball doubles, wrestling, badminton and volleyball (six man teams) in the winter; golf (six man teams), golf putting, tennis doubles, horseshoes, soccer, softball and track in the spring.

Intramural touch football games will be staged at night on New Beaver practice field.

Entrance fees, as last year, will be \$1.00 for teams and 25 cents for individuals.

"New independent men are especially urged to take advantage of the intramural program," Mr. Bischoff said. "Fraternities are traditionally avid participants in intramural sports because of their great organizational abilities, but we also urge independent men to take part in every sport offered by the department."

He stated, "Getting independent teams and individuals out for sports is our major problem, since fraternities are already organized to supply competitors."

### MEDALS, TROPHIES

Individual medals will be presented independent winners, while trophies will be presented successful fraternities in all intramural sports.

Last year's victorious fraternity in the intramural cup race was Sigma Nu, which copped crowns in boxing, wrestling, volleyball, handball singles, track and golf.

In competition last fall, Phi Epsilon Pi emerged as the fraternity touch football champion in a torrid race, while the Hot Rocks annexed the independent football toga.

Mr. Bischoff added, "If we give

these boys a chance to participate in sports they like to play, under reasonably good conditions, then I think we're accomplishing something."

In the mammoth task of organizing and supervising the College's vast intramural program, Director Bischoff is assisted by Clarence "Dutch" Sykes.

Intramural announcements and game results will appear continuously in the Daily Collegian.

## Maryland Only Soccer Newcomer

The University of Maryland is the only addition to the 1948 Nittany soccer schedule released this summer by Harold R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics.

The Lions have never before encountered the Terps on the soccer field.

Last year Coach Bill Jeffrey's booters copped five decisions, lost two and tied one against eight of the nine opponents carded for the coming campaign.

Foes this year will include Army, Bucknell, Navy, Maryland, Colgate, Syracuse, Cornell, Temple and Penn.

Over a 22-year span as Nittany coach, Mentor Jeffrey holds a soccer record that has never been surpassed. His teams have triumphed in more than 80 per cent of their games.

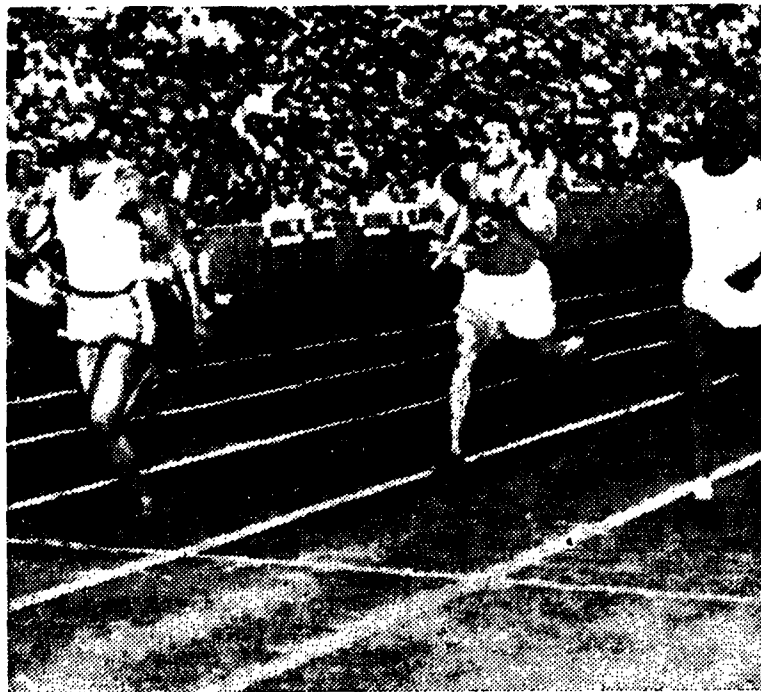
### Soccer Schedule

#### VARSITY

Oct. 1—Army	West Point
Oct. 9—Bucknell	home
Oct. 16—Navy	Annapolis
Oct. 23—Maryland	home
Oct. 30—Colgate	home
Nov. 6—Syracuse	home
Nov. 13—Cornell	Ithaca
Nov. 20—Temple	Philadelphia
Nov. 27—Penn	Philadelphia

#### JUNIOR VARSITY

Oct. 1—Army	West Point
Oct. 23—Frostburg	S. T. C.
	Frostburg, Md.



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Here's Barney Ewell, left, ex-Penn State speedster, winning the 100-meter race in the Olympic tryouts at Chicago early this summer. Second is Harrison Dillard, of Baldwin Wallace; third is Mel Patton, of Southern California.

Later in the Olympics at London, Ewell finished a close second to Dillard, who tied the Olympic record of 10.3 seconds to win the event, while Patton finished fifth.

## Sophs Eligible as Candidates For Assistant Managerial Posts

Of prime importance to the College's athletic teams are the student managers and assistant managers for they are the backbone of the "behind the scenes" work of every athletic team.

Under the direction of the graduate manager of athletics, Harold R. Gilbert, student managers care for the equipment, serve as greeters to referees and other officials, handle expenses on away trips, submit accounts of athletic contests for official records and carry out many other duties in assisting the coaches, players, officials and visiting teams.

All sophomore men are eligible for candidacy as a second assistant manager for fall, winter and spring sports.

### SIGN UP NOW

Sophomores who are interested in managerships for football, cross-country and soccer are urged to apply at the Assistant Graduate Manager of Athletics' office in 107 Old Main anytime this week or next.

Within two weeks following the completion of the season of each sport, three first assistant managers are chosen to serve for the following year. With this advancement more responsibilities are delegated to the first assistants, including the supervision of the second assistant candidates and the accompanying of the team on away trips.

One head manager is chosen from the three first assistant managers. The head manager serves in that capacity his senior year while the two defeated first managers are considered associate managers in that sport the succeeding year but they are inactive.

As manager of an athletic team one holds an enviable and respectable position on campus. Full responsibility in every line of service to a team during practice sessions, on a trip and at at-home games is delegated to the head manager.

Athletic awards are given to the head manager and associate managers for each sport. With football considered the major sport at the College, both the varsity letter winners and the head manager receive eight-inch block letter "S".

For all other sports varsity letter winners and head managers receive six-inch block letter "S". Associate managers in all sports are awarded 4½-inch block "S" letters.

All award winners receive sweaters with their awards. Graduating seniors, besides their let-

ter, receive a gold award and also an engraved certificate of the letters that were awarded to them and the year they received them.

In the past, student managers have rendered a great service to Penn State's athletic teams in the fulfillment of their duties, according to Gilbert.

## Harriers Slate Home Contests

Nittany fans will have two chances to see Coach Chick Werner's cross country team in action this year, with a pair of meets carded at home.

Opening the '48 season with New York University away, the Lion harriers will then play host to a celebrated Michigan State outfit. Then the Wernermen travel to Cornell, after which they clash with Manhattan at home.

IC4-A competition is slated for New York City, with the annual national collegiates scheduled for East Lansing, Michigan. Last year, the red-hot Nittany harriers emerged national champs at the Michigan meet.

In Michigan State and Manhattan, local fans will see two perennial cross-country powers battle the Lions on the Nittany home grounds.

In dual competition last season, the Blue and White harriers copped three matches while dropping two. N.Y.U., Pitt and Cornell fell before the Nittany-men, while Michigan State and Manhattan humbled them.

### Cross Country Card

Oct. 9—N.Y.U.	N. Y. City
Oct. 23—Michigan State	home
Oct. 30—Cornell	Ithaca
Nov. 6—Manhattan	home
Nov. 15—ICAAAA	N. Y. City
Nov. 22—NCAA	East Lansing

## Between Lions—

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### Soccer Situation

On the soccer field, Mentor Bill Jeffrey will be counted on to field one of his annual cracker-jack outfits, despite the fact that Ken Hosterman, one of his scoring aces, will not be available. Hosterman's leg, which was broken in mid-season last year, is on the mend but physicians have advised him against premature activity.

In his 22-year tenure as Lion soccer tutor, Jeffrey's booters have won the amazing total of 89 contests out of 126 played. Twenty of those 126 were deadlocked.



Jeffrey

### Cross Country

Traditionally listed with Manhattan and Michigan State as one of the nation's top trio of cross-country kingpins, the Lion team under Coach Chick Werner should again roll.

Last year the Nittany harriers copped Penn State's second national collegiate crown in three inches of snow at East Lansing, Michigan.

Though Werner will be minus Jerry Karver, celebrated cross-country and track star, via graduation, there'll still be Horace "Ash" Ashenfelter, harrier captain, and several others to carry the Lion load in cross-country.

### Winter Agenda

December will usher in the winter sports slate and those three-or-four-sport banner attractions in Recreation Hall.

To make a long tale short, basketball under John (sliding zone) Lawther, wrestling under the wing of Charley Speidel, boxing coached by Leo "Fred" Houck, fencing under Dr. Arthur Meyer, swimming coached by Bill Gutteron, skiing tutored by Sherm Fogg and gymnastics under Gene Wettstone will show Lion sports followers something to rave about.

The '48 boxing captain will be Johnny Benglian, clever south-paw who copped the Eastern 127-pound honors in '46. In gymnastics, Coach Gene Wettstone loses U.S. Olympic performer Ray Sorensen and other key men, but Billy Bonsall, head cheerleader and another star of Olympic caliber, is back, as is Bill Meade, number one Lion tumbler.

### Spring Sports

In the spring, the Nittany Lions will claw many a foe in baseball coached by Genial Joe Bedenk, track under the tutelage of Chick Werner, lacrosse guided by Nick Thiel, tennis under the eye of Sherm Fogg and golf skipped by Bob Rutherford, Sr., dean of the Nittany coaching staff.

Last year's golfers swept 77 of a possible 90 points to capture the Eastern championship, and Rutherford is already scanning the newcomers to the College's golf links to replace departing seniors.

And Bedenk's battlers on the baseball diamond ought to come close to last spring's excellent mark of 12 triumphs and four defeats.

In general, it's easy to paint a rosy outlook for Nittany Lion teams in '48-'49, because many of the squads are packed with returning talent.

But there are still weak spots on many squads, which prompts coaches to encourage incoming sophomore men to try out for varsity teams.

Last year's Nittany editions in all sports demonstrated that sophomore athletes who possessed a true competitive spirit "made out" in their initial year on campus. This year will be no different.

### Tenth Grid Coach

Bob Higgins is the tenth coach to serve Penn State in 61 years of intercollegiate football competition.

### New Welcome Mat

A new and larger entrance to the football stadium is under construction on campus.

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