

# Collier's Selects Sam Tamburo

## Ace Nittany Terminal Gains Coveted First Team Berth

By Tom Morgan

Attaining one of the most coveted honors in collegiate football, Sam Tamburo—Penn State's sterling end—has been named on Collier's 59th All-America first team. The Collier's team is regarded by most gridiron authorities as the foremost national All-America selection and is slated to appear on newsstands today.

Astonished by the news of his good fortune, Tamburo late yesterday expressed his reaction through four startled words: "I think it's wonderful!" In all the excitement, Sam—a departing senior member of Coach Bob Higgins' '48 team—managed to credit the entire Nittany eleven with making his All-America selection possible and said: "I enjoyed playing with the team. Every member deserves credit, for they are a great bunch of players."

### COACHES COMMENT

Earle Edwards, Nittany Lion end coach who tutored Tamburo in his four years of varsity football, yesterday described the Lion terminal as "a hard worker and conscientious trainer." Declared Edwards:

"Sam is good because he can

make use of his imagination and ingenuity on the football field. For example, on offense, he has repeatedly been able to outmaneuver opposing backs by leaving the regular pass-catching zones when he sensed that the situation warranted doing so. Tamburo has developed into an excellent pass receiver and a brilliant defense man."

Head Coach Higgins echoed Edwards' words by proclaiming Tamburo "one of the best ends we've ever had." The Hig added:

"Sam does everything well. He deserves recognition on Collier's All-America."

### BOARD CHOSE STARS

The Collier's selection of eleven nationally outstanding players was made this year by a board composed of eight grid coaches. They include Matty Bell, SMU; Bernie Bierman, Minnesota; Wally Butts, Georgia; Jeff Cravath, Southern California; Harvey Harman, Rutgers; Frank Leahy, Notre Dame; Lou Little, Columbia, and Tuss McLaughry, Dartmouth.

With Chuck Bednarik, star Penn center, Tamburo represented the Keystone State on the top-notch All-America, now in its 59th year and originally chosen by the famed Walter Camp, more recently by Grantland Rice.

### THE TEAM

Following are names of the el-



SAM TAMBURO

even football players across the nation who gained berths on the 1948 Collier's All-America:

- E—Sam Tamburo Penn State
- E—George Brodnax Ga. Tech
- T—Leo Nomellini Minnesota
- T—Al Wistert Michigan
- G—Marty Wendell Notre Dame
- G—Paul Burris Oklahoma
- C—Chuck Bednarik Penn SMU
- B—Doak Walker N. Carolina
- B—Charley Justice N. Carolina
- B—Jackie Jensen California
- B—Clyde Scott Arkansas

By securing Collier's All-America mention, Tamburo followed closely the path of Penn State's '47 standout guard, Steve Suhey, and became the eighth Penn State All-American in the highest sense of the term.

Suhey last year was the first Lion performer to achieve a spot (Continued on page six)

## IM Fight Fans See 6 Boxers Gain Triumphs

### Smidansky Downs Young in Heavy

By BOB KOTZBAUER

Twice flooring Bob Young, Alpha Tau Omega, with hard lefts followed by smashing right crosses, John Smidanski, Sigma Nu, blistered his way to a third-round TKO heavyweight victory in the featured bout of a card of 11 at Recreation Hall last night.

Five other pugilists battered to victory in a sensational card staged by the intramural department before 400 half-crazed boxing fans. Four others won by forfeit.

Thirteen bouts are scheduled for the varsity ring tonight in another top-notch card featuring fights in five classes.

Smidanski and Young, wasting no time measuring each other, exchanged hard blows from the opening gong. Young rushed out eagerly to force the early slugging, but the Sigma Nu football star, leading with a snaky left that seldom missed its mark, battered Young to the mat in the second frame, took his breather, and then came back to finish his man midway in the last round.

### CLASSY 155 POUNDER

Another Sigma Nu, Lou Trioni, captured the early favor of the crowd, stalking Carl Miller, Lambda Chi Alpha, forcing him into corners and then pummeling his rangier opponent with blow after blow to win a unanimous decision.

Trioni's boxing style, calm, collected but packing TNT in both fists, set the gallery in an uproar all the way.

### FIRST ROUND TKO

Richard Yeagley, Phi Gamma Delta, bounced his opponent, Thomas Grifferty, Delta Tau Delta, off the mat in the first round to snare a 145-pound-class TKO victory.

The flooring blow was a terrific, roundhouse right cross that whis-

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## Between The Lions



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### All in the Family

Football honors were the lot of another Tamburo in New Kensington this week as Sam's brother Dick received all-Western Pennsylvania high school honorable mention. Now a senior at Ken Hi, Dick was acclaimed as all-state center last year before switching to an end position this season. Sam's elder brother, Harry, played two years of varsity ball at VPI, also as a nend.

### In Demand

Penn State's Sam, who is 22, scales 185 and reaches 6 feet-2, looks forward to coaching football and is already getting his feet wet in that concomitant to a coaching career—public speaking.

He's already been a guest at several local gatherings, the latest of which was last night at the Bellefonte Quarterbacks Club.

Incidentally, the crackerjack Lion terminal, as well as the other ten members of Collier's All-America, will be featured next Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Warner Pathe News at the Cathaum theater. And next Friday Tamburo's exploits on the gridiron will be viewed coast-to-coast by television fans on the Philco Quarterback Show.

Sam will later receive a permanent gold football engraved with his name and those of the other ten Collier's selectees.

### Penn Hoodoo

Penn State's '48 Lion football squad put the skids on Penn, it seems. Counting the loss to State, the Quakers dropped three in a row (the other two) to Army and Cornell), something that hasn't been done in Quakerland for more than a decade.

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