

## Boxers Prep for Season; Benglian, Drazenovich

By GEORGE VADASZ

The 1949 boxing team, on paper at least, should outshine its predecessor, the '48 mitt unit which turned in three victories, three defeats and one tie to conclude the best ring season for the Lions since the pre-war golden boxing era.

Although the loss of former Eastern champ and team captain Jackie Tighe will be severely felt, another former Eastern champion, John Benglian will lead the ringsters this season.

Benglian, captain elect, started his Penn State ring career in 1945. That year as a freshman sensation, he climaxed his inaugural boxing season by copping the Eastern 127-pound title at West Point.

Because of a back injury he was unable to compete in the ring two seasons ago but last year the veteran southpaw won six fights and tied one on dual competition. He was defeated by Grover Master-son in the first fight of the Eastern finals at Virginia and after winning his first contest at the NCAA tournament in Wisconsin he lost a much disputed decision in the semi-finals.

### SHOULDER INJURY

Hard luck once again struck this summer when Benglian injured his shoulder in a sandlot baseball game. It is gradually healing now and Johnny hopes to be in top shape by the time Coach Leo Houck unveils his fighting Lions at Rec Hall in January.

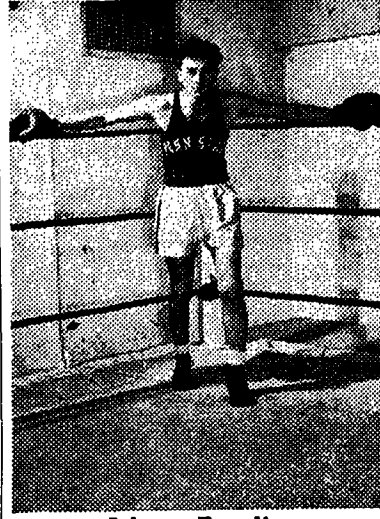
The veteran Lion mentor is counting heavily on his heavy-weight protege of last season, Chuck Drazenovich. The 210-pounder, will return to the ring wars to defend his Eastern heavy-weight championship which he claimed at Virginia last year. Chuck knocked out his opponent in the finals after only 20 seconds had elapsed in the first round. Drazenovich retired from the ring after the EIBA's to give his full attention to Coach Higgins and the football team. His return to the team bolsters considerably the Lions' future.

Besides these two mainstays of the boxing machine, five more lettermen are returning with Jack Sheehee, veteran 145-pounder, and Paul Smith, lanky 175-pounder being counted upon heavily to cop the bacon for the mittmen.

### SMITH AND KELLER

Although weighing close to 165 pounds all last season, Smith was moved up one weight class to give the team better all-around strength, and toward the end of the season Houck considered 'PQ' (Smith) the most improved fighter on the team.

Bob Keller, aggressive slugger



Johnny Benglian

in the 165-pound class, has been working out daily and is already reaching top fighting strength. Keller starred in the IM boxing tourney last season although being defeated by Fritz Lennox in the hottest slugfest of last season's intramural bouts.

Two 125-pound lettermen are returning, Fred Smith and John Deck. Deck competed in the EIBA tourney but was defeated in the first round while diminutive Fred Smith was victoryless all season. It is unlikely that Deck will be able to compete in the 125 class since he gained over 20 pounds since last year's season.

Curt Crooks, last season's 135-pound battler, has dropped out of school but aggressive Oliver Wallace, a promising looking Negro contestant, seems to be the top man in that weight class.

Regular practice sessions are slated from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. every afternoon and Coach Houck urges all sophomores who are interested in the manly art of self defense to report to him at the boxing ring at that time.

For those students who are interested in boxing instructions now or for those who want to work out for the forth-coming intramural boxing tourney captain John Benglian will be around the boxing ring every afternoon this week.

## Goodman Returns; 'Fred' Puts Him To Work Pronto

One of the greatest Lion ring artists, Frank J. Goodman, winner of the Eastern Intercollegiate 135-pound boxing title in 1936 and 1937 as well as the NCAA crown in '37, stopped at Rec Hall yesterday to see his old mentor, Leo "Fred" Houck.

Houck immediately put his former protege to work refereeing the current intramural boxing tournament. Four hectic fist-ic duels opened the IM tourney. Said Goodman: "Those boys sure went at it. It reminds me of the good old days here at Rec Hall."

Goodman, an athletic trophy salesman in New York City, presents the Goodman Trophy annually to the graduating Lion boxer who had done the most to further the fist-ic sport at the Nittany institution. Last year's winner was 155-pound ring captain Jackie Tighe.

## IM Fighters Gain Triumphs

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led past his shoulder into Grifferty's chin. Grifferty was on his feet immediately, ready to continue, but judges Leo Houck and Chuck Drazenovich, along with referee Glenn Hawthorne, stopped further damage.

### CAT LIKE

Cat-like Edward Datz, Phi Gamma Delta, pounded out a 135-pound decision over Charles Brown, Pi Kappa Phi, through three rounds of a fast-stepping lightweight bout.

In a slam-bang finish, slick Robert Blum, Phi Epsilon Pi, came off the ropes in the third round to protect his two-round advantage and win the decision over Joseph Young, stocky battering-ram from Kappa Delta Rho.

Robert Tscherfing, Phi Sigma Kappa, decisioned Robert Von Storch, Delta Chi, in another flashy exhibition of boxing skill in the 145-pound class.

Richard Dum, Alpha Gamma Rho, outlasted Sheehan, of Theta Kappa Phi, in another slugging bout in the 165 division.

Forfeits were won by George Kline, Zeta Beta Tau, over John McCall, Alpha Tau Omega; Richard Evans, Delta Tau Delta, over Lewis Cohen, Phi Epsilon Pi; Weidenman, Sigma Nu, over Ralph Swan, Omega Psi Phi; James Huber, Phi Gamma Delta, over Fred Schutzman, Phi Epsilon Pi.

## Theta Chi Cops Second IM Tilt, Dorm 41 Wins

Catching their second wind after faltering to a 15-15 tie in regulation time, the independent Dorm 41 intramural basketballers slapped through three quick field goals while holding Dorm 47 scoreless in an extra period to win their first cage victory, 21-15, at Recreation Hall Wednesday night.

Theta Chi meanwhile on another court, led by high scorer Sam

Kurtz who tallied 10 points, annexed a 25-11 victory over Alpha Phi Delta. The win was Theta Chi's second straight in the fraternity "A" league.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon fielded another strong offensive to romp to its second win also, defeating Alpha Zeta, 16-5, in one of the later games of the night.

In other games, Dorm 33 shel-lacked Dorm 43, 28-9; the Whiz Kids eked out a slim 19-14 win over the XM Boys; Dorm 40 wreaked havoc on Dorm 39, 17-4.

### He's Undecided

Head Football Coach Bob Higgins still maintains an open mind in the present controversy over the unlimited substitution rule.

Delta Sigma Phi upset Omega Psi Phi, 14-8; Phi Epsilon Pi bruised its way to a 23-20 victory over Tau Kappa Epsilon; Nittany Co-op doubled the count on the Penn State Club, 19-7.

Games tonight are:

8:45 p.m. — Delta Upsilon vs. Phi Delta Theta, court one; Alpha Chi Rho vs. Alpha Tau Omega, court two; Zeta Beta Tau vs. Sigma Alpha, court three.

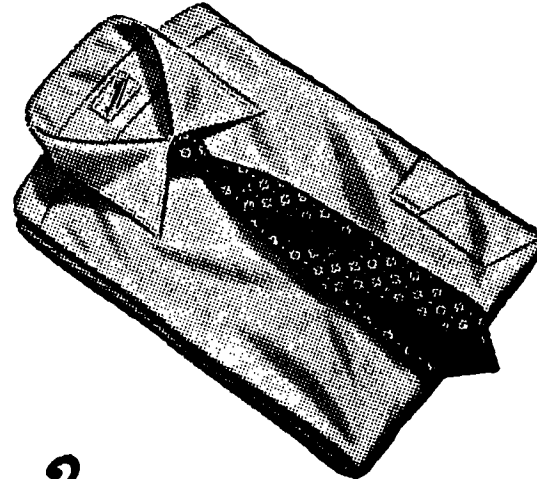
9:25 — Tau Phi Delta vs. Pi Kappa Phi, court one; Alpha Phi Alpha vs. Delta Theta Sigma, court two; Sigma Pi vs. Sigma Phi Sigma, court three.

10:05 p.m. — Phi Kappa Sigma vs. Alpha Gamma Rho, court one; Acacia vs. Alpha Sigma Phi, court two; Pi Kappa Alpha vs. Phi Kappa Psi, court three.

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