

# Lions Rate Second In Grid Defense

The Nittany Lion football team, while far below its 1947 defensive record, was good enough to wind up the season in second place in the collegiate defensive race.

Figures released yesterday by the NCAA statistics bureau showed that the Blue and White gridgers held their opponents to an average of 158.2 yards per game, both rushing and passing, to place right behind Georgia Tech in the contest for total defensive honors.

The "Ramblin' Wreck" allowed a total of 151.3 yards per game, a total almost twice that of last year's Nittany eleven mark of 76.8, to annex the mythical title.

### HIGHEST

This year's figure was the highest ever to earn a team first place in the national total defensive race.

In finishing second the Lions almost managed to break the jinx that so far has prevented any college squad from repeating as national defensive leaders two consecutive years.

Broken down, the figures show that the defensive line, successors to last year's Seven Nittany Mountains, permitted an average of 83.3 yards per game by rushing to

each of its nine opponents to place second to the Engineers in that department also. This figure was more than five times as great as the defensive rushing figure of 17 yards per game on the ground compiled by the 1947 aggregation. That mark still stands as an all-time record.

### PASS

In pass defense the gridgers ranked far below the leaders and were not rated among the top five. Northwestern took air defense laurels, permitting an average of 54.1 yards per game overhead.

The Lions ranked third in lowest number of points registered against them, permitting their opponents to amass a total of 55 markers. Michigan's national champions kept the enemy off the scoreboard with greater frequency than any other team, allowing only 44 points.

This latter mark, too, was a new "worst" for NCAA records. Previous high point total to win lowest scoring honors was the 27 points registered by the Nittany Lions last year.

## Between Lions—

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point out the offender on every infraction of the rules they detect on the field. (Halfback George Guerre's long gallop was recalled because of clipping perpetrated on Lion Tackle John Finley.)

"If the rules called for officials to point out each offender there would be a lot less guessing out there on the field," Munn said, "and probably a lot fewer penalties."

Munn has something to complain about. Michigan State's football team was penalized 440 yards throughout the season—more than the length of four gridirons. Spartan foes lost a total of 252.

### Pennsylvania Boy

We discovered another Pennsylvania boy who made good on a topnotch football team out-of-state this season. Sam Marczyk, 285-pound tackle from Nesquehoning, not only is the biggest player on North Carolina's Sugar Bowl squad but he's also a Phi Beta Kappa student.

## IM Boxing--

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reach, tattooed his man for a decision win.

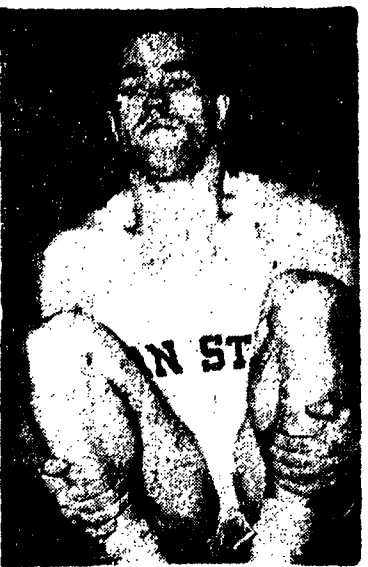
Bob Tscheringer, Phi Sigma Kappa, poking hard left jabs through his man's defense, TKO'd Richard Yeagley, Phi Gamma Delta in the second round of their war.

Despite a technique in which he launched himself headon with arms flailing like a riverboat's side-paddles, George Schautz succumbed to the uppercuts and crosses of Emil "Doc" Suca in the 128 division.

## Boxing Finals

Intramural boxing finals at Recreation Hall, Thursday night, will cater to the spectators. The varsity ring will be moved to the center of the Rec Hall floor where fights can be more easily viewed by fans sitting in the balcony.

Fights will begin at 8:30 p.m. instead of the customary 5 p.m. Ten bouts are planned.



BILL MEADE

## Gymnasts

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bler and Mike Kurowski, who competed on the horizontal bars in 1948.

### OTHERS

Two other returning veterans are lettermen Wendell Lomady and Joe Mirenzi.

In Bonsall the Blue and White gymnasts can boast of one of the finest performers in the nation. He, with Sorensen, was one of the representatives on the United States Men's Olympic team which competed in the London Olympics this summer.

This quintet of experienced performers and a crop of some 20 promising sophomores will help prevent the lanky gym mentor from overloading the College laundry with too many weeping towels.

Candidates for the team have been practicing daily in Rec Hall since October. In that time Wettstone has been able to draw a fair idea of available talent.

### SIDE HORSE

Best prospects for the side horse competition, according to the bespectacled coach, are Bonsall and two inexperienced sophomores, Dave Benner and Ed Mehn.

Veterans Bonsall, Kurowski and Lomady, along with newcomer Ned Foster, seem to be the best bets on the horizontal bars.

In the rope climb event, where Wettstone lost all three performers from last year's team, Lomady and a collection of sophomores including Lee Perna, Saul Postich,

## Roamers Blast IM Foe, 49-9; Six Other Quints Advance

Functioning like a well-oiled machine, the independent Womers Roamers poured a steady stream of baskets through the nets at Rec Hall Monday night, giving fans a scoring show worth seeing as they torpedooed the Lions, 49-9.

That game was the most lopsided, but in seven other games played on the courts, only two were hard pulls. A.R.O. edged the Architects, 18-17, utilizing an extra period to snatch the win, and

Beaver House pulled through over the Privateers, 16-15.

Another 18-game attraction is featured at Rec Hall tonight with the first games beginning at 7 p.m.

Womers Roamers salted away their victory in the first half when they piled up 29 counters while holding the Lions to a paltry pair. Three floormen, Carter, Barber and Williams, led the victorious charge, notching a total of 36 points.

The Smooth Schmoos also found the point-making punch. Racking up 28 markers in the first half, the Schmoos walloped the Red Flashes, 42-20, to climb into lone leadership of independent league "A."

### OTHERS

Other exciting battles saw Q. Quintet beat Matilda Chi, 30-9; Section 10 splatter Cody Manor, 22-9; Murgas fight down the Ceramics, 23-15; and Sigma Chi trip Triangle, 16-5. Ward 2 won by forfeit over the Speedsters.

Games tonight are: 7 p.m.—Phi Gamma Delta vs. Phi Kappa, court one; Drewlers vs. Penn State Club, court two; Jordan Hall vs. Matilda Chi, court three.

7:40 p.m.—Red Flashes vs. Speedsters, court one; Q. Quintet vs. Beaver House, court two; Ward 2 vs. Privateers, court three.

8:20 p.m.—Delta Upsilon vs. Sigma Alpha, court one; Alpha Tau Omega vs. Phi Kappa Phi, court two; Phi Delta Theta vs. Tau Phi Delta, court three.

9 p.m.—Alpha Chi Rho vs. Zeta Beta Tau, court one; Omega Psi Phi vs. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, court two; Theta Chi vs. Phi Epsilon Pi, court three.

9:35 p.m.—Delta Sigma Phi vs. Tau Kappa Epsilon, court one; Alpha Phi Delta vs. Alpha Zeta, court two; Dorm 43 vs. X.M. Boys, court three.

10:05 p.m.—Dorm 25 vs. Dorm 40, court one; Dorm 33 vs. Dorm 39, court two; Dorm 37 vs. Whiz Kids, court three.

## Co-Captains--

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coach who was guest speaker at the banquet, praised this year's Lion gridiron team, terming it a "great outfit in spite of one loss." He declared:

"I have respect for a team that loses and can then come back to win. That's the test of a good team."

The Lebanon Valley coach, who has been associated with the East-West Shrine game for 22 years, explained the background of the contest—played annually for crippled children's charity. Three Lion gridmen, Tackle John Finley, Guard John Simon and Wingback Larry Cooney, will participate in the New Year's Day classic, which Kerr called "the greatest game played every year because it's played for the greatest cause—humanity."

In a telegram read to the gathering of players, coaches and college officials by Toastmaster Jim Coogan, Gov. James H. Duff stated:

"Penn State's my team. I always like to see them play. If it were not for the coming session of the legislature, I'd be with you tonight."

In addition to Coach Kerr, members of the College Senate Committee on Athletics and the Athletic Advisory Board congratulated the team on its '48 campaign.

### Varsity Additions

In 1941 ice hockey and skiing were given the status of varsity sports at Penn State.

Al Cristie and Ed McMillin have the inside track. Perna stands out as the best of the group.

Meade, Mirenzi and Kurowski will perform on the parallel bars while on the rings Bonsall, Jesse Fehl, Kurowski, Bill Hamel, Lomady and Foster are competing for the three starting posts.

A promising recruit, Rudolph Valentino (no relation to the matinee idol), and Meade are scheduled to take charge of the tumbling duties.

The official 1949 schedule has not yet been released by the Athletic office, but the Lions' first meet is scheduled for early February against Michigan State at East Lansing, Michigan.

## Eliminations

### Open on Mats

Eliminations began Tuesday for Coach Charley Speidel's Lion matmen. The veteran wrestling tutor hopes to select a potential starting lineup for the Princeton lid-lifter on January 8 as a result of the inter-squad matches.

Approximately 35 bouts are scheduled to be fought this week, with four of the matches already determined on Tuesday.

Jim Maurey, ace 145-pounder and runner-up in the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association tournament last year, won his clash by pinning Al Fasnacht. Two other bouts were also decided by falls.

Jack Schulze pinned Fred Rodger in a 128-pound tussle, while Aubrey McIlvaine threw Lincoln VanSickle in a duel of 165-pounders. Larry Shallcross won an 8-0 decision from Hank Van Haelwyn in a 155-pound battle.

Coach Speidel is tentatively planning to hold practice during the latter part of Christmas vacation to prepare his forces for the invasion of Tigerland at Princeton, N. J. Last year, the Orange and Black nipped the Nittanies, 14-13, in an early season dual meet.

### Worst Defeat

The worst defeat ever suffered by a Penn State football team was a 106-0 loss to Lehigh in 1889.

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