

# Scramble Forecast for Upper-Weight EIBA Crowns

By George Vadasz

(Editor's Note: This is the second half of a two-part round-up of competition in different EIBA weight classes. The first part appeared yesterday.)

Although past records show that the boxers of the EIBA newcomer, Catholic U., sport an apparent advantage in the lower

weight classes, a mad scramble for titles in the upper weight division is in the making in Rec Hall tonight and tomorrow.

It is hard to pick future winners and as Penn State's boxing mentor Leo Houck puts it, "The championship is still won and lost in the ring."

Biggest news, as far as lineup changes go, comes from Charlottesville. Last season's 155-pound

champ Joe Miragliotta has been scratched from the entry list; instead, his brother Basil, EIBA 145-pound winner last year, will represent the Virginians in the 155 class.

Catholic U.'s Bucky Ennis appears on the inside track for the 155-pound title. The scrappy Ennis has won three of his four starts this year by knockouts.

### MALONEY OR HEIMS

Representing the Blue in White in the 155 class will be either hard-punching Jim Maloney or lanky Pat Heims. The duo has been trading off the starting assignment for the Lions and Coach Houck is as yet undecided who to send into the ring.

Army and Syracuse starters for the 155 toga are also indefinite. Representing West Point in the ring will be either Ken Herring (2-3-0) or Joe Thompson (0-1-0).

Chuck Rigoloso, who held Catholic's Ennis to a draw and then went on to defeat Penn State's Maloney, will give the fans plenty of action should he represent the Orangemen. Jim Palmioto might be the alternate Syracuse 155-pounder. Leroy Merritt, (0-2-0), will be Western Maryland's 155 representative.

### TITLE DEFENDER

Back to defend his title in a rugged field of 165-pounders will be Syracuse's dancing Jim Rollier. His crackerjack left jab and

hard right cross make him a favorite with the fans. He stages a miraculous dancing act for three rounds which makes him a hard target to hit.

The Syracusean owns a distinctive record of six wins and one setback. His lone loss was to Penn State's Paul Smith. Fighting at 160 pounds this year, Smith is the top contender to cop a title in that weight class. Four wins in five starts is P.Q.'s (Smith) record this season.

But the road to a title fight between Rollier and Smith is not clear-cut, for Billy Maher, of Catholic U., will be a big stum-

bling block. The Capitol slugger owns a 3-1-1 record.

Bernard Kelly will be the Green Terrors' choice to step through the ropes at 165-pounds while Tom Hastings will represent the Cadets. Kelly owns no wins but has suffered one loss while Hastings came through with three wins and an equal number of losses.

For Virginia it will be either 165-pounder Nick Manos (0-2-0) or John Marks, (0-2-0).

### 175-POUNDERS

Bunched at 175-pounds are at least three talented ring performers. Continued on page six

## The Nittany Realm

By Elliot Krane

Basketball players are severely criticized for fighting in Rec Hall, but there's a former cager now wearing the Blue and White who does just that to the cheers, rather than jeers, of the Penn State audience.

John Charles Sheeche, who will aim for the 145-pound Intercollegiate Boxing Association title, was a former basketball star at Indiana (Pa.) High School, and led his team to the county championship, while he captured the high scoring race in the league.

### AIR FORCE VET

After high school, "Jack" served for three years in the Army Air Corps and added more laurels to his growing list of basketball successes. At Scot field, the high-scoring guard played on the team which racked up 15 straight wins over service and college teams besides winning the base championship.

When he returned to civilian life, Sheeche enrolled at Penn State and naturally went out for his specialty, basketball.

But his point-making views didn't coincide with the Nittany defensive idea of the court sport and soon Sheeche was looking for another activity.

As the senior boxer explained it, "I come from a family of eight brothers and had plenty of experience in fighting since I was the next to youngest."

Sheeche reported to Leo Houck the following year, and in the 1946-47 season won his first two fights. Sometime between his second and third fight, he broke a bone



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## P. Smith Meets Terror's Kelly

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class, Al Hollingsworth of Virginia will step into the ring tonight against Jay Wason of Syracuse and undefeated John Redmond, Catholic U.'s fistic 130-pounder squares off against Medon Bitzer of Army tonight.

Top record performer for the Nittany Lions, Paul Smith was top seeded in the 165-pound class. He tangles with Western Maryland's Bernard Kelly in tonight's quarter-finals while his nemesis, Jim Rollier, the defending Eastern 165-pound champion, trades blows tonight with Abe Levin of Virginia.

Should both Smith and Rollier win their initial two contests, the two will then be paired in Saturday night's finals. The highly improved Lion 175-pounder, Jack Bolger draws a bye in tonight's fistic engagements as did Army's Pete Monfore.

### FEATURE ATTRACTION

Monfore and Bolger tangle in the semi-finals tomorrow afternoon in what is expected to be one of the feature attractions of the 1949 EIBA's. Earlier in the season Monfore decided Bolger for his only loss of the season.

Since then Bolger went undefeated while a broken nose kept Monfore out of the ring since the Penn State meet. Lanky Nittany 155-pounder, Pat Haims also drew a bye in the quarter-finals and will meet the winner of the Basil Miragliotta, of Virginia, and Ken Herring, of Army, contest.

### CRONIN FAVORED

Only one contest will be staged in the 125-pound division tonight. Highly rated Tom Cronin, outstanding and undefeated Capital slugger, trades blows with up and coming Freddie Smith of Penn State in the opening meet of this year's tourney.

Also in action tonight will be the veteran Jack Sheeche. The uppercutting Blue and White 145-pounder opposes Dick Trumper of Catholic University.

## Gilbert Names Ring Referee

Three referees were named yesterday for tonight's and tomorrow's intercollegiate boxing bouts by Harold R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics.

Chosen by a vote of representatives of the six competing colleges were Victor J. diFilippo, Henry LaMar and William (Billy) Taylor.

According to Gilbert, the three will take turns refereeing. When one is in the ring, the other two will be judges, he said.

Filippo is a Rutgers graduate. At that university he boxed in intercollegiate competition, winning a 175-pound championship in 1930. He is now director of the department of health and physical education at Seton Hall College, South Orange, N. J.

A Harvard graduate, LaMar is now head boxing coach at his alma mater. Taylor graduated from Springfield (Mass.) College, is a former member of the teaching staff of the Coast Guard Academy and is now a faculty member of a New England high school.

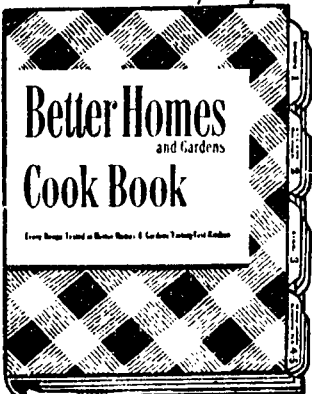
## Schoolboy Champs To Perform Here

Penn State once again will play host to the Pennsylvania schoolboy track and field, golf and tennis championships. Harold R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, said the dates selected for the annual events are Friday and Saturday, May 20-21.

Two Eggerts, Bill and Paul, both of Sigma Nu, won the 165- and 175-pound wrestling championships in fraternity competition last season.

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### Guthrie, Wallace, Sophs

We asked the Nittany boxing skipper, oldest in the business, to go on.

"Well, at 135 we have Lou Guthrie and Ollie Wallace. There's not

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### Heavy IM Mat King

Bob Heckel, of Pi Kappa Alpha, won the unlimited title in fraternity wrestling last season. Joe Colone, of Sigma Nu, was runner-up.



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