

# Golfers Host Army, Cornell, Pitt For EIGA Regional Playoffs

## Defending Champion Lions Cast Main Hopes on Smith

By Frank Conte

The Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Association Regional play-offs got underway here today with Penn State, Pitt, Army and Cornell vying for the position the winner of the match will receive in the Atlantic City E.I.G.A. finals.

The Penn State Lions have been the winners in the 1947 and 1948 sectional matches. After last year's regional victory the undefeated Nittany golfers went on to annex the Eastern Intercollegiate crown.

Four individuals will be featured in the matches to be held both today and tomorrow. Cornell's Pete Smith has paced his team to its seven-game winning streak, making them undefeated in warm-up engagements. Last week, Smith defeated Tony Langan, of Syracuse, marking the third time Langan has been downed in three years of intercollegiate play.

### SMITH

Tommy Smith, Penn State's mainstay, is one of two men remaining from last year's unbeaten crown winner. Smith, also owns a formidable record this season in non-league contests.

Army's Ernie Rose and Pitt's Bill Burress are the other men whose recent play promises to set a grueling pace when the teams take to the links today.

Dennis Lavender, Army coach, reports that Rose "hits the longest ball of any college man in the country." Burress, a schoolboy star at one time, has been playing a stellar game in the Pitt ranks.

### COURSE

The Penn State college course has gone through a face-lifting procedure. The new fifth and sixth holes, necessitated by the construction of new campus buildings have been lengthened, but par remains the same. A change in location of the seventh tee reduces par there by one. Par at present on the course is 69.

H. R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics at Penn State, yesterday was appointed referee of the matches by Asa Bushnell, executive secretary of the Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Association.

The schedule of the meets shows Penn State opening against Pitt and Cornell against Army. Time of the match is set at 1:00 p.m.

## Rutgers, Lions To Play in '50

Penn State and Rutgers University today announced a two-year football agreement beginning in 1950.

H. R. Gilbert, graduate manager of Penn State athletics, said the first game will be played here Nov. 18, 1950.

The Nittany Lions will go to New Brunswick, N. J., for the second game on November 17, 1951.

Rutgers and Penn State played only once before, at State College in 1918, and Rutgers won, 26-3.

### His 24th Season

Bill Jeffrey, native Scot, is looking forward to his 24th successive year as Penn State soccer coach.

## Lion Athlete Named LaSalle Coach

Kenneth D. (Ken) Loeffler, Penn State graduate and former coach of the St. Louis Bombers and Providence Steamrollers of the Basketball Association of America, has been named head basketball coach at LaSalle College in Philadelphia.

The 47-year-old Loeffler, a veteran of 17 years coaching experience, graduated from State in 1924 after winning five letters in

two sports. He played basketball in 1922, '23, '24 and baseball in 1923 and '24. Ken captained the court squad during the 1924 campaign.

Loeffler played professional basketball from the time he left State until he became coach at Geneva College in 1928. His home town is Geneva Falls.

He remained at Geneva until 1934 when he received a law degree at the University of Pittsburgh. The next year he took over

## Netmen Lose to Strong Middies; Bekhard-Landon Takes Doubles

By Fred Holly

Navy's powerful tennis team continued its all-winning ways Wednesday by trimming Penn State, 8-1, at Annapolis. The victory was the Middies' eighth straight over major Eastern colleges.

The Middies had just too many guns for the Nittany Lions and only a doubles win by Herb Beckhard and Sonny Landon prevented the hosts from scoring a shutout. Of Navy's eight wins, five have been by 9-0 scores and three by 8-1.

## Conger Lists Tennis Rules

Rules governing the use of the College tennis courts have been issued by Ray Conger, director of recreational activities.

Reservations for the courts between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. daily except Sunday, and from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays, may be made by phoning extension 87J.

When unreserved, courts may be used between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. daily except Sunday, and from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays.

Recreation Hall courts, bordering Beaver Field, are numbered from 2 to 12, starting with the court nearest to the football booths. The Alpha Zeta court is 13, and varsity courts are numbered 14 to 19.

All players are required to wear rubber-soled, heelless shoes.

Other regulations are:

1. First consideration is given to regular college classes.
2. Aside from classes, college students and employees have equal rights. Non-college individuals are not permitted to use the courts.
3. Reservations may be made only one day in advance and for only one hour because of the limited number of courts.
4. No person is required to give up a court except upon the presentation of a written reservation signed by the dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics or by an instructor in that school.
5. All reservations must end at the stroke of the hour as sounded by Old Main. The next reservation takes effect immediately. If the players are in the middle of a game at time, the game may be finished provided it takes no longer than 15 minutes.
6. Reservations must be taken up by 15 minutes past the hour. Otherwise, they automatically are cancelled. Anyone has the right to play on those courts not reserved.
7. Courts are not to be used when wet.

EIGA Pairings	
Friday: 1:00 p.m.—	Penn State vs. Pitt
	Cornell vs. Army
Saturday 9:00 a.m.—	Penn State vs. Army
	Army vs. Pitt
2:00 p.m.—	Penn State vs. Army
	Cornell vs. Pitt

### Aims for Title



Joe Boyle

## Lion Golfers To Defend 1948 Record

### Meet Scheduled On College Links

Coach Bob Rutherford's efforts to build a 1949 team of golfers comparable to his undefeated squad of last year will get its test today and tomorrow when the Lion linksmen move into the Eastern Intercollegiate section play-offs on the Penn State course.

With only two men, Joe Boyle and Tom Smith, remaining from last year's team, Coach Rutherford has succeeded in fashioning a winning aggregation of these two, four sophomores and a junior. Since dropping their first match to Georgetown University on strange course, the Nittany golfers have recorded four consecutive victories in their last four attempts. All these contests have been non-league matches.

### NON-LEAGUE WINS

The non-league action has included some tough opposition, with the Lions registering wins against Georgetown, Bucknell, Colgate, and Gettysburg since their initial defeat.

Weekend sectional play in the E. I. G. A., will see the Penn State golfers in action against all its league opponents; Cornell, Army, and Pitt. The winner of this section will go to Atlantic City to compete in the finals against winners of the three other E. I. G. A. sections.

### SCHEDULE

The hour and the day of the various matches follow; today at 1 p. m. Army meets Cornell; Penn State meets Pitt. Tomorrow, at 1 p. m., Army tees off against Pitt while Penn State battles Cornell. At 2 p. m. tomorrow, Army plays Penn State and Cornell meets Pitt.

## Jayvee Stickmen Spike Harrisburg

Led by Paul Raffensberger, Coach John McHugh's jayvee lacrossemen edged the Harrisburg Center ten, 11-9, on New Beaver Field Wednesday.

Raffensberger put on a spurt in the final quarter, sending three shots into the Harrisburg net, to clinch the game for the Lion Cubs. The win brought the Cubs' record to one win and one loss.

Harrisburg tied the game in the third period at 6-6, after trailing by 5-3 at the half. However, Raffensberger sparked his mates to five goals, and the Nittany juniors led, 11-7. The visitors scored twice in the final minutes of play.

Tomorrow at 3:30 p. m. the little Nittanians tangle with Otterbein in the Lions' second home engagement. The jayvee game will follow the varsity's battle with highly-rated Syracuse.

## Lion Tennis Duo Meets Net Stars

Captain Herb Beckhard and Owen "Sonny" Landon, outstanding members of the Penn State tennis team, will take a step up in tennis circles Sunday when they will oppose Don McNeil and Frank Guernsey, two of the top ranking stars in the country, in an exhibition match at Williamsport's Brandon Park.

Landon is a native of Williamsport and learned his tennis on the city courts. He was city champion in 1948 and last year was a member of the Lycoming College squad. Although only a sophomore, he has already become one of the Nittany Lion standouts.

Beckhard, one of the two returning seniors on this year's squad, hails from Woodmore, Long Island and holds down the number one singles position. He also teams with Landon in the first doubles assignment.

In Penn State's three matches so far, the Beckhard-Landon combination have won two out of three. They defeated Nothel and Rogers of Bucknell, 6-4, 5-7 and 6-2, and Vogt and Hayneworth of Navy, 6-4, 4-6 and 13-11. Colgate's first doubles team of Warren and Lust is the only one to down the Lion netmen.

Beckhard and Landon will play in the Duquesne match here Saturday and then travel to Williamsport for the next day's exhibition. The event, which is open to the public, is being staged by the Williamsport Municipal Tennis Association and will start at 2:30 p.m.

Following the exhibition matches, McNeil and Guernsey will conduct a junior clinic with the idea of developing young players.

## Wertz Leads Lion Batters With Lusty .393 Average

Hustling Dick Wertz, smooth-fielding first baseman on Coach Joe Bedenk's Nittany nine, owns the best batting average on the squad for the first seven games.

Suffering only a 6-2 loss at the hands of Rutgers, the Lions have rolled past six foes, the last four in a row.

Wertz who has pounded out 11 hits in 28 official trips to the plate, has smacked enemy pitcher for a .393 mark. The lefthanded first sacker has scored the most runs, 8, and tapped the most safeties, 11. The classy Wertz is also one of the five Nittanians who have clubbed out two base hits, and he hit one of the team's two home runs. Stan Laganosky, big right fielder, socked the other in the Lafayette tilt.

Pitcher Al Tkac holds second place in the batting parade with a .364 mark, while the two catchers, Clarence Busz and Jack Kurty, are tied for third at .333. Only averages compiled in at least ten times at bat are listed.

Others who have two base hits to their credit are Bill Bair, Kurty, Busz and Laganosky. Bill Benyish and Bill Tegtmeier have

belted triples, while Gene Solomon leads in sacrifice hits with 2.

Eight double plays have been clicked off by the Lion diamondmen in the seven clashes. Captain Hal Hackman, fifth hitter on the squad, has pilfered base 8 times.

Tkac heads the pitchers with a record of two wins and no defeats, closely followed by Bair, who captured his only start at Swarthmore. Cy Miller owns the most wins, 3, but was on the mound when the Bedenkmen lost to Rutgers.

	G	AB	R	H	Aver.
Wertz	7	28	8	11	.393
Tkac	3	11	2	4	.364
Busz	5	15	2	5	.333
Kurty	3	12	5	4	.333
Hackman	7	23	7	7	.304
Ondick	7	26	7	7	.269
Tegtmeier	6	19	5	5	.263
Laganosky	6	25	6	6	.240
Albright	7	24	6	5	.208
Miller	4	12	0	2	.167
Solomon	6	23	3	8	.130

	Pitching Records						
	G	IP	H	SO	BB	W	L
Tkac	2	18	12	5	3	2	0
Bair	1	9	4	5	2	1	0
Miller	4	28	25	11	8	1	7
Benyish	2	4.3	4	2	0	0	0
Masticola	2	2.1-3	2	2	2	0	0

### Sports Calendar

Today	
9 a.m.—Golf—	State College
E.I.G.A. Baseball—	Carlisle, Pa.
Dickinson	
Saturday	
2 p.m.—Golf—	State College
E.I.G.A. Lacrosse—	State College
Syracuse	
2 p.m.—Tennis—	State College—
Duquesne	
2 p.m.—Volleyball—	State Col.
YMCA Tourney	
3:30 p.m.—Lacrosse—	State College
Oberlin	
3:30 p.m.—Baseball—	Annapolis
Navy	
3:30 p.m.—Track—	Hamilton, N.Y.
Colgate	

### Four Home Games

Penn State will play four games at home, five on the road, during the 1949 football season.