

## The Lion's Tail

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### On the Mats

The varsity wrestling team tests its strength against a top-ranking and undefeated Lehigh mat squad Saturday, and the Lions will be out to nab revenge for the 14-11 defeat handed them last year by the Brown and White.

Meanwhile, at the Dubois Center, an array of fifteen matmen are going through eliminations for positions on the Center's grappling aggregation. Most of the aspirants are freshmen and will be candidates for the varsity next winter.

Don Maurey, 136-pounder for the Lions, was one of the leaders in forming a team at the off-campus center last year. Seven of the present squad members have held a total of twenty-seven different titles. Not bad for a starter, and it gives Coach Charlie Speidel a good outlook for next season.

### Back-Patting Dept.

"Penn State sports fans . . . missed a chance to see what this reporter predicts will be one of the top soccer teams in the country," is a quote from a column in the October 13 issue of the Daily Collegian.

Needless to say, the Jeffrey-coached booters not only went through the season with a clean slate, but also received national recognition in the first Soccer Bowl game, Jan. 1, in St. Louis, by tying San Francisco, 2-2.

Tricky Harry Little, inside right, was named to the 1949 All-America team, while Coach Bill Jeffrey received the "Honor Award" and was named as Coach of the Year.

### USF Courtmen

While we're speaking of the University of San Francisco, a newspaper clipping about the USF basketball team says that the Dons' top ten floormen represent as many different nationalities.

The Nittany soccer eleven played against a Don booting crew that had only three native Americans on the starting team.

### The Hig Cheers

Bob Higgins, ex-Lion football mentor, and now the Blue and White's "ambassador of good will," caused many a chuckle at the scorer's table during Saturday's boxing meet with Minnesota.

Frank Gross, 145-pounder, stroked a solid left jab to the jaw of Minnesota's Moley. "Say, I like that," the Hig commented. A little later, the Hig got more specific, "Come on, Gross, you can lick him."

"Let 'im have it, Paul Q.," was the retired grid chief's comment during the 165-pound clash between Paul Smith and the Gophers' Ed Williams.

When light-heavy Jack Bolger began pounding Minnesota's Gene Stevermer around the ring, Higgins shouted, "That's it Jack, that's the boy."

### Here and There

Whitey Von Nieda, ex-Lion basketball star, was recently purchased by the Baltimore Bullets of the National Basketball Association. . . Dick Kelsey, EIWA 136-pound king in both 1948 and 1949, is Don Maurey's Lehigh foe this weekend. . . Pete Klondiak, senior journalism student, predicts another top year for Army's footballers in 1950. But then Pete also forecasted a Boston Red Sox win in the American League. . .

### Now Coaching

Bill Bonsall, Penn State's Olympic gymnast in 1948 and a star on Coach Gene Wettstone's team last year is now coaching at West Virginia University.

### In the Southland

Bill Meade, State's Eastern Inter-Collegiate Tumbling champion last year, has moved into North Carolina, where he is coaching at the University.

# Costa Breaks Record as Lions Rout American

## Rec Hall Mark Falls as Marty Dunks 32 Points in 74-54 Hoop Victory

By JOHN DALBOR

Lanky Marty Costa smashed the Rec Hall scoring record to smithereens last night by tallying 32 points in the Nittany Lions' rout of American University, 74-54.

The 6-foot, 6-inch cager, by sinking 11 field goals and ten fouls, broke not only the individual scoring record for a Penn State player, but also the all-time Rec Hall record.

Last year against Temple, Milt Simon set the Penn State individual scoring record by scoring 24 points. The modern Rec Hall record was set last season when Ed Brett of Colgate made 25 counters.

### FANS CHEER COSTA

Costa captured the plaudits of the fans last night by his sterling performance, and he left the floor accompanied by an ovation from the crowd, immediately after the announcement was made that a new record had been set.

The game itself was close until the waning minutes when a tired, but determined Penn State five drove in to tally marker after marker, and equal their previous high point total of the season. They had scored 74 points in their opener against Susquehanna.

Bob Lamson, husky forward for the Eagles, gave a brilliant exhibition of set shooting, as he scored 17 points, mainly on long shots. Little Joe Tocci was runner up for the Lions with 11 tallies in addition to his usual excellent floor performance.

### SET SHOTS SCORE

The game started slowly with both teams employing a zone defense and a deliberate offense. American University quickly gave indication that their shooting was dangerous by tallying repeatedly on set shots from outside. The Lions played wild ball for the greater part of the first half, finally settling down a few minutes from the intermission to take a 32-27 half-time lead.

Jackie Neer, diminutive ballhawk for the Eagles, put on a ball-stealing duel with Joe Tocci for several minutes in the second half. Despite this and the still accurate shooting of the Eagles, the Nittany Lions were not to be denied. Lou Lamie left the game on personal fouls, but Penn State settled down to regain control of the ball game and surge ahead in the last few minutes.

Amer. U.	G	F	T	Penn State	G	F	T
Lamon, f.	6	5	17	Tocci, f.	5	1	11
Garsheg, f.	2	1	5	Williams, f.	2	0	4
Moffatt, f.	0	0	0	Storer, f.	1	2	4
Morales, f.	0	0	0	Panoplos, f.	1	0	2
Webster, c.	5	2	12	Schisler, c.	3	0	6
Ishman, g.	2	8	12	Bolden, c.	0	0	0
Morris, g.	1	0	2	Costa, g.	11	10	22
Kraking, c.	3	0	6	McMahan, g.	3	2	6
Neer, g.	0	0	0	Lamie, g.	3	8	9
Benson, g.	0	0	0				
Totals	19	76	54	Totals	29	16	74

Technical fouls: Lamon, American; Costa, State. Half-time score State 32; American 27.

## Intra-Squad Contests Pace Boxing Drills

Hot slugfests are everyday attractions at the Nittany boxing headquarters in Rec Hall as the Lion ring enthusiasts are endeavoring to win their first meet of the current campaign, this Saturday, against a weak Western Maryland outfit.

The mittmen have speeded up their training pace in their daily three-round sparring sessions.

### LINEUP CHANGE

There may be a few lineup changes before the opening gong against the Terrors. Paul Smith is receiving stiff competition from Bob Keller, a varsity battler two seasons back. There is a possibility that Keller will step into the ring at 165-pounds.

Harry Papacharalambous, is working out daily in hopes to get his weight down to 130 pounds, should he succeed, he will most likely represent the Lions in that weight class on Saturday.

Joe Reynolds will don gloves at 125 pounds while either Frank Gross, Bill Curtin or Curt Crooks will represent the Blue and White in the 145-pound division.

### HEIMS VS KOSZAREK

Pat Heims, last year's 155 regular, and newcomer Lou Koszarek are battling it out daily. Sulkowski is as yet undecided as to who will represent the Lions at 155 pounds.

Jack Bolger, who very successfully opened '50 campaigning last week, will be tuning up for the Army bout this year when he'll meet his old nemesis, Pete Monfore.

In the heavyweight department Charlie Godlaski, the Lion football tackle, has been giving Chuck Drazenovich rough workouts daily.

### It's the Build

One of the first things Coach Gene Wettstone looks for in a gymnastics candidate is "the right build." He thinks his present squad will be a topnotch team when the men get experience, because most of the newcomers are "built like gymnasts."

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