

# Nine Eastern Champions Vie for Boxing Titles

When the opening gong for the 27th annual Intercollegiate Boxing Association Tournament sounds at Syracuse next Friday, there'll be exactly nine Eastern champions vying for titles.

Besides the entire set of eight Eastern kinnips whom copped titles last year, a 1948 crown wearer will seek another crack at an EIBA title.

Represented at the tournament, scheduled for the State Fair Coliseum, will be four two-time winners of Eastern titles.

Here's a short preview of some of the talent that'll compete for laurels:

Virginia's two-time winners back for a third crack at a title will be 130-pounder Allen Hollingsworth and 135-pounder Grover Masterson. Both, if successful in regaining their crowns will have to be satisfied with Eastern titles since Virginia is barred from the forthcoming NCAA tournament because of an earlier violation of the NCAA Sanity Code.

### TOURNEY'S BEST

Another two time winner is Syracuse's captain, dancing Jim Rollier. The hard-to-connect-with 165 pounder was named the tournament's outstanding boxer last year.

Also striving for his third consecutive Eastern title will be the Lion's explosive heavyweight, Captain Chuck Drazenovich.

In the first 26 years of the tournament only seven boxers have been able to cop three titles, successive or otherwise. Yet this year there are four highly-regarded leather-slingers vying for their third crown.

### PENN STATE SECOND

Last year, when the EIBA's were staged at Rec Hall, Syracuse copped the team championship with a 24 point total. Penn State was second with 14.

At 125 pounds, the field is wide open. Back for a second title will be Catholic U's Tom Cronin. Last year he decided Army's Stan Scott for the crown. Virginia's Leonard Coiner and Penn State's John Hanby will be other top-rate contenders.

The battle for 130 pound honors will be wide open and although Hollingsworth will be top seeded, Army's Stan Scott and Syracuse's Pete Fehette might upset the applectart.

### ALBARANO

Going down the list, in the 135 division Grover Masterson, the Virginia battler, will be in for plenty of rough treatment, most of it coming from Penn State's Johnny Albarano and Syracuse's Tim Curley. Last year Curley won the EIBA 145-pound title but this year he competes in the 135 weight class.

Top man in the 145 division, vacated by Curley, will be another Orange slugger, lanky Ben Dolphin. Frank Gross, although beaten by Dolphin in a dual meet this season, will be probably hanked right behind Dolphin.

Chuck Rigoglioso, the fighting 155-pounder who last year decided Basil Miragliotta of Virginia for the title will be back to defend his crown. He'll face another Virginia top-notch, Basil's brother Joe. This year's Cav-

alier Captain, Joe won an Eastern title two years ago.

At 165 pounds, Syracuse's Jimmy Rollier seems to have the inside track to a sure title. In three years of competition no-one has come close to comparing to the slick operating Rollier.

### BOLGER-MONFORE

In the light-heavy division, Army's defending champ and NCAA runnerup last year, Pete Monfore will be the favorite. Monfore, two years ago, was named the outstanding boxer of the 1948 EIBA's. Penn State's improved Jack Bolger and Virginia's Lamont Atwell will be the top contenders.

A battle royal is in store for fight fans in the heavyweight division. Chuck Drazenovich will be top rated but he'll have to put up with some such name heavys as the NCAA champ, Marty Crandell of Syracuse, and Army's Bill Kellum. Then there's Joe Corleto, the Western Maryland operator who has been the only battler to decision Chuck twice, in fact the Draz has yet to win a decision from the veteran Corleto.

For local fight fans, unable to make the trek to Syracuse, the EIBA's will be broadcast by radio station WMAJ, announcer Mickey Bergstein doing the blow by blow account.

### Eastern Champions

Syracuse basketball teams have been Eastern champions on four separate occasions, winners of the Allie Seelbach (Upstate New York) Trophy three of the last four years, including last year, National Invitation Tournament competitors, and National Champions (1925-26).



Lee Patton

## Court Coach Patton Dies

West Virginia Basketball Coach Lee Patton, who was injured in an auto accident while enroute to a game against the Lions here Feb. 14, died suddenly at his home in Morgantown yesterday.

According to the West Virginia University medical director, Dr. Samuel F. Morris, Patton probably died from a heart attack caused by a blood clot as a result of his accident injuries.

Patton had suffered a broken collarbone, broken shoulder, broken arm and cut on the head in the two-car collision on the Pennsylvania Turnpike just this side of Bedford, Pa. The accident took the life of one other man, besides injuring Director of Publicity at W.Va., Forrest Crane.

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## DU, Windcrest, Comets Capture Intramural Basketball Loops

Delta Upsilon, Windcrest and the Comets put their seventh win into the record book and clinched titles in their respective leagues as both the fraternity and independent halves of the intramural basketball tournament played nine games Monday night.

In independent League G, Windcrest gained the right to represent the league in the playoffs by registering a close, 23-21, win over Murgas. The Basketeers grabbed their second win by whipping the Mohawks, 21-11, while Simmons Hall won by forfeit from the Crusaders.

### LITTLE TROUBLE

The Comets had little trouble in clinching the toga in League H as they smashed the Tigers, 48-10. The Ramblers and the Musketeers too forfeit games from the Colonials and Lodgers, respectively.

Delta Upsilon finished the season with a clean slate by downing Delta Sigma Phi, 21-16, in Section 10, having already won the crown in League I, finished the regular season with its seventeenth consecutive victory, 27-11, over the Brickettes. Harm House won by forfeit from the Choppers as did the Jayvees from Beaver House in other League I games.

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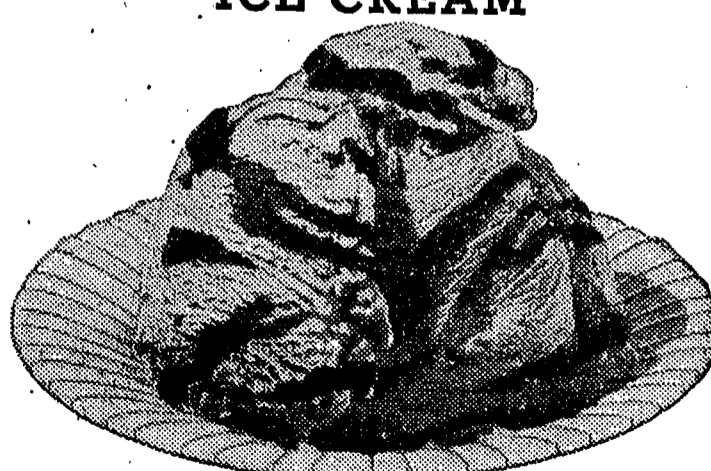
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