

# Lions Open Court Year Tomorrow

Coach Elmer Gross will take the wraps off his quintet tomorrow night at 8 p.m. when the Nittany Lions open their 1952-53 basketball season in Rec Hall.

Alfred University will provide the opposition in the first of a 21-game schedule, which will see the Lions playing 11 home and 13 away contests.

This is the first time the Staters have played the New York team, which last year had a record of 13 wins and 7 losses—most wins in the school's basketball annals. Coached by Jay McWilliams, the Saxons met only one team last year that the Lions played and that was Ithaca College. The Saxons won both times.

### Sets Two Records

Under the capable direction of Gross, last year's squad set two new Penn State records; the team's total output of 1596 with an average of 66.5 per game was a new scoring record while the 20 victories as against four losses also set a record.

Entering the NCAA tournament at the end of the season, State was pitted against powerful Kentucky and lost by a 82-54 score. In the consolation match they were defeated by the Tarheels of North Carolina, 69-60. However, the tourney wasn't a complete loss as Lion Jesse Arnelle, tied with All-America Bob Zawoluk of St. Johns for individual scoring honors.

### Led with 448 Points

Arnelle led the team with 448 points in 24 regular season games for an average of 18.7. Herm Sledzik, captain of this year's squad, was second in the scoring column with 212. Jack Sherry had 159 points; Ronnie Weidenhammer—146; Joe Piorowski—140; and Ed Haag with 83.

Penn State uses a sliding zone defense with 3 out and 2 back. Arnelle, at 6-5 and Sledzik at 6-4 will be the backcourt men, with three of the following alternating out front—Ed Haag, 6-2; Ronnie Weidenhammer, 6-1; Joe Piorowski, 6-3; and Jack Sherry, 6-3.

Sledzik and Piorowski are the only seniors; Haag is a junior; and the rest are sophomores.

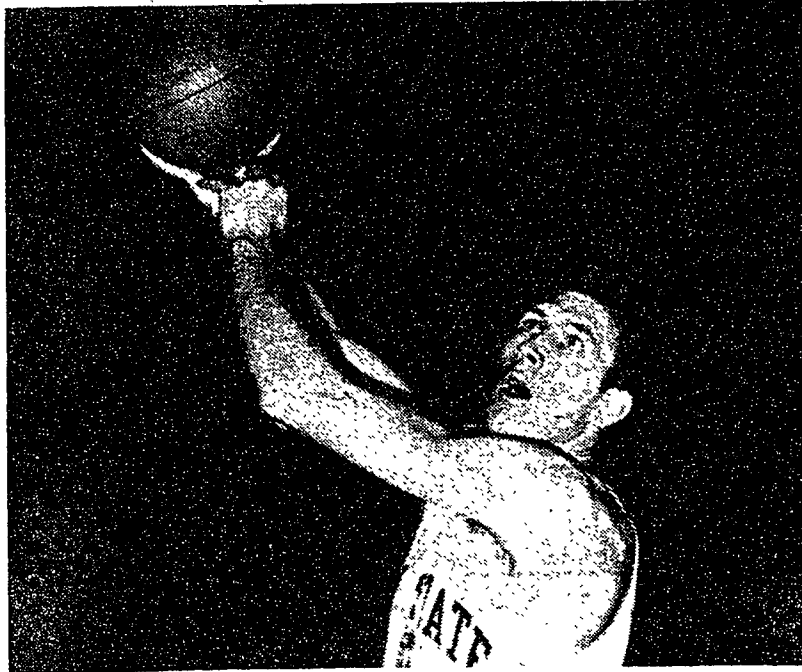
PS	Opponents	Score
51	Ithaca	21
73	Bucknell	63
46	Wash-Jeff	49
62	Michigan	40
62	Pittsburgh	40
68	Colgate	51
61	Syracuse	57
74	Carnegie Tech	56
85	Gettysburg	70
89	Dickinson	45
52	Pittsburgh	45
53	Navy	49
77	American U	52
61	West Virginia	60
66	Rutgers	52
83	Georgetown	55
72	Rhode Island	66
85	Army	73
52	Penn	54
63	Colgate	70
72	Syracuse	70
84	West Virginia	65
24	Pittsburgh	9
80	Bucknell	67
54	Kentucky	82
60	N. Carolina State	69

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# DU's Keep Early IM Boxing Lead; Beta's Trail

By SAM PROCOPIO

Delta Upsilon advanced two of its three pugilists yesterday to maintain a strong hold in its quest for the 1952 IM team boxing championship. Beta Theta Pi, which possesses nine wins to DU's 11, were able to place only one of its men into the higher brackets.

DU placed its two men into higher brackets via forfeits. Although its other fighter, Gerry Troy buckled his opponent with two hard rights to the jaw, heavy-weight Harry Carroll, Phi Sigma Kappa, rushed Troy and hit him with a flurry of rights and lefts to gain a unanimous decision.

The Betas defeat came in the first bout of the card. Bud Thompson, Delta Theta Sigma, landed the most effective punches in his toe-to-toe battle with Dave Arnold in the 165 lb. division, winning by a unanimous decision.

Whitey Messerman, Delta Chi, in one of the four abbreviated bouts, dazed his opponent with a right backhand to the jaw. The aggressive Delta Chi pugilist halted his opponent in :40 of the first round.

Jim Smith who floored his opponent in the second round, surprised Whitey Laird with a right to the jaw. However, the game, tall Laird, utilizing his reach, stunned Smith twice in the final round to win the 155 lb. independent division bout. The fight was halted at :30 of the round.

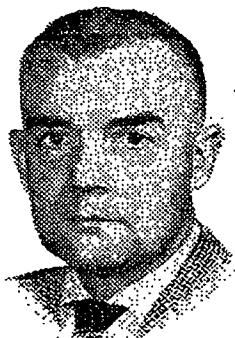
In another abbreviated fight Ed Lozaw, Delta Sigma Phi, knocked his opponent Ed Steel, Delta Chi, through the ropes with a left to the body and a right to the jaw. The bout was halted :25 of the second round.

Footballer Pete Shopa, Kappa Sigma, buckled Jack Milsom, Alpha Zeta, twice in the second round with an uppercut and right to the head. Shopa received the 175 pound verdict when Milsom failed to finish the bout.

Offensive-minded Al McChesney, Phi Kappa Sigma 128 pounder, hit Pinky Friedman, Phi Epsilon Pi, effectively with lefts and rights to gain a unanimous decision.

Mike Brunner, Theta Kappa Phi, and Bob Galloway, Phi Sigma (Continued on page seven)

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## Sports Thru The Lion's Eye

By JAKE HIGHTON  
Collegian Sports Editor



Between tours of the post-season Banquet Circuit, Nittany football Coach Rip Engle—fatter and having nothing to worry about until Wisconsin next September 26—was talking to a journalism class. Before long the popular mentor, who would be a pleasure to listen to even if he hadn't just piloted State to its best grid season since 1948, came up with a choice bit: "rating systems belong on the funny pages rather than on the sport pages."

Eureka! The Ripper had hit upon it. Maybe it wasn't the committee of sportswriters and broadcasters who had voted on and ranked Eastern football teams for the Lambert Trophy. Perhaps it was the comic strip writers who determined the winner of the August V. Lambert Trophy, emblematic of Eastern college football supremacy.

Syracuse was the winner. Can't kick about that. The Orange Bowling Orange licked the Nittanians. But who was in second place? Princeton; loser to Penn and victor over no one of importance. Who was fourth? Penn; defeated by Penn State and beaten or tied by four other teams. Who was sixth? Pitt; whipped by the Lions, 17-0. Who was eighth? Penn State; winner of only seven.

But give the devils their due. The Cartoonists placed the Lions ahead of Cornell, Alfred, Vassar, and Smith—10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th among Eastern grid powers.

Christopher Columbus! What major teams aside from Michigan State and Georgia Tech went unbeaten and untied? Notre Dame, which lost two and tied one to finish with a record identical to the Lions', was still acclaimed one of the best teams in the nation. As Engle points out, the Cleveland Browns, "the best team in the pro loop," has lost three and won two of its games by one point. State loses two and ties one, yet is ranked eighth in the East. You figure it.

What about next year? The question was asked with all those sophomore stars in mind and "loaded" for an optimistic answer. But the Ripper, characteristic of the coaching fraternity, replied: "I feel like we are on a treadmill. We are getting better and so are the others . . . Pitt had a great freshman team . . . You can't tell about the unknown factors like the draft and unexpected Shattuck and Anders losses . . ."

And graduation? Look at 'em go, Dooley, Smith, Barney, Simon, Scheetz, Gratson, Leonard, Yukina, Pollard . . ."

ENGLE QUOTES: We put one team in (Syracuse), and one put (Pitt) of the Orange Bowl . . . Tony Rados was as fine a passer as in the East considering a bum knee kept him from hustling around like many other quarterbacks . . . Trainer Chuck Medlar did a wonderful job of taping Rados together, and keeping him together through ten games . . . Fewer injuries this season can be attributed to the two-platoon system which cuts down the fatigue on which injuries thrive . . . Any shifts should be outlawed next year. If a team wants to run from singlewing, it should line up that way coming from the huddle.

### Smith in Blue-Grey

Bob Smith, Bentleyville, has accepted an invitation to play for the Blue in the Blue-Gray post-season football game at Montgomery, Ala., December 27. A defensive backer-up, the 195-pound senior is the fourth Penn Stater invited to this game. Others are Jim Dooley, Don Barney, and Bill Leonard.

### Times Have Changed

In 14 football games since 1939, Penn State and Pitt have broken even. Previously, the Panthers had won 12 straight from the Lions.

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