

# Vet-Laden Ring Squad Faces Heavy Schedule

Boxing Coach Eddie Sulkowski begins his fourth season against Maryland Jan. 31 better fixed than ever before. He has six meet-experienced boxers returning, and he has his fullest schedule, seven dual and two championship meets.

But what State doesn't have is an easy opponent. After the Maryland opener, the Lions must take on three collegiate boxing powers in a row—Michigan State, Syracuse, and Wisconsin. The Spartans were NCAA runnersup last year, Syracuse was Eastern champ, and Wisconsin, of course, is the perennial national champion.

### Five Lettermen Return

In addition, State's mittmen must also meet strong Army, Virginia, and Catholic U. teams which stand in the way to improvement on last year's record.



Eddie Sulkowski  
(Fourth Ring Season)

One year ago the Lions won once and lost once but fought to three draws.

Despite the five letter winners—Captain Sam Marino, Tony Flore, Adam Kois, Dave Yeakel, and Sam Butler—and meet veteran Joe Reynolds, two big holes are left in the lineup. State is without Eastern 147 champion Johnny Albarano and Lou Koszerek, 165 EIBA champ in 1950. Other meet participants last year who won't be around are heavy-weight Bob Potter and middle-weights Jerry Spotts and Laz LeMon.

Of the returnees, Captain Marino heads the list at 125 pounds. Sammy copped the EIBA championship and took runnerup honors in the nationals. EIBA runnerup Flore, a classy stylist, stands all alone in the 139 pound class. Kois won his way into the EIBA semi-finals but forfeited because of a broken hand. Kois will be ready for either heavy-weight or his old 178-pound job.

### Open Against Maryland

Although the individuals have been on their own since the fall, hard team drills began immediately after the Christmas holidays under Sulkowski and his acting assistant Frank Patrick, assistant football coach. Heavy sparring has been Sulkowski's biggest order of the day with the intention of getting some of the newcomers ring-conscious.

## Sports Thru The Lion's Eye

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To find any similarity between the clowns seen on television and the honest craftsmen from Lehigh and Penn State who will toil on the Rec Hall wrestling mat tomorrow night would take a long stretch of the imagination. Collegiate wrestling, although unlikely to ever attain the high Hooper Rating of pro wrestling, is not only good entertainment but remains a sport. But as State's coach Charlie Speidel says, "Let's not condemn professional wrestling—just change the name of it."

The Lehigh-State grapplefest brings together two of the best teams in the East. Of course there will be heroes and villains—since it will be a partisan crowd—but fans won't know who is going to win each bout—but they won't be able to predict the time of the fall, and they aren't likely to be doubled up in laughter. It's real sport and becomes more enjoyable with increasing knowledge of it. With a habitual winner like the Lions, the sport is awfully popular at Penn State—maybe the most popular in the winter.

As to the match, let none be fooled into underestimating the strength of Lehigh. Although one of the Engineers' all-time greats, George Feuerbach is no longer competing, Lehigh has other hot-shots returning. Three in particular are worth extra attention—Ken Faust, Ed Mahoney, and Werner Seel. Faust is the lad who came within a split-second of pinning Dick Lemyre in the EIWA finals last year. In fact, Faust gave Dandy Dick (9-0 on the dual season) his first real test before bowing, 10-9. Seel was ineligible last year but rated by Lehigh adherents as the best heavy existing in the East. Mahoney is the typical Lehigh captain, rough, tough, and good. In the final analysis, the meet boils down to a tense scrap with veteran versus veteran—but remember State's vets won last year.

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STILL PERK?: The closer the semester draws to the close, the more evident it becomes that the end of Joe Pjorkowski's court career for the Lions at mid-semester will give Coach Elmer Gross more recourse to aspirin. For an inconspicuous type player, "Perk" certainly has turned in conspicuous deeds this season. Always a tenacious defender, Joe is a far better offensive player than he has been given credit for. Joe seldom shoots but when he does, his one-hand push is deadly. In a three game stretch last week Joe hit 10 fielders on 16 shots—which is double, sub-par golf.

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NCAA THUNDERCLAP: The NCAA thunderclap which killed football's two-platoon system and reverberated around the nation like a national disaster caught Rip Engle out of town and the rest of the Nittany coaching staff uncertain and slightly "shook up." After the shock had somewhat subsided, several of the Lion staff weren't too displeased. This much seemed clear to them—the 1953 grid Lions won't be too bad off. The line especially should be strong since fellows like Pete Schoderbek, Gene Danser, Danny DeFalco, Don Shank, Rosey Grier, and Jess Arnelle played both ways at various times. However, the backfield will present a few problems . . . Just imagine Ted Kemmerer, Nittany punting specialist last fall, telling his kids of the days when he won a letter without soiling his uniform . . . But hey, pity Michigan State stuck with 60 "pro" players in a game which is once again to be played by 11 men.

### Mat Stronghold

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### Rose Bowl Foe

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The first doublebill of the intramural basketball season got underway Thursday night with Dorm 41 chalking up its fourth win against two losses by sliding past the Nittanies, 27-25. Dorm 41 came back in the second half to triumph after being behind 15-9 at the half.

Jack Newell scored 14 tallies as the Leopards clawed Smith Hall, 40-34. The 15-15 deadlock at the half made the Leopards stalk un-

easily. They had to outdue their opponents in the second half to cop their fifth straight win.

A combination of a 15-11 half-time lead and 10 points by Gerald Hoyer enabled the Beaver House to carve out a 31-19 win over the Hustlers. It was the Beaver's fourth win against two setbacks.

A three-game winning streak by the Cubs was cut short by the Capitals as they registered their fifth consecutive win, 29-26. Tony Marco rallied his losing team to no avail with 16 tallies.

In League A, the Monday night win by the Gorps over the Bears will be nullified because an ineligible player was used by the Gorps in winning their fifth straight game. The Bears had a 4-0 slate until their defeat by the

Gorps. Consequently, the Bears will take the league lead with a 5-0 record, while the Gorps will drop to second place with their 4-1 record.

Beta Sigma Rho chalked up number four with a 38-20 win over Zeta Beta Tau. Alan Goldberg helped the winning cause along with 17 points.

Alpha Tau Omega handed Sigma Phi Epsilon its fourth loss and registered its third win, 50-24. ATO's Tony Durell figured prominently in the victory with 13 markers.

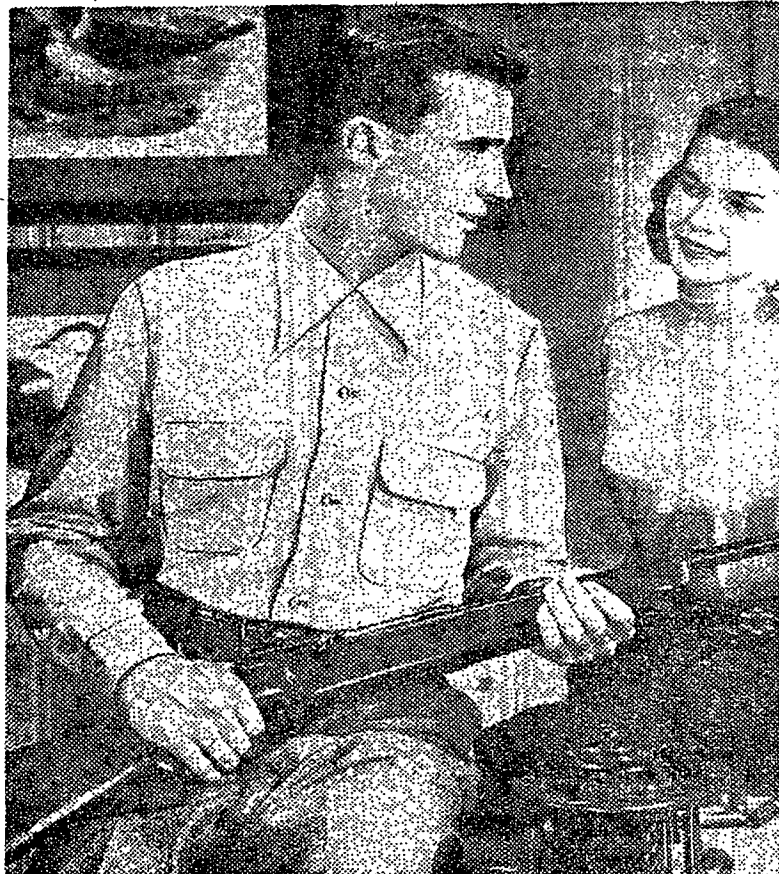
The surprise of the night was Alpha Phi Alpha's 23-22 win over Phi Sigma Delta after the latter five held a 16-8 halftime lead.

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