

# Sports Thru The Lion's Eye

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### MAN WITHOUT A COUNTRY:

If you think Philip Nolan had it bad, imagine Penn State swimming Coach Bill Gutterson's troubles. He's now in his second season as the Man Without a Swim Team. What's more, his streak may stretch anywhere from five to seven years before he gets his country back...

When the economy wave became necessary in 1950, the swimming team was a victim along with rifle, skiing, and golf. (Golf, practically no expense at all, has since been reinstated.) It was unfortunate because at the time the mermen were setting all sorts of Penn State and Glendon pool records; Bob Kenyon, convertee to gymnastics, was diving sensationally; and backstroker George Hamilton was swimming faster than the Eastern Collegiate Swimming Association record...

However, something had to go. And, until the Nittany field house is realized—an excellent possibility with Phys Ed Dean McCoy around—the swimming team will not be resurrected... The budget simply won't allow it...

McCoy says that even if the proposed field house were given the green light today, red tape would make completion an impossibility for at least three years, and possibly even five. Architects, planning, cost figuring, and contract-letting is a terrific maze to wade through before a hole can even be dug...

Anyway, there is consolation in the fact that "plans are in the drawer" for a field house... How Penn State could use one!... If, and when, the field house is built, it will probably hold in the neighborhood of 12,500 fans... The additional wing being constructed along side of Rec Hall will not house a swimming tank as has been conjectured by many...

### ★ ★ ★ TOO SMALL? MAYBE NOT:

If the casual observer takes a look at Nittany boxing Captain Sammy Marino's dual meet record this season—two won, one lost, and two drawn—he might almost sneer, "Marino an EIBA champ and an NCAA runnerup? Winning only two of five doesn't show it."

However, if the casual observer would take a peak inside "Stillman's Gym" in Rec Hall around 4 p.m. during the week, he would notice one figure conspicuous by his lack of covering—Marino. With most of the boxers sweat-suit garbed to either lose or hold down weight, Sam skips around or shadow boxes in only shorts and T-shirt. He just can't afford to lose an ounce of avoirdupois since in the EIBA 125 pounds is the lowest weight class available. Therefore, Sam spots his foes anywhere from five to 10 pounds...

But shucks, don't feel sorry for Slammin' Sam—he's just liable to whip the "bigger boys" and win the EIBA crown again... Of course in the Nationals, the 119 pound class is custom made for Sam.

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### OLYMPIC COACH?

For the two weekends past, Nittany track star Ollie Sax outdid Olympic performers in one way or another. In the indoor IC4A's Ollie captured the 600-yard title with a time of 1:10.4—six-tenths better than Olympic 400 meter champion Charlie Moore's IC record. Then last Saturday in the Michigan, Ohio State triangular meet, Ollie whipped another Olympian, Jack Carroll, in the 440.

It is Carroll who brings to mind a bon mot Penn State track Coach Chick Werner pulled off last spring during the Penn Relays. Michigan U. Coach Don Canham had a crack trio of Canadian athletes—milers John Ross and Don McEwan and quartermiler Carroll—who helped the Wolverines win the distance medley championship of the Relays.

During a post-race bull-session Werner, a master dry humorist, said to the Michigan coach, "Don, I think they missed a bet in not appointing you coach of the Olympic team. Canham was naturally flattered but hastily demurred by saying that he hadn't the experience of Werner (Olympic Assistant) or the other American coaches.

Then Werner jabbed back. "Oh, I didn't mean the American team—I was referring to the Canadian team."

# Win by Army Gymnasts Would Mean 2-Way Tie

By GEORGE BAIREY

The rebounding Cadets of Army, their three year hold on the EIGA crown on the verge of going out the window, will arrive tomorrow in State College for the last 1953 Eastern dual meet and their last shot at tying up this season's standings.

At best, for Army, a win over the Lions Saturday will throw the '53 Eastern team title into a two-way, unbreakable tie, as Coach Gene Wettstone's crew has a perfect 3-0 mark in Eastern play. Army is 2-1. A possible three-way affair could evolve if: (1), Army wins; and (2), Syracuse, also 2-1 in Eastern competition, beats Navy.

Meet time is 2 p.m. Saturday. The Cadets are the perennial EIGA title-holders—they have been since 1950. Last season the men from Army finished fourth in the Nationals at Boulder, Colo. But this year on paper their strength was gone, supposedly.

Cadets Beat Navy  
Syracuse temporarily confirmed this suspicion early in the dual-meet season by pasting the first defeat on the Black Knights in three seasons, 53-43. But then last week the Cadets surprised the gymnastics world by upsetting Navy and getting back into the thick of the 1953 fight.

From the Rec Hall standpoint, Wettstone, with all ideas of latching onto the first Lion gym crown since '48, put his crew through the third full workout of the week yesterday. A light practice will follow today and then an off-day tomorrow.

The Cadets, complete to former Olympic Coach Tom Maloney and 18-man traveling team, will arrive sometime late tomorrow afternoon in time for a light workout at Rec Hall.

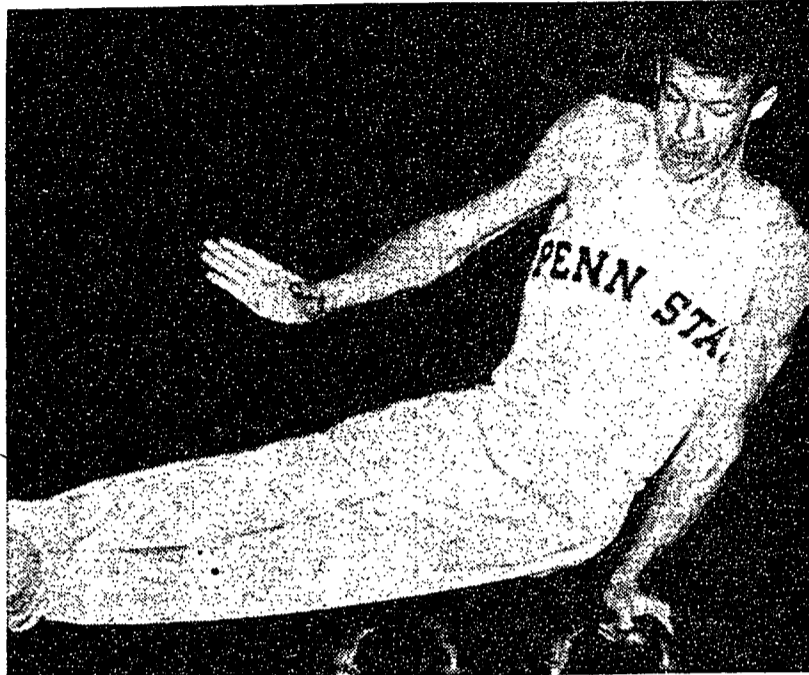
Best Rope Team  
Army will lead with 18 different specialists in the six events. Their ropeclimbers and tumblers are expected to give the most trouble as a group. Probable tumblers will be Captain Haas, Creighton, and Charles.

The ropemen form the best unit of its kind in the country. John Ballyntyne has a 3.6 to his credit, while his two mates, Cadets Funkhouser and Renner, both do under 4.0. Ballyntyne tied for the Eastern rope individual title last season with a 3.6.

The Army parallel bar performers are Ray Colven, who took second in the Easterns last year, and Cadets Edwards and Nicks.

Army's Bob Wheeler, first place on the Eastern sidehorse, was graduated, but Bob Sibley remains. Sibley took third in the Easterns. The Lions' Bobby Lawrence was second. Working with Sibley will be Cadets Axup and Jacl.

Top Cadets on the horizontal bar and the flying rings will be Laurence and Demand.



BOBBY LAWRENCE, the gym team's ever-steady sidehorse performer, goes through his free circles routine on the horse. Lawrence, who finished second in the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics Association individual sidehorse championships last season at Syracuse, will start in his usual number one position against Army Saturday. Match time is 2 p.m.

# IM Cage Season Ends; Playoffs Begin Tonight

By ROY WILLIAMS

After battling for first place honors in league F for five long months, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Kappa Sigma have quietly settled to share the first berth—but only for a short time. Both teams chalked up wins Tuesday night to close out the IM hardwood competition and add the final touches to their identical 7-1 win and loss chart.

TKE closed out the season the easy way by copping its seventh win by forfeit over Kappa Alpha Psi. Kappa Sigma had to play a game, but won just as easily as did the TKE's as they knotted the league lead by trampling Phi Kappa, 47-10. Kappa Sig had the game all the way with the advantage of a 22-4 half-time lead. Bob Biggs' 18 tallies and Tom Goldsworthy's 15 markers aided Kappa Sig's winning ways.

The two teams will play tonight to decide the champion of league F.

Seven and one score sheets also were recorded by Alpha Phi Alpha, Alpha Tau Omega, and Phi Sigma Delta, in league E. Alpha Phi Alpha completed the three-way knot for first place honors by downing Sigma Phi Epsilon, 35-27. SPE suffered its sixth loss at the expense of Art Pollard's 14 points and 16-10 lead at the half by the winners.

Alpha Tau Omega will tangle with Alpha Phi Alpha. The winner will go against Phi Sigma Delta to determine who will wear the crown of league E.

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