

# Mittmen Reshuffled For Finale Tomorrow

With a completely reshuffled lineup, Penn State's boxing team closes its dual season against Catholic University at 7 p.m. tomorrow in Rec Hall.

The match also marks the final home appearance of two Lion seniors, Captain Sam Marino, 125 pounder, and Joe Reynolds, 132 pounder.

Coach Eddie Sulkowski in declaring his lineup changes said Marino and Reynolds will fight either 125 or 132, depending on how Catholic U.'s team lines up.

In another major change, regular 139 pounder Tony Flore will go up to 147, and regular 147 pounder Stan Engle will drop down to 139.

### Goleman at Heavy

After several weeks at 165, Hank Arnold will drop down to 156 tomorrow night. Taking over the 165 pound slot for the second time this season will be Dick Ahern.

Heavyweight Joe Goleman also figures in the changed lineup picture as he will handle Bill Andresevic's job. Andresevic, a sophomore with the best record among the newcomers this season, has been called back into the Marines. His record was 2-1-3. Goleman, a sophomore, will be making his varsity debut.

Thus only Adam Kois, 178 pounder, will be in a familiar role unless Marino should fight 125 and Reynolds 132.

### Reynolds Edged 29-28

Senior Reynolds is 0-2 on the season at the 132 pound post where he has been alternating with Sam Butler. Joe, who usually weighs in for 132 pound bouts at 126 with street clothes on, will have no trouble making 125 if necessary.

In his two starts this season, Reynolds dropped a close 29-28 decision to a Michigan Stater and then lost to Syracuse's crack Artie Nelson in the first round.

Marino will be winding up his third season on the varsity, the last two of which saw him capture Eastern Intercollegiate 125-pound championships. In the last two seasons of dual competition Sam has won five, and although he has been held to five draws, it is significant that he has only lost once.

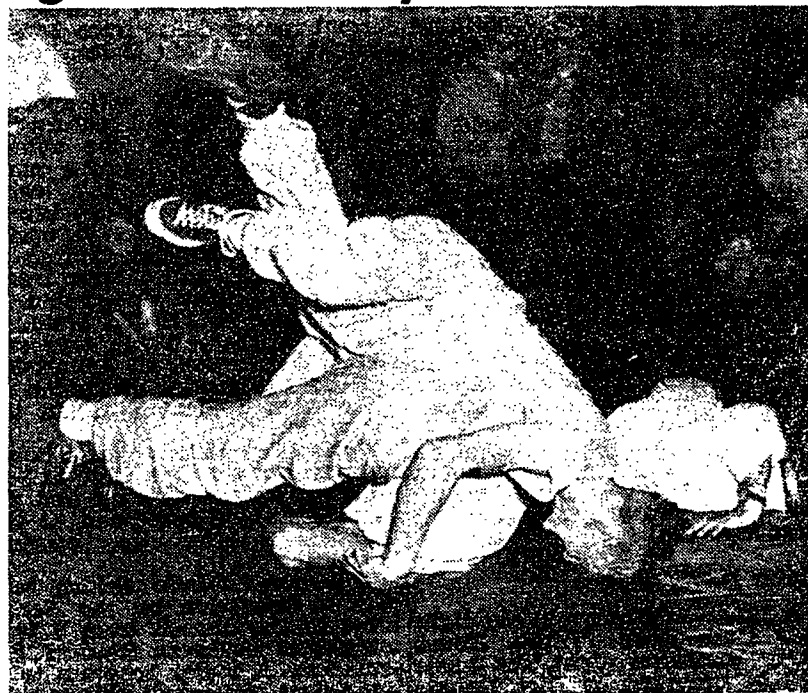
### May Try Diamond

Jesse Arnelle, Penn State's football and basketball hero, may take a crack at college baseball this spring.

### Freshman Baseball

Candidates for the freshman baseball team should report to Coach John Egli in Rec Hall today.

## Sigma Nu's Only Loss



WHITEY MESSERMAN, Delta Chi, turns Sigma Nu's Mike Kirschner on his back in last night's IM wrestling bouts at Rec Hall. Messerman kept Delta Chi's hopes alive with his pin in 3:08. Kirschner's loss was the only loss in IM wrestling for the Sigma Nu's

## Sigma Nu Wins Six To Take Mat Lead

By HERM WEISKOPF

The team leadership in intramural fraternity wrestling changed hands last night as Sigma Nu moved up six out of seven matmen in last night's combat in Rec Hall.

Sigma Nu now has a total of 58 points—eight pins at five points each and six decisions at three points each. Runner-up Pi Kappa Phi lost valuable ground last night as two grapplers were eliminated. Pi Kappa Phi has 47 points—seven pins and four decisions.

Charlie Frey got Sigma Nu off to a fast start by pinning 121-pound Barry Kay, Phi Epsilon Pi. Dave Barney won his third match of the campaign as he got his man, Russell Provenzano of Delta Sigma Phi. Barney clamped him to the mats at 1:53 in the 145-pound tussle.

### Hickey Wins

A pin by Walt Hough kept the Sigma Nu's going. Hough turned the trick on Mark Wiener (165) at 3:48. Jim-Diehl racked up five more points as he won by a fall over Rod Beck of Triangle in a wild and woolly 155-pound scrap. In one of the few bouts that

went the distance, Norm Hickey, Sigma Nu scored four points on a takedown, an escape, and on time advantage as he downed Theta Xi's Whitey Meixsell. Try as he may Jerry Donovan, Kappa Sigma, couldn't cope with his heavier opponent, Terry Dickel, who couldn't make any progress in the first period on the back-pedaling Donovan. In the second period he pulled a quick reverse and at 2:54 had his man firmly clamped.

Whitey Messerman, Delta Chi, kept Sigma Nu from making a rout of things as he first outscored, and then pinned Mike Kirschner at 3:08.

It was a disastrous night for Pi Kappa Phi as both entrants lost. Glenn Grove, Chi Phi, and Dick Ahern put on a terrific show that

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## Sports Thru The Lion's Eye

By JAKE HIGHTON  
Collegian Sports Editor



Occasionally Skip Hosterman, assistant graduate manager of athletics, chances to run across Ray Conger, phys ed instructor in charge of recreation, in their mutual places of business somewhere in or between Old Main and Rec Hall. And every time they meet, come rain, shine, or any Penn State athletic calamity, Hosterman parrots the question, "Say, Ray, aren't you the guy that beat Nurmi?" Conger simply grins and bears the price of glory.

Hosterman can joke all he wants. Conger did beat the most famous Flying Finn of them all. After all, merely competing against one of the sport world's all-time greats, entitles a man to some renown. But to have defeated a Diety in the sports world gives a man undying claim to fame.

It was the year 1929. Conger, a former NCAA mile champion from Iowa State and several time NAAU champ for Illinois AC, was starting the first of his three whirlwind indoor seasons; years which were to see him win practically every major indoor mile. Conger had run 1500 meters in 3:55, an American record at the time. He had whipped the great middle distance star, Lloyd Hahn, in a 1000 yard race, setting a world record of 2:11.

On the other hand, Peerless Paavo was slightly on the decline—but still awfully wonderful even if going down hill. Behind Nurmi was a record which gave him the name Non-Pareil. Since 1920 he had shattered every distance record in the book from 1500 to 10,000 meters; from one mile to six miles and even the one-hour run. He was the first to run two miles under nine minutes—a feat which at the time was as sacred an achievement as the four-minute mile would be today.

In the three Olympiads from 1920 to 1928, Nurmi won six world championships. In the 1924 Olympics he pulled an unprecedented quadruple-win—the likes of which were not seen again until that amazing Czech Emil Zatopek shocked the track world last summer with Olympic victories in the 5000 meters, 10,000 meters, and the marathon runs. In what was a fantastic Iron Man stunt for 1924, Nurmi won the 1500 meter, the 5000 meter, the 10,000 meter cross-country run, and anchored the Finnish 3000 meter relay team to victory.

What's more, Nurmi went unbeaten over the unbelievable skein of six years between 1921-26. His last loss in 1921 was in the 880, and his next loss was again at the "sprint" distance, the 880. And, although the mile was also a trifle short for Nurmi, his phenomenal combination of speed and stamina had run the Magic Mile in 4:10.8—an outdoor world record which stood for eight years.

This then was the respective backgrounds for the 1929 Wanamaker Mile, the feature of the Millrose Games held in New York's Madison Square Garden. Nurmi, who had been concentrating on the two-mile, decided to drop down to the mile.

As the race unfurled, the Flying Finn set an even, steady pace. It proved to be a setup for a "lazy runner" like Conger who always rated himself just off the pace. Wheeling into the last lap, Conger made his move where he always liked to make it—on the backstretch of the gun lap. Nurmi was unable to fight off Conger's furious sprint and the American hit the tape in 4:17.2. It was much too slow a pace. Nurmi, who without a watch could tell you his 440 split times, almost to within a tenth of a second, should have known better.

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Let Skip Hosterman jest. Many, many a runner would have swapped a carload of kangaroo-skin spikes to beat Nurmi—even on a bad day.

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Oddly enough, Conger's best race of his life didn't come until a week later. It was the Columbian mile with another overseas distance star, Edwin Wide of Sweden, as Conger's chief competitor. What was really flying in those days, Conger and Wide hit the half-mile in 2:05 and the three-quarters in 3:10. But once again it was the "lazy" Conger's driving sprint finish which carried him to victory in 4:13—only one second away from the then world indoor record.

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