

Third Down and a War to Go

The All-American 1942 Wisconsin Badgers

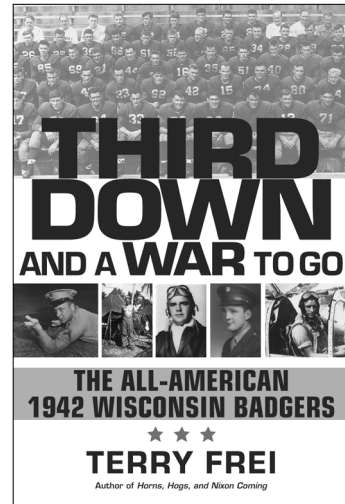
Terry Frei

The football team that went to war

The famous football season of 1942 was a thrilling final fling—the Badger players, their opponents, and indeed most young men their age would soon be in other uniforms, serving during World War II. Wisconsin had a host of star players, including Pat “Hit ’Em Again” Harder, Elroy “Crazylegs” Hirsch, and two-time All-American Dave Schreiner, and they were coached by Harry Stuhldreher (one of Notre Dame’s legendary “Four Horsemen”). They won one version of the national championship, awarded by the Helms Foundation. Author Terry Frei captures the excitement of that 1942 season but also tells the story of how these young men then served their country in Okinawa, at the Battle of the Bulge, in aerial dogfights, and in POW camps. Not all of them came home.

Frei is the son of 1942 Badger guard Jerry Frei, who became a P-38 fighter pilot and later a college and NFL coach. Through extensive research and interviews, Terry Frei tells the stories of the 1942 Badgers with insight, humor, and respect.

Terry Frei is a sports reporter and columnist for the Denver Post and ESPN.com who frequently appears on sports radio and television. His previous book was the acclaimed *Horns, Hogs, and Nixon Coming: Texas vs. Arkansas in Dixie’s Last Stand*, the story of the 1969 football game between the Texas Longhorns and the Arkansas Razorbacks—and the tumultuous times in which it was played.



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“Third Down and a War to Go will put you in the huddle, on the front lines, and in a state of profound gratitude—not only to the Badgers and the hundreds of thousands of veterans like them, but to Terry Frei for telling their story.”

—Neal Rubin, *Detroit News*

Lords of the Ring

The Triumph and Tragedy of College Boxing's
Greatest Team

Doug Moe

The glory days of college boxing and its tragic end

Lords of the Ring revives the exciting era—now largely forgotten—when college boxing attracted huge crowds and flashy headlines, outdrawing the professional bouts. On the same night in 1940 when Joe Louis defended his heavyweight crown before 11,000 fans in New York's Madison Square Garden, collegiate boxers battled before 15,000 fans in Madison . . . Wisconsin.

Under legendary and beloved coach John Walsh, the most successful coach in the history of American collegiate boxing, University of Wisconsin boxers won 8 NCAA team championships and 38 individual titles from 1933 to 1960. Badger boxers included heroes like Woody Swancutt, who later helped initiate the Strategic Air Command, and rogues like Sidney Korshak, later the most influential and feared mob attorney in the United States. A young fighter from Louisville named Cassius Clay also boxed in the Wisconsin Field House during this dazzling era.

But in April 1960, collegiate boxing was forever changed when Charlie Mohr—Wisconsin's finest and most popular boxer, an Olympic team prospect—slipped into a coma after a NCAA tournament bout in Madison. Suddenly not just Mohr's life but the entire sport of college boxing was in peril. It was to be the last NCAA boxing tournament ever held. *Lords of the Ring* tells the whole extraordinary story of boxing at the University of Wisconsin, based on dozens of interviews and extensive examination of newspaper microfilm and boxing records and memorabilia.

"Although we know how the story will end, Doug Moe manages to create a sense of unfolding mystery. . . . He's a master."

—Marshall J. Cook, author of *Baseball's Good Guys*

Doug Moe is a columnist for the *Capital Times* in Madison, Wisconsin. He is the author of *The World of Mike Royko*, which was a *Chicago Tribune* Choice Selection of the Year.



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"A story of exhilaration and heartbreak. Reading *Lords of the Ring* was a nostalgia trip for me, and it probably reads like a Greek tragedy for the book's leading characters from Wisconsin's glory days of boxing."

—Tom Butler, retired sportswriter and columnist, *Wisconsin State Journal*



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Wisconsin Where They Row

A History of Varsity Rowing at the
University of Wisconsin

Bradley F. Taylor

Wisconsin Where They Row is the definitive history of rowing at the University of Wisconsin. Although this oldest of intercollegiate sports had its American beginnings in 1852 as a contest among Ivy League men, it would soon have to make room for the stubborn steadfastness of Wisconsin's athletes. Author Bradley F. Taylor captures the unique character of Wisconsin crew and its athletes in this meticulously researched and abundantly illustrated book.

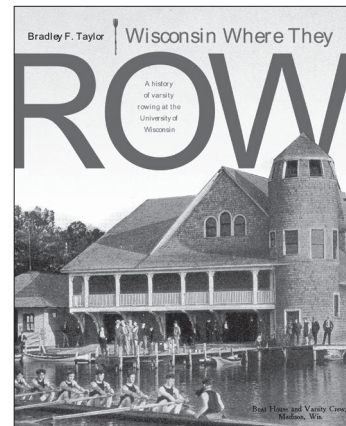
Taylor recounts rowing's beginnings as the first UW intramural sport in 1874, the long and rich history of the men's crew, the establishment of the women's team in 1972, and the presence of Wisconsin rowers on every U.S. men's and women's Olympic rowing squad from 1968 through 2000. He tells of the UW men's victory in 1892 at Oconomowoc against the "Chicago Navy," their first competition against an outside club; the story of the famed "Berry-Crate Crew"; and the Badger crews' participation in the early intercollegiate regattas on the Hudson River. He depicts how boats were shipped east by train; how one coach sacrificed most of his salary during the threadbare 1930s to keep the sport alive; and how thousands of spectators watched races from railroad flatcars and yachts.

Taylor spent four years interviewing key figures, visiting race venues, and delving into the archives of college libraries, historical societies, and newspapers. The result is not only this book, but also a trove of information, rowing memorabilia, and some 2000 images of Wisconsin crew history that Taylor will donate to the University of Wisconsin archives and the new crew boathouse. The book features:

- interviews with past and present coaches, Wisconsin rowers, and competitors from other rowing clubs and schools
- 105 photographs of crews and races from 1892 to 2004
- diagrams of regatta courses
- newspaper excerpts capturing the excitement of the races
- appendixes of team captains, "W" winners, and Ten Eyck boatings

Wisconsin Where They Row documents in detail an exciting story important to sports history, to Wisconsin's heritage, and to alums and fans of the Badger crew teams. And, it will appeal to anyone who thrills at the sight of oars flashing and long, slim boats skimming across blue water.

Bradley F. Taylor, a three-letter-winner in swimming at Wisconsin, began researching the history of Badger rowing after his son joined Wisconsin crew in 1998. A photographer and writer, he lives in Madison, Wisconsin.



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Wisconsin's men's and women's varsity eight crews celebrate winning both the men's and women's collegiate rowing national titles at Cincinnati in 1986. The Badger men went on to compete in the Royal Henley Regatta that year.



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