

PSU Delco Pro Boxer Holds 4-0 Record

by Frank Finnegan

Many people have heard of the big names in and around the pro boxing tour, Iron Mike Tyson, Evander Holyfield, and Hector Macho Camacho. These guys are all great fighters, but there may be a new name to remember in this sport. Many of you see him in the halls of Penn State and may not realize that Damon Feldman is an undefeated middleweight pro boxer. His 4-0 record is nothing short of great. He has knocked out two of his opponents in the first round and his fights have been aired on the Sports Channel America and USA Network.

Damon started when he was twelve years old in the fighting city of Philadelphia where he still trains faithfully at Champs Gym in North Philly. His training consists of running 4 miles a day, five days a week, working the speed and heavy bags, and, of course, sparring. When I asked Damon if there was anything else he did to get ready, he jokingly added, "No girls."

Damon speaks very highly of his father and brother, who were both fighters, and are Damon's inspiration to be the best possible at all times. He said, "The only time I was ever stunned is when Dave, my brother, hit me on the chin." Damon's other inspiration is his girlfriend of five months, Lisa Klentos. "She's always behind me with whatever I do."

Where does Damon see himself going? He aspires to becoming the champ within two years. Since Damon is now a pro, he is not able to fight in the Olympics, but said he would have if he had stuck with his original plan of going to West Chester and boxing there. The offer for him to become pro came along and Damon decided it was the right time.

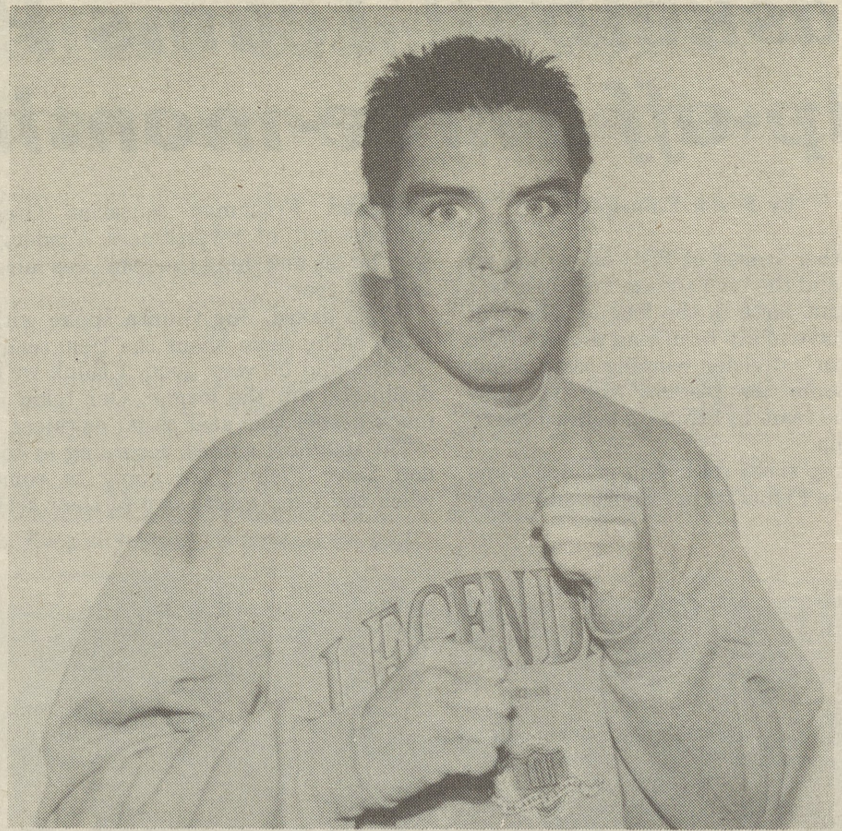
Though he is a boxer, Damon rarely loses his temper outside of the ring. He's

very friendly around campus. When he is out, he has a real good idea about trouble makers. "I know what I can do. Those who can't do it, start trouble; those who can, know it, so don't."

Damon feels that the key to the success of a good boxer is dedication, staying off alcohol and smoking, and to sign in one of the four active gyms in Philadelphia.

Many fighters carry a nickname into the ring with them, such as "Iron Mike," "Macho Camacho," "Tony the Tiger" Lopez, and so on. But Damon likes to be announced by his own name. His feelings on a nick name are plain and simple: "A nickname can't fight for you."

Damon says he appreciates the support of Delaware County and especially those from Penn State. Many may have a chance to see him live as he is now proposing a fight back in his old high school, Marple Newtown. In the meantime you can catch his next fight on December 17 on either the Sports Channel or USA Network.



Damon Feldman, middle-weight boxer.

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Intramurals Offer Break From Studies

by Kevin Rockwell

Under the direction of Barbara Rostic, the Penn State Delco's Intramural sports program has become a great success. The Fall 1990 semester introduced flag football, tennis, and aerobics.

There was a little concern about the roughness of a contact sport, such as football. As Barb Rostic explained, "We were a little hesitant because of the chance of injury, but are pleased with the way it has been going."

Seven teams signed up for the flag football program, which plays its games

on Mondays and Wednesdays during common hour. Each game is half an hour long with two fifteen minute halves.

There is currently one undefeated team, Team 1, with a record of 5-0 and Team 4 is close behind with a 4-1 record. The two teams met on Friday, November 2, for the final and deciding game of the regular season. Since all seven teams will be in the playoffs, the winner of this game received a bye for the first round.

Each team will be ranked at the end of the regular season to determine their position in the playoffs. The playoffs will be single elimination, with each winning team progressing to the next round. The champion team of the playoffs will receive T-shirts.

Many teams, such as fourth placed Team 2, are looking forward to the playoffs to redeem themselves and show that they are better than their 2-3 record shows. Team captain Tom Cobey is looking for quarterback Frank Finnegan and wide receiver Dennis Deitch to help pull his team through. As he explained about the playoffs, "We are looking forward to proving ourselves and giving Team 1 their first loss."

The undefeated Team 1 is captained by Keith Berry and is made up of many members of this campus' baseball team.

Most of their wins were "shutouts and blowouts," and the team is confident they can hold on to win the final game of the regular season to earn a bye in the playoffs. Berry describes his team as the "fastest players, who are a bunch of hotheads."

Describing his outlook for the playoffs, Berry confidently claimed, "Our team will win everything!"

Tennis intramurals have also seen a great deal of competition this semester. They have been playing every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday during the common hour. The single competition has come down to two finalists, Vic Arya and Dave Basarab. Following the singles championship will be the doubles tournament.

This semester has introduced aerobics to the intramural schedule, with Carol Krayeski teaching it during the common hour also on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. It has been an ongoing program and is still open to anyone, even if you have not attended before.

Barb Rostic has attributed much of the success of this year's program to the great weather we have had.

Basketball, volleyball, aerobics and tennis are on the schedule for next semester, with sign ups planned to start at the end of this semester.

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Delco Netmen Prepare for Challenging 1991 Season

by Kevin Rockwell

With the return of winter to the Delaware County campus of Penn State, comes the return of men's volleyball. Coming off an inspiring 6-6 season which earned them a fourth place standing in the Atlantic Men's Intercollegiate Volleyball League, the team feels that this year will bring a winning season and put them in contention for the championship.

The team is coached by Robert Saba, who is also the League president. There will be only two returning players this season, but also two strong players will be transferring in from other schools, and many freshmen and sophomores who did not play last year have signed up for the team.

The returning players are Robert Mulloy and Steve Hunter. Coach Saba has described them as two of the strongest players from last season, with Rob being, "perhaps the best player we had last year."

The two students transferring in are

Bill and Greg (last names were unavailable). Bill is a graduate of Haverford High School and has been playing volleyball for many years. Greg spent his summer playing in tournaments, where he met Coach Saba, who was able to talk him into coming to school at this campus and joining the volleyball team.

"With these four players we have a strong nucleus to work around," explained Coach Saba. "All four are dedicated volleyball players. This year's caliber of play is better than any we lost from last year," he added.

As Robert Mulloy explained, "This year we have a chance of going undefeated. With Bill and Greg's help and with our experience, we have a good chance of winning the Villanova tournament for league standing."

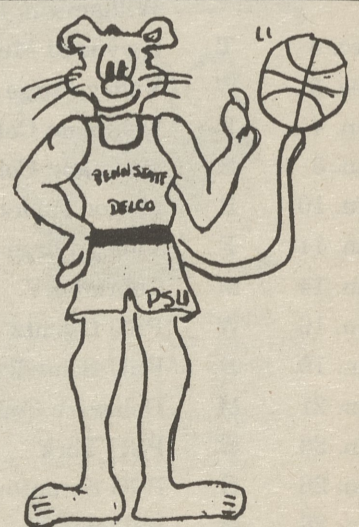
At last year's tournament, the Lions were defeated in a close match by a strong Villanova team. In a best out of three match, Villanova took the first with the Lions winning the second. The third was a very close and competitive game with Villanova prevailing by only a few points.

The Delco's men's volleyball team plays at perhaps the highest level of competition of any sport on this campus, going up against the varsity teams of many local four year universities. The toughest opponent is Villanova, who has won the league title two years in a row and is one of the top ranked teams on the east coast.

Other schools the Lions will be up against this season include Swarthmore, Spring Garden, Widener, Saint Johns, Northeastern, Cabrini, Temple, Eastern, Delaware, Lehigh, LaSalle, and Haverford.

Though the season does not open until the second week of February, the team plans to start practicing in early November. Coach Saba expects a larger turnout than last year as the team is enthusiastic about a larger schedule and stronger starters.

Coach Saba is looking for some strong players to act as starters and to back up his team. "We could always use new players, and it is usually a lot of fun to play on a volleyball team."



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