

BETWEEN THE LIONS

It's Straight Stuff That Hamas Was Drunk Lethargy And Schmeling's Punches Did It

Here is the first straight story on a fight which occurred over two years ago.

In March, 1935, Steve Hamas, Penn State's greatest athlete and one of the leading professional heavyweights that year, was signed to meet Max Schmeling in Germany in order to earn the right to meet Max Baer for the world's championship.

Hamas had previously met and severely beaten the German in Philadelphia and was a popular favorite to win the return bout. In company with Charlie Harvey, his manager, and several handlers, Hamas went to Germany and trained for several weeks.

The night of the fight, Schmeling gave Hamas a terrific lacing. Experts were upset (Remember the Schmeling-Louis fight?). The entire boxing following in America was stunned. The entire country, anxious to find an alibi, thought up some beauties. The clever boys said Hamas could have won easily, but didn't because rather than train in such a lovely country as Germany, Steve was drunk perpetually and was running around with women, and more.

Probably the most popular story that went the rounds was the one which claimed Hamas had had a recurrence of a knee injury suffered while starring with Penn State's football team. Other reports claimed Steve had a bad elbow. And so it went.

Harvey Says It Was A Very Simple Thing

But the Collegian reporter was the first person to get a word out of Charley Harvey, the old, shrunken, kindly, stooped, wily manager of Hamas. Its simplicity is amazing.

"It was just one of those nights when Steve couldn't do a thing." Thus did Harvey explain Hamas' defeat which put him out of boxing forever. It may sound silly to some people, and perplexing to others. Yet any athlete knows that every once in a while, there is no co-ordination of muscles or desire to compete.

An interesting side-light of the Hamas-Schmeling scandal, in which even German officials were accused of tampering, was brought to the sports headlines during the recent spring baseball drills down south.

Miley's Story Causes More Than A Fight

Dizzy Dean and several other St. Louis Cardinal stars were mixed up in a fist-fight and word-slanging battle with Jack Miley, sports writer on the tabloid sensational New York News and syndicated columnist, over some allegedly libelous remarks about Dean and the rest.

Hamas is suing this same Miley for a story written after the Schmeling fight which stated that Steve was nothing but a drunk, threw the fight to the German, and trained on nothing but beer and a few rounds of night clubs every day.

The facts say that Steve had a promise of a job on the coaching staff at Cornell some time ago but was denied the post because of the Miley story and its implications. The suit is still in court.

-J. W.

Lacrosse Squad To Meet Lehigh

Thiel Stresses Attack During Practice Sessions; Hoft Unable To Play

Penn State's lacrosse team will wind-up the first half of their season when they meet the Lehigh squad on New Beaver field tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Coach Nick Thiel held intensive drills this week on passing and offensive plays in preparation for the game with the Engineers. The Lions will be considerably weakened without the services of Jake Hoft, who will journey to Philadelphia over the week-end for an interview. With the exception of Hoft, who is tied for high scoring honors with Captain Conley, Thiel intends to start the same lineup as last week, not as yet naming anyone to fill Hoft's vacancy.

The game tomorrow will be the sixth played between the two schools in a series that was started in 1915. The Lions hold the edge, gaining three victories against two defeats. These contests were marked by one-sided scoring, Lehigh trimming State in the first two encounters, 2-10 and 1-15. In the next three games, the Statemen turned the tables and drubbed the Engineers by scores of 11-2, 8-4, and 14-0.

In the event that the central Pennsylvania high school track meet is still in progress at game time, the statemen will play on the lacrosse practice field, located on the golf course. S.S.S.

Co-Ed Baseball Begins

Sixty-two women reported for interclass baseball which opened yesterday with games between the seniors and freshmen and the juniors and sophomores. The schedule for next week is: Monday—seniors and juniors, sophomores and freshmen; Tuesday—seniors and sophomores, juniors and freshmen.

Tennis, Golf Teams To Open Campaigns

Netmen Face Stiff Contest Against Penn

Heavy Week-End Slate Also Includes Tilt With Lehigh

A new coach, two sophomores, and a tough opponent mark the opening of Penn State's 26th tennis season at Philadelphia this afternoon.

The new coach—Bob Lake, the third coach in as many years. The two sophomores—Al Hildebrandt and Carl Arberg. The tough opponent—Penn, one of the leading teams in the East, even though upset by Columbia last week.

Lake will send the following men against the Quakers, and also against Lehigh on Saturday at Bethlehem: Capt. Paul Massey, first singles, Dick Campman, Chuck Patt, Paul Perry, Hildebrandt, and Arberg, in that order.

Penn's lineup lists George Dunn, national indoor collegiate singles champion; Harry Albert, former Philadelphia boys' titleholder; Eddie Melior, Louis Reys, Bill DeWitt, and LeRoy Lewis.

In the doubles, Massey and Campman will meet Dunn and Reys, Patt and Perry face Al and Pete Sturtevant, and Hildebrandt and Arberg will encounter Fred Schneider and Carrington Veale.

Arberg is a last minute addition, since Lake had expected to start Sel Freed, who apparently had a very slight edge for the number six spot. But Freed found it necessary to stay behind in order not to miss two important blue books.

State has yet to win from Penn in tennis. The two have met six times previously, with the Red and Blue always the victor. But, as Bob Lake said, "If Columbia did it, maybe we'll do it again this week."

The Lions have had a little better luck against Lehigh, winning from the Engineers twice in 11 meetings. Prospects look brighter this year, since Lehigh has lost all four of its matches so far this season. Penn has won three out of four.—H.B.C.

Interclass Swimming Meet Set For Women

A women's interclass swimming meet will be held at the Glennland pool Wednesday at 3 o'clock. The meet will include nine events, with two members of each class in the events.

The meet includes races using the crawl, backstroke, breaststroke, and the relay. Another event is the use of the elementary sidestroke, backstroke, crawl, and breaststroke, with the decision based on form.

Judges for the meet will be Miss Marie Haidt, Mrs. Amy F. Lichty, and Miss Bertha Wright.

Tossers Lose, 4-1; Meet Villanova Tomorrow

Gettysburg Nips Lions For 3rd Straight

Those hitless wonders tried it just once too often.

They smashed out four hits Wednesday afternoon, one over par, but forgot themselves when they weren't fooling around at the plate, and as a result, four Gettysburg runners shot across the plate right under their noses to win the game, 4-1, and defeat the Lions for the third consecutive year.

Boneheaded fielding and inability to follow up the few hits they got cost the Lions the victory. Co-captain Mike Kornick and Mel Vonarx, supposed big guns of the team, continued their hitless spell. Six times they came up to the plate with men on bases. And six times the men remained there as Kornick and Vonarx walked back to the bench. Ray Brake poked out two doubles to run away with batting honors for the day. Harry Harrison and Joe Adessa contributed the other half of the hit total.

Lions Lack Scoring Punch Gettysburg was able to hit only a half dozen balls out of the infield and two of them were shagged by Joe Adessa. Nine Bullets sizzled at the plate as Benny Simoncelli turned on the steam in the late innings. But in the end they paid off on runs. And the Lions looked like kindergarten students in the course of run-scoring Wednesday.

Meanwhile, while all this was going on, Vonarx was playing a game of his own, trying to see how many balls he could miss and how many more he could throw away. An error of his led to the first run in the second inning. He could have redeemed himself by nipping the Bullet runner at the plate with a good throw, but Mel tried to see if Kornick could break the high jump record, and the runner slid into the plate while Kornick was still up there in the rarefied atmosphere. Mel repeated the procedure in the sixth, in the midst of a three-run spurt, and was really improving when the game ended.

Meet Villanova Tomorrow State meets Villanova's Wildcats at New Beaver field at 2:30 o'clock tomorrow afternoon in its fifth home showing. Three 400 hitters on the Villanova squad should provide some hitting for a change. Co-captain Frank Smith is expected to get the call.—J. A. T.

Gridders To End Spring Training Against Skibos

Coach Bob Higgins will bring his spring football training to a close tomorrow afternoon when he pits his Nittany Lion gridders against the Skibos of Carnegie Tech on New Beaver field at 3:30 o'clock.

Bill Kern, former assistant to Jock Sutherland at Pitt and starting his first year as Tartan mentor, will bring a squad of 45 players to send against the Lions in a practice tilt to be played under regulation game conditions. The original plans called for two games with the first to be played this afternoon, but the Carnegie team was unable to obtain permission to leave classes Friday.

Trackmen Meet Navy Tomorrow

Nittany Lions Well Fortified In Running Events

What promises to be the most successful State track team in recent years left early this morning for Annapolis where a dual meet with Navy is scheduled for tomorrow. If the showing made in the Penn Relays can serve as a measure, the Lions will be hard to beat.

Navy boasts an exceptional sprinter, Jack Dalton, son of the former Navy athlete, who was one of the best dash men in the East last year.

State seems particularly well fortified in all the running events from the 440-yard run up. Howard Downey, Adrian Markowitz, Burt Aikman, Len Henderson, Pete Olexy, and Chuck McKillips make up a group that will be pretty hard to beat. In the other events the Lions will line-up in almost the same way as did the team that won from Juniata in the season-opener.—W.B.J.

Heavy Scoring In SAE, Sigma Chi Mushball Wins

Tennis Opens Monday; IM Soccer Begins

Apparently not finding enough competition in the intramural mushball eliminations, a number of the fraternity teams have organized leagues in their own neighborhoods.

So far the Collegian has been notified of two such organizations, the Penn-Allen and Fairmount leagues. Any other similar groups are asked to get in touch with the Collegian by phone or mail. The pitching of Bill Fetter enabled Sigma Phi Epsilon to blank Alpha Chi Rho 17-0 last Monday. Johnny Stephenson sparked in the outfield for the winners.

Sigma Chi bowed to the Tau Phi Deltis Wednesday in a wide-open game, 18-13. T. P. D.'s Dick Long starred, as did Dusty Rhodes for the losers.

Delta Theta Sigma opened the soccer competition when Rube Hixson and Bob Bomberger each scored two goals in an easy 4-0 win over Tau Kappa Epsilon Tuesday. Pi Kappa Alpha won from Phi Epsilon Pi by forfeit.

Wednesday, a Sigma Phi Epsilon-Beaver House game was called off by mutual agreement, to be played later. Delta Upsilon nosed out Phi Delta Theta by 1-0 on Jack Byrd's goal. Sigma Phi Alpha battled Beta Theta Pi to a scoreless tie.

Dick Walton, IM tennis manager, announced that competition will begin Monday night, 19 teams having entered. The two courts nearest Rec hall will be reserved from 4 to 6 o'clock for two matches per night, three nights a week.

The schedule has not yet been made up, and instead of starting this week-end, as previously planned, competition will not begin until some time next week.

Varsity Golf Team Meets Bisons Here

Five Veterans Comprise Nucleus Of Squad For Opener

The varsity golf team will open the season tomorrow at 1:30 o'clock with a match against Bucknell on the Lion's home course.

The team picked by Coach Rutherford for the match will consist of co-captains Johnny Bennett and Jay Albert, Bob Siegler, Bernie Burkert, and Joe Stevenson, all veterans of last year. The lone sophomore on the team will be Bill Gross.

In a pre-season meet with Centre Hills Country Club last week, the State boys looked in excellent shape, trouncing their opponents by a score of 15-0. Siegler and Burkert made exceptionally fine showings.

Initiates Junior Varsity

With a lot of promising sophomore material on hand, Coach Bob Rutherford is starting something this year entirely new in Penn State's golfing history, a junior varsity. The junior varsity will be tried for the first time here tomorrow in a match in which they will play against Cornell, who, incidentally, are starting out with their first junior varsity also this year.

The junior varsity, which is giving some of the regulars a close run for their berths and which will play against Cornell tomorrow, is composed of Jack Mahaffey, Ed Hedda, Bill Patterson, Bill Walker, Bob Hayes, and Art Gottlieb, with possible changes.

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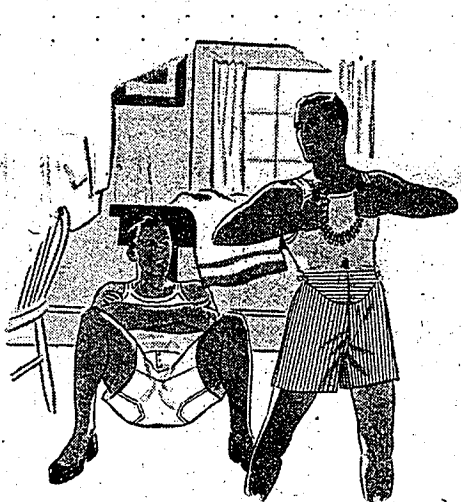
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