

BETWEEN THE LIONS

Bob Wilson

The man stepped out of the shower, dried himself off briskly and slipped into a pair of slacks. Then he sat down, picked up one sock and said "Yes, Robbie, I think there is something we can do about it."

I had just asked him what, if anything, could be done to cure Penn State boxing fans of their bloody lust for sudden-death boxing.

The Mori-Kerns Incident

His little finger was probing his right ear. "You see, Robbie, Penn State boxing fans don't seem to realize that the bouts they see up here aren't of a professional nature. They're not supposed to be."

"Sure, everybody likes a good fight," he went on. "But up here they can't quite understand why we stop a fight when neither of the men in the ring seems hurt or even tired."

"Take that Mori-Kerns bout. There's an excellent example of just what I mean. It was clearly evident to those of us at the ringside that Kerns was dropped by Mori on a clean, hard right-hand blow to the head. But he (Kerns) jumped up right away, shook his head once or twice and looked almost as fresh as when he started the round. When we stopped the bout, the fans booed and hissed, little realizing that Kerns might have been hurt."

Kerns May Have Been Hurt

The man finished tying his shoes and got up to get his shirt. He turned and added: "Had we allowed that bout to continue, things might have turned out all right. But in college boxing it doesn't pay to take chances."

"Kerns was a little befogged when he got up after that knockdown, and he may have been hurt seriously had the bout gone on."

"The man slipped into his trousers and started to put on his necktie. He thought a minute and then said: "Say, Robbie, maybe if you tell me the story of Ernie Schaaf you can get the idea across that knock-down-and-drag-em-out boxing has no place in the intercollegiate ring."

Schaaf Almost Had To Die

He straightened the knot in his tie. "You remember the Schaaf-Carnera fight, don't you?" Schaaf was knocked out by Carnera and died about two days after the fight. At the time of the fight everybody thought Schaaf took a dive. When the fight was stopped, everybody booed—just like you hear here after the Mori-Kerns bout."

"Robbie," the man went on, "Schaaf almost HAD to die to prove to those people that he hadn't quit against Carnera."

The man put on his coat. "Schaaf went into that fight a sick man," he said. "He had taken a terrific beating from Max Baer the night before. The mauling he took from Carnera only finished the job Baer had started. He died of a blood clot in the brain."

Same Thing Could Happen Here

"If it were up to the fans, Robbie, the same thing could easily happen here," the man continued. "But we won't let it. The kids who box for me are doing it for the sheer sport of boxing and for the fun they get out of it. So, you see, we can't take chances with them."

The man pulled on an old brown topcoat, adjusted his battered green hat and started for the door.

"So when you write that column, Robbie," the man added, "Just ask the boxing fans among your readers to do one thing when they're watching the varsity matches this season."

Put Yourself in Loser's Shoes

He paused a minute, then said: "When the going gets rough and tough between two contestants and the crowd begins to yell lustfully for a bloody kill by the man who is apparently winning, tell 'em to put themselves in the place of the losing boxer and then remember what happened to Ernie Schaaf and many others like him. I think that will cure them fast for sudden-death boxing."

The man left the room. I sat there alone for a moment wondering if I could make this story as impressive for my readers as Leo Houck had made it for me.

Cagers Will Seek 3 Wins During Vacation

44-37 Bucknell Defeat Puts Lion Five 'In Red'

Lawther Will Take Eleven Men On Trip To Mt. Union, Akron, And Kent

"In the red" for 1939 by virtue of a 44-37 loss to Bucknell Saturday, Penn State's cagers will attempt to carry out three New Year's resolutions promptly with the beginning of 1940.

Their resolutions: To beat Mt. Union January 1, to beat Akron January 2, and to beat Kent on January 3.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Rifle Team:

Penn State's varsity rifle team won its first match of the year by outshooting Pine Grove Mills, 1353-1818, in a shoulder to shoulder match held in the Armory last Wednesday night. Gault led the five college scores with 382 of a possible 400 points in the four positions. The Lion team, coached by Lieut. Col. C. N. Stevens, used iron sights while Coach Don Coble's Pine Grove Mills squad used telescopic sights.

Football:

Penn State's football defense ranked fifth in the nation during the 1939 season as judged by average yards gained through it each game. The State wall yielded an average of only 135.7 yards per game against combined passing and rushing efforts. Teams placing ahead were Texas A. & M., 76, Boston College—109.9, Holy Cross—130.5, and Southern California—134.5.

Swimming:

The Blues swamped the Whites, 45-17, in an intra-squad swimming meet held in Glennland Pool on Saturday afternoon. Stars of the meet were Co-Captains Guy McLaughlin and Mark Vinzant, sprinter Bill Kikpatrick, and Don DelManzo and Tom Reissman in the distance freestyles.

Fencing:

The Lion fencing team put on a pre-Christmas spurt last week in preparing for its opening meets on January 12 and 13. Besides all of last year's opponents, the swordsmen this year must face in addition Navy and Army, two of the strongest teams in the nation.

The first college gymnasium in the U. S. was erected in 1860 at Amherst College.

The eleven men who will make the trip will be selected by Coach Lawther after a scrimmage with Lock Haven tonight. The squad will return here for practice Tuesday, December 25.

There were five good reasons for the Bucknell triumph—all of which wore Orange and Black uniforms and played practically the entire game. Most convincing of these was one "Dead-eye" Nolan, sensational forward, who piled up 18 points in a magnificent sharpshooting exhibition.

Tied Score 10 Times
In a punch-packed, seesaw battle which saw the score tied 10 times, the fast-passing Bucknell band put on a last-period spurt to top a stubborn Nittany outfit. The locals, showing their best form to date, were handicapped by their old weakness—inability to hit the basket.

Surprise of the evening was Captain, Cliff McWilliams, who piled up 10 points before a sprained ankle sent him to the showers. Sharing scoring honors for the locals was dependable Johnny Barr, who, despite a recent flu attack, was probably the best all-around man on the floor while in the game.

Penn State	fld.	fls.	pts.
Sapp, f	1	0-0	2
Krouse, f	1	0-0	2
Moffatt, f	2	0-1	4
Christman, f	0	0-0	0
Racusin, c	2	0-1	4
Barr, g	5	0-1	10
Crowell, g	2	1-1	5
Gross, g	0	0-0	0
McWilliams, g	3	4-5	10
Totals	16	5-9	37

Bucknell	fld.	fls.	pts.
Nolan, f	8	2-2	18
Fahringer, f	4	0-1	3
Longaker, c	4	1-5	9
Buzas, g	1	2-2	4
Snyder, g	2	1-2	5
Thomas, g	0	0-0	0
Totals	19	6-12	44

Score by Quarters:
Penn State 7 12 12 6—37
Bucknell 4 15 14 11—44
Referee—Frank Duffy, Scranton, Umpire—Yans Wallace, Pittsburgh.

IM Boxing Finals End Dramatically

Gajecki, Mori Impressive In Winning; Cheering Crowd Witnesses 15 Bouts

Penn State's one-ring circus—the intramural boxing tournament—reached its grand finale Friday night in Rec Hall when 15 champions—eight fraternity and seven independent sluggers came off with the honors in their respective weights.

Highlights of the evening were the heavyweight tussles in which two Lion football greats took top honors—Wade Mori '41, Phys Ed Club, gridiron guard, capturing the Independent unlimited crown with a 22-second TKO over Jack Kerns '43, Phys Ed Club and newly-elected 1940 pugskin captain Leon Gajecki '40 DU, beat out a decision over Leonard Frescon '43, Alpha Chi Sigma, for the fraternity title.

FRATERNITY

120 pound class—Johnny Reitz '43, KDR, decision over Al Musacchio '43, Alpha Phi Delta.

127 pound class—Herb Jennings '43, SAE, decision over Stu Cowley '43, Beta Theta Pi.

135 pound class—Leo Horvath '41, Sigma Pi, TKO over Leo Konigstein '42, Beta Sigma Rho, 50 seconds of second round.

145 pound class—Max Peters '42, Alpha Chi Sigma, decision over Leo Russell '41, KDR.

155 pound class—Bill Boerner '42, P.K.A., won by forfeit from Monroe Adler '40, Gamma Sigma Phi.

165 pound class—George Campbell '42, Alpha Zeta, decision over Phil Zepher '43, Beta Sigma Rho.

175 pound class—Paul Scally '41, S.P.E., decision over Norm Herz '40 AKP.

INDEPENDENT

127 pound class—Bill Donovan '43 decision over Don Holligan '42, Forestry Society.

135 pound class—Joe Myers '40, Phys Ed Club, decision over Milt Dickson '43.

145 pound class—Henry Savino '43, decision over Harry Hean '43.

155 pound class—Barney Ewell '42, Phys Ed Club, decision over Bill Richards '43.

165 pound class—Hal Gibbons '42, Phys Ed Club, decision over Les Navran '42, Forestry Society.

175 pound class—Charley Thompson '40, decision over Emet Gaspryzk '43 (Kaspryzk substituted for Elmer Gross '43, who withdrew.)

Sabbath Mail

Rose Bowl
So Cal 19, Tennessee 7
Sugar Bowl
Texas A&M 14, Tulane 10
Orange Bowl
Ga Tech 20, Missouri 13
Sun Bowl
Catholic U. 27, Arizona State 0
Cotton Bowl
Boston Coll 14, Clemson 13
East-West
All East 7, All-West 3

Artists' Course

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pointment with the allocation of seats through a lottery seems no less real than at present.

To permit present subscribers to renew their seats from year to year works a hardship on persons who were unfortunate enough to get less desirable seats in that it serves to perpetuate the group of those more fortunate. The adoption of this plan might also give rise to a real problem of ticket speculation," Dr. Marquardt concluded.

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EDITOR'S NOTE—In the interest of brevity, the following letter includes only the major points, the tone or meaning have in no way been altered. We regret that all the letters on the controversially favorable and unfavorable, could not be printed for lack of space.

Mr. Emanuel Roth
Penn State Collegian,
State College, Pa.
Dear Sir:

In your editorial you accuse Mr. Dies of making a Samson out of an ant. Are you not doing the same?

You say your opposition is motivated not by a fear of what may be found, but by a fear of the suspicion which such an investigation would arouse. Is there not more suspicion aroused in the minds of the American people by an unwillingness to be investigated? Absolutely!

I say cooperate with Mr. Dies. Help him all we can. Don't start by sowing the seeds of discontent among the American people.

I accuse you of being a dictator. I am a subscriber and a supporter of the Collegian... it represents the students of Penn State. What right have you to use the name of our paper to lend strength to your protest? I am against anyone who uses unfair tactics to create wrong impressions. You have taken advantage of your position in using the name of the Collegian to lend strength to our protest. What we disagree on is the validity and justifiability of that protest.

We regret that we have offended you, but really, we meant what we said and how we said it.—E. R.

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