

Bill Mazzocco, Sophomore 127-Pound Boxer, Declared Ineligible Basketball, Wrestling Doubleheader Program In Rec Hall Tonight

Fought In Pittsburgh Diamond Belt Tourney

Sockin' Billy Mazzocco, Lion 127-pound sophomore boxing sensation, was yesterday declared ineligible for further participation in college rings by Dr. Carl P. Shott, dean of the school of Physical Education and Athletics.

Mazzocco, who was fast-developing into one of the most promising Nittany fisticuffers in several years, was the victim of the same bogeyman who barred Billy Soose and Nestor Kociubinsky three years ago—the NCAA boxing rule which reads that a fighter who has participated in amateur bouts may not participate in the intercollegiate leather-tossing game.

The hard-hitting Lion boxer, who had won four of his five bouts this season, took part in the Diamond Belt tourney while in high school in Pittsburgh in 1938, reaching the finals in the 126-pound novice class.

Penn State authorities were unaware of Mazzocco's previous ring experience. Dr. Schott pointed out, and discovered it when a letter from Allie Wolff, Cornell boxing mentor, urged that they investigate the matter.

Immediately, a letter was dispatched by local authorities to Harry Keck, Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph sports editor, who verified that Mazzocco had fought in the Belt tournament in 1938.

Nittany Boxing Squad Dwindles

"When it rains, it pours," is an apt adage to apply to Leo Houck's rapidly dwindling varsity lineup, what with Wade Mori, potential heavyweight powerhouse, quitting and Bill Mazzocco, one of State's neatest 127-pounders in recent years, being declared ineligible.

"The heck of it is," grumbles Doctor Houck, "ever since Mazzocco showed a little better than average ability, all the 127-pounders have gotten discouraged and quit."

"Now," the good Doctor worries, "where am I going to get someone to fill Socko's shoes?"

Filling Mori's hefty shoes isn't going to be a simple task either. Harry Masters, a possible choice for the post, entered the Infirmary yesterday with the grippe, further diminishing the manpower of the Nittany boxers.

Houck's only apparent solution to the heavyweight problem is to move Paul Scally and Paul Mall up to heavy and 175, respectively. The 127-pound vacancy, however, will need more than weight shuffling to remedy it.

Higgins' Secretary Gets Job As Army Hostess

It appears that football Coach Robert A. Higgins, is about to lose his secretary, Miss Ruth Linn, who received one of 25 appointments yesterday as junior hostess in charge of entertainment at Camp Aberdeen, Army training camp in Maryland.

Scientists at Kansas State College are raising cattle on a diet that substitutes powdered limestone for alfalfa.

Muhlenberg Passers Battle Lions At 8 P.M.

By JOHN BAER

In the second event of a Rec Hall doubleheader, the Lion passers resume their strenuous cage campaign against Muhlenberg's Mules at 8 o'clock tonight.

The visitors have a small, fast team and should provide plenty of opposition for the Lions. They have averaged nearly 44 points per game in winning 12 and losing 6 this season. The Mules rank second to F&M in the Eastern Pennsylvania Collegiate League.

It will be the first time in history that Muhlenberg has played on the local hardwood. The last game between the two teams in 1939 was won by State, 43-27.

Probable starting lineup for the Mules will be Joe Podany and Charlie Trinkle at the forwards, big Pete Schneider at center, and Captain Neal Diamond and Jack Minogue at the guard positions.

Against this quintet, Coach John Lawther will undoubtedly start the same team which opened against Mexico on Tuesday. At forwards will be Captain Johnny Barr and Elmer Gross. Sophomore Herk Baltimore will jump center. At the guards will be Dick Grimes and Bob Ramin.

There is a possibility that Scotty Moffatt will replace Ramin or Grimes. In that case, Gross might be shifted to the backline with Moffatt starting at a forward.

Between The Lions

With DICK PETERS

The declaration yesterday that Billy Mazzocco, ace Lion sophomore boxer, was all finished with intercollegiate boxing, brought to mind several arguments this corner has heard over and over against the college ring sport. Without blaspheming Billy or College officials for the present situation, we'll bet that the same skimpy violation of regulations is occurring on nearly every college boxing team in the EIBA, N.C.A.A., N.R.A., T.V.A., and I.W.W. . . . If any school is to allow its men to exchange leather, affidavits of some sort should be drawn up before the season begins, whereby the contestants would swear that they have not fought in amateur or professional fights. . . . This would at least protect colleges. . . . Probably the most serious criticism of college fisticuffing is that it is too closely related to its big brother, professional boxing. . . . Look at the difference between the intercollegiate wrestling business and the grunt-and-growl-for-money racket. . . . Yet the college lads who swing gloves can take just about the same amount of bloody, injurious beatings as do the Nathan Manns, Gus Dorazio, and Arturo Godoys. . . . Because of its unique setup, the intercollegiate leather-business has no means of matching fighters of equal ability except by their weights. . . . Is there any reason why two boys, because they both weigh 145 pounds, should be allowed to battle each other in a sport where serious injuries have been known to occur even to grown men? . . . One of the best examples of an uneven boxing situation is that which stands between the Western Maryland and Penn State teams which shows that there isn't any such thing as a warm-up between boxing teams. . . . Even the fight-for-dough boys don't match two men for the sole reason that they weigh the same, unless it might be in the present heavyweight picture. . . . Understand, we're not starting a drive to do away with intercollegiate mit-tossing, because when you come right down to it, we get as much kick out of it as the next guy.

Grapplers Encounter Wolverines At 7 P.M.

By ROSS LEHMAN

A rough and tumble cat and dog fight between a vicious Nittany Lion and the clever Michigan Wolverine promises to highlight Penn State's mat warfare when Coach Charlie Speidel's eight grapplers meet the invading Michigan squad in Rec Hall at 7 o'clock tonight.

The Lion will bare its teeth to a Wolverine which won the Big Ten championship two years ago and was runner up last year. With a five-veteran studded lineup, Michigan will defend a 3-2 advantage, garnered since 1933.

Speidel's cagey grapplers have decisively trounced Maryland, Syracuse, Lehigh, Navy, Cornell and suffered their only loss in a close upset to Princeton. Michigan has won four and lost two.

Captain Frank Gleason will be gunning for his sixth consecutive victory when he encounters the Wolverine's Ray Deane, 136-pound veteran boasting five victories.

Veteran Joe Scalzo will come down from his regular 155-pound position to wrestle against 145-pound Jack Paup, another five-match winner. Scalzo's natural weight is at the 145-pound spot. Glenn Alexander will meet the Wolverine's ace grappler, Art Paddy, 155-pounder, who has a six-match winning streak.

Clair Hess and Chuck Rohrer will stage comeback matches after being dropped from the undefeated ranks last week by the Cornell grapplers, and Jack Kerns will be pitted against Jim Galles in the heavyweight division. Galles defeated Rohrer last year in the 165-pound position.

The probable lineup:

Wt.	Penn State	Michigan
121	Ridenour	Sparks or Clemack
128	Hess	Weidig
136	Gleason	Deane
145	Scalzo	Paup
155	Alexander	Paddy
165	Rohrer	Courtright
175	Valla	Lockwood
	Heavy Kerns	Galles

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18 Teams See Action In IM Basketball League

Fourteen fraternity teams and four independent teams saw action at Rec Hall last night in intramural basketball competitions. In the Independent League: Watts Hall Blues 25, Miller Club 5; and Mac Hall Waiters 12, Borland Spades 10.

In the Fraternity League: Sigma Chi 25, Gamma Sigma Phi 9; Sigma Nu 28, Alpha Chi Rho 11; Pi Kappa Phi 22, Beaver House 14; Phi Sigma Kappa 21, Phi Sigma Delta 18; Kappa Sigma 22, Pi Kappa Alpha 17; Sigma Phi Epsilon 14, Alpha Kappa Pi 10; and Beta Theta Pi 20, Theta Kappa Phi 14.

Riflemen Down Michigan State; Lose To Panthers

After a one-point margin of victory over Navy last Saturday by virtue of Co-captain Gil Gault's score of 284 to Midshipman Munk's 283, the Lion riflemen overpowered Michigan State by 1881-1877, and then were turned back by Iowa State, national champs, with a 1400-1396 tally.

Co-captain Ben Stahl led the Nittanymen against Michigan State when he marked 380. Dick Cuthbert and Gil Gault tied with 378 points, while Hal Yount garnered 373 and Bob McCoy blasted out a 372.

Puckmen Meet Carroll

The Nittany Lion hockey team will meet the John Carroll University team tomorrow night at Johnstown. Undeclared this season, Coach A. F. Davis' six will face a veteran lineup that gained undefeated honors in last year's Ohio Hockey League.

Pittsburgh Exams Given

Information concerning examinations for jobs as summer recreation leaders, camp counselors, and life guards may be obtained in Room 214 Rec Hall. Examinations will be given by the Civil Service Commission of Pittsburgh starting March 28.

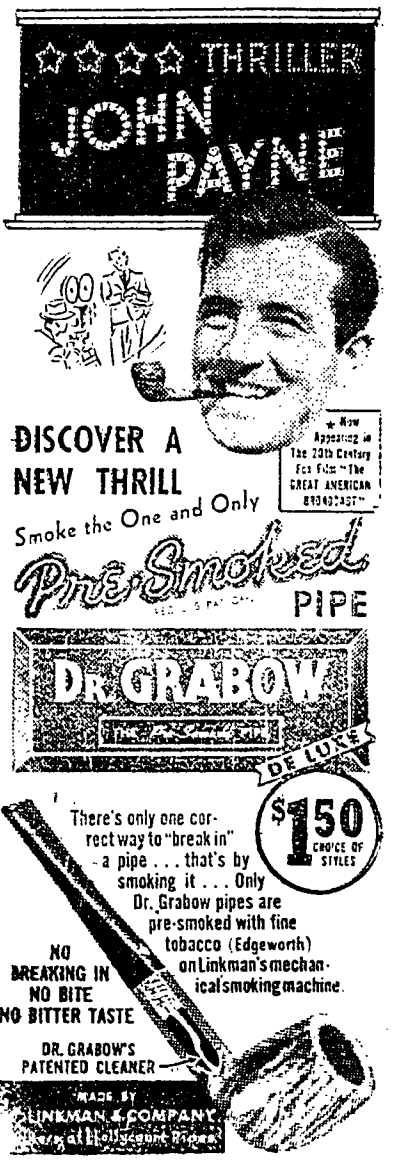
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