

Between The Lions

With DICK PETERS

Don't Bet On It

If you have a nickel, don't bet on the National Boxing championships which begin this afternoon—either invest it in a soft drink or wait until you get another five-cent piece and then buy something harder.

Above all, don't wager on how the Penn State fisticufflers will make out in the three day title-seeking grind. From 120-pound Vic Fiore, the Lions' Haymaking Haircutter right up to Peltin' Paul Scally in the 175 division, there isn't too much of a chance that one of the Houck-mentored Nittany lads will come through with a National diadem.

Fiore will be battling in the same division with Ted Kara, last year's titleholder and 1939 127-pound champ. Include too, little tough guys like Clyde Harger and Don Harper, the former LSU and the last named from Southwestern Louisiana Institute.

No Hope For Stanley

Two men in the 127-pound class entries have already shown superiority over the Lions' Bill Stanley in dual meets, Bill Zurakowski of Michigan State and Bob Sachschtale of Wisconsin. Add Tarzan' Oursó of SW Louisiana, undefeated this year, and Andy Gennett of North Carolina who trounced Billy Mazzacco, Stanley's ineligible predecessor, and all in all, there doesn't look like much hope for the Nittany sophomore.

At 135 Captain Red Stanko has the toughest hurdle of any man in the tourney, namely The Terrible Trio—Johnny Joca, Joey Church, and Gene Rankin. Rankin beat the carrot-top in a dual meet, while Joca is defending champ, and Church is the 1940 runner-up.

Captain-elect Bobby Baird will have to rattle through 12 contenders for the 145 pound crown, outstanding of which are Sam Srown SW Louisiana slugger who won four bouts by TKO's in his dual season, losing only once to Huck Hughes of Catholic U who is also entered in the tourney.

'40 Champ In Scally's Class

If you want the best title bet for the Lions, it'll be Jimmy Lewis at 155. Only six others are in the weight class. Biggest danger will be Wilbur Conques of SW Louisiana and Rodney Belaire of LSU.

Though he improved with each of his dual bouts, and had a lot of tough luck in the regular season, Les Cohen at 165 for Leo Houck is in one of the toughest weight divisions of the tourney, and can't possibly get past such men as defending champ Laune Erickson of Idaho, Fenton Somerville, Virginia EIBA champ and Eldon Sanders of North Carolina.

Lewis Looks Good

Likewise Paul Scally will find himself buried in an avalanche of terrific 175-pounders, including 1940 heavyweight king Nick Lee of Wisconsin who has moved down to the light-heavy slot and Chace Anderson, Idaho's rugged football slugger.

All of which leaves this corner but one choice—to pick the following men to win the individual championships in the tourney:

Ted Kara, Idaho, 120; Frank Kara, Idaho, 127; Joey Church, Miami, 135; Sam Crow, SW Louisiana, 145; Jimmy Lewis, Penn State, 155; Laune Erickson, Idaho, 165; Chace Anderson, Idaho, 175; and Lou Campbell, SW Louisiana, heavyweight.

But don't bet on it.

Gross, Grimes Voted Cage Captains

At Long Last—



Billy Soose will meet Ken Overlin for the Middleweight championship in Madison Square Garden on May 23. The former Penn State boxing champ is expected to attend the NCAA finals Saturday.

Two Juniors Succeed John Barr; Banquet Held Last Night

Elmer Gross and Dick Grimes were elected co-captains of next year's basketball team at the annual team banquet last night.

Although no records are kept, it is believed that this is the first time in the history of the sport at Penn State that the cage five has named co-captains.

Both players are juniors and have been regular guards for the past two years. They succeed Johnny Barr, captain of this season's fast-stepping aggregation.

Gross, with 114 points, was one of the four Nittany cagers to pass the 100 mark this year. Grimes tallied 17 field goals and 15 fouls for 49 counters.

Gross played one of his best games of the season when the passers lost, 35-29, to West Virginia. At Bucknell on December 11, he sank 12 points to spark the team to an easy 55-21 win.

Grimes had his best day on January 15 when the Lions ran wild to top an experienced Syracuse five, 44-25. The junior guard tallied nine points and led his teammates in all-around floor play.

New Electric Scoreboard Will Be Premiered In Recreation Hall Tonight

A new electric scoreboard, provided for by funds appropriated by the All-College Cabinet, was installed in Rec Hall yesterday and will be used for the first time at the NCAA boxing tournament starting tomorrow.

According to R. F. Ford, representative of the National Electric Scoreboard Company who supervised the installation, the machine can be used for all indoor sports presented in Rec Hall.

The scoreboard includes an electric clock, places for names of individuals and teams competing, and lights for recording both total points and individual points. The clock, which can be set for any time, sounds a buzzer at the end of each period.

Kirpatrick, Galbraith Depart For NCAA Swim Meet At East Lansing

Bill Kirkpatrick, undefeated captain of the 1941 Lion tankmen, will leave tonight with Coach Bob Galbraith for East Lansing, Mich. where he will compete against the country's best swimmers for honors in the NCAA's.

Kirkpatrick's best time in the 50-yard sprint is 23.9, just eight tenths of a second short of the national record. Last year he was beaten only once in his specialty, when Komft, Syracuse, barely edged the Lion sprint star.

This will be the third time Kirkpatrick has aimed for national honors, and though Coach Galbraith doesn't expect him to cop the intercollegiate title, he does predict that "Kirk" will surprise a lot of the field's classiest entries.

Billy Soose Signs Contract For Title Match Against Ken Overlin On May 23

Unless Ken Overline catches a cold, sprains a finger, or is otherwise disabled he will fight Billy Soose on May 23 for what New York State calls the middleweight championship of the world.

This was the word yesterday after Promoter Mike Jacobs announced he had signed the pair for a 15-round title go in Madison Square Garden. It is the fight Soose has been gunning for ever since he edged the sailor-playboy in a non-title match last July.

In the event that the former Penn State star dethrones Overlin, he has agreed to engage

either Overlin in a return match or Overlin's stablemate, Georgie Abrams, within 90 days following his victory. Abrams is the gentlemen who sent Soose back to the bushes on his first two attempts to scale the heights. This time Soose came up the other way and now he's at the top laughing at Abrams who's still waiting for him halfway up.

Soose also beat Tony Zale, the man called world's champion middleweight by the National Boxing Association. Presumably, if Soose beats Overlin, he'll set out in quest of Zale.

Gajecki Gets All-Star Bid To Play N.Y. Giants

Leon Gajecki, Penn State's 1940 All-American center and football captain, has been invited

to play on the all-star eastern eleven which will oppose the New York Giants in September.

The Lion star received the bid from Stanley Woodward, sports editor of the New York Herald-Tribune, who's in charge of the annual charity game.

CINEMANIA

Wallace Beery, "best caballero in all the West," rides to thrills, adventure and laughs, in "The Bad Man," film transcription of the famous New York stage play, now showing at the State Theatre.

As Pancho Lopez, whimsical bandit, he sets out to straighten the tangled lives of a group of "tenderfeet."

Gridders Hold Daily Scrimmage Sessions

Coach Bob Higgins' gridders put in their third day of scrimmaging on the mud-covered Beaver Field practice gridiron yesterday afternoon.

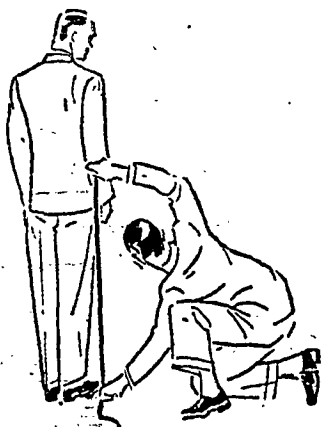
The first and third teams, and second and fourth teams have been scrimmaging against each other every night this week. On Saturday the first team will meet the second team in the first real scrimmage of the year.

Veteran's Pepper Petrella and Len Krouse were absent from practice yesterday. Petrella pulled a muscle in his leg Tuesday afternoon and Krouse is unable to work out because of a bad cold.

Schaefer To Speak

Dr. V. G. Schaefer, assistant professor of psychology in extension, will speak at a safety meeting in South Bend, Ind. today.

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