

Scally, Stanley, Baird In Semi-Finals

Four National Champs Battle In Semi-Finals

By BUD SMYSER

Prestige is no recommendation in a national boxing tournament. After the haze had cleared from Rec Hall at the end of the quarter final bouts last night, one national champion, Nick Lee of Wisconsin, had been left in the dust and of the four kings surviving two were scheduled to fight it out in the semi-finals tonight.

The battle of kings is tonight's set-to between Johnny Joca, Florida's 1940 winner, and Gene Rankin, of Wisconsin, champion of the class in 1939.

The other champions surviving and favored to repeat are Ted Kara of Idaho at 120 pounds, who ruled the same weight last year and the 12 pound class in 1939, and his stablemate, Laune Erickson, of Idaho, who is seeking to repeat as 165-pound king. The failure of Lee, 1940 heavy-weight king to win his first fight in the 175 pound weight, was only a part of Wisconsin's woes. Earlier, three other Badgers had been eliminated from the eight-man entry.

Completely out of the tournament after the first day's fights were Bucknell with one entry, Catholic University (2), Indiana Teachers (2), and Michigan State (2), CCNY (3).

Colleges entering men in the semi-finals are Florida (2), Idaho (3), Miami (2), Superior Teachers, Wis. (2), Virginia (1), Washington State (2), West Virginia (1), Wisconsin (3), California Aggies (2), North Carolina (2), Southwestern Louisiana Institute (5), San Jose (2), Penn-State (3).

The only Eastern Intercollegiate champion entered in the tournament, Fenton Somerville, Virginia 165 pounder, advanced to the semi-finals with a hard won victory over Howard Briggs, of the California Aggies. The only

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Captain-elect Bobby Baird, Lion 155-pounder, who moved into the NCAA semi-finals by defeating Jacob Finger, CCNY, and Huck Hughes, Catholic University, in the quarter-final and preliminary rounds.

4,000 See Opening Boxing Sessions

Attendance at yesterday's bouts reached a total of 4,000 with a sparse 1,000 attending the afternoon preliminaries and 3,000 witnessing the first evening session of the seventh annual NCAA boxing tournament.

Tonight's semi-final bouts, 30 in all, will begin at 8, as will tomorrow's final matches.

An estimated 1,000 reserved seats in the balcony section of Rec Hall are still available for both tonight's and tomorrow's bouts. The reserved section seats about 2,400.

The balcony seats are reserved for both the finals and the semi-finals at \$1.10 each night. General admission tickets to the bleacher sections cost 75 cents tonight and 85 cents tomorrow.

First NCAA Boxing Tourney Held Here To Choose Olympic Team

During the Olympic year of 1932, NCAA officials decided to conduct a tournament for college students so that they could choose a select group for the final Olympic trials. This first national tournament was held here with 75 boxers from 30 colleges, scattered from the state of Washington to New Hampshire, and from Florida to California, competing in the two-day affair.

Following the initial affair, no tournament of national scope was held until 1936, another Olympic year, when the University of Virginia sponsored the second NCAA meet. So much interest developed in this colorful affair that the Rules Committee decided to conduct it annually.

The last four tournaments have been held as follows: 1937, Sacramento, Cal., (California Aggies); 1938, Charlottesville, Va., (University of Virginia); 1938, Madison, Wis., (University of Wisconsin); and 1940, Sacramento, Cal., (California Aggies).

The second NCAA meet held at the University of Virginia at-

tracted 61 representatives of 25 colleges, located in 18 different states and the District of Columbia. Boxers were selected by the Rules Committee to participate in final tryouts for the American Olympic team.

In the third NCAA tournament at Sacramento, Cal., there were 44 entries representing the Southern, Southeastern, and Pacific Coast boxing groups. In addition to these organized groups, colleges were entered from Southwest, Northwest, and Middle West.

The fourth tournament returned to the University of Virginia with 53 representatives from 21 colleges located in 14 different states and the District of Columbia competing.

One of the most successful NCAA tournaments was the fifth meet at the University of Wisconsin. Sixty-five entries from 24 colleges, and 31,000 spectators viewed the four sessions of the tourney, held in Wisconsin's immense field house. The Badgers monopolized the affair by taking four of the eight individual titles.

TODAY'S SEMI-FINAL LINEUPS AND TWO STARS

TONIGHT'S SEMI-FINALISTS

120 pound class — Don Harper Southwestern Louisiana vs. Bob Webber, San Jose; Ted Kara, Idaho, vs. Clyde Harger, LSU.

127-pound class — William Stanley, Penn State versus Edwin Ourso Southwestern Louisiana; Dick Miyagawa, San Jose versus Frank Kara, Idaho.

135-pound class — John Joca, Florida, vs. Gene Rankin, Wisconsin; Less Coffman, Washington State, vs. Joseph Church, Miami.

145 pound class—Robert Baird, Penn State, will meet Warren Jollymore, Wisconsin; Elton Toblason, Calif. Ag. will meet Bill Skerpon, Lock Haven.

155 pound class — Guice Tudor, West Virginia, vs. Rodney Belaire, LSU; Chester Larson, Superior Teachers Wis., vs. William Roth, Wisconsin.

165 pound class—Fenton Somerville, Virginia, vs. Laune Erickson, Idaho; Fred Logsdan, Southwestern Louisiana, vs. Elden Sanders, North Carolina.

175 pound class—F. Speigelberg, Washington State, vs. Leo Coe, Southwestern Louisiana; Paul Scally, Penn State, vs. James DeCourcy, Florida.

Unlimited class — Gates Kimball, North Carolina, vs. Herbert Kendrick, LSU; Louis Campbell, Southwestern Louisiana, vs. Edward Cameron, Miami.



Paul Scally, above, known in eastern boxing circles as the man who gave Syracuse's three-time 175 EIBA champion 'Rico Woyciejes his first dual meet beating, came through the quarter-finals for Penn State by knocking out Bill Shumate, Superior Teachers, in 55 seconds of the second round.

Attends Medical Confab

Dr. Harriet M. Harry, College Health Service physician, will leave today for a post-graduate session of the Philadelphia County Medical Society at the Bellevue-Startford in Philadelphia next week. The topic of the convention will concern treatment of diseases.

Chi O's Entertain

Chi Omegas will entertain Alpha Omicron Pi at a coffee hour at the Chi Omega house at 7 p. m. Sunday.

Knocking Around The NCAA

With DICK PETERS

We ran into Jack Heck, tournament manager, just before the bouts yesterday afternoon. "I'm going nuts," Jack gurgled, "Too darn many things to do, can't even get time to breathe."

Only boxer to fail to make his weight was Gerry Strang, Catholic U mitman, who was a leading contender for the 165 pound title.

Gates Kimball, North Carolina heavy, who meets Herb Hendrick of LSU in the semi-finals tonight, was once the heavyweight champ of Uncle Sam's Pacific Coast fleet.

Neatest little gadget of the meet is San Jose's State's trick of putting the name of the contestant on the back of his jersey.

From this angle, the best bout of yesterday afternoon was the 120 pound scrap between Al Young of Florida and Don Harper of Southwestern Louisiana Institute. Harper took the decision after three rounds of terrific leather-throwing, and don't think the crowd didn't appreciate the little fellows' works.

The surprise of the afternoon's entanglements was the elimination of highly seeded Verdayne John of Wisconsin in the heavy-

Other Lions Fall; Fiore And Cohen Yield To Champs

Conceded only an outside chance to pass the quarter-finals, Penn State's boxing team scored an unexpected triumph by placing three men in the semi-finals.

Captain-elect Bobby Baird, Paul Scally, and sophomore Billy Stanley led their teammates through the quarter-finals and assured Penn State of representation in tonight's bouts.

Bobby Baird won his first fight in the preliminaries over Catholic's Huck Hughes by a technical knockout in 1:24 of the first round. After a rapid exchange of blows that started immediately following the bell, Baird opened a cut over Hughes' left eye.

In his second fight, Baird won a close decision over Jacob Finger, CCNY's jabbing 145-pounder, in a sloppy fight. A cut above Baird's left eye was opened, but he was able to continue the fight.

Stanley, who entered the Lion lineup when Billy Mazzocco was forced out by the ruling against amateur boxers, proved his mettle for the first time by taking a close decision over Bob Sachtschale, Wisconsin 127-pounder who defeated Billy in his first fight.

Stanley opened the fight with strong showing early in the first round, but Sachtschale came back at the end of the round, countering with left jabs.

Sachtschale carried the fight to the sophomore Lion in the second round, still driving hard with left jabs to Stanley's head. Stanley's defense and counter-

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weight class. John lost to an untouted Miami mauler, Ed Cameron, in a thrill-jammed bout.

Freak bout was the heavy dual between six foot four Herb Kendrick of LSU and five foot ten Don Campbell of Lock Haven. The pudgy Lock Haven lad held on for one round, fighting a la Arturo Godoy, but walked into one of Kendrick's haymakers in the second stanza.

Again we ran into Mike Cooper, Penn State's captain last year and king of the Eastern 127-pound mitters in 1940. In town for the fights, Mike was happy because he had lost a few pounds and is now down to about 158!!!

The power in the heavyweight division this year is outstanding. Seldom has the unlimited division boasted such bombers as Gates Kimball, Lou Campbell, Ed Cameron, and Herb Kendrick who get together in tonight's semi-finals.

Funniest little item was the anxiety of the Lock Haven assistant manager, who slid half under the ring trying to put the stool under his boy Bill Skerpon yesterday afternoon. Reason for his eagerness was the fact that Skerpon had floored Bucknell's undefeated Frankie Garro in the first round.

Summaries Of Yesterday's Bouts

PRELIMINARIES

127 pound class—Roy Amedee, LSU, won decision over Clarence Callahan, Virginia; Edwin Ourso, Southwestern Louisiana, won decision over Lenny Bartone, Catholic U; Al Siskin, CCNY, won decision over Bill Zurakowski, Michigan State.

145 pound class—Jacob Finger, CCNY, won decision over Crispin Hernandez, West Virginia; Bob Baird, Penn State, won decision over Huck Hughes, Catholic U, (bout stopped after 1:24 of first round for Hughes with cut eye); Bill Skerpon, Lock Haven, won decision over Frank Garro, Bucknell.

QUARTER-FINALS

120 pound class — Don Harper, Southwestern Louisiana, won decision over Al Young, Florida; Bob Webber, San Jose State, won decision over Jack Gibson, Wisconsin; Ted Kara, Idaho, won by TKO in 1:10 of second round over Vic Fiore, Penn State.

127 pound class — William Stanley, Penn State, decided Bob Sachtschale, Wisconsin; Edwin Ourso, Southwestern Louisiana, decided Roy Amedee, LSU; Dick Miyagawa, San Jose, decided Alfred Siskin, CCNY; Frank Kara, Idaho, TKOed John Chihon, Ind. Tch.

135 pound class—John Joca, Florida, won decision over Harry Deal, Southwestern Louisiana; Les Coffman, Washington State, won decision over Red Stanko, Penn State.

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