

Two State Boxers In National Finals

Baird, Scally Fight Tonight For NCAA Titles

By STAN POKEMPNER

Two of Penn State's three semi-finalists defeated their opponents by clear margins in the National Boxing last night to advance to tonight's finals. Bobby Baird, the Lion 145-pound captain elect and All-College President-elect, and Paul Scally, senior 175-pounder will fight for National titles tonight. Billy Stanley, after his first victory in intercollegiate boxing advanced him to the semi-finals, lost by decision to Edwin Ourso of Southwestern Louisiana.

Scally's fight with Florida's undefeated Jimmy DeCourcy opened slowly, with neither boy taking the aggressive. DeCourcy started rushing the Lion 175-pounder, but Scally countered with hard lefts to the head and tied the 'Gator up.

The second round opened more actively with DeCourcy still rushing, but being held off by Scally's long left. Scally, nearly a head taller than the Florida ringman, landed a stinging right near the end of the period that shook DeCourcy.

DeCourcy's close fighting bothered Scally at the beginning of the third round, but Scally came back with a strong series of lefts and rights at the fight's end to cinch the decision.

Baird carried the fight to his opponent in the first round, jabbing often with fast lefts. Jollymore was unable to place a telling blow in the first canto.

Jollymore seemed to come alive in the second, landing hard, looping rights to Baird's head, momentarily dazing the Lion star.

Both men exchanged hard blows in the last stanza, with Baird pushing the Badger to his utmost. Jollymore ended the fight with a desperate rally, but Baird held him off.

Baird was so happy when he heard the decision that he jumped out of the ring, ignoring the steps.

In the first round against Ourso, undefeated Southwestern Louisiana star, Stanley was clearly outclassed as the southerner landed a ratio of 14 blows to Stanley's three. Stanley's nose started to bleed near the end of the round.

Ourso opened up his heavy artillery mid-way in the second round, rocking Stanley's head with stiff rights and lefts.

In a last minute rally Stanley rushed his southpaw opponent as the third round closed, but Ourso's victory was not in doubt.

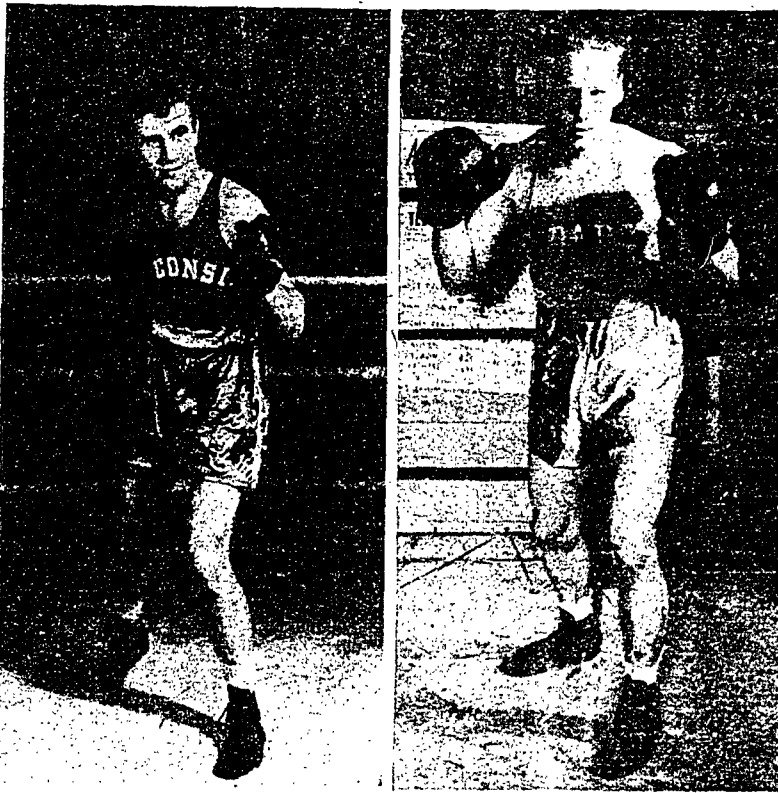
Last Fight Extra Out Tonight

The third and last of Collegian's fight extras will be sold in State College immediately after the final round of the NCAA boxing tourney tonight.

Like the first two issues, it will contain complete results and summaries of the bouts. The price is five cents.

Tonight's issue will be a remake of this paper and will not be distributed to regular subscribers as were the first two.

Two Slugging Entries In Finals Tonight



Badger Gene Rankin's, left, victory over Johnny Joca, Florida, in the 135-pound class brings him into the finals tonight against Les Coffman, Wash. Laune Erickson, Idaho, will meet Eldon Sanders, N. C. in the 165-pound class.

FINALISTS IN TONIGHT'S NCAA TOURNEY BOUTS

FIGHTER	Weight	FIGHTER
Harper, S.W. La.	—120—	T. Kara, Idaho
Ourso, S.W. La.	—127—	F. Kara, Idaho
Rankin, Wisconsin	—135—	Coffman, Wash. S.
Baird, Penn State	—145—	Tabiasson, Calif. Ag.
Belaire, LSU	—155—	Roth, Wisconsin
Erickson, Idaho	—165—	Sanders, N. Carolina
Scally, Penn State	—175—	Speigelberg, Wash. S.
Kimball, N. Carolina	—Hvy—	Campbell, S.W. La.

Knocking Around The NCAA

With DICK PETERS

One of the most interested spectators at the bouts this weekend is Dean Sackett, once head of the School of Engineering, who came in from New York state to see the bouts. The former dean, who is up in his seventies, is one of the greatest fans of any sport that you could find. And he thinks there's nothing like a Penn State sport event.

Way ahead of this leather-tossing era, is DeWitt Portal, mentor of the San Jose State boys. Maybe you haven't noticed, but both Dick Miyagawa, the little Filipino flash, and Bob Webber of the California school, switched from right to left stance for each round. It's an experiment with Portal, who believes in befuddling his opponents.

Another trick Portal has tried is the "honor system," in which the boxing bout is carried on without a referee in the ring. He used the method in his intramural competition at San Jose with success, and also in the dual meets with the California Aggies and Idaho. It sounds like a good idea, but a little impractical unless the fighters are educated to it.

With gate receipts through the semi-finals estimated at \$3,300,

the seventh annual NCAA boxing tourney seemed likely to fall under last year's gate receipts of \$6,500, at Sacramento, Cal.

Last night, a crowd of 3,000, same as Thursday night, watched the bouts. Tonight's attendance is expected to fill the hall to capacity. A full house will bring the receipts within range of last year's total.

You can believe it or not, but as the semi-finals began last night, the Nittany Lions were tied for second place, if the number of men in the semi-finals means anything. At least, the Lions were tied with LSU for second place, each having three men in the bout. Southwestern Louisiana was in first place with five mitters.

Billy Soose, next middleweight king of the world, will be in town today for the finals. Billy the Kid, who knows more about run-arounds than the brass ring on the merry-go-round, never took part in a National tourney himself.

Frankie Goodman '37, one of the greatest boxers in Penn State ring history, is expected here tonight to present his third annual Goodman Trophy to the outstanding senior on this year's squad.

LSU, Idaho, Wisconsin, Washington State, Lions, SW La. In Close Race

By BUD SMYSER

College boxing's battle for the mythical national title was a toss-up after the semi-finals in Rec Hall last night. Southwestern Louisiana, Idaho, Wisconsin, Penn State, Washington State, and L. S. U. are all possible winners of the title held by Idaho last year. Penn State, sending two men to the finals, pulled the biggest surprise of the tournament.

Heavyweight

Campbell-Cameron
Louis Campbell, SW La., heavyweight, met Ed Cameron, Miami. The fight was close. The winner: Campbell, S.W. La.

Kimball-Kendrick
Gates Kimball, N. C., defeated Herb Kendrick, LSU heavyweight. Kimball won on better boxing. The winner: Kimball, North Carolina.

175-Pounds

Coe-Spiegelberg
Les Coe, Southwestern Louisiana star, tangled with Red Spiegelberg, Washington State. Spiegelberg had him weakened as the fight ended. The winner: Speigelberg, Washington State.

Scally-DeCourcy
Penn State's third semi-finalist, Paul Scally and Jim DeCourcy, Florida slugger, paired off in their first round, with Scally using his reach to good effect. The winner: Scally, Penn State.

165-Pounds

Somerville-Erickson
Fenton Somerville, Virginia, ran up against last year's national champ Laune Erickson, Idaho. Erickson rocked Somerville with several hard rights and left hooks in the first. In the second, the Idahoan was hitting Somerville with hard blows. The third round was fairly even. The winner: Erickson, Idaho.

Logsdon-Sanders
Elden Sanders, North Carolina, met Fred Logsdon, Southwestern Louisiana, in a furious first round, which saw both lads slugging. Terrific left hands gave Logsdon an edge in the second. Sanders came back strong in the third. The winner: Sanders, North Carolina.

155-Pounds

Tudor-Belaire
Guice Tudor, West Virginia, started a hot fight with Rodney Belaire, LSU, and both boys gave and took plenty. The winner: Belaire, LSU.

Roth-Larson

Billy Roth looked good in the first round of his semi-final with Chester Larson, of Superior Teachers (Wis.), but Larson evened things up in the next two rounds of rugged hit-and-clinch fighting. The winner: Roth, Wisconsin.

145-Pounds

Baird-Jollymore
The home crowd had its second field day when All-College President Bob Baird stepped into the ring against Warren Jollymore, Wisconsin's journalist-boxer. Baird spent his time trying to get inside the Badger's reach and took a lot of punishment, at the same time scoring heavily inside. Baird's cut left eye was reopened towards the end of the third. The winner: Baird, Penn State.

Skerpon-Tobiasson
Lock Haven's Bill Skerpon and Elton Tobiasson, California Aggies, started in a whirl. Tobiasson's furious attack brought

Skerpon to the canvas and the physician ordered the fight stopped in 1:15 of the second. The winner: Tobiasson, Calif. Aggies.

135-Pounds

Rankin-Joca
The heralded battle of kings between Gene Rankin, Wisconsin's 1939 ruler, and Johnny Joca, Florida, champion last year, was Joca's in the first round on left hooks. Always grinning, Rankin pressed his quest for the crown he failed to defend last year with a two-fisted attack in the second. The third round was cautious, skillful and hard fought, but looked like Rankin's. The winner: Rankin, Wisconsin.

Coffman-Church
Joey Church, Miami, runner-up last year, fought for the first time against Les Coffman, Washington State, having byed into the semi-finals. Both boys swung wide, hard punches but Coffman, who conquered Red Stanko Thursday, seemed to get the best of the exchanges and floored Church with a mile-long right in the third. The winner: Coffman, Washington S.

127-Pounds

Stanley-Ourso
The home crowd was with Penn State's Bill Stanley as he started against Southwestern Louisiana's veteran Ed Ourso. Ourso's left-handed stance was Stanley's downfall, although the fight was reasonably close. The winner: Ourso, S.W. La.

Miyagawa-F. Kara
Little Dick Miyagawa, San Jose's Phillipino star, drew so much applause as he started his fight with lanky Frank Kara, Idaho co-captain, that Referee Charlie Short had to stop it briefly to quiet the crowd. Kara's longer reach told the story and Idaho sent its second man into the finals as San Jose's second and last semi-finalist was eliminated. The winner: F. Kara, Idaho.

120-Pounds

Harper-Webber
Don Harper, Southwestern Louisiana, and Bill Webber, San Jose, opened cautiously in the first round with Webber trying to confuse his opponent by shifting his stance from right to left after the second opened. Harper took the second by landing the heavier blows. Webber tried to keep the Southern star away with his right but, particularly in the third, Harper danced inside his foe's longer reach to land telling blows. The winner: Harper, S. W. La.

Kara-Harger
Cool as a cucumber, Idaho's co-captain and two-time champion, Ted Kara, made Clyde Harger, LSU, do the work in the first round of their fight. Harger was off his feet in the second. In the third, Kara's left was the whole show, even though Harger landed occasional blows. The winner: Kara, Idaho.