

South And West Cinch 26 Of 32 Tourney Medals

3 Lion Medalists Among East's 6

By BUD SMYSER

Three thousand miles is a long way to travel for a shellacking that lasts six minutes or less, and the 24 Westerners in the national boxing tourney are aware of that. In fact, 12 of their number copped medals, to show they meant business.

Fate is easy on the boys who lost into the semi-finals and, even though they lost their semi-final fight, they could count on a medal to take home.

Every semi-finalist gets a medal and thus, as early as Thursday night, it was decided that this would be tonight's division.

Of the 24 Westerners entered, 12 get medals; of the 21 Southerners, 14 get medals; while the East with 21 entered gets only 6 medals, 3 of these going to Penn State.

Second, third and fourth places in the national tournaments are automatic, going to the semi-finalists who fail to take the crown. The defeated finalist gets second place. The man who loses to the champion in the semi-final gets third place, and the man who loses to the runner-up in the semi-final gets fourth place.

Team championships are wholly mythical, determined by reporters and not the NCAA. The generally accepted basis for scoring is five points for first place, three for second, two for third, and one for fourth.

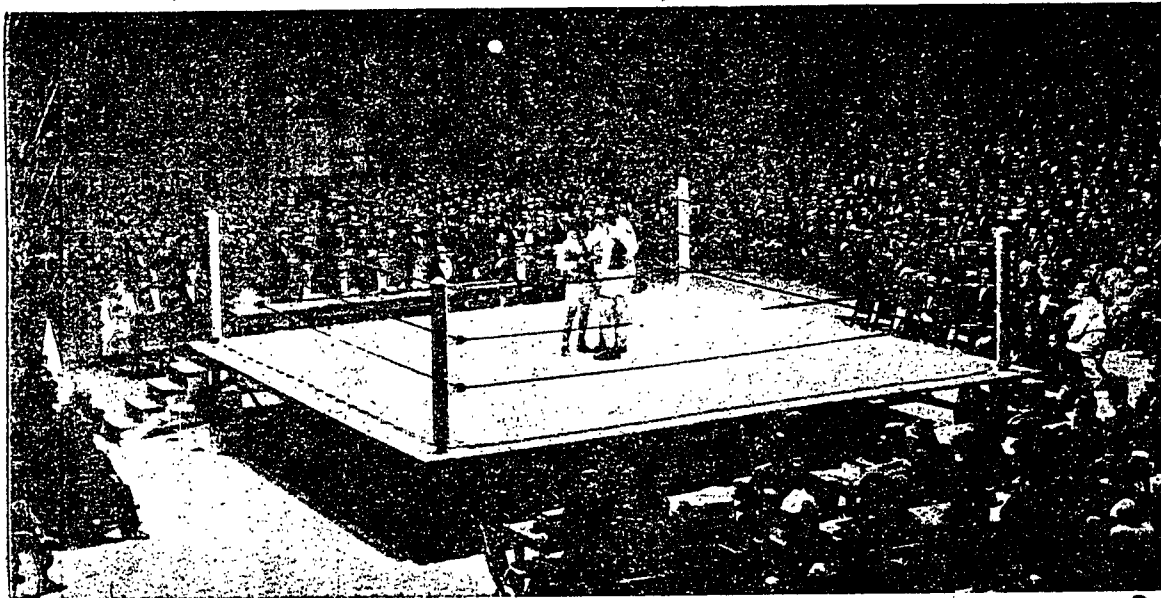
Idaho won last year, and Wisconsin reigned the year before. State's only title was captured when the Lions had two national champions in playing host to the first national tournament back in 1932.

Although the tournament is starting its tenth year, it was allowed to lapse from 1932 to 1936 and for that reason this year's bouts are called the seventh annual.

The failure of the Easterners to win better than six places out of 32 reflects in some measure a decline in the quality of Eastern boxing, partly due to stricter eligibility rules.

However, the best the East has to offer—Syracuse's array of five Eastern champions—failed to enter the tournament. Had they participated, the East might have won a few more laurels but even so it is doubtful if the Orange would have been enough to stem the tide of the South and the West.

NO, THIS ISN'T LAST NIGHT—BUT IT COULD BE



We're sorry State College doesn't have an engraving plant so that we could show you a picture of last night's crowd in Rec Hall. But this is next best. This crowd watching the 1932 nationals looks almost the same as the throng which jammed the building for last night's sessions. Time, depression and war haven't changed things much. The only change we know of is that out of the range of this cut there is a new electric scoreboard high in the west end of the Hall which was installed only this week after being provided for by the College Cabinet.

Stanley Is Hero Of NCAA Bouts

By DICK PETERS

Whether he won another fight or not, Rollickin' Billy Stanley, Penn State's 127 pound boxer, marked himself as the hero of the NCAA tournament Thursday night, when he pummeled Bob Sachtschale of Wisconsin in the quarter-finals and won his way to the semi-finals.

Just before he climbed into the ring Thursday night for his fourth go at intercollegiate boxing, Billy remarked that he'd "show this Sachtschale how much can be learned in four weeks." And he did.

It was just four weeks ago that Billy "The Söcker" Mazzocco was declared ineligible. It was just four weeks ago that Stanley, hitherto a plugging kid who couldn't make out on Charlie Speidel's wrestling team, was drafted to fill the swirling gloves of the ousted Mazzocco.

During the four weeks, Stanley fought three times prior to Thursday night. It was this same Sachtschale who handed him his first trimming in a dual meet. Then followed two more drubbings, one in the Eastern Intercollegiate and in a dual setto with Michigan State.

Thursday night, probably the least regarded of all Lion fist-cuffers in the tourney, Rollickin' Billy climbed through the ropes for his fourth fling at the game which wasn't his first calling. You know the rest—Billy won and surprised everyone but himself.

He knew how much could be learned in four weeks.

5 State Boxers Entered Pro Ring

Since the inauguration of boxing here in 1921, Penn State has become renowned as the "jumping off" place for professional pugilists, five in all.

Most prominent of these is the currently famous Billy Soose, who began his professional career in 1938 after being barred from further intercollegiate boxing because of his semi-pro record.

Having beaten both Tony Zale and Ken Overlin, the NBA and New York Boxing Commission titleholders respectively, in over-the-weight matches, Soose has been signed to fight present title holder Ken Overlin at Madison Square Garden, May 23.

Steve Hamas '29, only five-letter man in the history of the College, won distinction as a pro boxer by knocking out Tommy Loughran. This was one of the few times in Loughran's career that he was KO'ed.

Hamas also met Max Schmeling twice before the German heavyweight became champ. The State boxer won in their first encounter, but was beaten so badly in their second meeting, in Germany, that he was forced to retire.

Allie Wolff, who has the distinction of being the only boxer to captain the team twice, was a middleweight in the punch-for-pay-game for a while after graduation.

Wolff was a cagy boxer, and was hardly ever hit in the course of a fight. He fought several bouts and then retired, and is now coaching at Cornell.

"Rags" Madeira '26, southpaw heavyweight, and Freddy Washington '25, a featherweight, tried their hands at the professional game after leaving Penn State, but both retired after a few bouts.

Collegiate Coaches Association Offers Services To U.S. For Defense Program

Offering their services to the United States government for the national defense program, the 17 members of the National Boxing Coaches Association yesterday accepted President Leo Houck's resolution suggesting the move at their annual meeting.

Each member signed the following statement: "We, the coaches of the National Collegiate Boxing Association, offer our services to the government of the United States for the national defense program."

The coaches elected DeWitt Portal, San Jose State coach, permanent secretary of the Association. Portal, the incumbent secretary, was voted into the permanent office in recognition of his excellent work. Al York, Virginia coach, was elected to the second vice-presidency of the Association.

Bill Reagan, Miami boxing mentor, automatically moved into the Association's presidency to succeed Houck, who automatically becomes a member of the executive committee. Ed LeFond, Catholic University, became first vice-president.

The coaches voted to establish a research committee to "further sponsor high school boxing and cooperate with government agencies."

They also agreed to send a representative to the national convention of physical education directors.

Two National Champions Entered In 135 Division

Fight fans should see plenty of action in the 135-pound competition in this year's NCAA boxing tournament as two champions and a runner-up battle for the title.

Gene Rankin, Wisconsin's lightweight, won the crown in 1939, but dropped out of competition last year. Johnny Joca, colorful Florida boxer, won his title last year. Both boys are entered in the current national tournament.

Neither champion is expected to have easy sailing, however, with ringmen entered in the 135-pound class, all with excellent records. They include Less Coffman, Washington State, runner-up last year; Joey Church, Miami University boxer who handed Joca his only defeat in two years; Gene Tudor, West Virginia star who is undefeated in seven dual meets this year; and Harry Deal, brilliant puncher from Southwestern Louisiana Institute.

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