

Soose To Meet Overlin In Title Bout Tonight

Former Penn State Boxer Given 3-1 Odds To Capture World's Middleweight Crown

By PAT NAGELBERG

Relegated into the has-been class by sports writers just a year ago, Penn State's Billy Soose will climb into the ring at Madison Square Garden at ten o'clock tonight to battle Ken Overlin for the world's middleweight championship.

The title bout is scheduled for fifteen rounds and the betting in New York City favors the former intercollegiate titleholder by 3 to 1. A capacity crowd of 16,000 is expected to jam the hall built by Tex Rickard and brought back to its place of prominence by Mike Jacobs.

Gets Title Shot



Billy Soose, former Penn State ring star, will get a shot at the middleweight crown tonight when he meets Ken Overlin at Madison Square Garden, New York City, at 10 o'clock.

The story of the Farrell fighter, familiar to every Penn State sports fan, reads like a Horatio Alger tale. After leaving college in 1938 with a record of thirteen straight knockouts, Billy cast his lot in professional ranks and began the rough climb up the fistic ladder of fame.

Brittle hands handicapped him at times when he appeared ready to hit the top and when he lost his second fight to Georgie Abrams in Pittsburgh last spring, boxing experts were ready to write Soose's obituary. But defying the old adage that they never return to the ring, tonight's challenger made one of the greatest comebacks in recent athletic history.

Matched with Overlin in a non-title fight in Scranton last summer merely to provide the champion with a tune-up bout, Soose pulled an upset to eke out a controversial victory. He followed this up with a decisive win in Chicago over Tony Zale, recognized National Boxing Association champion, and New York opened welcome though rather skeptic eyes. The Broadway crowd has never taken to college-bred fighters.

But in his metropolitan debut, Billy trounced New York's own Tami Mauriello and twice brushed aside up and coming Ernie Vigh in his last two appearances. Mike Jacobs could no longer deny Soose a crack at Overlin's coveted crown and tonight's fifteen rounder marks the end of a long trail for the Pennsylvania steelworker's son.

The fight should be doubly interesting because of the bad feeling existing between the two camps. Overlin insisted on a clause in the contract giving him or his stablemate, Abrams, a return shot at Soose should he win the championship.

It will be a contest between a battle-scarred veteran who knows all the tricks of his profession and a clean fighting boxer with a lightning-fast left and a punch in either hand. The fight should be close and go the full limit limit but Soose is on his way up and will be hard to stop. Tonight might find the first collegiate boxer occupying a world's championship.

Lion Trackmen Leave Today For Army Meet

Minus the services of field eventer, Frank Platt, distance man Jim Williams, and Captain Van Hartman, 25 Nittany Lion trackmen will leave today for their second dual meet of the season to be held on the West Point cinders tomorrow afternoon.

The spike-clad Cadets recently displayed their prowess by winning a quadrangular meet with Iowa, Dartmouth, and Columbia. Outstanding for the Soldiers in this meet was Bill Gillis who took firsts in both hurdle events. Barney "first place" Ewell will find Kearie Berry his toughest rival in the 100 yard dash and Frank Wadell will push him most in the "220." Cadet Ralph Whill has been heaving the javelin 204 feet consistently and should easily top Lion spear tosser, Quent Deitrick.

In its first year of intercollegiate competition the Penn State fencing team broke even, defeating Rutgers and losing to Penn in the two contests it engaged in.

Lion Tossers Battle Colgate On Road Trip

Penn State's baseball Lions move on to the second-lap of their current road trip today and take on the Colgate Red Raiders at Hamilton, N. Y., after dropping a 8-1 decision to Navy's Midshipmen at Annapolis Wednesday afternoon.

Chuck Medlar, veteran senior righthander, will be seeking his third pitching victory of the season when he takes the mound against the Colgate diamondmen. Medlar chalked up two straight games in the "won" column after twirling a losing battle against Princeton in the second game of the year.

Four starting Lions have been batting out hits with more than a .300 average. First baseman Debler leads the Bedenkmen at the plate, smashing out safeties at almost a .500 clip. Left fielder Peany Gates, who gathered two singles and scored the only Nittany run against the Midshipmen, is also well above the average.

Center fielder Warren Kolkebeck and catcher Jack Stauffer complete the Lions' "murderers row." Kolkebeck has poled more doubles than any other Blue and White batter, and Stauffer has been hitting consistently since he broke into Coach Joe Bedenk's starting lineup four games ago.

With the Lions' record to date standing at five losses and only four wins, a victory over the Red Raiders today would put the Nittany tossers back on a .500 basis.

Following the game this afternoon, the Statemen move on to Syracuse, N. Y., where they play the Orangemen tomorrow in an attempt to even the score of a 7-4 defeat earlier in the season.

Gymnasts Leave For Nationals

Six of Penn State's leading gymnasts will leave today for the 52nd annual national A.A.U. gymnastic championships to be held at Swiss Hall, Union City, N. J., tomorrow.

Athletes from 17 states are entered in the competition and all nine title holders will return to defend their crowns. Favored in the rope climb will be Lion ace, and all-around performer Roman Pico.

Coach Gene Wettstone also expects Lou Bordo, eastern intercollegiate champ, to place in the parallel bar competition and possibly in tumbling. Also tumbling for the Nittany delegation will be freshman Harold Zimmerman. He is also entered in the parallel bar competition.

The Swiss-Turn Verein, winner of the national team laurels 13 times in the last 15 years is again favored for the team championship and has entered a squad which includes three Olympians, Artie Pitt, Frank Cumminskey, and Frank Raubold.

Outstanding on the rings for the Lions is Sol Small. Other making the trip are Charlie Senft, rope climber, and freshman tumbler, Eddie Anderson.

Trout Stream Opens

Fisherman's Paradise, ideal trout stream near Bellefonte, opens at 8 o'clock this morning and will remain open for fishing enthusiasts until July 12, excluding Sundays.

On May 5, 1934, the University of Pittsburgh spikers defeated a Penn State track team for the first time in their twelve years of competition. The final score was 100 1/3 to 33 2/3.

EIGA Sectional Playoff Scheduled Here Today

Unbeaten Lions Face Hoyas Jinx Sextet

By DAVE SAMUELS

Out of nine dual golf matches over the College course this weekend may come the 1941 Mid-Atlantic division champion of the EIGA, and Bob Rutherford's unbeaten Lion golfers have a good chance of coming out on top.

Today and tomorrow, teams from Cornell, Penn, Pitt, Princeton, Georgetown, and Penn State will vie in the playoffs to decide which squad will meet the Northern division leader at Stamford, Conn., next Saturday.

Tied for first place in the Mid-Atlantic division are Penn State and Georgetown, defending champs, who will battle it out on the College course at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Other playoffs to begin at the same time are Cornell vs. Princeton and Pitt vs. Penn.

The undefeated Nittany linksmen, with five straight victories tucked under their belts, will be up against an old jinx when they tackle the Hoyas. Since they began scheduling in 1936, Georgetown has consistently defeated State in all their meetings.

On the Lion roster for today's matches, according to Coach Bob Rutherford, will Captain Jack Brand, sophomore Don Hart, Chuck Seebold, Don Leyden, Scotty Maxwell, and Bob Wallace.

But Georgetown isn't the only tough team carded for the Nittanymen this weekend. Tomorrow they take on two other outfits to whom they bowed last year. A veteran Princeton sextet will furnish the opposition at 9 o'clock, and Penn makes an appearance at 2.

Additional playoffs scheduled at the same time tomorrow are

Cornell vs. Penn, and Georgetown vs. Pitt in the morning; and Cornell vs. Georgetown, and Pitt vs. Princeton in the afternoon.

The standings:

	W.	L.	Pct.	Pts.	O.P.
Penn State	2	0	1.000	13	5
Georgetown	2	0	1.000	11	7
Pittsburgh	1	1	.500	9	9
Princeton	1	1	.500	8	10
Penn	0	2	.000	8	10
Cornell	0	2	.000	5	13

Surveys Due

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