

Lion Boxers Open Practice Sessions

Starting practice sessions yesterday, Coach Leo Houck's boxers face a stiff schedule this winter. Lion ring fans will be able to witness five home meets this year with their first chance to view the Lion boxers on January 17 against Bucknell.

The 1947 boxing schedule:
 Jan. 17—Bucknell Home
 Jan. 24—W. Maryland Home
 Feb. 7—Army Away
 Feb. 14—Syracuse Home
 Feb. 20—Wisconsin Away
 Feb. 28—Michigan State Home
 Mar. 6—Virginia Home
 Mar. 12-13—Intercollegiate Charlottesville, Va.

Potsklan Ranked Among Best Ends

End, co-captain, 183 pounds, 24 years old, 5-11, Brownsville, Pa. Potsklan played before the war, was a member of a very fine team in 1941, then went to war, and returned in 1946. It looked for awhile as though he might be lost to football. He was in the Army Air Forces, and when the Germans knocked his plane down over Belgium, he was badly wounded.

His shoulder was just a mass of wounds, and it was highly questionable whether he ever



JOHN POTSKLAN

again would play football. The shoulder has bothered him from time to time, but has never kept him out of football. During the war, incidentally, he was a prisoner of the Germans for eight months (until the war ended), and during much of that time he served as interpreter for a Russian doctor who also was a prisoner of the Germans and who was commissioned to serve prisoners.

Even before Potsklan went to war, Coach Bob Higgins and his aides looked upon him as a top-flight end and his play this year has borne out that estimate. A good diagnostician, he gets the ultimate out of his 183 pounds, is a tough man to remove from a play, and within a few minutes of a ball game earns the respect—and attention—of the opposition.

There's no question about his courage; he's fearless, and won't hesitate for a moment to smash through any interference cordon which might come his way. He's no ball of fire on the receiving end of a pass, but defensively, it's doubtful whether he has a peer anywhere.

Penn State Grid Foes Finish With .293 Mark

Losing 56 games and winning 22, Penn State's opponents completed their seasons Saturday with a weak .293 mark. Of the four Lion foes who played their last tilts, only West Virginia could boast of a win—a 17-2 decision over another Nittany foe, Pitt. Fordham and NYU fought to a 13-13 tie, and Navy lost to Army 21-0.

Their records:

	W.	L.	T.	Pct.*
Washington State	3	7	0	.300
Bucknell	2	7	0	.222
Fordham	1	6	1	.198
Syracuse	3	6	0	.333
West Virginia	6	4	0	.600
Colgate	2	5	2	.333
Temple	3	6	0	.333
Navy	1	7	1	.167
Pitt	1	8	0	.111
Total	22	56	4	.293

*Ties counted as half game won and half game lost.

Between the Lions

by Tom Morgan

A wise wielder of the printed word once wrote: "doing easily what others find difficult is talent." Perhaps the author of this wisdom wasn't thinking of football players, but we are, and the talent is not hard to find in the case of two brothers named Joe and Chuck.

Learning to play winning football was a natural thing for the brothers Drazenovich, whose good Croatian name, incidentally, gives each of them the dubious honor of being no friend of the typographical union.

In spite of any weak protests from the press about "how you spell it and why can't they find a guy named Jones," the name Drazenovich graced the starting lineup twice in eight of Penn State's nine football frays this year. (An injury sidelined Brother Joe in the opener.)

This is a good index to Coach Bob Higgins' opinion of the talent inherent in these brothers, who pack 415 pounds between them, who are key cogs in a great gridiron machine, and who will again answer the practice call in 1948 and 1949 when the Penn State coach searches his ranks for material seasoned and skilled in his pet football maneuvers.

Hailing from West Brownsville, Pa., the Draz boys caught the victory bug in 1943 as members of the Brownsville High School eleven that captured the WPIAL championship by copping ten straight wins under Coach Earl Bruce. (Bruce is now head grid mentor at California State Teachers College, sometimes called the Lion's "farm team" for freshman gridgers.)

Coach Bruce was instrumental in the brothers' coming to Penn State and, in fact, helped pave the way for three other Brownsville High stalwarts — John Potsklan, John Simon and John Wolosky — to don Blue and White togs. This abundance of Brownsville stars on the 1947 State roster (actually none of the five lives within the town's limits) prompted some Lion foes to crack jokes about "whether we're playing State or Brownsville."

But the strong tie with the southwestern Pennsylvania town has truly paid dividends, not the least of which is the hard-charging 20-year-old blocking back, Chuck D., or his other half and one year his senior, the fast, crackerjack guard, Joe D. They are an integral part of the nation's foremost defensive football unit in a decidedly offensive-minded year.

As with most brother duos, all was not sweetness and fraternal love between the Draz boys as they grew up in West Brownsville. Commenting, Joe said:

"When we were little we fought like cats and dogs. Chuck was clumsy and I was a year older, so I beat him up every time. But when he turned 15, the tide turned because he got bigger. Right now I don't want any part of him. He's tough."

Now Joe and Chuck fight a common foe—the Lions' opposition, and form one of the few brother acts in State's football annals.

Each saw one previous season of action with the Nittanymen, Joe in 1944 and Chuck a year later. After that, the Army beckoned and, now, for the first time since that championship high school squad in 1943, Joe and Chuck are together, as mainstays on a Nittany team that challenges comparison with fabled elevens of Penn State grid history.



CHUCK



JOE

Intramural Boxing Opens With Seven Bouts Today

Seven bouts are on tap for the opening of the intramural boxing tourney, which starts this afternoon at 5 o'clock in Rec Hall.

One bout, between Andy Pipa of Phi Kappa Sigma and Bert Agnew of Sigma Phi Epsilon, has already been decided. Agnew has been declared the winner by forfeit over Pipa, who is ill.

The schedule for tonight:

128-pound class—Braunegg, Alpha Sigma Phi, meets Jerry Cooper, Phi Epsilon Pi; 145-pound class—Bob Blum, Phi Epsilon Pi, meets Tom Owens, Alpha Zeta; Ed McMillen, Alpha Gamma Rho, meets Dick Hannah, Pi Kappa Alpha; Lou Di Nunzio, Alpha Phi Delta, meets McKillip, Sigma Chi; 155-pound class—John Steimer, Sigma Nu, meets Chuck Altemus, Chi Phi; Bill Vernon, Kappa Delta Rho, meets John Long, Sigma Chi; 165-pound class—Bob White, Sigma Nu, meets Don Varga, Sigma Phi Epsilon.

Three of last year's champions are vying for titles again this year. Georgie Schautz, Delta Upsilon, 121-pound king last year, is fighting in the 128-pound division. Lou Di Nunzio, of Alpha Phi Delta, winner in the 135-pound class last year, is the only defending champion to box today. Di Nunzio will be fighting in the 145-pound class in this year's tournament. Fritz Lennox, Sigma Nu, champion in the 165-pound class in 1946, will try to duplicate his championship honors in the 175-pound class.

RUNNER-UP

In addition, Ed Hanford, Pi Kappa Alpha, runner-up to Lennox last year, will also be in this year's competition at 165-pounds.

Winners of the individual classes last year were Shautz, 121-pounds; Paul Gebert, Sigma Nu, 128-pounds; Di Nunzio, 135-pounds; Goldie Soster, Alpha Phi Delta, 145-pounds; Lennox, 165-pounds; Johnny Potsklan, Sigma Nu, 175-pounds, and Bob Ziesenheim, Delta Upsilon, in the unlimited class.

Delta Upsilon will be striving to retain the intramural boxing crown it won last year in a fight to the finish with the Sigma Nu.

Nine bouts are scheduled to be fought tomorrow. The tournament will continue for two weeks with the finals temporarily slated for December 17.

Track Candidates

Candidates for assistant track managerships are asked to report to Don Miller, head track manager, at Rec Hall after 3 p.m. any weekday.

Harrier Title

State College, Pa., Dec.—Penn State's team triumph in the NCAA cross-country championship marked its first outright victory in national competition. The Nittany Lion harriers had previously shared an NCAA team title with Indiana University.

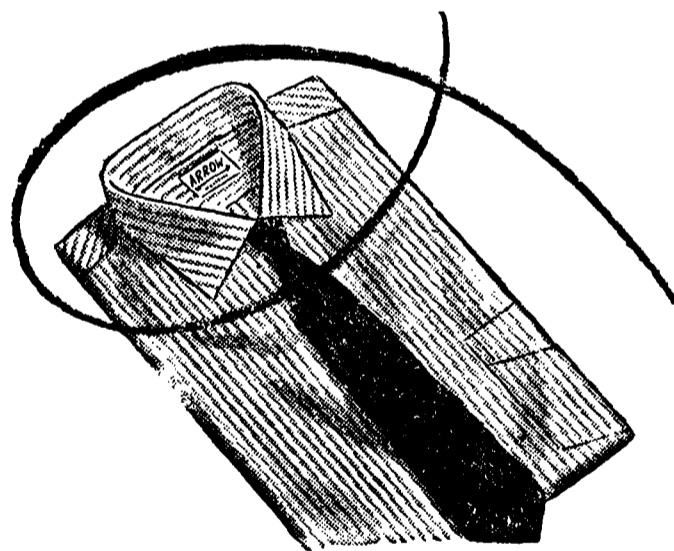
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