

Returnees, IM Champs Bolster Lion Mittmen

By George Vadasz

The 1949 ring Lions received a shot of glucose in the arm when two former Blue and White battlers and two intramural champs of the recent IM boxing tourney reported to Coach Leo Houck at ringside.

Most promising-looking of the quartet is Ollie Wallace, a short Negro battler. Wallace thrilled a Rec Hall crowd in the finals of the IM ring tourney shortly before Christmas vacation when he completely outclassed his opponent with lightning-like uppercuts which hit their mark with cobra-speed and effectiveness.

The short slugger, a native of Bethlehem, is working out daily to pair his weight down to 135 pounds. Coach Houck is strongly depending on him to fill the vacancy in that weight class.

RETURNEE

One of the Houckmen's regular 145-pounders during the 1946 mitt campaign, Stan Lachowski, is back after a stretch with Uncle Sam. The blonde battler looked impressive as a freshman before entering the service and it will be a nip-and-tuck battle between

Dave Evans, a classy bantam-weight, performed with the Lions while on campus as a naval trainee during the war. Evans has improved greatly since then and most likely will subdue diminutive Freddie Smith in the 125 class.

IM CHAMP

Lachowski and Jack Sheehy for the 145-pound starting berth.

Slippery and hard-to-hit Bill Curtin, winner of the intramural 155-pound crown this year, has reported for practice and Houck left vacant by last year's captain, Jackie Tighe.

Houck's other hope in the 155

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Joe Signs Pro Paper, Other Lions Drafted

Although the breeze from the professional football draft was felt by many of the Penn State football players last month, only one, Larry Joe, has taken action and signed with a professional football team. Joe recently signed with the Buffalo Bills of the All-American Conference.

High on the list of gridders receiving bids of pro teams were Chuck Drazenovich, and Wally Triplett. Chuck was drafted by the Detroit Lions, but will finish his collegiate playing next year with the Penn State Lions, while Triplett, who is drafted by the Brooklyn Dodgers, is practice teaching in Philadelphia and will finish his training before making any definite commitments.

Other men drafted were Larry Cooney, who was tapped by both the Cleveland Browns and the Green Bay Packers; Negley Norton, a junior, who was put on the Cleveland Browns' list along with Ray Uliniski, and John Simon, who was listed by the Buffalo Bills and the Detroit Lions.

Draft rights to Joe Colone, who was claimed by the Washington Redskins last season, have been traded to the Detroit Lions. Elwood Petchel and Sam Tamburo, two Nittany gridders who are aiming for professional grid careers, finished their collegiate careers in an all-star contest in Honolulu Wednesday; and will not open negotiations for contracts before returning.

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Eagles Scare IM 'Team X'

An up-and-down Golden Eagles quintet threw a scare into the high-flying Team X'ers when independent IM basketball ruled the Rec hall hardwoods Wednesday night.

Uncovering a flashy point-maker, Amos Bartoli, who dunked a total of 15 counters for his evening's work, the Eagles gave the bird to their favored opponent, rushing out to take a 14-8 first half lead.

The party ran out in the second half, as Team X revived. Shaking loose Reilly for 13 points, the "unknowners" roared finally to a 26-21 win, their fourth with only one loss.

MURGAS STAYS AHEAD

Murgas added a big plum to his record downing a strong Womers Roamers five, 25-9 on another court, and marking up win number five, to stay ahead of the pack in independent league, "B".

The Ath. Hall Men made "coming from behind" the fashion Wednesday as they pulled victory out of the fire with a stirring second half rally.

OTHER ACTION

On the other courts, fans saw the Drewlers bump Nittany Cop, 18-13; the Century Boys sweep past the Shrimps, 27-14; the Indians batter the Coal Crackers, 18-6; Hamblers sock Watts Stars, 22-17; Architects double the Lions, 28-14; and Section 10 trample the Ceramics, 31-8.

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Between The Lions



By Tom Morgan
SPORTS EDITOR

"Fit as Ever"

Negley Norton, next year's football co-captain, and Joe Colone, his predecessor, have joined a growing list of Nittany Lions making treks to Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore. Both were treated over vacation for injuries suffered last season.

Concerned over Norton's shoulder—as are thousands of other Nittany fans—we queried him about the success of his operation to correct a frayed shoulder tendon. His encouraging reply was:

"Dr. George Bennett, the surgeon (who treats Joe DiMaggio, etc.), said I'd be as fit as I ever was."

Tests for Chuck

A boxer who thrives on tough opposition is Lion Heavyweight Chuck Drazenovich, who'll face his share of same come boxing season.

In addition to Western Maryland's Joe Corleto, who defeated the Draz last year, there'll be Syracuse's Marty Crandell.

As his team tied Miami U. of Florida recently, Crandell took one highly-touted Arty Saey in stride by scoring a KO in the first round. It was the first time Saey, an ex-national champ, lost a collegiate dual meet and the first time he was ever KO'd. Crandell battles Drazenovich February 12 at Syracuse.

Where Is It?

The Daily Collegian, like some other campus institutions (we like to think of this rag as such), has quips about past staff members which are banded about about periodically.

One concerns Dick Sarge, last year's news editor whose typewriter now feeds the Harrisburg Evening News. Back in '46 when someone announced at the Collegian banquet that Sarge was to be sports co-editor the next semester, he arose and spoke humbly:

"This is all very flattering, but please tell me: Where is Rec Hall?"

From the Morg(ue)

For the first time in five years, there are no married men on the prospective 1949 Penn State football team. Francis Rogel, sockdolager full-back, is a jiggerbug enthusiast.

Ex-Champ Coaches

Dick Waite, former intercollegiate mat champion at Penn State, is head coach of wrestling at Columbia University.

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Fogg Cancels Colgate Meet; Expected Snow Doesn't Show

The ski meet scheduled between Colgate and Penn State for tomorrow has been cancelled because of lack of snow. The cancellation deprives residents and students of witnessing the first ski meet ever scheduled for State College.

When the snow that was hoped for hadn't arrived by yesterday noon, Coach Sherman Fogg telegraphed E. P. (Eppy) Barnes, Graduate Manager of Athletics at Colgate, informing him that State College did not have sufficient snow for the meet to be held here. A few hours later, Coach Fogg received a wire from Barnes indicating that the meet would have

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