

Evans Returns; Boxers Try to Squeeze Orange

Fortified by the return of Dave Evans, aggressive 125-pound ring artist who performed for Leo Houck during the '43 mitt campaign, the boxing Lions are tapering off their training pace in preparation for their toughest assignment to date, the slugging duel against the Orangemen at Syracuse tomorrow.

Evans, a Lion regular during the war, hails from Scranton, the hometown of last season's captain, Jackie Tighe. A slight injury kept Evans out of the ring for the first two mitt encounters but the blond battler is ready now to seek his first victory when he squares off against Jim Huba of Syracuse.

Six of the battlers who participated in the 5½-2½ trouncing of Army last weekend will be on hand for the sound of the opening gong in the State Fair Coliseum at Syracuse.

NEW STARTERS

Evans replaces Fred Smith at 125 pounds while Lou Guthrie, left-jabbing 135-pounder who won his inaugural bout against Western Maryland, replaces Ollie Wallace at 135 pounds.

In his toughest test to date, the Lions' EIBA defending titlist, Chuck Drazenovich, meets Syracuse's outstanding sophomore heavy, Marty Crandell.

Crandell first gained national recognition when he scored a KO against former national champ Art Saey at Miami. His victory over West Point's Bill Kellum gives him a slight edge over the Brownsville Bombardier.

Coach Simmons, of the Orange, believes Crandell can easily become the next NCAA champ because of his terrific coordination. Like Drazenovich, he is a solid puncher with either hand and can readily absorb a punch.

EIBA PREVIEW

In the contest, which might easily be a preview of the EIBA finals this year, Drazenovich lays an undefeated skein of eight straight fights on the line.

Lion ringleader John Benglian should have little trouble making it three straight for the year when he squares off against Charles Pechette, a clever ring artist.

TOUGH TASK

Paul Smith draws the toughest assignment of the evening when he meets Syracuse's EIBA champ, Jim Rollier. Rollier's crowd-pleasing style and aggressive type of attack make him a slight favorite over the much improved Smith.

Power-punching Julie Levine steps into the ring against Jack Bolger, of the Lions, in the light-heavy division, while Lou Guthrie encounters Al Sauerwine at 135 pounds.

Offensive-minded Jim Maloney should annex his third triumph of the current campaign when he clashes with Chuck Riggoloso. Fight results to date make the Nittany slugging a top-heavy favorite. Riggoloso dropped a decision to Army's Ken Herring, a battler whom

Maloney decisioned last Saturday.

At 145 pounds the Lions' Jack Sheehe meets Tim Curley. Curley is an excellent fighter whose right glove earned him a runner-up spot in last year's Eastern tourney at Virginia. Sheehe has improved greatly since the beginning of the season and a victory in this weight class might mean a team win for the Lions.



LEO HOUCK

The Nittany Realm

By George Vadasz

Erie's reputation as an incubator for swimmers of the A-1 variety is being upheld well these days in the Vale of Mount Nittany in the form of Bill Schildmacher, the Lions' swimming captain.

It was through the efforts of Lenny Diehl, erstwhile Blue and White swimming mentor, that Bill came to Penn State last year. Schildmacher was one of the mainstays of last season's mediocre tank unit.

In this season's opener against Cornell, he set a new record for varsity swimmers in the 100-yard freestyle when he clipped six-tenths of a second off the old record as he took first place with a 55.8 time.

Much of the success of a winning athlete can be attributed to the guidance of his tutor. "Any swimming records that I have broken here at State or any that I break in the future I attribute to the guiding hand of Coach Bill Gutteron," says Bill. "Gutteron is one of the finest coaches I have ever worked with; he has cut 4 seconds off my time in the 100 since last year. Under his wing Penn State is on the way up in swimming in the East."



WATER BABY

Bill, who has always lived in Erie, was a water baby from the day he was old enough to keep his head above the aqua in the bathtub. With the best facilities available because his father was the owner of a sports store, Bill received his first encouragement for aquatic success from Ed Thomas, former basketball coach at Erie Academy.

Under the tutelage of Bill Rollinger, NAAU 40-yard freestyle champ, Schildmacher learned the fundamentals of the American crawl. But it is water polo that plays an early part of Erie's annual water sport program and it was there that Bill found a second home in the pool. He was a forward on two high school water polo teams which copped the city championship for Academy High.

SECOND BEST

Although a top-flight performer now in the 50- and 100-yard freestyle, he wasn't always the first across the finish line. Often during his high school races he was the "bridesmaid" finishing second behind Jim Duke, Michigan State's ace-in-the-hole in swim circles.

After graduation Bill traveled 15 miles to the south and enrolled at Edinboro State Teachers College where he was the Red Raiders' star swimming performer before entering the Navy for a four-year stretch.

The Navy soon spied Bill's ability to handle himself in the water so he was assigned to naval underwater demolition training in Florida. "One day while our team (18 men) was swimming to a beach," Bill relates, "I missed the pickup boat on the way back. The ruling was that if you missed the pickup run to swim out to the five-mile buoy to be picked up later."

"I'm sure happy that Bill came here," says Nittany Coach Bill Gutteron. "He's a great captain and sportsman."

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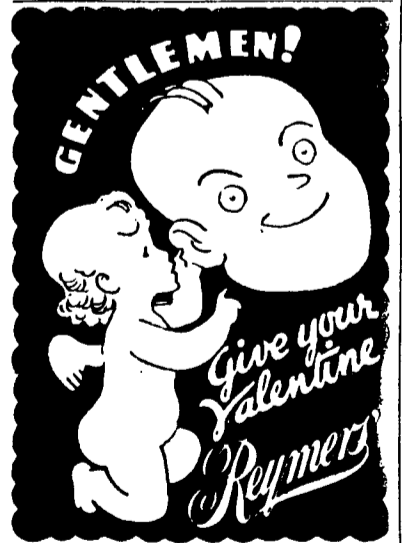
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With three of their star performers setting new pool records, Penn State's swimming team overwhelmed an outclassed Dickinson College team, 47-28, Wednesday at Carlisle.

For the second time this year Captain Bill Schildmacher broke an existing record in his specialty, the 100-yard sprint. The first time it was in his own pool and alone; Wednesday he did it on foreign grounds and was joined by a teammate, Cass Borowy.

The pair finished in a dead heat in 56.9 seconds, slow time for Schildmacher who recorded a 55.5 time while breaking the Penn State record.

FOLMSBEE

Cal Folmsbee was the other record-setting Nittany contestant as he rolled up an impressive 92.43 score to sweep the fancy diving event.

This victory ran Cal's winning streak to four straight for the current season and left his dual meet record still unblemished. His partner, Rudy Valentino, took third-place honors.

Dickinson led at the start with victories in the 300-yard medley relay and the 220-yard free-style. The Lions quickly countered by

gaining firsts in the 50-yard free-style, the diving and the 100-yard free-style.

Borowy emerged from the meet a double winner by sprinting the record-breaking 100 and taking first place laurels in the 50.

After piling up a lead in these three events, the Gutteronmen were never headed.

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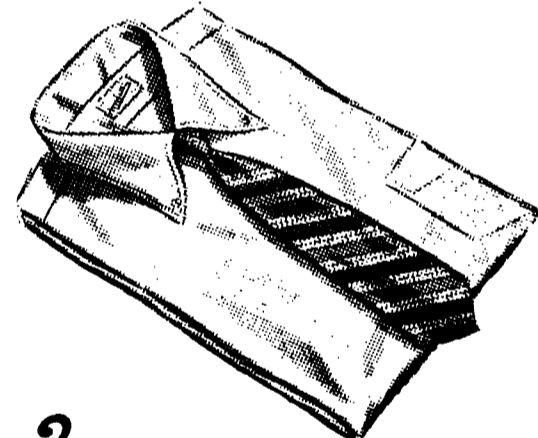
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