

Virginia's 4 EIBA Titlists Who Host Lions ----



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Title-Holding Virginia Opposes Lion Boxers

Virginia, a team which last season equalled an all-time EIBA record by copping six individual championships, will be the Lions' opposition in the ring at Charlottesville, Va., tomorrow night.

Four of the six titlists will be in Coach Al York's lineup when the Cavaliers square off against the Houck sluggers. Competing are Allen Hollingsworth, formerly 125 pounds, now 130; Grover Masterson who also has moved up a weight from 130 to 135; and the two remaining Miragliotta brothers — Basil at 145 pounds and Joe at 155 pounds.

Missing from the field will be Virginia's three-time champ, 135 pound Jimmy Miragliotta and Ralph Shoaf, 175 pound titlist. Miragliotta finished his four years of eligibility in 1948, while Shoaf, this season's captain-elect, is shelved by a football injury.

SEASON RECORDS

Both the Nittanymen and the Virginians sport a 2-3 record for the current mitt campaign and both will be out to end their respective campaigns with at least a .500 battling mark.

The Lions, victorious over Western Maryland, 6-2; and Army, 5 1/2-2 1/2, dropped their last three ring encounters to Syracuse, 4 1/2-3 1/2; Wisconsin, 6-2; and Michigan State, 5-3.

Cavalier boxers copped decisions from South Carolina, 4 1/2-3 1/2; and Army, 5-3. They lost contests to Miami, 4 1/2-3 1/2; Louisiana State, 6-2, and then a 5-3 bout at Syracuse last weekend.

None of the Virginians is invincible as was proven when 130-pound Allen Hollingsworth and 145-pound Basil Miragliotta were held to draws by Louisiana State sluggers. Grover Masterson, conqueror of Lion captain John Benglian in the Easterns last year, dropped his first of the year against LSU.

BROTHER CHAMPS

The Cavaliers' two brother champions, 145-pound Basil Miragliotta and 155-pound Joe Miragliotta are both three-year ring veterans and around them the whole team is nucleated.

Drawing top billing on tomorrow night's fight agenda will be the contests between 1948-champ at 130 pounds, Allen Hollingsworth, and 1946-champ at 127 pounds, John Benglian. Both have moved up a weight and will battle in the 130 pound go.

New addition to the Virginia squad, Leonard Coiner, will battle Fred Smith in the 125 division contest. The Lions' Smith, sidelined for the past two weeks, is back and will replace John Deck in the leadoff position.

Pat Heims, 155 pounder, who drew at Michigan State last week will again represent the Lions. Heims, an explosive batter, led the fighting against his Spartan opponent but after receiving a cut above the eye in the first round the contest was stopped.

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Virginia's Allen Smith, a junior letterman who figured in one winning and two losing bouts last year, will be Chuck Drazenovich's opponent. After capturing the EIBA heavyweight toga last season, Chuck has found competition rough this year. He sports two draws and one defeat in EIBA competition.

Lou Guthrie will enter the ring in the 135 contest His assignment will be a tough one. He meets Virginia's "Bat" Masterson. Basil Miragliotta will be no soft touch for Lion 145-pounder Jack Sheeha.

Altoona's gift to Leo Houck, battling Jack Bolger, will meet Virginia's replacement for Ralph Shoaf, Lamont Atwell while the highly improved Paul Smith, Lion 165-pounder should have little trouble in adding another win to his record when he squares off against ring neophyte John Marks.

Attention, IM Teams

Any fraternity or independent organization which signed for wrestling, volleyball, or handball singles and has not yet received a copy of the mimeographed schedule for any of the three, should contact the intramural office, Extension 95, immediately.

Copies of the three schedules were sent out this week, announced Eugene C. Bischoff, IM director, and should be in the hands of team managers.

Story of Two Erie Cage Stars

By George Vadasz

Hastily glancing at the boxscore of the recent Penn State-Temple basketball encounter, one can't fail to notice that Milt Simon, of the Lions, scored 24 markers while Wally Hatkevich led the Owls with 16.

It seems ironic that these two boys, both natives of Erie, Pa., were playing against each other on the Rec Hall boards. Usually, in their boyhood, they were on the same team.

Starting on the courts when they were ten, their 90-to-120-pound team won the city championship. But when Milt found out that he could not make the high school team he signed to play with an

Erie city league team that captured the championship in 1942.

STARS

Hatkevich went on to star for East High. His superb floor play was rewarded when he was named to the AP's all-state schoolboy five in 1943.

But the 102-pound Simon, too short to make the East High cage team, finally did earn a letter—for being the manager of the basketball team.

After a vacation, for which Uncle Sam footed all the bills, Milt enrolled at the College. When his running mate, Hatkevich, was discharged, the diminutive Simon persuaded the "Hacker" (Hatkevich) to come to State College.

Both Milt and Wally made Coach John Lawther's varsity in their freshman year. Both played top-flight basketball throughout the 1946 season and caught the opposition's eye, although their team succeeded in winning only seven out of 16 engagements.

The sharpshooting Hatkevich moved into the college picture without too much trouble and in 16 games scored 216 points for an average of 13.5 per game.

FIRST

He was the first Lion player to top the 200 mark during the war and immediate post-war era. Simon was runner-up in scoring with 108 points in 13 games, or an average of a little better than eight points per tussle.

The following winter, Temple lured Hatkevich to the Quaker City while Milt stayed with Coach John Lawther to score 146 points.

Last week the ex-sailor caught fire. The dynamic 5-foot 6-inch Simon exploded against American U, tossing in 23 markers to equal the Rec Hall record for a Penn State player.

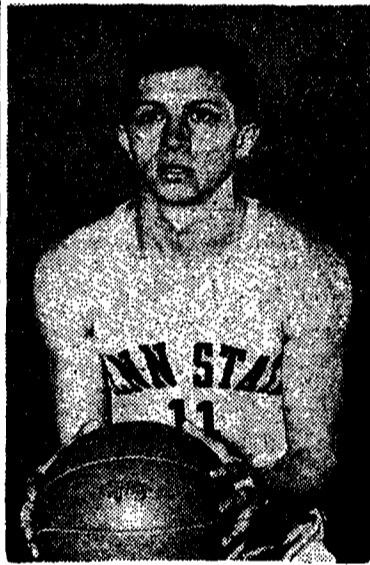
Last year's captain, Jack Biery, once before the war and once last year, scored the same total, 23. Ed Brett, of Colgate, holds the all-time Rec Hall record, 25 points. Brett scored his 25 tallies this year when the Red Raiders downed Penn State.

HOT

In Penn State's upset victory, 52-41, over Temple, Simon was hot. The scorebook showed 22 points for Milt, the clock showed 50 seconds left before the final gun. A last minute desperation heave by Simon and the stage was set for a dramatic finish as the ball swished through the cords. A great little floorman added a new record to Penn State basketball history.

Hatkevich also had his eyesight focused, tallying 16 points for Temple's best effort of the evening.

That in short sums up the basketball fortunes of two hometown kids. Both Simon and Hatkevich graduate this Spring.



MILT SIMON



WALLY HATKEVICH

Independents Win Thrillers

The Warriors and Foresters won first round independent cage victories and moved into semi-final playoffs in down-to-the-wire, drag-em-out battles at Rec Hall last night.

A desperation one-hand stab by Howard Hagler, with less than 30 seconds to go, handed the Warriors a 25-23 edge over the Q. Quintet. Larry Sloan carried most of the load for the victors as he dunked 11 counters and pulled down rebounds from his center slot. Art Benning of the Q's notched eight markers in the losing cause.

The Foresters beat Dorm 25 in a low score encounter on court one, racking up a one-point advantage in the first frame and turning on more steam in the second stanza to win, 16-11. But Frank Conte of the losers won personal laurels with a perfect five-for-five foul average and a fielder that totalled to seven counters and high score.

Tonight the Warriors meet the Berletics, and the Foresters tangle with Section 10 in semi-finals at 9:25, immediately after the fraternity semi-final teams clear the floor. Berletics, with a seven-and-one record for the season, figure to keep the Warriors stepping, but Sloan and Hagler will be back to have a final word in the outcome.

Section 10 brings a string of eight straight victories to pit against the floorwork of the Foresters in another semi-final clash at the same time.

Owl Gymnasts Duel Nittanymen

By Red Roth

Gym fans are in for a rare treat when the Lions play host to Temple University's powerful gymnastic squad at 7 p.m. in Rec Hall tomorrow.

For the Owls can boast of one of the top gym aggregations in the East, if not in the entire nation.

The visitors come to State College with an impressive record of six consecutive victories, three of them over Eastern Intercollegiate foes. Syracuse, Navy and Army, all conquerors of the Lions, have bowed to Coach Max Younger's gymnasts.

Last Saturday's win over the Military Academy, 56-40, assured the Cherry and White gymnasts of at least a tie for the 1949 Eastern Intercollegiate title. Only stumbling block in their path to undisputed possession of the crown is Coach Gene Wettstone's team.

FAVORITE

On paper the Templars look like odds on favorites to vanquish the Nittanymen and tack the Eastern crown to their string of

achievements. Their lineup is studded with high school champions from the freshman squad in addition to such standout hold-overs as Wally Hayes, Eastern and National flying rings champion; Bob Stout, Eastern Intercollegiate all-around, parallel bars, and horizontal bar titleholder, and Joe Bernardo, whom Lion Coach Gene Wettstone described as "another Steve Greene" on the sidehorse.

But Lion hopes of upsetting the highly-favored Philadelphians are not as remote as some fans might believe, in the opinion of Wettstone.

The Blue and White gymnasts have been Temple's "jinx" team since 1943. Not since a winter day six years ago have Coach Younger's men emerged victorious over a Wettstone-coached gym team.

FACTORS

In addition to the hoax they seem to have over the visitors the Penn Staters will have at least two other factors in their favor. One is that the meet will be held in Rec Hall or equipment familiar to the home team. The second is the pressure the Owls will have on them. The Lions, who as a team are not going anywhere this year, have everything to gain and nothing to lose tomorrow.

On the other hand Temple needs tomorrow's meet badly. A loss to the Lions would send Army, heavy favorites to swamp Navy tomorrow, into a tie for the Eastern crown. Such a setup is psychologically favorable to the Nittany Lion gymnasts.

"If we have a good day and they have a bad one, there is an excellent chance we may pull a surprising upset," Wettstone said. "Still there's no sense in hiding the fact they have a much better-balanced team than we have," he added.

BONSALL

"Our hopes of beating the Owls will rest chiefly on Bill Bonsall, who must take first in at least two of his three events," the bespectacled Lion mentor went on.

A big break for the Nittanymen is the fact that Temple is weak in the event that has given them more trouble than any other this year—the rope climb. The Owl's best man in that event is Stan Robinson. His best time on the hemp was 4.4 seconds against Army last week.

Salvester Postich, chief Lion threat in the same event, recorded a 4.5 second time against the same team. Thus there is a good chance the home team may place higher than third in the rope competition for the first time this year.

Probably the closest event in the meet will be tumbling, where five top-notchers will compete. In addition to Staters Rudy Valentino and the constantly-improving Bill Meade, the Owls have three outstanding tumblers in Bill McKinney, Bob Stout and Marcus.

Pi KA's Upset Phi Delt Cart

Chalk it up in your book that records mean nothing when the all-fraternity championship is at stake.

Phi Delta Theta found it out. Wearing their seven and nothing season-record like a chip on the shoulder, the Phi Delt came to swift destruction at the hands of Pi Kappa Alpha on the Rec Hall boards last night. The Pi Ka cagers slapped them down, 24-12, in one of those contests the experts figured to be tight.

Jack Platt of Pi Kappa Alpha, pounding the hoops for a full dozen of tallies, was the man who made the difference. Platt helped his mates to a 9-8 first half margin, then really caught fire as the superior floor-work of the victors wilted Phi Delta Theta.

Pi Kappa Alpha will have to do it all over again tonight, with the exception that Sigma Pi will be the opposition, this time with a record of seven and nothing. The semi-final contest is listed for 8:45.

Tau Kappa Epsilon earned itself a berth in the victory train with a 33-14 rip-roaring triumph over Theta Kappa Phi. They whistled to a 13-3 first half advantage and as Bob Pee kept up the tune to snag 12 points, easily snared the plum. TKE'S tangle with Sigma Nu, in a court-one semi-final encounter tonight at 8:45, and Pee and company will have to stop the shots of John Smidansky, and the Sigma Nu-er's, who won seven and lost one during the season.

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