

Draz Captures Second Crown

By George Vadass

"Well planned, well staged and well managed—a great show." That was the opinion of over 5000 fans who witnessed Saturday's finals of the Intercollegiate Boxing Association in Rec Hall.

Chuck Drazenovich, giant Nittany heavyweight, was the only Penn State representative to garner a title for the Lion boxers. After a mediocre season's record, the dynamite-punching Draz avenged an early-season dual-meet setback when he decisively Syracuse's Marty Crandell in the 1949 EIBA finale.

On the basis of his season's mark, the lanky Orange boxer was top seeded in his class, but, determined to defend his crown successfully, the Draz used well-aimed uppercuts for the first two cantos and then staved off a third period barrage to get the judges' nod and his second EIBA title.

BENGLIAN LOSES

Coach Leo Houck's other hope for a title was blown into the winds when Penn State's popular captain, Johnny Benglian, lost a decision in his title fight against Virginia's Al Hollingsworth.

Although the veteran Lion battler chased his opponent for a full six minutes, the clever back-tracking of the Virginian made Benglian's blows ineffective. Although Benglian took the offense for three rounds, both judges voted for Hollingsworth while Referee DiFillippo declared Benglian the winner.

The total tally showed 87 points for Hollingsworth and 86 for Benglian but according to EIBA tournament rules the two judges render the decision, so the contest was not considered a split decision.

Jack Sheeha, Lion finalist in the 145 division, after a hectic two rounds of slugging, dropped the third round by a close margin, thus enabling Tim Curley of Syracuse to annex his first title in a fast moving contest.

Last year's 165 champ, Jim Rollier of Syracuse, won his second consecutive title when he decisively Paul Smith in the 165-pound finals. Displaying an Arthur Murray-like dance step, the clever Syracuse boxer used left jabs to keep Smith at bay.

DUAL MEET

Earlier in a dual meet at Syracuse, Smith decisively Rollier. It was the only loss this season for the veteran Orange slugger whose excellent sportsmanship and ring ability was awarded at the conclusion of the tournament when he was selected the outstanding boxer of the tourney.

The Frank J. Goodman trophy presented annually to the senior Lion boxer who has done the most to promote boxing at Penn State, was awarded to southpaw Captain John Benglian.

Syracuse, coached by Roy Simmons, won the team championship with a 24-point total while Penn State with 14 points was runner-up. Virginia placed third with 13 points, Army next with eight, while the pre-tourney favorite, Catholic U., had five tallies. Western Maryland failed to break into the scoring column.

FOUR REPEATERS

Four of the five 1948 champions who returned to compete in this year's tourney returned home vic-

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Golf Managers

Candidates for assistant golf manager should sign up at the office of the Graduate Manager of Athletics, Room 102, Old Main, anytime today.

There will be a meeting of prospective golf managers at the Caddy Shop at 5 p.m. today, according to Tom Yemm, head manager.

The meeting will be devoted to orientation, Yemm said.

Barr Breezes To Mat Diadem

By Ed Watson

Homer Barr today can boast of being Penn State's first EIWA heavyweight wrestling champion since 1937, and the first Nittany mat crown winner since 1947.

In the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association tournament at Cornell University Friday and Saturday, the Blue and White heavy swept past four opponents and copped the unlimited title with little trouble.

By knocking off Lehigh's unbeaten Gus LaSasso by a 10-2 count in the finals Saturday night, Barr enabled Syracuse to capture its first team trophy in history with 35 points. Lehigh, tallying 34 points, was second and lost its hold on the team title which it had won in 1947 and 1948.

Navy was third with 16 counters, followed by Penn State and Cornell, who tied for fourth place by chalking up 15 markers.

Barr pinned Yale's Bayard Fox in 1:04 in the preliminaries, and flipped 280-pound Eric "Tiny" Larson of Pennsylvania in 1:36 in the quarter-finals Friday night. Fourth-seeded Howie Houston, Harvard, fell before the Lion heavy in the semi-finals. The score of the bout was 6-0, but Barr was in complete control.

Against LaSasso, Barr earned a first-period takedown, and when the Lehigh grappler escaped in the second stanza, Barr immediately took him down again. LaSasso was awarded a point for alleged stalling by the Nittanies' titlist, but was taken down for the third time shortly after. Barr worked Lasso into a pinning position and was awarded a near-fall as the buzzer sounded. Two points time advantage gave the Lion star a 10-2 decision. The points scored by LaSasso were the only tallies earned against Barr during the entire tourney.

One hundred seventy-five pound Bob Markle won fourth place in his class. After pinning T. T. mouth's Austin Tobin in the prelims, and decisioning Lou Farrier, F&M, in the quarter-finals, Markle lost by fall to George Gebhardt, the eventual champion, in the semi-finals.

Yale's Jack Downey, seeded third, won by 3-0 over the Nittany Lion luminary in the consolation bouts Saturday night, and thus Markle was an automatic fourth.

OTHERS

All other Lion matmen fell by the wayside in the quarter-finals. George Schantz, Jack Dreibelis, Don Arbuckle, Larry Shallock, Bill Corman and Bob Hetrick were eliminated in their second bouts.

Dreibelis, 128-pounder, and second-seeded Shallock at 145 pounds, were victims of upsets. Dreibelis, ranked third in his weight, was caught by cradle-crazy Tim Mahoney, Navy, and pinned in 5:43, after leading the entire way.

F&M's Bob Wendell came back strongly in the last period to edge Shallock, 8-5. Wendell and Mahoney both captured fourth-place spots.

Mike Filipos, Lehigh, 121; Davie Poor, Princeton, 128; Dick Kelsey, Lehigh, 136; Bart Downes, Navy, 145; Hunte, Syracuse, 155; Pas Perri, Syracuse, 165; George Gebhardt, Syracuse, 175, and Barr won the individual titles. Kelsey and Perri successfully defended their titles, but F&M's Bobbie Schell and Jim Jackson, Lehigh, failed in their bids to retain their honors.

121 pounds—Filipos, Lehigh, defeated Fogarty, Syracuse, 6-5.
128 pounds—Poor, Princeton, defeated Runke, Army, 6-3.
136 pounds—Kelsey, Lehigh, decisioned Settanni, Syracuse, 4-2.
145 pounds—Downes, Navy, decisioned Adams, Cornell, 5-3.
155 pounds—Hunte, Syracuse, decisioned Randall, Princeton, 7-0.
165 pounds—Perri, Syracuse, decisioned Wishard, Navy, 8-0.
175 pounds—Gebhardt, Syracuse, decisioned Jackson, Lehigh, 10-4.
Unlimited—Barr, Penn State, decisioned LaSasso, Lehigh, 10-2.

3 Lions Garner Eastern Championships



BILLY MEADE



CHUCK DRAZENOVIH



HOMER BARR

Meade Retains Gym Title

By Red Roth

Bill Meade, ace tumbler, became the Nittany Lions' lone Eastern Intercollegiate gym titlist when he successfully defended his tumbling crown at Philadelphia Saturday.

Participating in the individual championships, Meade nosed out teammate Rudy Valentino to annex his second consecutive Eastern championship.

Meade's performance climaxed an uphill fight after early-season losses in dual meets to Valentino. Two weeks ago he finally won his initial tumbling first of the year, outpointing the sophomore

flash in the meet with Navy. This performance was followed by another win over Valentino against Temple here last Saturday.

Captain Bill Bonsall, a representative on the 1948 American Olympic gymnastic squad, bettered his last year's finish in the all-around competition but still finished behind Temple's Bob Stout who retained his crown with 1050 points. Bonsall's total was 1029 points.

BONSALL

The Lion captain also copped a third place on the horizontal bar and finished in a tie for fourth with Ackerman of Temple on the flying rings.

Mike Kurowski, who finished fourth in the all-around competition behind Joel Baba of Syracuse, was the only other Lion representative among the nine participating to place in any of the events.

Gene Rabbit, Syracuse, participating in his first year of varsity gymnastic competition, won the sidehorse event with a sterling 286 points to outpoint Temple's Joe Berenato. Baba of Syracuse was third.

Cadet John Hodes grabbed first place in the horizontal bar, followed by Stout and Bonsall.

EASTERN RECORD

The only new Eastern record established at Saturday's meet was set by another Syracuse first-year man, Leo Minnotti, in the rope climb. Minnotti flashed up the 20-foot hemp in 3.6 seconds, bettering the old record by .2 of a second. The National mark is 3.1

Tiny Puffs Cigar To Prep for Tiff With Lions' Barr

Eric "Tiny" Larson, Pennsylvania's 280-pound heavyweight wrestler, knows a good man when he sees one.

After pinning his opponent in the preliminaries of the EIWA tournament at Cornell Friday, "Tiny" found that his next foe was Penn State's Homer Barr, the favorite.

Larson returned to the hotel where the Penn matmen were staying to rest for the big bout.

Shortly afterwards, the Quakers' trainer entered the room and saw the gargantuan "Tiny" reclining on the bed and puffing on a cigar.

"Hey, what are you doing with that cigar?" the trainer said. "You're a wrestler."

"Yeh, I know, but the season's over for me. I wrestle Homer Barr tonight."

seconds, set last year in Rec Hall by Bill Perry of California.

As expected, Stout repeated last year's title-winning performance on the parallel bars. Army's Brunson was second and Baba of Syracuse was third.

Wally Hayes, former national flying rings champion, lost his Eastern title to Lou Jamison of the Military Academy. Jamison amassed a total of 281 points. Stout finished second. Hayes was third and Bonsall tied with Ackerman for fourth.

The summary:
Sidehorse—Won by Gene Rabbit, Syracuse; second, Benrenato, Temple; third, Baba, Syracuse; fourth, Grayson, Navy. Winner's points, 286.
Horizontal bar—Won by John Hodes, Army; second, Stout, Temple; third, Bonsall, Penn State; fourth, Willard, Temple. Points 261.
Rope climb—Won by Leo Minotti, Syracuse; second, Schenker, Navy; third, Hayes, Army; fourth, DeMuro, Army. Time, 3.6 new league record.

Parallel bars—Won by Bob Stout, Temple; second, Brunson, Army; third, Baba, Syracuse; fourth, Koessian, Temple. Points 281.
Flying rings—Won by Lou Jamison, Army; second, Stout, Temple; third, Hayes, Temple; fourth, Tie between Bonsall, Penn State, and Ackerman, Temple. Points 281.
All-round—Won by Stout, Temple; second, Bonsall, Penn State; third, Baba, Syracuse; fourth, Kurowski, Penn State. Points, 1050.

Tumbling—Won by Bill Meade, Penn State; second, Valentino, Penn State; third, Matthews, Syracuse; fourth, McKinney, Temple. Points, 267.

Cherundolo Named To Steeler Staff

Chuck Cherundolo, former Penn State center, and veteran Pittsburgh Steeler mainstay, has accepted an assistant coaching berth with the Steelers.

Cherundolo, a standout regular for the National Football league entry for years, will coach the Steelers' centers next fall.

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