

Wald Wins Third Place In Epee Championships

Although Penn State finished far down in the team standings, Rolf Wald, the Lions' fine epee entry, gained individual prestige in the Fencing Intercollegiate Friday and Saturday as he placed third in that event.

The meet, held in the CCNY gym in New York, saw NYU cop the team title for the eighth time in the last 12 years. Arthur Meyer's Penn State squad garnered 43 points, good for 12th place.

Wald captured nine out of 12 matches in his pool to tie John Hughes of Princeton for first position and thereby entered the finals. He proceeded to win three out of his five jousts in the finals to insure third spot in the epee. For the entire tourney, Wald had a record of 12 wins and five losses.

The Lions were fourth in the epee, eighth in the sabre and last in the foil. In the epee, Art Ward split even in his 12 bouts and Bill Fairchok won five out of 12. Along with Wald, these men put State off to a flying start with 20 points.

Competition in the foil proved too strong for the Meyermen. They managed to pick up only eight points in this event as Harry McCarty and Ralph Meier each checked in with 3-9 records, while John Kochalka had a 2-10 mark.

State came back with 15 points in the sabre as Dick Dyer won seven and lost five, Paul Younkin split his twelve matches and John Richards copped two contests while losing 10.

Navy won the epee crown for the third year in succession and the meet champion, NYU, snared the sabre title besides tying CCNY for the Little Iron Man Trophy in the foil.

Final team standings: NYU 80,

Navy 72, CCNY 67, Army 65, Rutgers 59, Princeton 54, Columbia 46, Harvard 46, MIT 46, Yale 45, Cornell 44, Penn State 43 and Pennsylvania 33.

Grid Aides To Be Named

Two new assistants will be added to the Penn State football coaching staff prior to the 1949 season, Coach Joe Bedenk announced today.

Bedenk, who was appointed to the top job when Bob Higgins resigned ten days ago, said the additions had previously been authorized but that Higgins had delayed the appointments.

He indicated that no selections had been made yet, but said that both men would come from alumni ranks.

Bedenk explained that his former assistant, Jim O'Hora, would move up to the line coaching job and one of the new assistants would be assigned to duty under O'Hora.

The other new man will be assigned to duty under Al Michaels, the backfield coach, while Bedenk already has announced the selection of End Coach Earle Edwards as his first assistant.

Simon Joins 'Stars' On 3 New Cage 'All' Teams

It may take big boys like Kentucky's Groza and Jones, or Yale's Lavelli, to win national All-American basketball honors, but in his own back yard Lion Captain Milt Simon is recognized as a top-flight cage star.

The scrappy Nittany guard added national stature by being named to three more "all" teams over the weekend.

Jack Henry, Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph sports writer, named Simon to his second team "All West Penn" squad. 'Huddle' magazine, Pittsburgh district sports organ, selected the set-shot artist for honorable mention on its Pittsburgh district All-American.

Finally, Washington and Jefferson's cagers gave Simon a third-team slot on their "all-opponent" selections.

Previously the Associated Press had awarded "Little Milt," as he is known to Lion cage fans, honorable mention on the AP All-State lineup.

Joe Tocci, Simons running mate at the other guard post, was also given honorable mention in Huddle's listing of Pittsburgh district hoop standouts.

Pistolmen Triumph Over Villanova

Penn State's NROTC Pistol team defeated that of Villanova College, in results just tabulated from the telegraphic matches of March 12. Midshipmen Jerry Barro, Raymond George, Thomas Grifferty, John Kemper, John McCall, Philip Monaghan and William Nagony make up the team that this year seeks its fourth straight championship of the Fourth Naval District.

In this season's firing, other victims of the championship team include Colorado, Notre Dame, Kansas, South Carolina, Alabama Polytech, Miami, Oklahoma, Marquette, North Carolina while losses have been incurred at the hands of Holy Cross, Rensselaer, and Illinois Institute of Technology.

Drazenovich One of 4 EIBA Returnee Kings

Lion Heavyweight Seeks Third Title

Penn State's heavyweight champion, Charles (Chuck) Drazenovich, will be one of four 1949 title-winners who next year will have the opportunity to win a third straight title in the Intercollegiate Boxing Association.

Only seven men have won this distinction in 26 years of tournament competition and only Jimmy Miragliotta, of the University of Virginia, turned the trick in the last decade. Miragliotta won his first 135-pound title in 1944, went to war, and repeated in 1947 and 1948.

REPEATERS

Drazenovich, also a 60-minute football player at Penn State, was one of four repeaters in the 1949 championships and none of the four is a senior. The others, all of whom will compete again next year, are 130-pound Allen Hollingsworth and 135-pound Grover Masterson, both of Virginia, and Jim Rollier, of Syracuse University.

Until Miragliotta completed his cycle in 1948, only six men had turned the trick in 25 years. The first three-time winner, 160-pound Allie Wolff, of Penn State, ran up a string of 28 straight victories in the years from 1927 through 1929, Penn State's only triple champion, 115-pound Russ Criswell, annexed his titles in 1934, 1935, and 1936.

SYRACUSE

Syracuse boasts three of the seven, starting with Albert Wertheimer, who was unbeaten in 31 bouts as he won 125-pound honors in 1931, 1932 and 1933. The other Orange triple winners were 175-pound Americo Woyciesjes, beaten only twice as he dominated his division in 1939, 1940 and 1941; and heavyweight Salvatore Mirabito, undefeated in 26 bouts as he won first honors in 1941, 1942 and 1943.

The other three-time winner, and Villanova College's only inter-collegiate boxing champion, was Tony Sala, former football great and brother of Lee Sala, who currently is aspiring to championship recognition in professional ranks. Tony won his titles at 175 pounds in 1935, 1936 and 1937.

Between The Lions



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Coaches' Handball

Twenty years ago tomorrow Rec Hall was dedicated at Penn State, and at least one institution has paralleled the Rec's two-decade history. That's the coaches' perennial handball tournament.

At various hours during most days, a Rec Hall loiterer can hear the sharp bounce of a rubber ball ricocheting off four walls in the "handball rooms." Inspection through small barred windows, which impart a dungeon-like air to the "rooms" to one side of the gym floor, often reveals four cavoring Penn State coaches.

We ventured into Rec Hall yesterday to discover some facts about this inter-coach competition.

Who decides who will be paired with whom each year? Are there any squabbles about "being stuck this year with this stumblebum"? Who usually wins?

Our Results

We discovered five salient points: 1) We were nuts for undertaking such a task in the first place. 2) There have been many tournaments started and few finished. 3) It takes the coaches weeks to choose partners each year, and then nobody is satisfied.

4) Trying to find out who has been judged winner leaves one befuddled in a cross-current of claims and counter-claims from the coaches. 5) The whole affair is loaded with intra-staff dynamite that will probably explode under us the next time we tread the Rec Hall hallways.

Aside from that, we learned from an anonymous observer that the coaching clan decided this year to jettison all previous pairing methods and have the ten so-called "expert" players rate themselves and a second flight of lesser lights of the handball realm.

This seemed to work, although the resulting bickering over who were to be the "experts" consumed a full month before this year's tourney began.

On the Block

We have it on full-proof authority that Jim O'Hora, football line coach and one of the big handball "wheels," drew Gym Coach Gene Wettstone as a partner, then promptly placed him on the trading block.

It is rumored that O'Hora was willing to throw a couple of parallel bars into the deal, but nothing resulted. Wettstone declares 'taint so.

According to an unimpeachable source, when Boxing Coach Leo "Fred" Houck drew Nick Thiel, lacrosse coach, as his partner, he tried to trade Thiel off with a pair of lacrosse sticks thrown in "to equalize the bargain." Thiel denies everything.

Who the casual observer considers the winner of this handball war depends largely on which coach he asks.

Much of the intra-staff handball dispute and intrigue centers around Coach Houck, described as a "demon on the handball court." After the games are played,

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