

TKO's Featured As IM Boxing Prelims Close

Porto, Haddle, Goodling Score Over Opponents

By MARV KRASNANSKY

Three more boxers registered TKO victories as the intramural boxing preliminaries came to a close with a slam-bang eight bout card before 300 in Rec Hall last night. Quarter-final competition starts Monday.

Al Porto, Phi Kappa; Julian Haddle, independent, and Dick Goodling, Alpha Tau Omega, were the TKO winners. Other victories were Mike Rubino, Alpha Phi Delta; Tom Lucas, Sigma Nu; John Lauer, Phi Kappa Sigma; Bill Hanley, Theta Chi, and Hank Van Hallwyn, Delta Chi.

PORTO SCORES

Referee Ed Hawthorne called Porto, 135, off Sigma Phi Sigma's Dick Walker after 42 seconds of the second round. Walker opened fast in the first stanza, and apparently doing the most damage. Porto, a cross-country star, was in better shape for the second round. He caught Walker on the ropes and was slamming away with lefts and rights to the head when Hawthorne stepped in.

Haddle impressed as one of the best boxers and punchers to step into an IM ring this season in the 45 seconds it took him to eliminate Steve Harcharik in an independent 135-pound tussle. Haddle displayed a vicious left, sending his opponent to the floor with a booming left hook.

Goodling, on top all the way, was awarded a TKO over Alpha Zeta's Jim Turner at 50 seconds of the third round in a 145-pound skirmish. Turner hit the canvas after taking a right jab and a left hook to the jaw.

RUBINO WINS

Rubino gained a close decision victory over Bill Cleary, Sigma Chi, in a thundering light-heavy-weight battle. The stocky Rubino started slow, but rallied in the second although rocked by a hard left hook to the head at the bell, and carried the third.

Phi Gamma Delta's Charley Rodgers came up from the floor in the first round to fight a courageous battle before bowing to Lucas in a 121-pound scrap. Dropped by an overhand right and staggered again with a left, Rodgers battled back gamely to drop a close and unpopular decision.

Lauer had to survive a grueling, knock-down, drag-out battle with Tom Grifferty, Delta Tau Delta, to gain the decision in a 145-pound bout. Hanley found stiff opposition in Paul Trimmer, Phi Delta Theta, in a 155-pound affair, both boys being hard hitters, while Van Hallwyn bettered Phi Kappa Sigma's Jack Thomas in another 155-pounder.

Five Court Rivals Win During Week

Seven of Penn State's 1949-'50 basketball opponents saw action in midweek tussles. Five future foemen came through with wins while two, American University and Washington & Jefferson, faltered.

Of most importance to Nittany fans was the Washington, D.C., duel in which Georgetown nipped the A.U. Eagles, 68-63. The Lions travel to the Capitol City Wednesday and Thursday to meet both teams on successive nights.

Other scores showed Carnegie Tech over St. Vincent, 61-44; Penn edging Swarthmore, 71-65, and Navy pounding Penn Military, 61-35. Syracuse picked up where they left off last season by smearing the Quantico Marines, 84-48. Baldwin-Wallace scored the other win over a Lion rival with a 55-49 win over the Presidents.

Power Pair

Bob Markle, regular 175-pounder on the Blue and White mat combo, has been joined on the squad by his younger brother, Ray. This gives the Nittany wrestlers two brother combinations—Bob and Ray, as well as Jim and Don Maurey.

Tough Task

Attempting to oust Hammerin' Homer Barr from his heavyweight post on the Penn State wrestling team is Lynn "Icky" Illingworth, former State College High School grappler. Illingworth was P.I.A.A. 185-pound champion in 1948.

Blocking or No Blocking, Rogel is 'Mr. Fullback'

By BOB KOTZBAUER

"So you want to know what kind of football player Francis Rogel is?"

Sever Toretti, Penn State assistant grid coach, was addressing high school athletes, coaches, and sportswriters at a banquet in Clearfield two weeks ago.

"We have a play, 23 we call it—when the ball is snapped the guards pull out of the line, cross over and block the opposition's tackle; the blocking back smears the center; the right end goes after the safety-man, and the left end takes out the rival backer-up. Rogel grabs the ball and smacks through the hole.

FOULED UP

"Once, however, we got fouled up. The guards ran smack into the blocking-back and the three went down; the right end tripped, and the left end went for a pass. Rogel plowed through center and traveled 35 yards before they caught him from behind.

"Picking himself up he ran back to the huddle. 'Good going fellows,' he said. 'Give me a hole like that again and we'll go for a touchdown.'"

Toretti doesn't need to tell Penn State fans that this fullback from North Braddock can open his own holes. Give him the ball, point him in the right direction, and crash—200 pounds of dynamite on workhorse legs explodes through anything too slow getting out of the way.

PISTON LEGS

Those legs, like diesel pistons, are Puncny's trademarks. In 1946 Casey Jones, president of the Penn State Alumni Association, called on Johnny Reed, Rogel's coach for three years at North Braddock High School. Reed signaled the 5-foot, 10-inch youngster into his office and asked him to pull up his pantlegs.

"I'm not looking for chorus girls," Casey protested. "I want football players." He took one look and walked out with Rogel.

Strangely enough, however, it was a leg, more specifically a bad left ankle, that almost spoiled Rogel's last season of college football. He was sidelined one entire game, and most of three others, with a painful sprain.

TOUGH LUCK

Rogel glumly says, "I was hoping nothing would happen to me my last year. I wanted this to be a good season, but that's the way it goes."

Despite the ankle injury he still managed to drive for 406 yards, 112 of them against West Virginia when he had one of the best days of his career. In three years here he has gained 1649 yards, lost only 51, while carrying 400 times.

That record has earmarked him for professional football, and already nearly every club in both pro leagues has been "feeling him out."

TRAINING

Young enough to consider pro football seriously, (he is just 22), Rogel says he will play with the professionals if he gets a good offer, and if his ankle holds up okay. Football is his life. To keep in shape he neither drinks nor smokes, and he's in Rec Hall training, working out, for a couple of hours everyday.

"You gotta train," Rogel says. "Football is a tough sport. In that Army game this year, you know how hot it was, I lost 18 pounds. Gained it right back though."

Tough as he is when he's mauling opponents on the gridiron, Rogel hasn't lost the friendly sincerity he learned in modest surroundings back in North Braddock.

THRILL

"My biggest thrill," he says, "was when my little niece, Elaine, came running to me after the Syracuse game, threw her arms around me, and thanked me for making a touchdown for her. I was real pleased."

That from a player who showed up the great Doak Walker in the 1947 Cotton Bowl Classic; a star who has made "all" teams from here to the coast; a fullback who his coach, Joe Bedenk, could point to and say, "That's our offense."



Royals Run Wild in IM's, Score 54 With Four Players

By ERNIE MOORE

One of the highest scores in intramural history and a "double forfeit" game featured Thursday night's play in the independent half of the intramural basketball tournament.

The Royals of League J, using only four players, rolled up 54 points against the Barons as they walloped them 54-12. In winning, the Royals topped last year's high of 53 set by Sigma Pi when they

- At 9:25
 - Dorm 28 vs Dorm 41
 - Dorm 22 vs Dorm 24
 - Dorm 11 vs Dorm 43
- At 10:05
 - Dorm 38 vs Dorm 6
 - Dorm 7 vs Dorm 2
 - Dorm 21 vs Dorm 4

INFRACTION

In another League J game, the Bullets and Jordan Hall were each credited with a loss because of using ineligible players against each other. Gene Bischoff, Head of the Intramural Department, handed down the decision on the infraction of the first general rule of the tournament.

Lynn Tingué tallied ten points as he led X.M.S.T.C. to a 18-6 victory over the Colonials in a League H game. In other League H contests, the Lodgers edged the Ramblers, 10-8, and the Comets whipped Ritz A/O, 29-6.

In League I, the Choppers defeated the Jayvees, 20-9, Altoona smashed the Brickettes, 24-12, and Harm House beat Matilda Chi, 19-5. The other League J game saw the Whiz Kids sink the Architects, 34-11.

Monday's schedule:

- At 8:45
 - Penn State Club vs Eagles
 - Portage Terrors vs. Mary's Muggs
 - Timber Wolves vs Reds



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Brother Grapplers

Two of the famed Clearfield Maurey's are on the roster of the Lion wrestling squad. Captain Jim, 145-pounder, and his younger brother, Don, a sophomore 136-pounder, give the Nittany matmen a brother act.

Mike Rubino, intramural titlist at 175 pounds last year, is making a bid for the starting 165-pound post on this year's Nittany Lion wrestling aggregation.

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