

Six Lion Mittmen Entered in Ring Nationals

Nittanies Play Host to NCAA's In Next Week's Boxing Tourney

Penn State's Boxing Coach Eddie Sulkowski has submitted to the NCAA the names of six Nittany boxers for approval in the forthcoming national boxing tournament at Rec Hall.

The Blue and White's entries, pending approval by the NCAA, are John Albarano, at 135 pounds; Frank Gross, at 145; Pat Heims at 155; Lou Koszarek at 165; Jack Bolger at 175; and Chuck Drazenovich in the unlimited class.

The National Collegiate boxing championships return to Rec Hall for the first time since 1941. The first tourney was held in 1932.

STARTS MARCH 30

The battle for national honors will get underway on March 30. The tentative schedule calls for 16 bouts Thursday afternoon, (March 30), 16 more Thursday night, 16 Friday night, and eight final matches Saturday night. Matches will begin at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.

Ticket applications for the Nationals are now being accepted at the ticket window of the office of the Assistant Graduate Manager of Athletics in Old Main.

This year's tournament will be dedicated to the veteran Penn State boxing coach, Leo Houck, who died on January 21, after 27 years of tutoring Lion boxing units. He was 61 years old.

HOUCK COACH

Houck was at the helm of Penn State boxing when the NCAA held its first championship tournament in 1932, and Leo's team walked off with top honors. In the years before and since his teams had won seven Eastern titles and his proteges carried off five national titles and 49 individual Eastern titles.

Glenn Hawthorne, 130-pounder, was the last Nittany boxer to cop a national title. He won honors in 1947 when the tourney was held at Wisconsin.

LSU CHAMPS

Last year L.S.U. copped the team championship. Michigan State was runnerup for team honors, San Jose was third. All three of these ring powers have indicated that they will be represented at this year's tourney.

Independents Lose In H-ball

Two contestants of the field of eight entered in the independent intramural handball singles tournament were eliminated Monday night as they dropped their second matches.

Bill Mihalich forfeited to Chester Kiesel and John Behrer was trounced by Ken Norris 21-1, 21-2 as the independents neared the half-way mark in tournament play.

FRATERNITY 2ND ROUND

Second round activity began in the fraternity section with Marty Costa, Delta Sigma Phi, topping Dick Hoover, Theta Xi, 21-5, 21-12; John Frasinelli, Delta Upsilon, edging Bill Wilhelm, TKE, 21-18, 21-15; Elliot Krane, ZBT, pounding Jack Wallace, DTD, 21-3, 21-2, and John Morgan, Alpha Chi Rho, winning by forfeit from Fred Levine, Phi Sigma Delta.

Fran Rogel, Kappa Delta Rho, swamped Leroy Guccini, Phi Kappa, 21-3, 21-2; John Wylie, Phi Kappa Sigma, forfeited to Ken Webster, Sigma Phi Alpha; Bill Hopper, Beta Theta Pi, moved by Earl Comfort, Alpha Zeta, 21-3, 21-3, and Vince O'Bara, Phi Delta Theta, bowed to George Freeman, Phi Kappa Tau, 21-2, 21-6 to round out Monday night's action.

Flight 15 concluded their first round of play Friday night as Phil Benidetti, Delta Upsilon, dethroned Tony Orsini, Sigma Phi Epsilon, 21-9, 21-12; Marv Levin, Zeta Beta Tau, won by default from Ralph Ruane, Theta Chi, and Bob Patnovich, Phi Kappa Tau, conquered Russ Taptich, Theta Xi, 21-6, 21-10.

Maureys; Barr; Rubino Leave For NCAA Meet

Penn State will be represented by a four-man team in the National Collegiate Athletic Association wrestling meet at Cedar Falls, Iowa, Friday and Saturday.

Coach Charlie Speidel and his four top matmen—Homer Barr, Don and Captain Jim Maurey and Mike Rubino—leave State College today for the site of the NCAA tourney.

Barr and Captain Jim Maurey, both Eastern kings, have participated in previous NCAA run-offs, but it will be the first national tournament for Don and Rubino. Captain Jim was eliminated in the quarter-finals of the NCAA meet in 1948. He was sidelined last year by a knee injury, and did not enter.

FOURTH PLACE

Barr gained the fourth spot nationally in last year's tourney. He went into the 1949 NCAA's unseeded, but will likely draw a ranking this year. Returnees in the heavyweight class make Barr's class an extremely rough one. Back to battle again are Dick Hutton, Oklahoma A & M, and Thurman McGraw, a giant footballer from Colorado A & M. Hutton is a two-time National champion, but was upset in the finals last year by Vern Gagne of Minnesota. Hutton was also on the United States Olympic team in 1948.

McGraw placed fourth in 1948, but he fell before Barr in the quarter-finals last year, 6-1.

DON DROPS

Don Maurey, who won seven and lost one in the dual meet season, will drop from his usual 136-pound weight to 128 pounds for the NCAA's. Maurey earned third place in the Easterns at Princeton two weeks ago at 136 pounds, bowing to Wayne Smith of Navy, the eventual champion.

The 175-pound Rubino, the East's second-best grappler at that weight, will carry the colors of the Blue and White at the light-heavy post. Rubino, a junior, also won seven and lost one in his first season of intercollegiate competition.

Oklahoma A & M is the defending team titlist, an honor that the Aggies have held with remarkable consistency for the past several years.

Gross Called 'Chicken' Once, Now Stars As Nittany Boxer

By GEORGE VADASZ

Off the scales . . . another workout . . . back on the scales . . . the arrow points to 140 pounds.

Frank Gross, the Lions' dynamite slinging 145-pounder steps off the scales disgustedly.

"Why worry about your weight Frank," querries Pat Heims, the Nittanies 155-pounder.

"Trying to get down to 135," Gross replies. Just then Coach Eddie Sulkowski comes hustling around the corner, "I have news for you Frank," he proclaims, "get off the scales and start putting on weight again."

All that took place last week when Gross had hoped to drop down a weight class to compete in the forthcoming National boxing show at Rec Hall.

"Here, look at this rule," Sulkowski continued. "It says . . . a contestant must compete in that weight class in which he has fought 50% or more, of his fights. A contestant may move up a weight division but not down."

So it looks like Gross will have to seek his national crown at his usual weight; 145 pounds.

Frank, who sports a .600 record for the season, having won six of his ten ring engagements, recently advanced into the finals of the EIBA tourney at Syracuse. In the finals he dropped a razor-edge decision to the current Eastern 145 champ, Syracuse's Ben Dolphin.

In fact two of Frank's losses this year came at the gloves of his nemesis, Dolphin.

The grapevine has it that Dolphin now boasts a record of 88 previous wins in the ring, not to mention the fact that he is six-foot tall and has an approximate five-inch reach on Gross.

"He's too tall for me," says Frank, "I just can't get inside of him."

There's a possibility that the two will meet again at the NCAA tourney which opens next Thursday at Rec Hall.

Gross is a bashful kid whose first love is flashy neckties while a pair of boxing gloves run a close second.

He's a junior now. Because he spent his first year of schooling at Duquesne, he was ineligible to compete in the ring last year. "Frank has come along nicely during this season and without a doubt he has one of the hardest rights in collegiate 145-pound circles," comments his coach, "he usually starts out very slow, but he really gets warmed up by the third round."

Attending Erie Prep for his high school education, Frank was a halfback his senior year.

But even in high school after a few fights with his brother, he decided to give the "manly art of self defense" a try.

But he claims now the only reason he went out for the varsity at State was that his roommates kept insisting that he was "chicken" for not going out for the team.

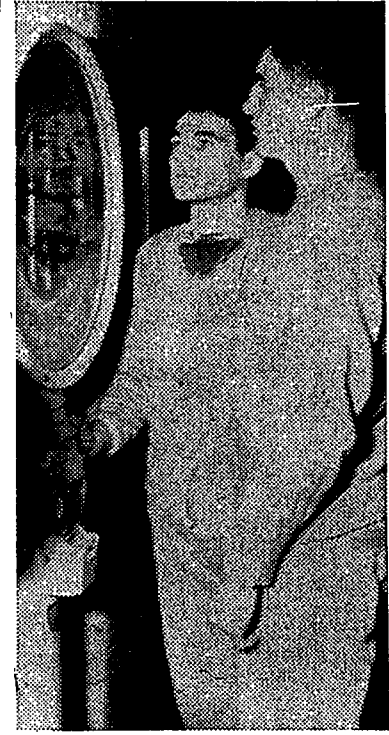
Gross learned his collegiate boxing ABC's from Penn State's deceased boxing mentor, Leo Houck. Since he was ineligible to compete in dual meets, Gross just acted as a sparing partner last year.

"I learned my left jab from Leo," he proclaims, "he was a great guy."

An accounting major in the School of Liberal Arts, Frank takes his studies very seriously but right now, while he has his sights on a national boxing title, his studies temporarily take a back seat.

Should he succeed in copping a national title he would become the sixth Penn Stater to earn such an honor.

This year's Lion baseball team will feature two soccer players behind the bat. Both Clarence Buss and Jack Kurty were varsity performers on last year's booter squad.



HEIMS (L) WATCHES GROSS

Sigma Pi Wins IM Cage Toga

Sigma Pi succeeded Pi Kappa Alpha as IM fraternity basketball champion by defeating Alpha Phi Alpha, 36-25, in Monday night's final.

After a slow first quarter, in which both teams could muster only four points, Sigma Pi took the lead and from there in was never headed.

The winner's two platoon system was the deciding factor as they wore down the APA cagers with fast breaks and a pressing defense.

Bill Harvey was the big gun for Sigma Pi with 13 markers, 6 of which came in a torrid third period. Duck Murray turned in a fine defensive job for the winners.

Alpha Phi Alpha's chances were hurt when scoring threat Mickey Hewitt was lost through personals mid-way in the third period. Clarence Carter led the losers in the point column with eight.

The box score:

Sigma Pi	G	F	T	Alpha Phi Alpha	G	F	T
Harvey	6	1	13	Hewitt	2	2	6
Hallman	2	0	4	Bundy	0	0	0
Murray	0	1	1	Johnson	2	0	4
Williams	0	0	0	Tresville	0	0	0
Kaye	1	2	4	Carter	3	2	8
Tegtmeyer	0	2	2	Patillo	0	0	0
London	2	0	4	Murray	2	2	6
Koons	0	0	0	Burriss	0	0	0
Lockhart	2	0	4	Mundell	0	1	1
Hoke	2	0	4				
Black	0	0	0				
Totals	16	6	36	Totals	9	7	25

Coach Joe Bedenk is trying to make outfielders Owen Dougerty and Stan Lagonosky into pitchers.

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