

Between



The Lions

With Elliot Krane Sports Editor

"What did you think of the fights, Frankie?" was the first question asked of the former Penn State national boxing champion when he returned from the NCAA bouts in Rec Hall Saturday night.

"Well, I thought they were good," he would answer with a slight reservation in his voice. "Herb Carlson was a really great boxer, and I thought that Spieser had a slight edge over Maxey, but of course, the referee and judges were closer to the fighters than I was."

"How do these fighters compare to the men you met when you won the championship in 1936?" was the next question on the list.

Lacked Polish

"Except for Carlson, I don't think that any of the boys that fought in Rec Hall Saturday had the polish of the 1936 Penn State team. Why, Billy Soose had 300 fights before he even stepped into the ring for a college, and men like Sam Donato, Lou Ritzie and Izzy Richter would make this year's crop of boxers look like high school boxers. Not that these boys weren't good, it's just that when I boxed here, when a man got to college he already had his boxing experience while now, these fellows learn to box while in college."

The former 135-pound champion, who lost only two bouts in three years, remembers vividly his battle with Art McGivern of Syracuse. "Art was one of these boxers who would take no quarter and give none. He never smiled in the ring and was out for blood from the opening bell."

"Well, I was living at the Z.B.T. house and Izzy Richter, who fought in the upper-weight bracket, was living just a block away. We used to walk to the weigh-in at Rec Hall together. From newspaper reports, we knew that McGivern fought at 175 pounds the first week, 165 the second, and we figured that he'd meet Izzy for the Penn State-Syracuse meet."

Don't Worry

"Izzy, I said on the way to the gym, 'Don't worry about that guy (I was sure that Izzy would be on the canvas by the end of the first round) just out-box him.' Izzy was feeling pretty low by the time we got to Rec Hall and I was pretty chipper because I expected to weigh-in at 129 which would let me fight in the 125-pound class." (In those days, a boxer was allowed four pounds above the official weight.)

"The manager told me get on the scales with my clothes on, and since Leo usually shifted the line-up around on the day of the fight, I figured that he wanted me to fight 135. I got on the scales and weighed 135 with my overcoat on."

"After weighing in, we were given some hot broth since some of the men had to 'dry out' to make their weight. Just as I was drinking my soup, the manager came up to me and said, 'Frankie, McGivern just weighed in at 149 and guess who's going to fight against him, you!'

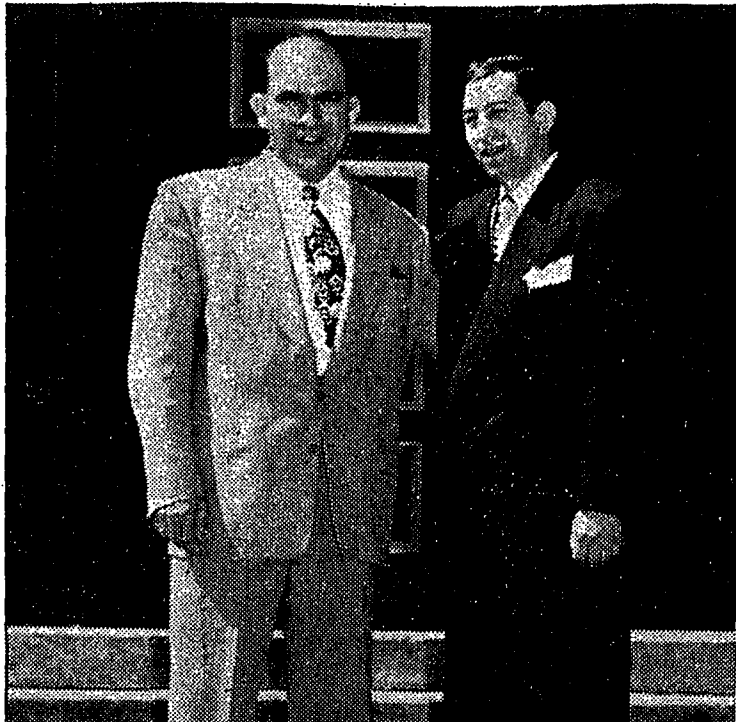
"I spilled my soup all over the floor and hoped that he was talking to someone else, but he was talking to me. The boxing team went down to the Corner Room after the weigh-in to eat a meal, but I just left that big steak sit in front of me. Just couldn't eat a thing."

Don't Remember

"That night, I met McGivern, a former light-heavyweight. I don't remember anything that happened in the ring. I flitted around him, jabbing and drew back, and when the final bell sounded, they told me that I won the fight."

Frank Goodman has donated trophies to Penn State and the Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing Association. The Nittany trophy, bearing his name, is presented each year to the outstanding boxer on the Penn State squad. This

When Old Champs Get Together . . .



—Photo by Billman

FORMER NATIONAL 135-pound boxing champion, Frankie Goodman (r) exchanging stories with his team mate and former national Golden Gloves heavyweight champ, Izzy Richter, after the NCAA tournament this past weekend. Both men took eastern titles in 1937.

Lacrossemen Top Annapolis L.C., 13-6

The Nittany lacrosse team surprised the highly touted Annapolis Lacrosse Club Saturday afternoon by handing it a 13-6 lacing. Co-captains Ed Belfield and Bob Louis sparked the Lion attack with four goals apiece.

Krane Tops Frassinelli In IM Handball Tilt

In a postponed intramural handball match played Saturday morning, Elliot Krane, Zeta Beta Tau, defeated John Frassinelli, Delta Upsilon, 21-15, 15-21, 21-16.

Playoff round quarter-finals will be played April 12th with finals slated for April 14th.

Benner, Perna Capture Fourths in Gym Tourney

Dave Benner, sidehorse, and Lee Perna, rope-climber, earned fourth places in their respective events in National Intercollegiate Gymnastic competition at West Point Saturday.

On the strength of those two performances, the Lion team pulled itself into a tenth-place tie with Iowa and California in a field of 23 competing teams.

Benner finished behind Syracuse's Gene Rabbitt, Eastern Intercollegiate sidehorse champ who replaced Temple's Joe Berenato as national champ. Berenato was second and Bob Miles of Temple ended third.

Perna was forced to climb four times to break a tie with Robert Howell of California on the rope. The Lion senior's time was 3.9 seconds, .4 second slower than national champ Leo Minotti's 3.5. Marv Schenker of Navy was third.

Illinois sneaked through with 26 points to win the team title. Temple was second with 25, and Kent State third with 24. In line came Michigan with 19 points, Michigan State with 17½, Syracuse with 14, Navy with 13,

Southern Cal. with 8, and Army with 7½.

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