

Syracuse Boxers Shock Penn State Clouters, 5-3

Defeat is a bitter pill to swallow in any case, but doubly so when you come as close to victory as the State boxing team did in Syracuse, Saturday night. The Lions dropped a 5-3 decision to Syracuse, defending Eastern champion in the victor's ring.

But even in defeat there is often something heartening. A number of factors about Saturday's encounter show that the Lions have no reason to mourn their defeat. First, the Orange lineup was packed with power. Two Eastern champs, two Eastern runnersup, and two national runnersup of last year graced the Orange starting eight.

State's Best Showing

Second, individually the Statesmen turned in their best performance of the year, against their best opposition, which in itself is hard to do.

The initial bout of the evening set the pattern for the meet. State's Sam Marino showed no inclination to bow before Jim Huba's reputation. He consistently beat Huba to the punch, despite Huba's longer reach, and kept him off balance most of the evening.

Huba was given the first round, 10-9, evidently for trying. Marino turned on twice as much steam in the second, and took it, 10-9, tying up the bout. Continuing the same tactics, Marino looked to be way ahead of the Eastern champ in the final round. Huba consistently missed with his potent right, even to the point of falling down when he swung. The winner—Syracuse, 29-28.

Barr Edges Couiter

The Lions got on the winning side in the 130-lb. bout, as Jimmy Barr loosened up in the last half to pummel Tom Couiter for a 30-27 decision. Barr now has won three out of four starts.

Frank Gross stretched his win streak to five by pouncing out a lopsided 30-23 decision over sophomore Eddie Martin.

Eastern champ Ben Dolphin turned back John Albarano's bid for an upset in the 145-lb. class by defeating his shorter foe, 30-26. Albarano also fought one of his best fights, refusing to respect Dolphin's renowned power-punching.

Heims TKO Victim

Captain Pat Heims, off to his best start this year, seemed in the process of beating unbeaten Bill "Mad-dog" Miller, when he was injured by a low blow late in the first round. Heims finished the round, winning it 10-9, and piled up a bigger advantage in the second, until two more body blows put him down for the second time. Miller was awarded a TKO.

In the best fight of the evening, State's unbeaten Lou Koszarek floored Jim Palmiotto in the second round, and went on to win, 30-27.

Chuck Wilson, 175, ran into George Kartalian's right glove early in the first round and the powerful Eastern runnerup swarmed into his less experienced opponent with both hands flailing. Kartalian scored a TKO at 48 seconds of the first round.

Heavyweight Herb Kurtz, going all-out in the first round, had Marty Crandell in trouble for a time, but tired fast, and dropped the round, 10-9. Crandell got his left jab working effectively in the second, and had Kurtz in trouble on the ropes when the bout was stopped at 1:48 of the second round.

Mounties Win Fifth IM Game

Forfeits were the main story of the independent cage contests last Friday night as leagues H, I, J, K, and L saw action. The top game of the evening was the Mountaineers fifth straight win over the Olympians in league J by a 24-11 count.

In the other tilt in league J, McElwain bowed to the Ramblers, 31-16. League H saw Penn Haven defeat the Rustlers, 22-12, as Groff accounted for 17 points. The Deadwoods won a forfeit from the Packers.

In league I, the Coalcrackers and Blackfeet won forfeit victories from the Barons and the Knights. The Schmoos and Rebels won from the Mice and the Big Five respectively in league K, also by forfeit.

The lone contest in league L was the Architects forfeit to the Wildcats.

Spectators, IM Team Entries Play Zany Parts In Sports Program

By LOWELL KELLER

Not only individual performers but also entire teams and even spectators get into the act when the zany antics begin breaking out in Penn State's intramural sports program.

For instance, in last year's IM wrestling matches, Sigma Alpha Epsilon went into the finals with a possible chance to capture the title. The SAE's seemed to think that their chances hinged on a key bout between Ron Coder, of Phi Kappa Sigma and Charlie Myers of their own house.

Geronimo

However, the best the SAE's hoped for was decision. The balcony was packed with the boys from both houses, with a fellow named Jim Ewing occupying a choice seat in the front row. To cut it short, Myers pinned Coder and with a scream of triumph, Mr. Ewing took off from the balcony.

Although Jim landed on his feet, he was seen limping around campus for a few weeks following the match.

During the 1946-47 IM wrestling season, a fraternity could enter two men in each weight class. This was all well and good until two strapping 165-pound Sigma Nu men found that they had outdone everyone else in their class and consequently would meet in the finals.

Man Over Beast

The Sigma Nu's, after some dragged-out meetings with the big powers in the house, decided that seniority would prevail. In the actual match one of the boys dressed like an ape, the other, as an English gentleman complete with monocle. After clowning around for a period or two, the junior deliberately flipped over on his back, and an IM rule was drastically altered.

Then there was a character who thought that there had been a very raw decision called in an intramural touch football game.

This particular Joe raced out on the field, collared the ref, and was about to commit mayhem when two fraternity brothers rushed over to tell him that it wouldn't be too profitable to sock Frankie Goodman, three times Eastern Intercollegiate champ and twice national title-holder. No question on that one.

Pittsburgh Tops Lion Swimmers

Pittsburgh's swimmers kept Penn State's win column bare and extended the Lions losing skein to seven in a row by winning, 52-23, in Glennland pool Saturday afternoon.

So completely did the Panthers dominate the meet that the Statesmen could only garner one first place. That lone triumph, however, was a great victory for backstroker George Hamilton who streaked 200 yards in 2:19.9 to over-shadow by more than two seconds his own Penn State record set just a week ago.

Big Bertha in the Pittsburgh attack was ECSA 440 champion Jim Zentgraf who pulled the "hat trick." His triple triumph included the distance double, 220 and 440, and a turn on the victorious 400 relay quartet.

Over the furlong route the smooth, easy stroking merman broke with a 2:17.8 effort the pool record set last year by Syracuse's Clark in 2:19.1.

Hard luck continued to dog State's Cas Borowy. The Lion co-captain swam his two sprints, 50 and 100, faster than at any time this year, yet lost both by an arm stroke.

A pair of crack Pitt divers forced State's Bob Kenyon to take a third place spot for the first time this year. Al Ciocca, ECSA champ in '49, won.

Aside from Gene Kolber's two runnerup berths in the 220 and 440, the Lions picked up a host of thirds.

An ad appearing in a 1915 Collegian—"The Pennsylvania State college has five great schools offering thirty-six courses of four years each—also others, tuition free to both sexes, incidental charges moderate."

Nittany Fencers Are Foiled Again

Living up to prematch billing as one of the most powerful fencing aggregations in the country, Navy recorded its sixth straight win by a devastating 24-3 slashing of Penn State.

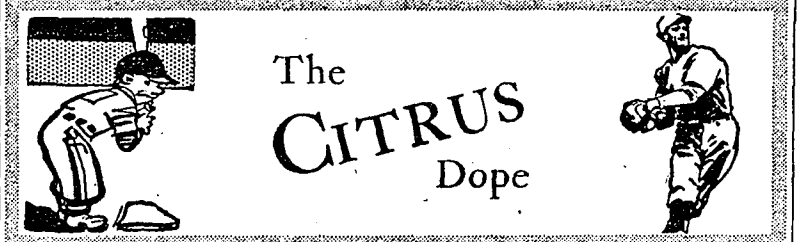
It was the Art Meyer-coached team's third loss.

The Middies discouraged their Pennsylvania visitors from the outset of the meet by copping the foil duels, 9-0. Ed Kalanik, Don Wood, Joe Kusick, and Tom Taylor suffered defeats for the Lions.

Navy Sweeps Epee

The Sailors continued to pile up a commanding lead by also capturing the epee event, 9-0. For State, Pete Raidy, Lou Como, and Bob Whitman lost all three of their matches.

However, in the saber division, the Lion bladesmen broke into the scoring column as Captain Ed Merek captured his two duels against one defeat. Captain Merek's perfect record fell by the wayside as he suffered his first defeat of the campaign.



By BOB SCHOELLKOPF

The New York Giants yesterday sprang their first experiment of the young spring training season by having weak-armed Whitey Lockman switch from the outfield to first base during their first workout at Sanford, Fla.

The 24-year-old outfielder worked out at the initial sack for an hour-and-a-half. The experiment calls for the shifting of the strong-armed Monte Irvin from his regular first base post to replace the position vacated by Lockman.

From Sanford also came news of baseball's first training injury of 1951. The casualty is shortstop Rudy Ruffer, who suffered a laceration of the upper right eye-lid on a batted ball which took a bad hop.

The Pittsburgh Pirates yesterday announced the signing of second baseman Romanus "Monty" Basgall and pitcher Harry Fisher to 1951 contracts.

Basgall hit .281 and fielded a .961 in 58 games for the Pirate's triple-A farm club at Indianapolis last year. With New Orleans of the Southern association in 1950, Fisher won five and lost eight. The right-handed twirler, a fine stickman, was used quite a bit as a pinch hitter.

Big Don Newcombe, Brooklyn pitcher who hurled 19 victories against 11 defeats last year, yesterday weighed in at the Dodger training base at Vero Beach, Fla.—244 pounds strong.

Despite the heavy weight, Newcombe reported that he was only five pounds above his best pitching weight. The right-handed pitcher was the first batterman in camp.

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