

Lion Vignettes

125-Lb. Marino A Physical Giant

By ART BENNING

When you ask boxing coach Eddie Sulkowski if coaches' dreams ever come true, he'll tell you, "sometimes." This year, he says, at least one of his dreams came true. It seems that for years, the biggest problem for Sulkowski and his predecessor, Leo Houck, was finding men for the boxing team who were (not big enough, but . . .) small enough.

But when Sam Marino reported to boxing practice early last fall, Sulkowski had to admit that dreams do come true. For here was a diminutive giant with a build like a miniature Hercules who weighed only 120-lbs., a good five pounds under the lowest weight class in collegiate boxing.

But what was even better news was that this dark-haired bantamweight was a "natural" in the ring. He could do everything just the way the coaches wanted it done.

Loves Boxing

So, from the first, Sulkowski's 125-lb. starter was beyond question. Freshman coach "Ogie" Martella took Sam under his wing during those early months. He had little trouble getting him in shape because his protege loved anything connected with boxing.

It soon became apparent that the young sophomore from Norristown was in for a rough first year. And it actually turned out to be the case that Sam had to box all seniors, and all experienced men.

Although this creates a tough obstacle for any aspiring collegiate ringman, it developed into the best thing that could have happened. Why? Because now, with the dual meet season behind him, he has gained more experience in his first season than some boxers pick up in two or three seasons. And Sam learned



Sam Marino 'Natural' Fulfills Coach's Dreams

something from every one of his experienced foes.

Good Opponents

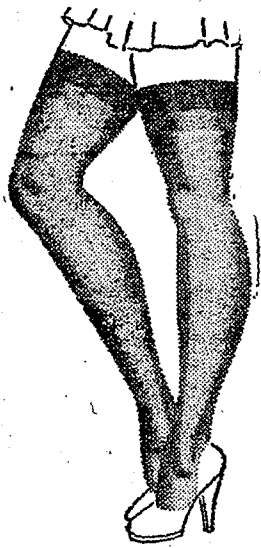
To make matters even tougher, the Lions' leadoff man squared off against the best three of his opponents while on the road, always a full-sized job. As it happened, these three men were the only ones to defeat him this year.

Sam entered the EIBA's bent on revenge for his defeats. Here the fates were unkind again. In the opening bout with Len Coiner, Sam suffered a cut on his left eyelid, and the bout was stopped early in the second round after Sam had Coiner in trouble. The decision went to Coiner.

So now Sam is going to try again. But of Penn State's four entries in the NCAA's this weekend, Sam has drawn the toughest assignment in the opening bouts. Tonight he tangles with Frank

Echevarria, Idaho's Northwest Invitational and Pacific Coast champ. Echevarria has an 8-2 record.

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Bus Entsminger, former All-America at Missouri, helped Rube McCray install the split-T at William and Mary during March.

William and Mary meets Oklahoma for the second time in football this year. In 1942 the Indians defeated the Sooners, 14-0.

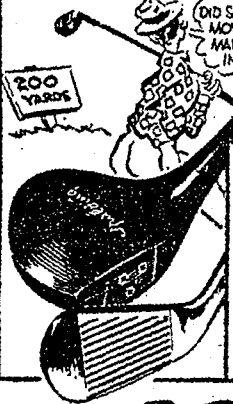
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