

The Lion's Lair

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Another sports year has passed, but before we get too far into 1952 we'd like to look back over 1951 and recall some of its bright moments and some of its dark ones as far as sports are concerned.

Penn State got off to a good start on the first day of 1951 when Bill Jeffrey's soccer team defeated the Purdue Soccer Club, 3-1, in the second annual Soccer Bowl in St. Louis.

Jim Herb tied the high jump mark in the Washington Star track meet with a jump of six feet seven inches, and later won the IC4A title with a leap of six feet five and one half inches. Ted Roderer captured the IC4A javelin throw and Bill Ashenfelter ended a brilliant career by winning the NAAU 10,000 meter title.

Chick Werner's cross-country team won the IC4A title again and finished third in the nationals.

The wrestling team won the Eastern title with Don Maurey and Mike Rubino winning individual titles. Dick Lemyre brought a Pan-American title to Penn State by winning the bantamweight division.



Lou Koszarek and Johnny Albarano won Eastern boxing crowns while State placed second in the tournament. Lou Lamie set two individual scoring records as he finished a brilliant three year basketball career at State. In the last few days of the year, the Lion cagers won the Steel Bowl tourney in Pittsburgh.

Those were some of the big moments in sports for Penn State last year.

The year had its thrilling moments, too... the Joe Lemyre-Don Thomas wrestling bout in the Eastern tournament, the entire Boston U. State football game, the State-Syracuse basketball game to name a few. Our personal big thrill came when Jesse Arnette gathered in Bob Szajna's fourth down pass for a touchdown in the Pitt game. It silenced a lot of Pitt people in the press box for a while at least.

It had its sad moments, too... when the referee raised Brad Glass' arm in victory in the Eastern wrestling tourney as 5000 Homer Barr fans held their breaths in anticipation.

On the national sports scene, the basketball scandal put a blotch on the record books, but Bobby Thompson's climatic ninth inning home run in the National League playoffs almost made sports fans forget about basketball.

Some of the more important events were Joe Walcott's knockout of Ezzard Charles, Sugar Ray Robinson finally bowing in defeat only to come back to win the title. Rocky Marciano's knockout of Joe Louis, the Yankees winning again, the Cleveland Browns losing a title, the Giants amazing stretch drive, Bob Richards pole vaulting 15 feet, Allie Reynolds' two no-hitters.

And there were some good quotes passed around in 1951... "Winning is not an evil thing. Winning fairly is an admirable accomplishment, no matter what game you are playing. I am a football teacher. If we win before 10,000 fans, that's swell. If we lose before 80,000, that's awful." —Paul Brown.

"World War III's Pearl Harbor will be the fistfight between U.S. and Russian sportswriters in the Olympic pressbox." —Bob Considine.

"I'm ready to do my part for as long as I'm needed. It is my country and it has given me my big chance to make good in professional ball. So as long as I've had the breaks like I have I ought to be willing to give up a little to balance things up." —Don Newcombe.

"God help this country if we didn't play football." —Earl Blaik.

John D. Lawther, former Penn State coach, soon will be home-bound from Mexico, where he went six months ago on a government-sponsored tour, designed to improve the brand of basketball played by Mexican youth.

Lions Had Winning Year

By JAKE HIGHTON

Despite the fact that basketball scandals were the vogue in the now departed 1951 sports scene, Penn State not only maintained its honor but added additional honors by turning out seven individual and two team champions during '51.

To celebrate Coach Charlie Speidel's 25th year of coaching at State his wrestlers wrapped up the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association championship last March with a 28-20 victory over Lehigh.

Individual Champs

In November Penn State gained its second team championship when the cross country team marked Chick Werner's 19th year of coaching in the Nittany vale with a second consecutive Intercollegiate Amateur Athletic Association of America x-country

crowd by a 67-68 margin over Army.

Coaches Werner and Speidel also gained a monopoly on individual champions with three and two respectively. Boxing coach Eddie Sulkowski shared in the parade of Nittany champions by coming up with two.

Mat Tourney

Jumping Jim Herb became the first Lion champion of '51 by winning the indoor IC4A high jumping title with a leap of six feet five and one half inches at Madison Square Garden in February.

The list of Lion champions rose to three after the ETWA tournament held in Rec Hall in March. Present captain of the Lion grapplers Don Maurey hurt the family reputation none by wrestling the 137-lb. title. To win Maurey took

a 6-4 decision from Columbia's Bob Hartman who came into the tourney with 13 straight wins.

State's crowd-pleasing, body-slammng Mike Rubino became the third champion of the year by decisining Cornell's Don Dickason, 6-3.

Boxing

The same weekend at the Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing Association championships at Charlottesville, Virginia, John Albarano and Lou Koszarek became State's fourth and fifth champions of the year. Albarano jabbed and hooked his way to the 145-lb. laurel and Koszarek chased Catholic U. boxer Bill Morin for three rounds, catching up with him often enough to bring back the 165-lb. title.

In May trackman Ted Roderer (Continued on page eight)

Vejar to Meet Bolanos

NEW YORK, Jan. 3 —(AP)—Chico Vejar, a young welter on the way up, meets Enrique Bolanos, Los Angeles veteran who fought for the lightweight title three times, in tomorrow night's 10-round feature at Madison Square Garden.

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