

Knockout Ends Eastern Boxing Tournament



Photo by McNeillie

REFEREE CHARLIE REYNOLDS waves Syracuse heavyweight George Kartalian to a neutral corner before counting out Joe Mehalick of Virginia during the first round of their championship bout in the EIBA tourney in

Rec Hall Saturday night. Kartalian also KO'd Army's Mike Hepler in the afternoon semi-final session. Syracuse won the team championship and had three individual champions. Army finished second and the Lions were third.

HERE ARE the Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing champions for 1952: (left to right) George Kartalian, Syracuse heavyweight; Jim McInerney, Army 178 pounder; Jeryl Hughes, Army 165 pounder; Carl Crews, Army 156 pounder; Johnny Albarano, Penn State 147

pounder; John Granger, Syracuse 139 pounder; Art Nelson, Syracuse 132 pounder; and Sam Marino, Penn State 125 pounder. Albarano and McInerney were the only entries in the tourney to successfully defend their crown.

Albarano, Marino Capture Eastern Ring Championships

By BOB VOSBURG

After a couple of unforeseen setbacks washed their chances for a team championship down the drain, the Penn State boxers did manage to come through Saturday night with two individual champs and finish third behind Syracuse and Army.

Lion Captain Johnny Albarano retained his 147-pound crown and 125-pounder Sammy Marino won his first championship, while 139-pounder Tony Flore, the Lions' only other finalist, dropped a split decision.

As a result of the five points apiece which the championships brought, and three points for the runnerup spot, the Lions finished with 13 points as compared to the Oranges' 24 and Army's 21.

First Jolt

The points, however, don't tell the whole story, for had Lady Luck been a little kinder, the Lions might have captured the coveted team crown.

The State team received the first jolt when 178-pounder Adam Kois, after a gruelling semi-final win over Syracuse's Whitey Mahar, found that he had broken his hand and would be unable to continue into the finals.

According to IBAA rules, if a man, after winning a fight, is unable to continue, the man he beat takes his place. So, Mahar went on to meet Army's Jim McInerney in the finals.

The committee, after several hours of debate, ruled that Mahar would be awarded the three points toward the team score which Kois had earned by fighting his way into the finals. As it turned out, this three points was Syracuse's margin of victory over Army.

Three Champs Each

The Lions' second blow came in the afternoon semi-finals, when defending 165-pound champ Lou Koszarek lost a tight decision to Virginia's Estel Nichols. After the bout was declared even on points, two judges gave the verdict to Nichols and one to Koszarek.

Syracuse and Army each produced three individual champions, with the Orange taking more of the runnerup honors.

In the biggest upset of the night, Army's Carl Crews dethroned Syracuse's 156-pounder Bill Miller. What makes the feat even more astonishing is the fact that Crews had eliminated Virginia's Pete Potter in a tough semi-final match, while Miller had spent only 15 seconds knocking out Catholic U's John Spin-

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Summary

Semi-final Summaries

125 pounds
Sam Marino, Penn State, decision Tom Coulter, Syracuse.
Paul Driscoll, Army, TKO'd Bill Banerdt, Virginia. Time: 55 seconds of third.

132 pounds
Art Nelson, Syracuse, decision John Cronin, Catholic U.
Jim McGee, Army, TKO'd Bob Rush, Virginia. Time: 1:10 of second.

147 pounds
John Albarano, Penn State, decision Rod Koch, Army.
Gus Fiacco, Syracuse, decision Grice Whitely, Virginia.

156 pounds
Bill Miller, Syracuse, TKO'd John Spinale, Catholic U. Time: 15 seconds of first.
Carl Crews, Army, decision Pete Potter, Virginia.

165 pounds
Estel Nichols, Virginia, decision Lou Koszarek, Penn State.
Jeryl Hughes, Army, decision Cliff Sisler, Catholic U.

Hwt.

Joe Mehalick, Virginia, TKO'd Bob Potter, Penn State. Time: 1:45 of the second.
George Kartalian, Syracuse, TKO'd Mike Hepler, Army. Time: 1:50 of the second.

Eight Advance In IM H-Ball

A full bracket of eight men moved into the third round of the IM fraternity handball singles tournament in matches played last night at Rec Hall.

John McCall, Alpha Tau Omega, and Don Bricker, Kappa Delta Rho, each copped easy decisions. McCall won over Acacia's Don Williams 21-0, 21-5, while Bricker downed Tim Rodriguez, Alpha Chi Sigma, 21-1, 21-0.

Art Betts, Phi Delta Theta, ousted Don Maurey, Delta Upsilon, 21-6, 21-9. Jim Clark, Sigma Pi, and Ilvio DelFarra, Alpha Phi Delta, moved up through forfeit wins.

Other results last night included: Bill Hamilton, Delta Sigma Phi, over John Mattie, Sigma Phi Sigma, 21-18, 21-8; Bernard Whitehill, Theta Kappa Nu, 21-2, 21-4; Fred Levin, Phi Phi, over Len Shephard, Sigma Sigma Delta, over Bill Waters, Sigma Chi, 21-7, 21-3.

Baseball Managers

Sophomore candidates for assistant baseball manager-ship can sign up at the Athletic Office in Old Main.

Edinboro Wins With Last Ditch Rally, 34-28

Edinboro, defending independent cage champion, displayed true championship form last night, rallying in the second half to avert what would have been a big upset in IM basketball.

The Epars, fighting every inch of the way, led throughout most of the game, but couldn't check the high-scoring winners in the final six minutes, and finally lost out, 34-28.

Phi-Sigs Win

Edinboro's tall center, Ken Bouldin, turned the tide in the second half with amazing prowess under the backboards. The Epars led at halftime, 15-14, and stayed with the defending champs until a nine-point spurge by Edinboro late in the game iced the contest.

Another playoff favorite, the Sinkers, found its opponents, the Foresters, equally as tough, but managed to squeeze out a 34-33 victory. Jim Garrity, who led the winners with 13 markers, scored what proved to be the winning basket with a left-handed hook shot.

Phi Sigma Delta piled up a 15-5 halftime lead, and held on desperately to eliminate Phi Delta Theta, 30-23. Jay Poser's 11 points led Phi Sigma Delta into the semi-final round.

Crusaders Move Up

Pi Kappa Alpha also moved into the semi-finals by dropping Sigma Phi Sigma, 41-31, as Bill Thorpe tallied 21 markers. The Crusaders advanced to the quarter-final round by edging Dorm 14 by a 20-18 margin.

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NEW YORK, March 10—(AP)—A record free throw performance by slender Norm Grekin gave La Salle of Philadelphia a 51-45 upset victory over fourth-seeded St. John's tonight and with it a free ticket to the semi-finals of the National Invitation Basketball Tournament.

Cagers Take Rest, But Watch Mailbox

By DAVE COLTON

Coach Elmer Gross' basketball team is going to spend this week relaxing after closing the most successful season in State history—but the cagers will have one eye on the mailbox.

The Lions' decisive 80-67 triumph over Bucknell at Lewisburg Saturday gave the Nittanians a 20-4 record, and strengthened hopes for an "at large" bid to the NCAA tournament.

Tentative plans call for the Lion basketeers to resume practice drills later this week after a short layoff. NCAA tourney officials will make final selections by Saturday. Results of the National Invitation Tournament now in progress will probably affect the district bids.

Football Meeting

There will be an important meeting of the football squad at 6:30 p.m. tomorrow in 110 EE.

Coach Rip Engle extended a special invitation to all students who have had previous football experience but who have not yet been out for the team.

All members who have not yet turned in schedule cards are requested to bring them to the meeting.

Bonnies Defeat W. Kentucky, 70-69, in NIT

NEW YORK, March 10—(AP)—Third-seeded St. Bonaventure went on a wild scoring binge in the third quarter tonight and subdued Western Kentucky, 70-69, to gain the semi-finals of the National Invitation Basketball Tournament at Madison Square Garden. Behind 41-58 at one stage in the last half, the Kentuckians almost pulled the exciting game out of the fire.

After trailing 34-38 at intermission, the spirited Bonnies scored ten straight points before the Hilltoppers could scratch and rolled up 24 points in the space of seven minutes while their dazed foes were getting only three.

This gave the Bonnies a 61-50 lead at the third quarter and the game seemed over until the Kentuckians, the nation's leading marksmen in the matter of field goal percentages, surged back with a rush that brought a sellout crowd of 18,000 to its feet.

With a minute to go Richard White, Western's dumpy guard, drove in with a layup to cut the score to 70-67. Kay Greer, a substitute, made it 70-69 with less than 15 seconds to play.

Bob Sassone, St. Bonaventure's bespectacled rebounding and shooting ace, led his team's scoring with 17 points.

When College officials turned down a feeler to the NIT last month they expressed preference to the NCAA. Gross said if the school received a bid and officials passed it, his squad would accept. The Blue and White had an unexpectedly easy time with the Bisons Saturday. Coach Jack Guy's crew was supposed to be tougher at home than when the Lions won a ten point victory in Rec Hall early in the season. A balanced offense aided the Lions' cause. Five players scored in the double figures, with Jesse Arnel leading the way with 22. This outburst lifted the amazing freshman's point total for the year to 448.

The other four Lion pacesetters were Joe Piorkowski, 14; Herm Sledzik and Jack Sherry, 12; and Hardy Williams, 11. Thus, Co-captain Williams and Piorkowski concluded their collegiate careers in fitting styles. The other senior, Co-captain Tiny McMahan scored two field goals.

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4 WRA Teams Remain on Top

Four teams maintained their first place positions last night as WRA intramurals resumed activities after a two-week recess due to sorority rushing.

In badminton Atherton East stayed on top in League 3 as a result of a forfeit by Beta Sigma Omicron. McAllister whitewashed Thompson A to retain its first place in League 1 in badminton. Alpha Gamma Delta shutout Coop to keep first place in League 2.

In bowling, a forfeit by Theta Phi Alpha held Chi Omega in the top position in League 1. In the other badminton games Kappa Alpha Theta won over Simmons and Delta Gamma defeated Sigma Delta Tau. In the only bowling activity, Atherton West downed Kappa Delta, 523-438.