

# The Nittany Realm

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If we ever had any idea that athletes were hard guys who turn their backs on sentiment and laugh at emotion, we learned differently Monday night.

We were graciously invited to attend a banquet held by the Lion boxing team, and left not only with a stomach full of delicious steak, but also with a mind full of a lot of things said by a bunch of good guys.

Despite the fact that the College has dropped the practice of rewarding its athletic teams with banquets after the season, the boxers chipped in and staged a very successful feast of their own.

We heard out-going Captain Johnny Albarano, and the other senior members—Lou Koszarek, Bob Potter, Laz LeMon—express their thanks to Coach Eddie Sulkowski, to their teammates, and to Penn State as a whole, for a lot gained in many ways in three years.

And we listened while Coach Sulkowski reviewed the season, thanked the boys for their cooperation, and assured those leaving that they will be welcome back any time they choose to return.

But we were probably most touched when Sammy Marino, newly elected captain—to use his words—“humbly and gratefully” accepted his new post, doubting but hoping that he can fill Albarano's shoes, and lead his teammates to a successful season.

The most significant thing about this banquet is the fact that this team, despite a losing season, was enough of a team—to hate the thought of breaking up without one last fling together.

**AFTER DINNER MINTS:** Team physician Dr. Griese was the un-proud recipient this week of an official Syracuse “S.” The letter was promised to the doctor by Syracuse publicist Jim Decker after he announced that Adam Kois had broken his hand in the semi-final bout with Whitey Mahar. Mahar went on to finish as runnerup and Syracuse won the team championship by those three points which rightly belonged to Kois . . . With wedding bells not far away, the team presented Coach Sulkowski with a shiny toastmaster.

## East's 'Supreme Twins' Meet in Regional Finals

HARRISBURG, March 25—(AP)—The “surprise twins” of the East collide tomorrow night in the PIAA Class A regional basketball finals while top-seeded Farrell defends its Western title.

Catasauqua (23-3) and Coatesville (22-3) are as evenly-matched as their records indicate going into their eastern finals at Hershey's sports arena. Farrell (27-1) is rated a shade above an upset-minded Pittsburgh Westinghouse (18-4) at Pittsburgh's Pitt fieldhouse.

Tomorrow night's survivors will have only two days' rest before travelling to Philadelphia's Penn Palestra Saturday night for the highest honor a Pennsylvania schoolboy quintet can win—the PIAA Class A championship.

### Beat Top-Rated Teams

The regional finals are an old story to Farrell and Westinghouse but both Eastern contenders are making their first serious bid for the top prize. Farrell eliminated Westinghouse, 45-44, in last year's Western finals.

Both Catasauqua's rough riders and Coatesville's Raiders were largely overlooked when the playoffs began nearly four weeks ago. But both earned their positions by knocking off the East's top-rated teams.

Catasauqua won the Lehigh Valley League title and then downed Bethlehem's East Penn Conference champions for the District 11 title, 56-52. They eliminated Reading's Central Penn Conference and District 3 titlists in regional play, 46-44, in a thriller that was decided in the last few seconds.

Coatesville had to win two straight tilts with Pottstown to take the Ches-Mont League crown. Then they downed defending champion Radnor, 65-54, Bristol, 66-49, and strong Chester, 55-51, to win the District 1 crown. The Raiders then blasted a highly-regarded Swoyersville, 51-38, in the regionals.

Both Eastern quintets are well-balanced combinations without single standout players. Both are equally adept on the defense as well as the offense.

Coatesville has won its last 13 games while Catasauqua has a 17-game winning streak to project.

Coach Bob Mushrush admits his Catasauqua team has no set offense. “We just give and go,” he said.

Coach Walt Funk's Coatesville



## 4 State Mermen Undefeated Chuck Davey Faces Stiffest Test Against Williams

Four Penn State swimmers participated in the opening ceremonies of a community pool in Roaring Springs last night.

Participating in exhibitions were George Hamilton, Gene Kolber, Bob Kenyon, and Ed Shields. They were accompanied by Bill Gutteron, coach of the swimming team until the sport was dropped by the College this year. Gutteron gave a talk on competitive swimming.

Kenyon and Shields put on a diving exhibition and demonstrated the breaststroke, while Hamilton, holder of Penn State's 200-yard backstroke record, and Kolber demonstrated the backstroke. Kolber, holder of State records in the 220 and 440-yard freestyle events, put on a freestyle exhibition and demonstrated turns used in racing competition.

CHICAGO, March 25—(AP)—Chuck Davey, the unmarked, undefeated welterweight who has been brought slowly up the professional fight ladder to a main event payoff, will face Ike Williams tomorrow night in the first big test of his career.

The scheduled 10 rounder in Chicago stadium will be televised nationally.

The International Boxing Club expects a ringside crowd in excess of 5000, including eight bus loads of rooters from Davey's home in Lansing, Mich., 200 Michigan State alumni from the Chicago area and two cheer leaders from the MSC campus.

Williams, the battle-hardened, former lightweight champion, whose total of 148 pro bouts is the most of any active fighter, is regarded a 7-5 favorite in Chicago.

But in New York Davey was being quoted as a 9-5 choice.

Davey, a southpaw, is a graduate of Michigan State with a masters degree in education administration and has a lucrative insurance business in the making. He has never been smashed around or cut up in his fighting career which includes more than 150 amateur scraps in the Army, NCAA competition and in golden gloves.

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