

The Nittany Realm

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Sport page headlines last week were shouting the hitherto obscure name of Chuck Davey to the boxing world, after he had won himself a TKO victory over Ike Williams in his first big fight.

To all except the best informed pro boxing fans Davey was just another kid on the way up, but to anyone following collegiate boxing from any time since 1943 he was a well-known figure.

Davey is a former Michigan State boxer, who went unbeaten through four seasons, took national titles in three different weight classes, and is the only man in NCAA history to win four titles.

He appeared against Penn State opposition four times, and in Rec Hall in 1947.

In his first year at Michigan State in 1943, Davey, at the age of 17, became the NCAA 127-pound champion. He was the youngest person ever to win an NCAA crown.

He went into the Army that year, and got a chance to further his ring exploits. He was an Eighth Air Force finalist in 1945, and shortly after his return from the European War theatre, won the California Golden Gloves championship as a 147-pounder in addition to becoming a semi-finalist in the Chicago tournament of champions.

After his discharge in 1946, Davey returned to Michigan State to win eight dual meet matches and capture the NCAA 135-pound championship.

The following year as a junior he retained his 135-pound crown, and wound up his career in 1948 taking the 147-pound title.

Davey is fighting in the pro ranks as a welterweight. He is a southpaw who, according to Penn State boxing coach Eddie Sulkowski, does most of his work from the outside.

The hottest thing currently in the welterweight division is unbeaten Gil Turner, whom Davey will undoubtedly have to get by if he expects a crack at the title.



Bedenk Hopes for Break In Weather to Test Staff

Coach Joe Bedenk is waiting for the warm weather that will enable him to get a better line on his pitching staff which has not yet been able to function for more than two innings for each hurler.

With the American University opener set for one week from today at Washington, D.C., Bedenk must come up with a pitcher capable of going the distance. Yesterday in practice, Herb Budin, Dave

Lion Third Sacker



Huber Kline

Lesser, and Keith Vesling twirled two innings each while Tom Campbell, Jack Krumrine, Jerry Troy, and Jim Kelz were impressive in single inning stints.

Budin, a senior, displayed a sneak fast ball and good knuckle ball during his stay on the mound. Lesser is one of the few southpaw hurlers with good control. Krumrine, a returnee from last season, adds to his good fast ball with a peculiar, but snappy delivery.

Everson Returns

Vesling has speed to burn, and handles himself like a fifth infielder around the mound. Kelz, who injured his arm and back last year, is beginning to throw harder as he works into shape.

Bill Everson, possibly the number one man in Bedenk's pitching plans, returns to the Lions after a 2-1 record last year.

In six innings of play yesterday, the probable regulars could muster only four clean hits. Captain Bill Hooper chipped in with two hard hit singles, while Chris Toney and Carmen Troisi had one-basers.

Infield Good

Mike Hunchar, freshman candidate for the wide open first base position, had two singles, but both were of the scratchy variety. Huber Kline, peppery third baseman, and Sil Cerchie, veteran centerfielder, each had singles also.

Bedenk's infield of Hunchar or Alex Shalkey at first, smooth Bill Mihalich at second, Kline at third, and either Troisi or Ronnie Weidenhammer at shortstop looks practically impenetrable. Mihalich moves like a cat around second, and, although he failed to hit safely in yesterday's practice, has been hitting the ball hard.

Leonard Tops Backstops

With Toney in left, Cerchie in center, and Hopper in right, the Lions' outfield should rank with one of the best in college ranks. Besides these three, Bedenk has left-handed hitting Bob Schoell-

Intrasquad Tilt Scheduled for Booters Today

An intra-squad soccer scrimmage between the "Has Beens" and the "Never Was" is scheduled for 2:30 this afternoon on the soccer field.

This is the first intra-squad contest between the newcomers and varsity since spring practice began last Saturday.

Coach Bill Jeffrey will select the respective squads from the following list, which includes a few of last year's players: Bob Harris, Paul Dierks, Charlie Helgenius, Bob O'Neill, Kurt Klaus, Frank Follmer, Jack Charlton, Ellis Kocher, Bill Evans, Ralph Hoffman, Dick Matacio.

Jule Majares, Hap Irvin, Ilvio DelFario, Bob Linbaugh, Charlie Snyder, Bill Norcik, Ron Coleman, and Jay Simmons.

Will Conduct Clinic

Bill Jeffrey, veteran Penn State coach, will leave early next month for Western Germany and a series of GI soccer clinics. It will be his fifth trip abroad since 1934, his second under U. S. Army auspices. The clinics will be held for the benefit of U.S. Seventh Army personnel, and the party of which Jeffrey is a member will be overseas three weeks.

kopf in reserve. Schoellkopf, who hit .333 last season, can fill in whenever needed.

Bill Leonard tops the catching staff that includes hustling Gus Vogt, Bill Hirsch, and Matt Yano-

Houtteman's Child Killed in Accident

CLEVELAND, Tenn., April 3—(P)—The life of baseball player Art Houtteman was rocked by a tragic automobile accident for the second time when his only child was killed near here today.

Cheryl Lynne, seven-month-old daughter of the Detroit Tiger star, was thrown to earth when a large, new automobile plunged from a highway 16 miles north of here.

The pitcher's wife, child and mother, Mrs. Rosamont Houtteman, had been motoring north in advance of the team, which breaks spring training at Lakeland, Fla., tomorrow.

Gafford, Palmer Lead Masters Golf

AUGUSTA, Ga., April 3—(AP)—Ray Gafford, a tall, thin Texan, who plays in comparatively few tournaments, and Johnny Palmer, the pudgy North Carolinian who plugs along but seldom wins, shot out in front today in the opening round of the "mystery" Masters Golf Tournament.

They shot scores of 34-35-69 over the long, treacherous Augusta National Course to take a one stroke lead over three of the ranking favorites, defending champion Ben Hogan, Sammy Snead, and Al Besselink.

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and-outs, on the other hand, is an exercise in which the runners cover the quarter mile oval, sprinting the straightaways and dog-trotting the turns. By repeating this exercise, the athlete can build up stamina and speed, as he rests up and recovers when jogging and sprinting, respectively.

These conditioning practices have a twofold purpose: (1) they help the athlete to make the switch from training on indoor boards to that of running on cinders; (2) outdoor weather isn't appropriate and, therefore, candidates must train with sweat clothes on to protect them from pulled muscles and other minor conditioning problems that confront them during pre-season workouts.

Today's the day!
Woody Herman
Concert

Today 3:30 - 5:30
Doors Open at 3:00
\$1.25 per person

Non-reserved Tickets On Sale
All Day Today at Student Union

Tickets are also on sale today for the IFC-PanHellenic Ball

