

# Boxers' Hopes Rise With Flore Return

The dismal Nittany boxing outlook for tomorrow's encounter with national champion Wisconsin took a sudden turn for the brighter yesterday with the return to eligibility of Tony Flore, crack 139 pounder.

Held out of last week's meet with Syracuse because he was thought ineligible scholastically, Flore has been given the OK by College officials.

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## The Lion's Eye

By JAKE HIGHTON  
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Eight marvelously equipped ambassadors from the capital of the collegiate boxing world, Madison, Wisconsin, will present their fistic credentials in Rec Hall tomorrow night. Being Penn State's oldest and most cordial rival, Wisconsin's mitt team will not be persona non grata. But the way Wisconsin has treated Nittany boxers since the inception of the series in 1936, they ought not to be acceptable.

The distinction of having met the six-time national champion Badger boxers most frequently carries with it a dubious distinction—State also has lost most often to Wisconsin. As a matter of brutal fact, only twice in 19 Badger dual meets have the Lions been able to leave the ring victors.

However, losing to Wisconsin is no longer reason to hang up the collective Nittany gloves. Badger and boxer are synonymous. The air over Wisconsin is so saturated with boxing that actually the Badgers are pros in comparison with Penn State. So well provided is Wisconsin with pugilistic talent that it is highly possible that right now on the Madison campus—even with eight of its elite absent—there is as much boxing skill as the Lions will show tomorrow.

Although it isn't patriotic to say so, it is probably the truth. Figure it this way. Wisconsin has ten major "W" winners returning, four junior "W" receivers, and eight freshmen W-strutters. All of which makes State's total of four letterwinners look pale in comparison.

But the number of monogram winners only tells part of the story. The entire college is addicted to boxing. The Wisconsin boxing season begins in December with the Contenders tourney, which is comparable to State's intramural setup. These "IM" finalists then go on to battle with frosh, jayvee, and varsity for All-University championships. Thus, half the student body automatically picks up a second degree at graduation—B.B., bachelor of boxing.

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The truest test for boxing popularity in Madison is the crowds. And brother, how they pack 'em. Last season Penn State boxed before 8,200 fans—scaled at \$1.50 ringside, \$1.00 for the general house, and all reserved. Several weeks later Michigan State, eventual runnerup to the national champion Badgers, drew 13,119. And the Wisconsin field house record of boxing records is the 15,200 which bulged the walls for a Washington State meet in 1940. Even the All-University finals last year drew 5000—which is likely more than will fill Rec Hall tomorrow practically for free.

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### ROPE SKIPPING, SPARRING, AND JARRING:

Rec Hall with considerably less than 10,000 fans may be for the Badgers like moving into a drafty gym after Madison Square Garden appearances. (The campus town bears an appropriate name.) ... Even Wisconsin's coach John Walsh has a boxing name. Remember Joe Palooka's manager, Knobby Walsh? ... Wisconsin's Knobby has three fundamentals for every fighter to master: hold hands up, keep chin down, and throw short, straight punches ...

In nine of 18 seasons the Badgers have been unbeaten. They have lost only twice in 89 home matches and once won 57 straight in their own ring. Six out of 15 NCAA tourneys fell to the Badgers and 27 individual crowns ... Walsh has a tough time in some weights. Like 132 this year where he had three lettermen vying ... Wisconsin's all-over record is 102 won, 12 lost, and 11 tied—not bad!

The Badger ringmen will arrive around noon today and go through a light workout in Rec Hall around 2 p.m. Match time tomorrow is 7 p.m.

Two other changes will be made in the Nittany lineup which dropped its third straight match of the season to Syracuse last week. Sam Butler, Coach Eddie Sulkowski's season-starter at 132, will return in place of Joe Reynolds. Butler lost a 30-26 decision to a Marylander in his lone bout of the year.

The other major change for State finds Steve Melmeck replacing Stan Engle at 147 pounds. Melmeck, who lost his first varsity bout in the 156 division last



Sam Butler  
(Returns to lineup)

week at Syracuse, will move down to this more comfortable weight. (He weighed only 148 last week.) With Melmeck dropping down, Hank Arnold gets back into the 156 pound bracket which he handled for the first two meets. Hank is 1-1 on the season.

Otherwise the Lions will stack up the same as throughout the season. In addition to Flore (2-0), Adam Kois and Bill Andresevic will be risking unbeaten records against the champions tomorrow. Lightweight Kois has won twice and been held to a draw once. Heavyweight Andresevic has won once and been drawn twice.

Captain Sam Marino (1-1-1) will be in his usual 125 pound spot, and Dick Cameron (0-3) will be trying for his first 165 pound victory.

# Lion Courtmen Face Red Raiders Tonight

The Penn State cagers resume their road duty tonight with an all-veteran five from Colgate University as the opposition. Both teams will be trying to preserve their season's longest win streaks of three straight.

But while the Lions were taking wins over small schools like American U., Dickinson, and Bucknell, the Colgate five have been sweeping the court with impressive wins over Army, Syracuse (whom the Lions play tomorrow), and Rutgers.

### Wallops Rutgers, 91-58

Both the Army and Syracuse contests were upsets with the latter game a 106-88 contest, the largest score the Raiders have made this year. Wednesday night they added Rutgers to their win column by a margin of 33 points. Final score was 91-58.

Rutgers has beaten the Lions earlier in the season by 12 points. Also included in the Raiders' eight losses is a setback by Temple University who the Lions will meet on March 7, the last game of the season. The Raiders lost to Temple, 75-62.

### Dodd Is High Scorer

Penn State has the edge in the series between the two teams, winning 18 tilts while Colgate has 16. The Lions took the last contest 68-55 at the beginning of the season. Records of two clubs show State with a 12-7 record and Colgate with a 9-8 log. On their home court Colgate shows six wins and two losses while the Lions, on foreign courts, show a 3-7 record.

Currently leading the Raiders is their big center Bill Dodd. The 6-4 senior, who averaged 18 points a game for a 228 total. His single highest output of the season was 29 tallies against Yale. Three other men are bunched behind him—Captain Dan Warren with 225 points, Frank Patterson with 215, and Dick Osborn with 198. Osborn is also one of the nation's leaders in rebounds with an average of 15.5 a game.

# Sax to Get First Crack At Intercollegiate Crown

By DICK McDOWELL

When Ollie Sax steps on the Madison Square Garden boards at the IC4A's in New York City tomorrow night, he will be getting his first crack at an intercollegiate title. And for the first time this season, the Lion runner will be favored to win.

Sax has run four indoor races this season, three 600 yard jogs, and one 500. And, although he has finished second in all of them, the Nittany sophomore has been the sensation of the indoor season.

After chasing Mal Whitfield to numerous records for four weeks, Sax finally gets a chance to meet an all-collegiate field. Even in finishing second to Marvelous Mal, Sax was beating such well-knowns as Herb McKenley, Reggie Pearman, Morris Currota, and John Gaffney.

In the IC4A meet, the speedster will face Currota and Gaffney again, and also Manhattan's Lou Jones and Vern Dixon. Dixon captured the event last year.

With Sax leading the parade, the Lions will be after their second win in the 32-year history of the meet. The lone Penn State team win came in 1942 when Barney Ewell and Norm Gordon led the Nittany's to the title. Gordon is now serving as Coach

Chick Werner's assistant.

The Wernermen, however, figure to be fighting for a second-place finish, along with Penn, Army, Villanova, Georgetown, and Columbia. Manhattan's top-flight squad is a heavy favorite to win the event, and retain its 1952 crown.

The Jaspers are, as the saying goes, "loaded." They have potential point-getters in every event and have been instilled as the favorite from the very beginning. Both Dixon and Jones run a fast 600.

Powerful Jim Dillon is favored for a win in the 35-pound throw, and the Jaspers have two fine sprint men in Lindy Ramagino and Jack O'Connell. They also include on their formidable list of entries Frank Eagan, a fine two-miler, top-notch one and two-mile relay teams, and Joe Gaffney, an excellent high-jumper.



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