

Sports Thru The Lion's Eye

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STUMBLING HERE AND THERE:

What was billed as the Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing championships had a startling resemblance to a dual meet between Syracuse and the Eastern All-Stars. Six of eight Syracuse boxers fought in the finals and except for Artie Nelson's failure to scale 132 pounds at the semi-final weigh-in, the champs would have had seven for eight . . . The order of team finish—Syracuse, Army, Penn State—was a 1952 replica and an Orange phenomena for the last five years . . . No wonder the "All-Stars" were raising a hue which sounded like "Break up Syracuse." After all, so monotonous a winner like baseball's New York Yankees haven't won five straight, yet . . .

Captain Sam Marino's sparkling defense of his 125 pound EIBA title earned him the Outstanding Boxer award and a place beside Chuck Drazenovich, the only other Nittany ever given the honor (1950). Draz boxed heavyweight in addition to starring on the football team. He's now with the Washington Redskin pro gridgers . . . State's assistant boxing Coach Frank Patrick called the shot on Sam's selection but Marino told Pat he "was prejudiced" . . . In sharp contrast to the merciless, killer instinct of the Syracuseurs, Maryland's Gary Fisher was responsible for the tourney's finest gesture. Fisher was meat-grinding Catholic U.'s Dic DiCarlantino in the second round of their preliminary bout. Seeing his foe's distress, Fisher leaned into a clinch and said, "I'll carry you." For the rest of the bout Fisher threw powder-puff punches with the convincing authority of a Barrymore.

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Talking about monopolies on Eastern championships, the Nittany wrestlers are piling up shares in the EIWA title market. Their third successive conquest Saturday is only one away from the Nittany high-water era—1918-21 when State won four straight . . . However, the over-all caliber of EIWA wrestling is tightening up behind the Lions. A year ago State had 33 points. The field straggled behind with Syracuse getting 17, Rutgers 16, and Lehigh 15. The gap between the top four was considerably narrowed last weekend. State netted 31, Cornell 25, Lehigh 22, and Army 18 . . .

Jerry Maurey's 137 pound championship placed the third jewel in the family EIWA crown. Brother Jim won at 145 in 1950 and brother Don took 137 honors in 1951. Only one detail keeps the Maurey wheel from coming full cycle—both Don and Jim captained Nittany teams . . . When in doubt, favor the champ. Not that a champion should be given special favors. However, he should be beaten. When Cornell's Don Dickason tied Joe Lemyre 2-2 in the 167 pound semi-finals, State's defending champ should have been called the winner. A couple of years ago Jersey Joe Walcott actually "licked" world's champion Joe Louis in the opinion of nearly everyone. But the Brown Bomber—the champion, remember—got the decision.

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Sometimes the less you expect, the more you get. So it was with the Nittany gymnasts. Given the least consideration for possible individual champions because they had relied more on over-all depth than stickout performers, the G-men brought back the most titles—four. Golly, the EIGA only offered seven.

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Neither here nor there, but . . . Has an athlete ever performed at Penn State with a more sesquipedalian surname than Harry Papacharalambous? (He was a Nittany 130 pound boxer in 1950).

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The most colorful basketball ref in the Nittany-Penn district, Red Mihalic—an occasional visitor to Rec Hall—got into trouble again during the recent National Invitational tourney in Madison Square Garden. The dramatic Redhead needed a police escort after the LaSalle-St. Johns game when incensed LaSallers made a rush for him. Mihalic has had his troubles with Grandstand Refs before. Several years ago Mihalic got so much abuse from fans during a Pitt-Duquense game that he quit the harrowing trade for the season and for a long time afterward refused to work his hometown Pittsburgh.

Grapplers Seek NCAA Win for 'Grand Slam'

By SAM PROCOPIO

After establishing itself as the winningest team today and then copping its third successive EIWA title, Penn State's matmen will be seeking wrestling's "grand slam" when they oppose collegiate grapplers from the entire United States for national honors at Rec Hall March 27-28.

In winning its third title crown, Penn State took second place among the league

Sports Briefs

Cage Coaches Meet

KANSAS CITY, (AP) — College basketball coaches took an official swipe at Clarence Bevo Francis' phenomenal scoring record yesterday and then went into a harried huddle over rules.

They kicked a number of proposed changes around in a lengthy session, devoted largely to the controversial "one and one" regulation, and prepared to make a set of recommendations to the rules-making body tomorrow.

Before tackling the rules, though, the National Association of Basketball Coaches adopted a resolution asking the NCAA to put stronger restrictions in its official statistics.

In a move aimed at Francis, the group urged that the NCAA restrict its team and individual records to games involving four-year, degree-giving colleges. It asked that any action be made retroactive.

Howard Hobson of Yale, in presenting the motion, said the purpose is to eliminate ludicrous records such as that piled up this year by the Rio Grande sensation, who was credited with 1,954 points in 39 games for a 50.1 average.

Braves to Shift?

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., (AP)—National League club owners meet today to consider shifting the Boston Braves to Milwaukee, less than 48 hours after the American League refused to let the St. Louis Browns move to Baltimore.

What action the National League will take is problematical. Those close to the situation believe Braves' president Lou Perini's chances, which looked so bright only a few short days ago, now are much darker.

Freshman Baseball

Candidates for the freshman baseball team should report to Coach John Egli in Rec Hall tomorrow or Friday.

leaders. Coach Charlie Speidel's matmen now own a total of 12 titles since they became members of the league in 1918. Lehigh, which leads the loop in total titles, has one more championship than State.

Cornell Leads

Although the matmen of Cornell trail the Lions with 11 championships, they convinced Speidel's grapplers that they have a long way to go before ousting the Ithacans in individual honors. Going into the 49th annual tournament, Cornell led with 65, while State was second with 62.

Since Bettucci of Cornell was the Ithacan expected to win a title and the Lions were expected to take five, there was no doubt that Penn State would take the lead. This did not hold true, however. Cornell ended the tourney with three individual champions, while the Nittany Lions survived with only two. State now trails with four.

State Wins Most in 137, 147

With Dick Lemyre (130) and Jerry Maurey (137) winning individual titles, Penn State's records show that most of the wrestling standouts are in the lighter weights. Of the 64 Lion winners, 39 have been earned in weight classes of 145 pounds or under.

State has been most consistent in the 137 and 147-pound brackets than any other. Thus far, Penn State has won 11 in those divisions. Nine times the 130 champion has been a Penn State man while the 123 title has been captured but three times.

The Nittany Lions have won 13 championships in the heavier divisions—167, 177, and heavy-weight.

Berger Pinned in :15

In the upset department Joe Lemyre and Bob Homan were not alone. Others included were second-seeded Ken Faust of Lehigh (137), top-seeded Ed Rooney of Syracuse (157), second-seeded Ed Downey of Yale (177), and second-seeded Hud Samson of Penn State (Hwt.) who all were beaten in the semi-finals.

Probably all records in dual meet and tournament competition were broken when Pete Blair of Navy caught Temple's Bob Berger on a dive and secured a cradle hold to show him Dillon Gymnasium's lights in fifteen seconds. Berger remarked after the pin that "I thought I would go all out to win. But I was careless. As soon as I charged him, I was flat on my back."

Collegiate Chatter

Syracuse University's Orange Bowl football team of last year will invade State College Oct. 17 to continue an old rivalry with Penn State. The Lions will be out to avenge a 25-7 setback last fall. The '52 Saltine Warriors went on to compile a 7-2 record and capture the Lambert Trophy, symbolic of the Eastern championship.

Powerful Illinois is the only new addition to the Orange 1953 schedule. The Illini will be met at Champaign Oct. 24. Illinois is back on the Syracuse card after a year's absence, the last meeting being in 1951, as Johnny Karras and Don Stevens led the Midwesterners to a 41-7 win at Syracuse.

NYU was on the schedule, but the Violets recently announced they are dropping the sport. The 1952 Orange opponents which are missing from the schedule are Michigan State and Bowling Air Force Base.

WRA Results

VOLLEYBALL

Alpha Zeta Delta over Alpha Omega Pi
Alpha Kappa Alpha over Co-op Leonides over Atherton West
Woman's Building over Aye-Sees
Delta Gamma over Kappa Delta
Theta Chi Alpha over Kappa Alpha Theta

BOWLING

Leonides over Gamma Phi Beta
Phi Mu over Alpha Chi Omega
Kappa Kappa Gamma over Tri Delta



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