

Mittmen Defeat Catholic U., 5-3

Record First Dual Win Of Season

By JAKE HIGHTON

If ending well makes all well, then so it is with the Penn State boxing team which closed its dual season Saturday night by nabbing the long-sought victory number one.

Scoring wins in four bouts and picking up draws in two others, State's mittmen stopped Catholic U., 5-3, in sparsely populated Rec Hall.

Sam Marino, Joe Reynolds, Tony Flore, and Dick Ahern came through with victories and Hank Arnold and Adam Kois secured draw verdicts to snap the Lions' six-match losing streak.

Captain Marino, who won his 125-pound bout in a dress suit because Catholic refused to meet him, received a twin tribute before the match. In a presentation by Phys Ed Dean Ernie McCoy, Marino received the Frank J. Goodman Trophy awarded annually to the "senior who best exemplifies the spirit of boxing and makes the greatest contribution to his team." Sam's second accolade was an ovation from the meager crowd which sounded as loud as a full house.

State's other senior, Reynolds (132) made his swan song quite melodious with a TKO victory over Miles McAndrews. From the first bell, Reynolds counterpunched effectively. Then after pestering his foe with left jabs, Reynolds landed several hard right crosses which cut up McAndrews and caused the bout to be stopped after the first round.

Moving up a weight to 147 failed to bother Flore as he continued unbeaten in dual competition with a 30-23 victory over CU's Bernie Pannone. The long reach of the lanky representative of the nation's capital kept Flore in check somewhat, but Tony's swift, slashing left hooks scored repeatedly.

Ahern, winner of the Lions' fourth victory, looked surprisingly sharp for the second bout of his career as he stopped Gene Matecko (165) in one round. Using a left jab with telling effect, Ahern set up Matecko to pound him along the ropes once again to land a smashing right hand. Behind 10-7 after the first round, Matecko was not allowed to answer the bell because of cuts.

A bad break kept Kois from gaining his sixth dual triumph of the campaign. Leading 10-8, Kois landed a low blow just at the bell. First penalized a point, Kois then got a draw when his foe, Joe DellaRatta, was unable to continue. EIBA regulations rule a draw when a fighter is injured in the first round.

Piling up a 20-18 advantage after two rounds, State's Hank Arnold (Continued on page seven)



—Photo by Rosenberg
JOE GOLEMAN, Nittany heavyweight, starts a left hook to the jaw of Catholic U.'s Tom DeCicco (right) during their bout in Rec Hall Saturday night. Making his varsity debut, Goleman lost a tough decision, 28-27. However, Goleman's teammates came through with their first victory, 5-3.

Sigma Nu Advances Four Into IM Mat Semi-Finals

By BOB DUNN

The matmen of Sigma Nu took a giant step toward the crown won last year by DU, as they advanced four men into tomorrow's semi-final round in IM fraternity wrestling at Rec Hall last night.

Walt Hough, in the 165-pound class, and Dave Barney at 145 showed the way for the tourney leaders, who now have a total of 78 points. Runnerup Pi Kappa Phi, shows 53.

Hough ground his way to an easy 9-1 verdict over Bob Thomas, KDR, and Barney emerged victorious in a nip and tuck struggle with George Walker, Alpha Sigma Phi, 9-6.

Bob Wylie Wins

Norm Hickey won the forfeit from Lynn Swiegard, Phi Gamma Delta, and Bob Abbott of SN advanced into the semis.

Runnerup Pi Kappa Phi remained in the chase by showing two winners. Bob Wylie eeked out a hard-earned 9-8 win over John Knepp, Alpha Chi Sigma, while the Pi Kapp's Andy Krassowski won by forfeit.

Chi Phi, still very much in contention also, had two wins last night. Bob Broomfield decided Phi Sigma Kappa's Dave Rimple in 128. At 155 Bill Roberts, in a great finish, reversed Sigma Pi's Herb Ferguson with but five seconds left to cop a 4-3 decision. Chi Phi has a total of 47 points.

Zieve, Baffa Win

In other 121 pound action, Tony Petroy pinned Ed Klose in a swift 56 seconds in an independent bout.

Morton Zieve, Beta Sigma Rho, nipped Acacia's Bill Bovard 6-4 at 128. Fast-moving Johnny Baffa, DU, made short work of Dick Kleiman, Phi Sigma Delta, pinning him in 1:04.

Independent Bob Evanko pinned Bob McMillan in 5:27 and

Kennedy applied the pressure to Myers in 2:49 in the other 135 matches.

Delta Chi Gains

The 145 pound section found Miller winning 6-0 over Doug Fennimore. Charlie Groff, KDR, won out over Phi Kappa Phi's Buzz Pierce, while Salty Whitehouse, Sigma Phi Epsilon won by the same count over Willie Noyes, Phi Gamma Delta.

Delta Chi picked up three points, but fell from third to fourth. Ed Hill picked up the win in 155, decisioning Palmer Felix, Alpha Chi Sigma, 2-0. Delta Chi's other entry last night, Ed Knapp, was stopped by Tom Lozav, Delta Sigma Phi, in 1:28 in a 165 pound bout. In another 165, Phi Delta Theta's Jay Barclay scored an impressive 4-1 win over Glenn Grove, Chi Phi. Bill Tyson, AGR, beat Belford Thompson, Delta Sigma Phi, 2-0.

One-hundred-seventy-five pound man Win Doederlein, Kappa Sigma, beat Tom Lewis, SAE, 5-0, with Dave Simon, KDR besting Beta Theta Pi's Dave Arnold, 7-2. Independent Heavyweights Bob Barcaskey and Mike Sorokach copped their bouts to round out the night.

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The Lion's Eye

By JAKE HIGHTON
Collegian Sports Editor



At last they are bringing the Mountain to Mohammed, and depositing it in Rec Hall this weekend. The Mountain is the National Collegiate Athletic Association wrestling championships and of course Mohammed is Penn State. All this mountainous Mohammendanism stems from the wrestling crime of 1952.

Last year Penn State's mat team whirlwinded through its second straight unbeaten season and then added the copestone with a second successive Eastern Intercollegiate championship team title. Quietly at first, but gradually louder, it was whispered that the Lions might have a chance to win the NCAA title.

But just as quickly the whispers were changed to groans. Penn State didn't have a chance. The team was licked in its own back yard by the College Senate committee on athletics. In an unbelievable paradox, Penn State was defeated by Penn State. The committee ruled that only the Eastern champions, Joe Lemyre, Dick Lemyre, and Bob Homan, would be allowed to take the trip to Fort Collins, Colorado, for the tourney.

Thus a three-man team was sent to do a job of prodigious proportions when the lesser EIWA job required eight men. It didn't make sense strategically or mathematically.

But then, on second thought there was mathematics involved. For financial reasons pure and simple, a better representation wasn't sent to the Mountain. However, it was necessary that the Senate committee be set up as the scapegoat to set a policy—a heck-with-the-team-title policy. A policy that could shift with the wind and the tournament site.

Bitterly sympathetic reaction set in. No wonder. Jerry Maurey, one of the nation's—not simply the East's—best wrestlers wasn't allowed to compete because he wasn't an EIWA champ. Yet, subsequent events made Jerry's abandonment more unfortunate. George Feuerbach, the three-time champ who beat him in the Eastern finals, wasn't going to compete. Then the week after the NCAA's, Jerry took runnerup honors in the NAAU's—second only to one amateur in the country.

Is it a wonder then that Delta Upsilon fraternity offered to pay the expenses of Maurey and heavyweight Lynn Illingworth to Colorado. Or that Penn's Coach Charlie Ridenour, former Nittany assistant and three-time EIWA champ, offered to drive Jerry out in his car.

Or that students' righteous ire was so strong that if solicitors were stationed on the campus corners with hat-in-hand bearing the label, "Money to Send Wrestlers to NCAA's," the shekels would have been raised. However, the College couldn't sanction such embarrassing proposals and protest was to no avail.

The Lions went to the Mountain inadequately equipped. Oklahoma, Iowa State Teachers College, Oklahoma A&M, and Toledo had it easy. The Lions' were a distant fifth with eight points, the Sooners had 22. State got one champion and one third-placer. Maybe the full team would have done little better. But the fact remains: losing is hard enough to take, but never to have been given a chance to win is far tougher.

The Penn State athletic crime of 1952 came to its unfortunate, but not unexpected consummation. However, after the tourney, State "won" the site for the 1953 Nationals. Whether it was "luck" or simply Penn State's turn, doesn't matter. It was a Pyrrhic, hollow victory to be sure, but still a victory.

Coach Charlie Speidel's comment on the 1953 selection? A literary gem, to wit: "If Mohammed won't go to the Mountain, they'll bring the Mountain to Mohammed."

Now that the Mountain is coming, you can't safely bet that it will be climbed. It's as rugged a test as the Matterhorn and it won't be entirely a surprise if Penn State doesn't scale the peak. Nevertheless, they will have honest climbing equipment.

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