

A Dream's Dream . . .

Sam's Song

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Last year no one ever dreamed that Penn State would have two Eastern Intercollegiate champions in the same year or same season. But the Nittany Lions did—in wrestling and gymnastics. No one dreamt that these two teams would ever cop the NCAA's. But they did. And for Ripley's "Believe it or not" it was on the same night, March 28.

Since Penn State's wrestling and gymnastics teams are defending champions and are carrying several potential lettermen, they are strong contenders for the Easterns and NCAA's. However, we are wondering if the Nittany Lions can come through with three varsity sports participating in the NCAA's. The third would be basketball.

After having watched Coach Elmer Gross build his quintet into one of the finest in Penn State's history during the past three years, we are inclined to believe that the Lions are about ready to carry a banner season this year provided:

1. Jesse Arnelle can hit his stride once again. Say, like he did during his freshman year, when he tallied 492 points.
2. Players like Jim Blocker, Bob Rohland, and Dave Edwards give Gross the necessary depth.

After a mediocre winning season in 1951, three freshmen won starting berths on the Penn State's basketball 1952 squad—Arnelle, Weidenhammer, and Sherry. Surprising as it may seem, these three cagers spearheaded the Lions to a 20-4 won and lost record for that season.

Last year despite a 15-9 log, it was a great year. With two years' experience behind these three stalwarts and two fine aggressive players in Ed Haag and Jim Brewer, we believe Penn State will hit its peak this season.

Why? Well, after scrutinizing Penn State's basketball records, we found the statistics to show:

That of the 15 (individual and team) records mentioned 13 have been set within the last two years. That all of the team records were broken in these past two seasons. That Jesse Arnelle owns six of the eight individual marks. That as freshmen these sharp-shooters (Arnelle-Weidenhammer-Sherry) aided the Lions in carrying the longest single season winning streak of 15 games.

Opening their 1953 campaign at Rec Hall tomorrow against Washington and Jefferson, the Lions will be put on the spot since Arnelle and Sherry have had only one week's practice. But, then too, Gross has faced this situation for the past two years.

Considering all drawbacks and assets, we are inclined to believe that Penn State's seasonal outcome in basketball can't be drawn up in the opening fray tomorrow but one week from that date.

RADOS A PRO?

Coach Rip Engle was asked whether he thought Tony Rados was good enough to mingle with the big leaguers.

"Yes," Engle replied. "I'm sure he is if they give enough protection so he can get his passes away. I don't think he can run well enough but pro quarterbacks don't carry much, do they?"

Sammy Baugh, former Washington Redskins quarterback, is an example. Like all Harry James can do is play the trumpet, all Baugh could do was pass.

DU Posts 2 Wins In IM Boxing Meets

By ROY WILLIAMS

As defending champs, Delta Upsilon aided its current bid for honors last night as they posted two wins in the third round of eliminations in the intramural boxing program.

It received some fair warning, however, from possible pugilistic powerhouses in the form of double wins posted by Sigma Nu, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Kappa Sigma, Kappa Sigma, and Delta Sigma Phi.

Kappa Sigma took one of the 155-pound class wins when Durk Rorie outclassed Phi Kappa Psi's Eldred Atkinson. Atkinson gave Rorie a hard battle, but couldn't dodge the consistent barrage of left jabs.

In the 145-pound class George Bickelhaupt handed Phi Kappa Psi its second loss of the evening to Alec Beliasov. Kappa Sig's Russ Teague, however, lost to Phi Kappa Sigma's Cook who thwarted consistent lefts from Teague. Phi Kappa Psi was completely outclassed when Phi Kappa Sigma posted its second win. Alan McChesney defeated Folkers, and inflicted Phi Kappa Psi's third loss after the referee stopped the contest.

Delta Sigma Phi and Lambda Chi Alpha won one match by forfeit. Lambda Chi's George Resh won by a referee's decision as he belted Tau Kappa Epsilon's Carl Nale to the mat twice, and to the ropes once in just two rounds.

Delta Sigma Phi Wins Two
Delta Sigma Phi posted one of its two wins when Milton Netscher, 165-pounder, used his version of an overhand jab to defeat Garland Gingerich, and hand Lambda Chi Alpha its only loss of the evening.

In the 155-pound class, Delta Tau Delta won its only match when Fred Sprinkle pounded Joe Barna's nose. Sigma Phi Alpha, in one of the best matches of the evening.

Alpha Chi Rho and Alpha Epsilon Pi lost to Sigma Nu and Acacia respectively. Sigma Nu's Fry thwarted a second-round comeback by Norman Brown to

Rio Grande Defeated But Bevo Scores 32

NEW YORK, Dec. 3 (AP)—Adelphi College of Garden City, N.Y., whipped Rio Grande College 83-76 in the opening college basketball doubleheader at Madison Square Garden tonight although Bevo Francis scored 32 points in his metropolitan debut. Rio Grande had won 40 games in a row.

Francis, a 6 foot 9 sensation from the Ohio Hill country, was held to 14 points in the second half as the New Yorkers caged him in a collapsing five man zone defense.

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