

Sport SPOTLIGHT

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BOXING ON THE UPSWING?

"The best laid plans of mice and men oft' gang a-gley." That's the way the Scotch say it. In plainer words—some days a guy can't make a nickel.

Syracuse's Roy Simmons found that out Saturday when he brought his power-laden boxing squad to Rec Hall. Eastern inter-collegiate champions for five years running, and heavy favorites to repeat again this season, the Orange, to all appearances, were to have no trouble with Eddie Sulkowski's Nittany Lions.

Simmons, however, wasn't taking any chances. Maybe he realized that a little ring experience can make a lot of difference with a team, even though it hasn't won a match, or maybe he just wanted to make certain that his top middleweight, Bruce Yancey would get his victory. Anyway, Yancey was moved from the 177 pound class into the heavyweight division. Simmons evidently figured Yancey didn't stand a chance against the Lion's powerhouse Adam Kois. The brutal Eastern Champion pounded Yancey twice last season.

In regular duel-meet competition he scored a convincing 30-24 decision and then in the EIBA finals he blasted the Syracuse griddler like a clay pigeon. A savage fury of sharp lefts and sledgehammer rights in the third round almost drove the glassy-eyed Orangeman to the canvas.

So on the surface, Simmons' move Saturday was a sound one. With Yancey, a very good boxer and slugger fighting heavy, Simmons felt he would be assured a victory in that division. Since Kois was almost a sure bet to whip him in the 177 go, why not switch him into the heavyweight class and be sure of a win there?

Simmons, however, probably felt that there would be no need for a win by the time the match reached the final bout. And it looked as though that was the way it was going to be. The Orange won the first three bouts on the card before Lion Sophomore Jack Stokes counter-punched his way to a three round decision. Then another of Sulk's many sophomores took over. One hundred-fifty six pounder Don DeMay battered his Syracuse opponent, Joe McCourt, to the canvas twice in the first round. The second time McCourt went down, he failed to get up. Under intercollegiate rules there is no such thing as a knockout. But it didn't matter, the Nittanians had narrowed the count to 3-2.

The Lion's Frank Breidor lost his fight in the 165 pound match and then Adam Kois entered the ring for his fight with Sam Alexander, who had replaced Yancey in the lineup. Kois belted Alexander for three rounds to win as expected and the score stood at 4-3. The Lions needed the last bout to tie the meet.

At this point it looked as though Simmons' strategy was going to pay off. Sulkowski had picked Frank Della Penna, a strapping inexperienced sophomore, to fight in the heavy spot. With only one fight behind him, a 30-27 loss at Maryland, Della Penna's chances appeared slim against the ring-wise Yancey. The pair exchanged punches, evenly in the first round. In the second it looked momentarily as though Yancey was beginning to find the range.

Suddenly Della Penna's sharp left began to connect and a hard right cross snapped Yancey's head. The big Lion was on the attack. He back-peddled Yancey to the ropes and continued the pounding. By the time the bell rang the Orangeman was unable to get his hands up and Della Penna's big arms were working like pistons.

Frank stayed on the offense in the third round but it was evident that he was tired. For an instant it looked like Yancey was going to come back, but Della Penna stayed with him and soon had him on the ropes again. His hammer-like fists were still landing with murderous accuracy when the final bell sounded.

The Lions had tied the match, 4-4. They stayed toe to toe with the team regarded as the best in the east. It represents a big gain for Sulkowski and a gross miscalculation for Simmons. It might mean, since most of Sulk's lineup is made up of sophomores, Syracuse's eastern dominance might be seriously threatened in the near future.

Freshmen To Wrestle Saturday

Penn State's freshman wrestlers have the home show all to themselves this weekend.

The frosh will take on plebes from the West Chester State Teachers College Saturday afternoon at Rec Hall, and the 2:30 match is the only home sports event of the day.

The Lions tallied an impressive 23-11 victory over Lock Haven Monday night, and will be out to make it win No. 2 against the strong Rams. West Chester annually turns out some of the best small college grapplers in the East. Last year at Rec Hall, for instance, Ram heavy weight Charles Weber reached the NCAA finals before bowing to State's Hud Samson.

Don Watkins, who has been aiding Coach Charlie Speidel with the Lion matmen, indicates his boys are particularly strong in lower weights. This was well-verified on Monday night, as Penn State men in the first four matches pinned their Lock Haven foes.

George Smith, at 123 pounds, 137 pounder John Pepe, 147 pound grappler Dave Adams, and 157 pound man Dan Gray scored the falls. Pepe was particularly impressive as he defeated Tom Musser, highly touted first year man from Bellefonte.

Adams, a teammate of Musser last year and PIAA champion in 1953, has also impressed and looked strong against the Bobcats.

The probable lineup against West Chester, besides the aforementioned four includes Sid Nodland at 130, Jack Hazen at the 167 pound slot, Jay Livesey at 177 pounds, and Sam Markle, who will take care of the heavyweight chores.

The freshmen will close their season a week from Saturday when they meet the Pitt freshmen at Rec Hall.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 17 (AP)—Outfielder Richie Ashburn has returned his signed contract to the Philadelphia Phillies and received a raise, the club announced today.

Winless Ringmen To Face Badgers

By ROY WILLIAMS

The Nittany boxing squad swung into its first of four scheduled road trips last night when it left for Madison, Wisconsin. Coach Eddie Sulkowski and his eight mittmen left at 8 p.m. for Altoona on the first leg of the 830-mile trip.

Badger Coach, John Walsh, will boast a veteran ring team, although Wisconsin faces the Lions in its season opener.

Last year, the Badgers had the National Collegiate boxing crown knocked from their heads by Idaho State College, Wisconsin, however, still maintained a strong second place with 19 points, just six behind the 1953 Collegiate champs.

Wisconsin, long renowned as the collegiate ring powerhouse, has defeated the Lions 17 times out of the 19 times since the two team's first meeting in 1936. Penn State has copped a meager two wins, the first in 1937, and the latest in 1951, 5-3.

Walsh has an enviable record with the Badgers. In eighteen years, Wisconsin teams have won 109 matches, lost 12, and tied 11 times. Walsh has produced six NCAA team champions, and all 29 individual titles won have resulted from his leadership.

Last year, the Badgers dumped Penn State 5½-2½, went undefeated in seven dual meets, and outscored their opponents in season dual meets, 39-17.

Wisconsin, the Lion boxers' oldest rival, get fabulous attendances at dual meets. In nine Lion meets at Madison since 1936, 51,000 people have witnessed the bouts; the largest crowd for a Lion-Badger match at Wisconsin was 9300 in 1936.

In comparison, San Jose State has visited the Madison field house just five times, but has drawn over 70,000 fight fans, the largest single crowd being 15,000 in 1949.

Although the Badgers open their season against the Lions, they are by no means "in the dark" as far as not having ring experience.

Each year before the start of the boxing season, Wisconsin holds two individual meets, simi-

Wichita Okays NIT Cage Bid

NEW YORK, Feb. 17 (AP)—Wichita University, second-place team in the Missouri Valley Conference and currently ranked 15th in the nation by The Associated Press Poll of sports writers and broadcasters, today accepted an invitation to play in the National Invitation basketball tournament.

Wichita is the fifth team in the field for the tournament at Madison Square Garden, March 6-13. Those previously invited were Western Kentucky, Duquesne, Dayton and Louisville.

lar to Penn State's intramural ring program.

These two tournaments, the annual Contenders' Tournament and the All-University Boxing Tournament, not only produce numerous, but also talented prospects for Badger ring teams.

Such boxers as Ray Zale, 178-pound NCAA champ last year, Bob Meath, Badger ring captain, and Bob Morgan, 1952 147-pound NCAA champion, have been "found" in such competition.

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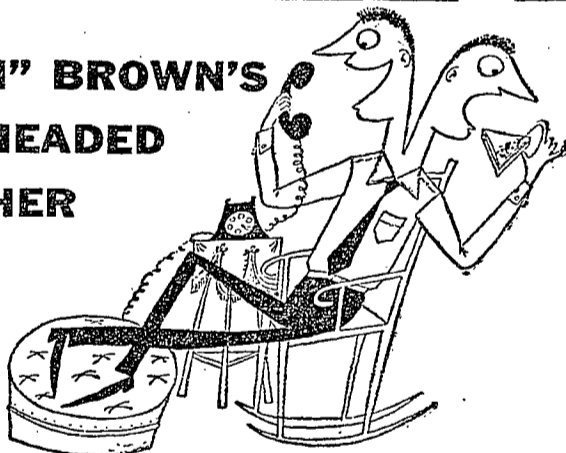
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"FLASH" BROWN'S TWO-HEADED BROTHER



A certain Sophomore named Brown acquired the appellation "Flash," not because he was lightning on the gridiron, but just because he was never without an answer.

You'd pass him on the quadrangle and say "How's it goin', Flash?" He'd answer, "Air Express." Get the pitch?

Brown often referred to his "two-headed brother" in conversations. One day a few men in his fraternity were needling him.

"Your brother's two heads must present quite a few problems."

"Not really. The only problem was his neatness," said Flash.

"Neatness?" "Yes," answered Flash, "he worried about it. Said he couldn't find a shirt that didn't wrinkle around the collar. You see, he was often looking in two directions at once, or eating and talking on the telephone. Hard on a collar."

"What did you do?" They knew he did something about it.

"Simple. I got him the Van Heusen Century shirt with the exclusive soft collar that won't wrinkle ever! I got him different collar styles and colors. \$3.95 for the white, \$4.95 for the colors and superfine whites. You should have seen the grins on his faces when he saw how those collars stayed neat all day and night without starch or stays."

"I guess he can really hold his heads up now," said one.

"Yep. He figures he gets four times more wear from Century than from other shirts. Of course, he actually only gets twice the wear. He just figures in both heads."

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