

"Nice Talk!"

Sam's Song

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Name a sport and you can find its errors. Name an official and you can scrutinize his mistakes. Name its critic and more than not, the remarks come from the local sports editor, sportswriter, or sports columnist. Once-in-a-blue-moon, however, the other side of a story is revealed.

Penn State's boxing team only has a 0-3-1 record to show for the 1954 season, but like most won and lost records, there is more to it than just numbers. Just how good is Coach Eddie Sulkowski's mittmen?

Well, yesterday in the mail the following letter via Madison, Wis., came this way, and speaks for itself:
To the Editor:

"Last night (Friday, February 19) a fine group of Penn State representatives met a supposedly 'loaded' University of Wisconsin boxing team here at Madison.

"As a former Daily Collegian editor and member of the Athletic Advisory Board, I would like to report that the 6-2 score does not represent a complete picture of the match.

"Coach Eddie Sulkowski's team boxed clean and hard and made the surprised Wisconsin Badgers go the limit to salvage a part of their pre-season buildup. From the way some of the matches were scored, I would guess the referee had also been impressed by the advance notices.

"Incidentally, Wisconsin fans are noted for their partisanship. Yet, when Zale was given the decision over Kois (Penn State), the crowd boomed for almost five minutes. I am told that this is unprecedented. A number of longtime Wisconsin followers seated around us expressed belief that if the match had been held anywhere else the final outcome would have been 5-3 or possibly 4-4.

"These are the breaks of the game, however, and the match is over. But we do want to congratulate the team on its outstanding performance and wish it the best of luck. We'll be awaiting its return. Sincerely, Allan W. Ostar, director."

Mr. Ostar paid the Nittany Lion boxers a fine tribute and we would like to thank him. To show that his views were accepted elsewhere in Wisconsin, he enclosed the match writeup from the Wisconsin State Journal (by-lined Henry J. McCormick, sports editor). He said:

"This was a fine meet, one in which the winners and vanquished finished with plenty of honor. It may have been the finest lesson possible for Wisconsin. Up against a team that hadn't won a match, the Badgers had to sweat it out for almost the full route. The fact that Penn State hadn't won a match, of course, was somewhat misleading. It had lost in rousing battles to strong aggregations from Michigan State and Maryland and had tied Syracuse's defending Eastern Intercollegiate champions."

The following is what Fred Nonnemacher, sports editor of the Bethlehem Globe Times, wrote about the Nittany Lion wrestling loss: "It fell to the lot of the Navy wrestlers to accomplish a feat no other member of the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association was successful in doing. That of snapping the long dual meet winning streak of the Penn State grapplers' defending National and Eastern collegiate champions. The upset and it can be listed as such, occurred on the Middies' mats last Saturday afternoon where Navy, winning five of the eight bouts, defeated the Nittany Lions, 19-9. Going into that meet Penn State boasted a phenomenal string of 34 consecutive dual victories, and achievement almost unbelievable."

4th Straight IC4A Win Is Manhattan's Goal

By HERM WEISKOPF

Manhattan, the New York Yankees of the collegiate indoor track world, has reigned supreme over the banked boards for three consecutive seasons.

The cry to end Manhattan's domination has gone up just as the chant of "Break up the Yankees" has arisen. The Jaspers will be gunning for their eighth intercollegiate title Saturday at Madison Square Garden, N.Y.

However, a talented field will be on hand to try to halt Manhattan in the 33rd running of the Intercollegiate Association of Amateur Athletics of America championship meet.

Among the teams listed by the experts as threats to remove the crown from the Jaspers are Yale, Boston University, Cornell, and Penn State. Harvard is considered the dark horse in what is expected to be the closest battle since 1950 when four colleges finished within two points of each other.

Would Have Won in 1950, Too

Manhattan would have copped the laurels that year, too, but for some strange doings in the mile relay. The Jaspers' title bid was ended in that deciding event when one of the Manhattan runners was bowled over by a Princeton runner as the latter wandered across the track.

Although the Jaspers were hit hard by graduation, they are still favored to win their fourth straight IC4A title. Sheepskins were awarded to Manhattan's virtually unbeatable sprint trio of Lindy Remigino, Jack O'Connell, and Joe Schatzle, plus Steve Dillon, ace weight-thrower.

Because of the stiff competition anticipated this year George Eastment, Manhattan coach, said he felt 23 points would be all any team would need to cop the honors. Last season the Jaspers won with 36. With so many strong entrants it is figured the points will be well spread out and, therefore, harder to get.

Jones One of Best

In the 600-yard run Eastment has one of the East's hottest middle-distance runners in Lou Jones. In the past two campaigns Jones has finished second and fourth. Lion star Ollie Sax is the defend-

ing titlist in this event. Sax set a new IC4A record last year with a clocking of 1:10.4. Jones ran the anchor leg for the Manhattan mile relay quartet several weeks ago in a spectacular 0:47.8.

Bill St. Clair is Manhattan's main hope in the mile run. Lou Olive of Army is the favorite to win this event. The Army star is the IC4A outdoor mile champion.

Another Manhattan product, Charley Pratt, has a good chance of regaining the 60-yard high hurdles title he won two years ago. Pratt finished second last season. Don Keller of Princeton and Pratt have recorded the two fastest clockings of the season with 0:07.4 runs. Pratt is the defending titlist in the broad jump, but he will get stiff competition from teammate Lenny Moore who has leaped 23' 1 1/4". Last year Pratt won with a distance of 23' 5 1/4".

Gaffney High Jump Ace

High jumper Frank Gaffney is the favorite in the high jump. Nittany Jim Herb captured the laurels last year, but in a dual meet at the University in the spring, Gaffney outjumped the Lion ace. Herb has since graduated and Gaffney's claim to the favorite position was strengthened by a 6'4 1/2" jump earlier this year.

Eastment has two fine relay teams. The mile quartet is composed of Moore, Ron Lucas, Bob English, and Vern Dixon. Jim Enright, Bob Goodwin, Bob Kubie, and Tom Lindgren form the two-mile baton-passing outfit.

Yanks Sell Vic Raschi To Cardinals

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Feb. 23 (AP)—New York's five-time World Champion Yankees sold Vic Raschi, holdout righthanded pitcher, to the St. Louis Cardinals today for an estimated \$75,000 with the announcement that "some of the players acted as if they were the employers and the club the employee."

"I don't want to make Raschi the whipping boy," George Weiss, Yankee general manager, said, "but there is an attitude of complacency on the club. Some of the players have become independently wealthy through the winning of five straight world championships."

Raschi, whose 120 victories and 50 defeats made him the best pitcher in the majors by statistics, officially became a holdout yesterday when Yankee pitchers were to have reported for spring practice. He has been here for some time but avoided meeting club officials.

The purchase price was not divulged but it was understood to be \$75,000 with a part of it to be paid in young, unidentified talent.

Bush Denounces Bill

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 23 (AP)—August A. Busch today called hardly proper a bill introduced into the Senate to bring under anti-trust laws any professional baseball club owned by a beer or liquor company. Sen. Johnson (D-Colo.) is author of the bill.



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