

# Boxers Seek 2nd at Army

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On the third leg of a four-match road trip, Penn State's boxing team will face Army this afternoon at West Point. The Lions will be seeking their second straight victory, after dropping three and tying one this season.

Penn State's eight-man lineup will remain intact except for one change at the 139-pound division. Ronnie Smith, the fifth sophomore on the Lion ring team, will replace Don Martin, a junior.

Smith has had no previous varsity experience, although he is a product of the intramural competitions last fall.

### Comparative Scores

In comparing Virginia's individual record against Army, and then with the Lions who rocked the Cavaliers 5½-2½, the Penn Staters should have a slight edge. Virginia tied Army, 4-4.

Virginia's 125-pounder Bill Banerdt defeated Army's Weinstein, but Harry Papacharalambous, veteran Lion, fought to a 30-30 draw with Banerdt.

In the 132-pound class, Nittany Bob McMath fighting his first match defeated Virginia's Bob Rush. Rush defeated Army's Merola.

Don Martin's win over Virginia's 139-pounder, Grice Whiteley, would give the Lions the edge in this weight. Whiteley defeated Army's Mike Stevenson, Eastern Cadet last year.

### Smith to be Underdog

But Smith's replacement of Martin may give Stevenson the nod over Penn State's rugged but inexperienced lightweight.

Larry Stokes, Lion 147-pounder carrying the best individual record of 4-1, defeated Virginia's ring newcomer, Bill Young. But Andy Maloney from Army will give Stokes tougher competition than he faced against the Cavaliers. Maloney was 147-pound Eastern Champ last year, after carding an undefeated season of 5-0-1.

Army holds potential trouble for the Lions in three of the remaining four weight classes—156, 165, 178, and heavyweight.

### Eastern Semi-Finalists

In the first two light-heavyweight slots, Army boasts two Eastern semi-finalists. Don Rundle, 156-pounder, will face Don DeMay, the Lion sophomore who has been pitted against senior standout opponents all season. Army's Rundle lost to Virginia's Pete Potter last year, but showed recent improvement in his draw with Potter this year.

Frank Breidor, 165-pound Lion, will face Clyde Massey, Army's second 1953 Eastern semi-finalist. Massey defeated Sonny Nichols of Virginia, and Nichols decisioned Breidor last week, 29-27.

In the 178-pound class, Adam Kois seeks his fourth victory

# Soph Slump Did Not Show In Bevo's Case

NEW YORK, March 5 (AP)—There's been no "sophomore slump" for Clarence (Bevo) Francis, the Rio Grande basketball shotmaker.

Despite a tougher schedule and special defenses to "stop Bevo," Francis has finished the regular season with a smashing 50 point-per-game average on 1100 markers in 22 contests. That's just a shade below the 50.1 average he posted as a freshman last year when he tallied 1954 points.

The difference is that his work will go down in the record books for this season whereas his 1952-53 marks never were recognized because Rio Grande did not play a full four-year college schedule.

NCAA Service Bureau statistics released today show that Francis is almost 20 points ahead of the field in the matter of scoring average among the nation's small colleges. Vince Leta of Lycoming with a 30.9 average and Bill Warden of North Central college of Illinois with 30.7 rank second and third.

# Sinkers Enter IM Cage Finals for Third Year

For the third year in a row, the Sinkers of the independent intramural basketball league will appear in the championship game. This was decided last night at Recreation Hall when the champs of two years running drove to an easy 40-16 triumph over the Forty-Niners.

The Forty-Niners, winners of league D, kept things close in the first half but folded completely in the second when they were outscored, 28-8.

Neither team scored until the three minute mark. It was then that Douglas Mechling broke the ice for the Sinkers with a push shot from the left corner. A fast-break lay-up by Billy Kane made it 4-0. Five minutes had elapsed before Richard Mohler finally countered for the Forty-Niners to make it 4-2. The Sinkers brought it up to 6-2 when Phil Reese hit on a 20-foot push.

Kane then tallied for the Sinkers only to have Bob Martino counter for the Forty-Niners. Another basket for Martino and a fielder by Harry Koehnlein brought about the only tie of the game at 8-8. Kane added three points and Dan Radakovich one to bring the halftime score to 12-8, favor the Sinkers.

The opening tap of the second

half went to Radakovich who in turn tossed to Kane for an easy "peep" shot. From there on in there was no doubt as to the outcome.

The Sinkers began to pour in shots from everywhere as Ray Alberigi, Radakovich, Kane, and Reese all contributed to the rout.

The other independent semi-final game went to the Epars who edged the Easy Aces in an overtime thriller, 38-35.

The Easy Aces led at the half, 17-12. The Epars staged a second half drive that put them in the lead by four with a minute remaining, but two quick baskets for the Aces necessitated the overtime. Daniel LeVan made the all-important overtime field-goal that gave victory to the Epars and a right to play the Sinkers in the independent final Monday night.

against Army's Ed Mendell. Kois defeated the Cadets 178-pounder last year in the Easterns.

Joe Goleman, Lion heavyweight, meets Frank Hicks, Army's semi-finalist in the Easterns last year. Goleman, a junior, has a 1-1-1 card.

On paper Penn State looks stronger in the first four bouts than the Cadets. If the Lions can win three out of the first four matches as they did last week at Virginia coupled with a win by Adam Kois, the worst they can post against the Cadets is a 4-4 tie.

### Sulkowski to See Japan

Penn State's boxing coach, Eddie Sulkowski, will take part in a boxing clinic in Japan during the summer.



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