

"Is it is or is it ain't"

Sam's Song

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More than not, most Penn State sport fans are becoming NCAA "heartsick." Everytime they turn around they find the University participating for National laurels.

First it was Coach Elmer Gross' cagers who went to Fort Wayne, Ind., then to Kansas City, Mo. The showing made by the Lion cagers not only stirred up Penn Staters, but had outsiders looking in. A great many of these onlookers became aware of a University named Penn State. The Lions came in third.

Last weekend the Lion wrestlers, well-known throughout the country for their mat knowhow, had the fans up in arms. They knew the preliminary and quarter-finals results. But that was all. After the quarter-finals, most fans couldn't but help feel that there was no hope; nevertheless, they did keep their fingers crossed all the way up to their elbows.

The Lion fans, however, were left out in the cold as far as the final results were concerned. It took two days until the official outcome was available. Three was also the lucky number here. The matmen as a team placed third and three individuals came in third.

This weekend Coach Gene Wettstone's gym team look for honors. Next weekend Coach Eddie Sulkowski and his boxers make an NCAA attempt. Yes, everytime one turns around Penn State is in a tournament. And in each case the Lions are so close to a title, yet so far away.

Friday and Saturday at the University of Illinois an undefeated and defending Lion gym crew which was overshadowed by the cagers and wrestlers should alter the proverbial saying to "they were so close to the top that they stuck there like glue." Although Wettstone's gymnasts will not be favored in the tourney, speculation is that Penn State will reign as 1954 champs.

"This team," Wettstone said, "is more confident and is in better condition than any squad I have coached. They are a wonderful bunch of boys."

"Take for instance the Wick brothers, Al and Frank, they are wonderful captains. They are fine examples of team leadership."

Jan Cronstedt, Lion standout whose seeming ease of effort exemplifies the beauty in gymnastics, tops a list of five individual champions who return to defend their titles. Last year Cronstedt won titles in the parallel bars and all-around events.

He recently won the Eastern Intercollegiate horizontal and parallel bar events and the all-around title.

Wettstone's defending championship squad is loaded with talent that picking out one individual who will win more honors than the other is rather difficult.

The Lion coach has a fine performer in Tony Procopio (no relation, by the way). Wettstone compares him with some of his 1948 great athletes. Procopio has been responsible for many of the points piled up by the Lion gymnasts. The H-bar and flying rings are his specialties. He can also work the side horse and calisthenics routines.

Karl Schwenzfeier is an all-around man, too. Then there are Bob Lawrence, the Wick captains, Skeets Haag, John Baffa, Dick Spiese, and Bill Paxton.

Penn State doesn't have a good team; it has a good team with depth—necessary in any NCAA tourney.

Last year was the third NCAA tourney won by the gymnasts under Wettstone. This is the third team which is eyeing a National title. Three has been the lucky number. We won't say that this could be it, we say it is it.

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IM Wrestling Finals Tonight

Careful wrestling was the feature last night at Recreation Hall when ten intramural matmen gained victories to enter tonight's finals, scheduled to begin at 8 o'clock. Realizing that they were but one match away from the 'big one', the wrestlers were contented to collect points instead of falls. Only two falls were registered during the night.

Delta Upsilon remains in the lead with 73 team points. Don Farmelo of Chi Phi and Jim Knepp, Alpha Chi Sigma, won their 121-pound matches and will meet for the title. Farmelo added a second period near-fall to a first period reverse to whip Ed Klose, Delta Sigma Phi, 4-1. Knepp pinned Charlie DeLuca, Delta Chi, in

1:29 of the final period.

Armour Black, Chi Phi, earned the right to meet Ralph Cryder, a Tuesday night winner, for the 135-pound fraternity title. Black applied the guillotine hold to Don Holler, Alpha Chi Sigma, at the 34 second mark of the second period.

It will be Peter Huey, Phi Delta Theta, versus Jim Brubaker, Delta Upsilon, for the 145-pound championship. Huey was awarded a take-down, reverse, near fall, and riding time as he walloped Stephen Pierce, Pi Kappa Phi, 7-1. Brubaker eked out a 2-1 decision over Allan Davies, Phi Sigma Kappa, by way of a time advantage point. Each man had gained a first period escape.

Two 155-pounders entered the finals by way of easy decisions. Charles Schrey, Phi Kappa Psi, blanked Stuart Allen, Phi Sigma Delta, 5-0, while Charles Groff, Kappa Delta Rho, took a 12-4 decision from Herb Ferguson, Sigma Pi. Schrey and Groff meet for the division title.

Bill Caryl of Sigma Pi was awarded a forfeit victory when Bill Roberts, Chi Phi, failed to show because of an injury. Caryl meets John Milsom of Alpha Zeta for the 165-pound crown.

Tom Dangerfield of Delta Chi nipped Jim Fulton, Sigma Phi Epsilon, 4-3, in a 175-pound semi-final match. In the other semi-final bout, Winnie Doederlein, Kappa Sigma, gained a last period reverse and quickly followed up with a predicament hold to edge Dan Van Duyne of Alpha Gamma Rho, 6-4.

Baseball Citrus Dope

LAKELAND, Fla., March 31 (AP)—Robin Roberts, Philadelphia's ace righthander, pitched the full nine innings today but was raked for 13 hits and the Phillies dropped a 7-2 decision to the Detroit Tigers.

The Tigers roughed up Roberts for all their runs in the first four innings, the last three coming on Charlie Kress' home run over the centerfield fence with two mates aboard.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 31 (AP)—Brooklyn's defending National League champions and their most feared challengers, Milwaukee, opened their homeward series today with the Dodgers slugging out a 10-7 victory.

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., March 31 (AP)—The upstart Pittsburgh Pirates whipped the world champion New York Yankees 9-3 today, ending the Yank's worst Florida showing in the six years of Casey Stengel's reign.

Today's loss was the 16th in 24 Florida games for the New Yorkers. Pittsburgh, a good bet to finish last in the National League,

has a 12-6 Florida record, best of any of the 12 Florida-based clubs.

HOUSTON, Tex., March 31 (AP)—The New York Giants regained their winning touch before a crowd of 8232 in Buff Stadium today, defeating the Cleveland Indians 4-2 to make their record nine out of 12 in their spring barnstorming tour with the Tribe.

The Giants, who lost to Cleveland yesterday, collected only four hits, but received help from the Indians, who made four errors. Three of the New York runs were unearned.

CHARLESTON, S.C., March 31 (AP)—Tom Wright homered and Pete Runnels tripled in a big, five-run sixth-inning outburst as Washington blasted Cincinnati 9-2 today for the American League's second win in as many days over the Reds.

Frank Shea, working the first six innings for the Senators, puzzled the Cincinnati batters, who obtained only four hits. Sonny Dixon hurled the last three, allowing five safeties and two ninth-inning runs.

Double V-Ball Forfeit Scored

Phi Kappa and Sigma Phi Alpha figured in one of the rarer happenings on last Tuesday night's intramural volleyball card. The two teams, scheduled to play each other, failed to appear, and consequently a double forfeit was called, with both teams given a loss.

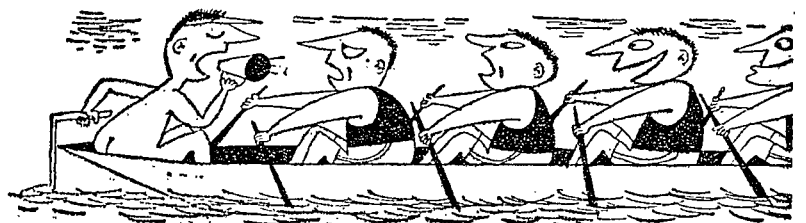
In other games, Sigma Alpha Epsilon-B beat Acacia-B, 15-12, 15-7. Delta Chi upended Sigma Pi, 15-11, 15-4, while Tau Phi Delta beat Alpha Phi Alpha, 15-7, 15-9. Sigma Nu defeated Phi Epsilon Pi, 15-10, 15-8, and Beta Sigma Rho won by forfeit from Alpha Phi Delta.

Delta Chi routed Pi Kappa Alpha, 15-1, 15-4. Delta Theta Sigma edged Theta Chi, 15-12, 10-15, 15-13, and Alpha Gamma Rho beat Chi Phi, 15-12, 16-14. Sigma Pi outlasted Sigma Alpha Epsilon-A, 15-9, 13-15, 17-15. Beta Theta Pi beat Phi Sigma Kappa, 15-6, 11-15, 15-4, and Phi Mu Delta won its first match, beating Theta Kappa Phi, 17-15, 17-15.

Outstanding Soph

Few collegians ever win the Intercollegiate Boxing Association's outstanding boxer award as sophomores. Jack Stokes, stylish Penn State 147-pounder, turned the trick as he won title honors in the 1954 tourney at Charlottesville, Va.

THE COXSWAIN WHO WANTED TO BE A NUDIST



The coxswain of a leading university crew didn't like to be tossed in the water after a victory. He didn't like it so much the crew started tossing him in the water any old time they saw him near it.

He complained bitterly that it was ruining all his sportshirts. He liked nice sportshirts, but all he owned had either shrunk or streaked or spotted. He was not a happy coxswain. With no more sportshirts, he contemplated joining a nudist colony.

He told the whole wretched tale to the Dean of Men.

The Dean said, "You like really good sportshirts, eh? Something like a fine gabardine?"

"Uh huh," the coxswain beamed.

"Try this—take \$5.95 down to the nearest men's store and get a Van Heusen Van Gab. It's the best-looking gabardine sportshirt you've ever owned and it's completely washable—any kind of water. What's more, it's got real pick-stitching on the collar, pockets and cuffs...it's got a Sportown collar that looks as smart with a tie as without. Van Heusen really knows how to make 'em."

Said coxswain is now sportshirt king of the campus. Owns Van Gabs in all smart non-fade colors. Called best-natured coxswain on east coast. Doesn't wait to be dunked by crew. Jumps in, Van Gab and all.

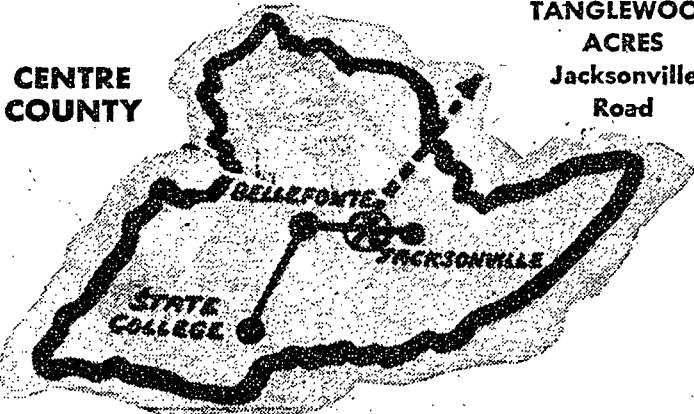
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