

# Lion Boxers Among Leaders

## Bedenkmen Meet WVU In Twinbill

By HERM WEISKOPF

Most managers would envy the record of Nittany baseball coach Joe Bedenk in his first 23 seasons at the helm.

Bedenk will carry his amazing record into the season's opener tomorrow, a doubleheader, with the West Virginia Mountaineers. In almost two dozen years of guiding the destinies of the Lions, he has posted a record of 257 wins, 111 losses, and one tie. This gives the Nittany mentor a fabulous won-lost percentage of .699.

### All-Time Marks

Penn State's all-time won and lost percentage of .674 ranks among the best in the nation for collegiate competition. Nittany teams have won 662 games and lost 320. Managers other than Bedenk have posted 405 wins and 209 losses for a percentage of .643.

Last season the smiling, gray-haired coach led Penn State into the District Two playoffs for the third time in five years. The Lions were eliminated by Lafayette after taking the first game of the playoffs from Fordham.

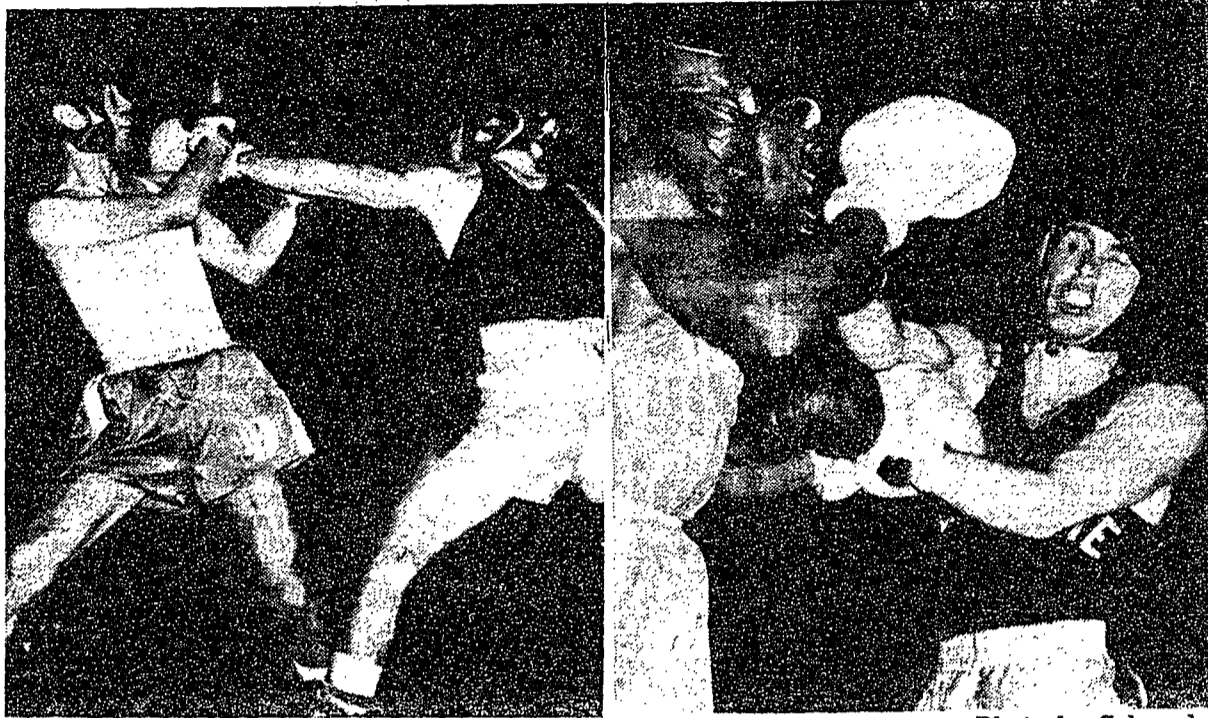
Bedenk's finest season came in 1952, when his team was the surprise squad of the College World Series. The Lions copped the District Two title that year and went on to place third in the nation in the big tournament.

### Runnerup in 1949

In 1949 Penn State was runner-up in the District Two playoffs, winning three of five tournament games.

The only tie game in Bedenk's 23 years of handling the Lion managerial reins came last season against Lafayette. With the score deadlocked at 2-2 the game was called because of darkness. Garland Gingerich had done a good job of holding the Leopards in check in the first game of a two-game trip by the Lions when the contest was called.

There have been only five tie games in the history of Penn State baseball—two with Colgate and one each with Navy, Lehigh, and Lafayette.



HAWAIIAN 125-pounder, Seiji Naya, dodges a left jab from Penn State's Harry Papacharalambous in the second round of their NCAA bout. Naya won his fifth straight match and a semi-final berth tonight taking all three rounds from Pappy with a 3-0 decision.

JACK STOKES, Lion 147-pound Eastern champ, connects with a right to the chin of Connie Stamps, Hampton Institute, in last night's NCAA preliminary action. Stokes won every round to move into the semi-finals and snap Stamp's 4-0 victory string.

—Photo by Schroeder

## Stokes, Kojs, Breidor, Goleman Enter Semi-finals Tonight; Zale Eliminated

By ROY WILLIAMS

Penn State's boxing team, along with Louisiana State University and San Jose State, held the spotlight in the National Collegiate boxing tourney last night with three team points each. Five other entries of the fifteen schools which entered the tourney have two points each.

Tonight Penn State will enter four men into the semi-final action. Captain Adam Kojs, sophomore Jack Stokes, 165-pounder Frank Breidor, and heavyweight Joe Goleman will carry the bulk of Penn State's hopes for NCAA honors.

However, the Lions aren't alone.

Four other schools will send four men into the ring tonight. Wisconsin, still the team to beat despite the fact that 178-pound defending champion Ray Zale was dethroned last night, Michigan State, San Jose State, and Maryland, all have four men remaining.

### McMath, Fornicola Lose

Last night, two Lions—Bob McMath and Larry Fornicola—dropped their preliminary bouts. Fornicola, fighting his second primary bout of the day, lost to Vic Harris of San Jose State. Harris continually jabbed the tiring Fornicola to take the bout, 3-0.

McMath, fighting the evening's third preliminary bout, bowed to Joe Rodriguez, also of San Jose State. McMath took the first round, 30-29, from the 132-pounder, but dropped the next two 30-28, 29-28, as Rodriguez moved in aggressively with both boxers trading lefts in the final stanza.

Stylish Stokes and Kojs scored impressive wins. Stokes took every round from Connie Stamps, Hampton Institute, 30-27, 30-27, and 30-26. Stamps, Central Collegiate champ, put on a pressing attack in the first and second rounds, but Stokes landed more punches in the third to score a 3-0 victory.

### Kojs Tops Stern

Kojs, battling Tom Stern of San Jose State, who boasted a one-sided, 10-1-0 record, won every round from his taller opponent. Although Kojs had trouble moving in he won all three rounds, 30-23, 30-27, and 30-25, while landing several telling blows.

One of the biggest upsets of the night came when Don Quarles, North Carolina A&T, clubbed Zale, the only defending champ from the 1953 NCAA tourney with a 2-1 decision.

Quarles took two rounds but one round scored 27-27 was awarded to Zale. After fighting only two bouts during the regular season, Quarles landed solid lefts to Zale's head in every round. Zale, remaining cool during the entire bout, was continually chasing

Quarles, out the muscular 178-pounder attacked and fought Zale at-will. Last year Zale beat Quarles in the semi-finals of the same tourney.

### Hawaiian Entries Win

Hawaii's two entries—Seiji Naya, 125-pounds, and Cyril Okamoto, 132-pounds, both moved into the semi-finals.

Naya took every round from Penn State's Harry Papacharalambous, 29-25, 30-25, and 29-26, although Naya lost one point in the second round for an unintentional low blow. Pappy, trying to move in, missed several punches while Naya stood out and picked him off effectively.

Washington State, Hampton Institute, Wisconsin, Hawaii, and Virginia each have two team points. North Carolina A&T, Syracuse, Michigan State, Idaho State, and Maryland each have one team point.

But Penn State's hopes for NCAA laurels may not be as bright as the entry of four semi-finalists may indicate.

In the 147-pound class, Stokes will meet Herb Odom of Michigan State who holds a 5-0-1 record. The Lions' Breidor faces Gordy Gladson, Washington State. Gladson, who was undefeated when he entered the tournament last night, ran his string to 19 wins with victory over Earl Orr, North Carolina A&T.

Gladson—who owns not only a victory string—but also a murderous attack, smashed Orr to the canvas with a blasting right hand last night at 1:55 of the first round.

Maryland's Ron Rhodes (3-2-1) will meet Kojs in the semi-finals. Kojs previously met Rhodes at Maryland this year; the two boxers tied, 26-26 in the dual meet.

Heavyweight Joe Goleman will meet Bob Hinds, Wisconsin's undefeated heavy with a 6-0-0 card. Hinds dropped Goleman in the Lions' third match of the season against Wisconsin at 1:21 of the first round.

Penn State advanced one of its two Thursday afternoon entries into the second round of preliminaries last night when Fornicola defeated Ronald Titus, Idaho. Fornicola won the 139-pound bout by a split decision, 2-1.

The first round went to Fornicola, 30-25, although both men got off to slow starts. With the pace faster in the second, Fornicola landed effective lefts to the head of Titus to win the round by the narrow margin, 30-29. Titus came back in the third as Fornicola began to tire to win it, 29-28.

Joe Humphrey, pitted against Wisconsin's undefeated 156-pounder Bob Meath, dropped his preliminary bout by the split decision vote, 2-1. Meath took the first round, 30-29, as both boxers slowly felt out each other's style.

Meath, being slow to mix, also took the faster second round, 30-26. In the third, however, Humphreys opened up with solid lefts. Tiring in the final seconds, he managed to win the round, 30-29.

Fornicola's victory placed him in last night's second round of preliminary eliminations against Harris, Pacific Coast champ from San Jose State.

Thursday afternoon preliminary results:

- 125-lbs.—Hernandez, San Jose State, defeated Eddie Olson, Washington State, 3-0.
- 125-lbs.—Bob Freeman, Louisiana State, defeated Jim Howell, North Carolina A&T, 3-0.
- 132-lbs.—Stigets, Louisiana State, defeated Terry Tynn, Wisconsin, 2-0.
- 132-lbs.—Palumbo, Maryland, defeated Wadsworth, Idaho, 3-0.
- 139-lbs.—Fornicola, Penn State, defeated Ron Titus, Idaho, 2-1.
- 139-lbs.—Inaba, Washington State, defeated Tony Hansell, Army, 2-1.
- 139-lbs.—Pickens, Hampton Institute, defeated Parker, N. Carolina A&T, 3-0.
- 147-lbs.—Lundgren, Idaho State, defeated Theofield, Maryland, 3-0.
- 156-lbs.—Meath, Wisconsin, defeated Humphreys, Penn State, 2-1.
- 165-lbs.—Alvarez, Hampton Institute, defeated Rigolosi, Syracuse, 2-1.

## Stickmen Face Kenyon Tomorrow

The Kenyon College Lords will furnish the opposition tomorrow when the Penn State lacrosse team raises the curtain on the 1954 season. The game, slated to start at 2 p.m., will be played on Beaver Field. Kenyon, having already opened its season, shows one defeat—a 12-6 loss to Washington College.

The Lords, who hail from Gambier, Ohio, are the Mid-Western Champions. They were beaten 15-6 in their opener last year by Washington College, but went on to win eight games in a row, retaining their championship in the process. Among the teams the Lords defeated were Denison, Oberlin, Ohio State University, and the Cleveland Lacrosse Club.

The Lords, coached by Bill Stiles, will bring an All-Midwest All-Star player. He is attackman Tookie Cole. Cole tallied four of the six goals registered by Kenyon in the Washington College opener.

Lion coach Nick Thiel said that George Bicklehaupt, junior letter-winner, will replace injured captain Dave Arnold in the starting midfield. Andy Bergesen will remain on the second line at center and will be flanked by Allan LeChard and Frank Locotos. Locotos was moved to the midfield line from the attack.

Arnold, who is recovering from a shoulder separation, is expected to resume practice after the Easter vacation. He should be able to see action in the Hobart game April 30 if things turn out as expected. Arnold, therefore, will definitely miss games with Kenyon, Navy, Loyola, and Pennsylvania. A temporary captain has not been named. Thiel will probably choose a senior to act as captain before each game.

Tomorrow's opener will be the last game at home until May 8 when Rutgers will provide the opposition. Starting with the April 14 encounter at Annapolis, the Lions will play five road games in succession. Loyola of Baltimore, Pennsylvania, Hobart and Syracuse will follow Navy in that order. The Lions will close out the season with three home contests. Swarthmore and Cornell will appear for games on May 15 and 22 respectively.

The aforementioned schools, except for Kenyon which is a new opponent, were all met by Penn State last year. The Lions' lone victory came against Loyola of Baltimore, 13-8. The eight schools totaled 121 goals against the Lions' output of 63.

## IM Results

### HANDBALL

- Lewis Landon over Claude Boni 15-3, 15-0
- Don Wallis over Al Russo 15-10, 15-11
- Clayton Strasser over William Kuhn 15-13, 15-3
- David Girard over Thomas Blandford for forfeit
- John Robinson over Bob Thomas 15-0, 15-1
- Stanton Vogin over Dennis Donovan 15-11, 15-9
- Jerry Jayne over William Rupp
- Jesse Wachtel over Dick Humes
- Roger Uhler over Charles Garson for forfeit
- Harry Carroll over Raymond McCartney

## Riders to Perform In Horse Show

Seven student riders and six horses will depart tomorrow for Cornell University to take part in the Intercollegiate Horse Show. Riders from Penn State who will participate are Ed Brodnax, Ed Campbell, Pat Gilbert, Gail Smith, Gerry Aquisse, Nancy Wild, and Bill Howell.

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