

Lions Reject Cigar Bowl Bid

Reason—No Suitable Foe In Contention

Associated Press Picks Walters On Second-Team All-America

Only a handful of major college football teams scored in double figures for nine successive weeks during the 1957 football season. Rip Engle's Penn State platoons turned the trick as they averaged 18.5 points per game.

By VINCE CAROCCI
Sports Editor

The Penn State football team yesterday rejected a formal bid to play in the Cigar Bowl game Dec. 28 at Tampa, Fla.

The decision came when the players, gathered at a secret noon meeting, voted not to accept the invitation.

A source close to the Lion football scene said that the rejection was probably due to the fact that the Cigar Bowl committee would

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The Associated Press announced last night that the Cigar Bowl Committee cancelled plans to hold its bowl game this year.

According to the AP, Morton Annis, head of the group said: "We have called off this year's game because we were unable to attract two major college elevens and we didn't want to put on a game with small college teams."

Previous Cigar Bowl games had pitted small colleges, but this year, for the first time, the committee obtained NCAA approval to go after the bigger schools.

probably not be able to come up with a suitable opponent for the Lions.

As yet, the committee has not been able to name any team that has accepted its bid. Mississippi State and Texas Christian University have already rejected bids.

At latest report, Houston, Boston College, Syracuse, Southern Methodist and Miami are still in contention for the bid. None of these schools have better-than-average records to date.

Should a formidable—record-wise and prestige-wise—such as TCU or Mississippi State have accepted the bid, indications are that the Lions probably would have agreed to play.

However, with the situation as it now stands, the squad did not feel it was worth the effort to begin serious drills once again after a 10-day layoff.

Of this, the spokesman said: "When we go to a bowl, we want to go to a bowl that will do some good for the prestige of the University."

Another factor which influenced the voting was that the Cigar Bowl stadium holds between only 15,000 and 20,000 spectators when filled to capacity. The question then arose as to whether the trip merited the expense to be had by accepting the bid.

Additional football honors were bestowed upon Lion end Les Walters with the announcement that he was named to a second-team All-America berth by the Associated Press.

This announcement overshadowed the news that Walters was named to the United Press' All-East first team. Walters already had been named to an AP first-team All-East berth.

(Guard Joe Sabol was named to the UP's second All-East team while halfback Dave Kasperian was named to the third team.)

The AP selection was the first Walters had received on the All-America picks, although a few had named him on their honorable-mention list.

Walters, upon hearing of the selection, said: "You know my



Les Walters
... AP All-American

feelings on it... I'm real happy about it."

It has been a busy week for the Hershey grinder. Earlier in the week he was named to the AP's All-East team, was named by the Pittsburgh Curbstone Coaches Club as the most valuable Penn State player of the year, was drafted by the professional football Baltimore Colts, and was named to the East team for the Shrine game at San Francisco, Calif. Now this.

The AP's All-America team: Jim Phillips, Auburn, and Dick Wallen, UCLA — ends; Lou Michaels, Kentucky, Alex Karras, Iowa — tackles; Aurelius Thomas, Ohio State, and Bill Krisher, Oklahoma — guards; and Dan Currie, Michigan State — center. The backfield: King Hill, Rice — quarterback; Dick Christy, North Carolina State, and Jim Pace, Michigan — halfbacks; and John Crow, Texas A&M — fullback.

11 Win as IM Boxing Opens

By BILL JAFFE

Six fraternity boxers made 'opening night' a successful one yesterday at Recreation Hall as they scored victories in the first round of the intramural boxing tournament while five other entrants won via the forfeit route.

Winners at 128 pounds were Dick King, Lambda Chi Alpha, and Skip Yost, Kappa Sigma. Gabriel DePietro, Tau Phi Delta, and John Behne, Delta Tau Delta, copped decisions at 145 pounds.

Delta Upsilon's Joe Riley and Alpha Zeta's Bob McCown won their matches at 155 pounds. Forfeit winners were Anthony DiGuglielmo, Delta Sigma Phi, Craig Kauffman, Kappa Sigma, Peter Moran, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Cy Dubinsky, Delta Upsilon, and John Rusnak, Delta

Upsilon.

King unleashed a full-fisted attack on Vaughn Baker, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, early in the initial round. A sharp right jab to head of Baker ended the 128-pound clash, with King the victor.

Using a steady aggressive attack to his advantage, Skip Yost decisioned Phi Epsilon Pi's Stanley Kaufman. Yost used a two-fisted flurry to gain the first round and then finished strong to notch the win at 128 pounds.

DePietro overwhelmed DU's Dick Hammond to score a victory at 145 pounds. DePietro dropped his opponent with a solid right-cross in the second round.

In the other 145-pound clash, John Behne rallied in the final round to down Phi Ep's Jim Walfish. Walfish forced the fight most

of the first two rounds but was slowed up in the final minutes of action.

Joe Riley swarmed all over Theta Xi's Leroy Fetterman in the early seconds of action and referee Frank Patrick stopped the fight to give Riley a triumph.

In one of the closest fights of the night, Bob McCown decisioned Ken Hall, Chi Phi, at 155-pounds. Both fighters used solid body and head punches to their advantage but McCown's head assault was the most impressive.

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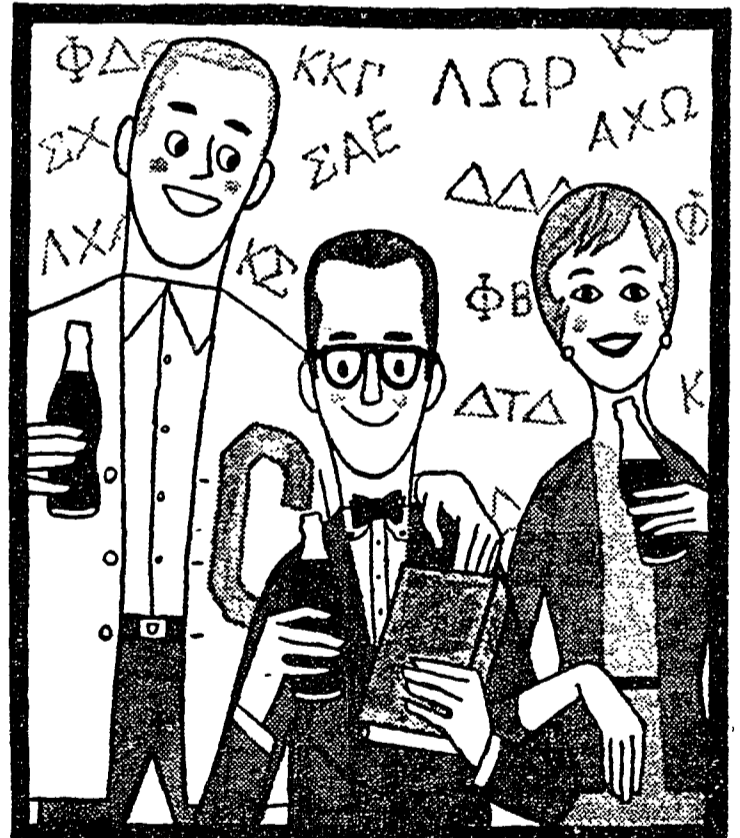
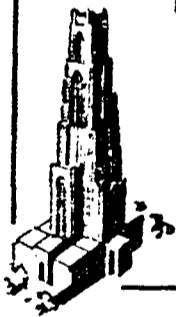
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