

Rugby team rolls to 2 wins, 1 draw

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The rugby team squared off against both Juniata and Salem Colleges this past weekend and walked away with two impressive wins and one tie.

By defeating Wheeling College and Slippery Rock University in previous games, Penn State repeated as the Allegheny Rugby Union champions. Going into the first game against Juniata, which ended in a 10-10 tie, adviser Bruce Hale thought the team may have been too self-assured because of its renewed status.

"We underestimated Juniata," Hale said. "They were much stronger than we expected them to be, but we still played them well. I just wish we could've come away with a win rather than a tie."

In the game against Juniata, the Penn State team fell behind 6-0, but was able to battle back to a tie. Sean O'Halloran sent the ball reeling down the field, where Mike O'Halloran was able to outrun the Juniata players for a try (four points). The conversion by Kevin Wilkes tied the score at 6-6.

Juniata then struck back with a try, but the kick failed to put the score at 10-6. Penn State re-tied the game when Howard Goldfine scored from a lineout, putting the game at a 10-10 deadlock where it remained.

Goldfine found that the games during the weekend were very helpful to the young players. Usually, there are three teams based on strengths, but instead, against Juniata and Salem the teams were divided to give everyone a chance to play.

"This weekend was a good opportunity for the underclassmen," Goldfine said. "It provided us a chance to play with the older and more experienced members of the team."

Penn State was able to dominate Salem as well as a combination of Juniata and Salem. The final score of the Salem match was 46-6 and in the combination game Penn State romped to a score of 28-3.

Almost everyone on the team was able to score, including Al Ayida, Dave Huff and Dan Grisafi, who tallied two tries each. Bill Kaempfer, Adrian Smith, Nigel Hilton, Scott Davis and Derek Baker each added one try for themselves.

"We played very well and handled the ball well," Eric Riehl said. "We really controlled all of the games."

"Although the teams were mixed, putting players next to people they were unfamiliar with, everyone pulled together and played as a tight unit," added Huff, a senior.

Next weekend, the Penn State squad will host West Virginia.



Mike Tyson

Holmes, Tyson fight allowed

LONDON (AP) — Former champion Larry Holmes can fight Mike Tyson next year for the undisputed world heavyweight championship, the World Boxing Council said yesterday.

On the final day of its annual convention, the WBC agreed to sanction the Tyson-Holmes bout for its share of the world title, even though the 38-year-old Holmes has not boxed in 18 months.

It declined, however, to reinstate Holmes to the top 10 contender ranking he held when he retired after failing to regain the International Boxing Federation title from Michael Spinks in April 1986.

Holmes held the WBC heavyweight title from 1979-1983. Tyson, like Holmes and Spinks an American, holds all three universally recognized championships — WBC, IBF and World Boxing Association.

Tyson and Holmes are scheduled to meet in January 1988.

In the super-featherweight division, the convention dropped Mario Martinez of Mexico from the top 10 for signing to fight an unidentified South African opponent in a bout sanctioned by the rival WBA.

The WBC bars fights involving boxers from South Africa, as a protest to that country's apartheid policies.

WBC president Jose Sulaiman said that if Martinez, who had been ranked No. 1 by the WBC, and his manager formally denounce apartheid and disassociate themselves from any contest connected with South Africa, the rating will be reconsidered.

Sulaiman, whose request to drop Martinez was unopposed, also succeeded in having former light-weight champion Hector Camacho of New York dropped to No. 11 in the light-welterweight division because of allegations of disrespect to the WBC.

In the heavyweight rankings, Britain's Frank Bruno was rated the No. 1 contender, meaning that he will get first crack at the champion in the next mandatory defense, probably next summer.

Bruno, who lost a championship challenge to Tim Witherspoon in July 1986, moved up five places after stopping Australian Joe Bugner in the eighth round of a scheduled 10-rounder last Saturday.

Witherspoon was placed ninth in the rankings approved yesterday.

In other business, the WBC announced plans for a pension fund for retired boxers.

A charitable foundation will be set up to assist elderly or needy former boxers.

Vet Stadium choking victim's kin file suit

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — The family of a New Jersey man who died seven weeks after choking in the stands during a Philadelphia Eagles football game has filed suit claiming the NFL team failed to provide adequate medical care.

Also named in the suit were the company that provides security at the stadium, the City of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Fire Department.

The suit was filed in U.S. District Court last Friday by the estate of Edwin L. Meyer Sr., his wife, Marion, and his son, Edwin L. Meyer Jr., of Clarksboro, N.J. It claims that the defendants didn't have properly trained medical personnel at Veterans Stadium and didn't respond in a timely fashion.

The younger Meyer said in an interview published in yesterday's Gloucester County Times that his

father began choking after eating peanuts and food at the stadium during an Eagles game on Oct. 26, 1986.

The younger Meyer told the paper that he tried unsuccessfully to revive his father, then attempted to enter the playing field to summon the Eagles' team doctor for help, but was prevented from doing so by stadium security.

The elder Meyer lay on cement

for about 35 minutes before an emergency crew from the Philadelphia Fire Department arrived, his son told the newspaper.

The elder Meyer went into a coma and died seven weeks later, according to his son.

"The emergency facilities were inadequate. Had somebody got to him earlier, he still would be with us today," the younger Meyer told the paper.

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