



# 'Minor' Sports: A Day of Decision

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Late this afternoon, a jury of 12 men hopefully will return a verdict in the case of the Syracuse University administration vs. "minor" team sports.

The jury is the administrative board of athletics, more commonly known as the athletic board. Its members include SU alumni, trustees, faculty and students.

Foreman of the jury is Eric Faigle, university vice president and dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Additional jurors are Athletic Director James Decker, trustees Charles Chappell and Royal O'Day, professors Donald Kibbey, (chairman of the math department) and Nathan Ginsburg (physics), student government representatives Carl Corallo and William Brodsky, and alumni Harry Marley, Allen Poole, Stuart Pomeroy and Andrew Marchiano.

This jury does not possess policy-making jurisdiction — it merely offers suggestions. But the power of suggestion of such a prominent group of individuals can have noticeable effect.

The jury will discuss various facets of

the situation before it reaches a decision. The following questions should be answered:

(1) Who in the administration is behind the current downplay of "minor" sports? It seems about time that the persons responsible put their cards on the table.

(2) Why are the scholarships being cut? Is it money? It is a desire to turn Syracuse into an Ivy League school? What is the real reason?

(3) How does downplaying "minor" sports — slicing off their scholarship aid — raise the academic level at Syracuse University?

(4) Is it the intention of those responsible that all "minor" sports grants-in-aid will be eliminated within the near future?

(5) Just what is the university's athletic policy? This is a question raised by several Hill athletes. No one appears to know exactly what the situation is.

(6) How does the administration justify its double role — big-time football and basketball and small-time other sports?

(7) Why will the "need" factor work at Syracuse University when it flopped in the Big 10? How does the administration face the facts that first, the "need" factor severely handicaps us in recruiting the athletes we desire; second, that the "need" factor discriminates against the hard-working parents; and third, that the "need" factor robs a person of something he himself has earned?

(8) How does the administration expect Hill athletic teams to compete on an equal basis with their competition if scholarships are cut and the "need" factor enforced?

(9) To what point can the idea of the "student-athlete" extend and still enable Syracuse to compete with its opponents?

When these questions are answered, we will have a far better picture of the future of "minor" team sports at Syracuse.

In his "inside story," former swimming coach Ted Webster stated that "the administration has been very complacent for many years as has the so-called athletic board."

Now is the time for action, not complacency. We are waiting.

## ♦ Nance Set to Crusade for Mat Title ♦



By KEN RUDNICK

Jim "Bo" Nance is a crusader. His crusade — to regain the NCAA heavyweight wrestling title — will begin this weekend in Cornell's Hall at the Eastern Regionals. If it ends successfully, the climax will come some 2,000 miles away — in Laramie, Wyo., in the University of Wyoming's Memorial Field House.

Two years ago, Nance sat atop the intercollegiate wrestling world after capturing the NCAA championship by defeating Larry Kristoff of Southern Illinois, 2-1.

It was a noteworthy achievement, particularly because Nance was only a sophomore and wrestling is a sport in which experience counts for so much.

Last spring, Jim lost his title. His fall, however, was not quiet — not by a long shot. As a matter of fact, Nance is convinced he never should have lost his quarter-final match to Morehead State's Pab Billberg.

"First," he reflects, "I made a mistake by changing my strategy. My style is normally aggressive, but against Billberg I tried to wrestle defensively. Then, there was that poor call by the referee."

That "poor call" came in the closing moments of the match with Nance and Billberg locked in a 1-1 tie. The official awarded a point to Billberg, ruling that Nance had backed off the mat purposely in an effort to avoid a takedown. The result was a 2-1 victory for Billberg.

The decision was controversial, but nothing to approach the reaction which followed Jim's failure to make an appearance for a consolation match that evening.

"My wrist was hurting me," explains Nance. "I lost to this guy I shouldn't have lost to. I didn't feel as though he had really beaten me."

Maybe Bo wasn't the most gracious loser, but he hadn't had much practice. The defeat was the first since his sophomore year in high school in Indiana, Pa.

He lost three times then—twice to the state scholastic champion and once to the runnerup. He had gone on from there to win 78 consecutive matches.

That Nance is wrestling at all this year is a testimony to his pride and desire to prove himself. Fabled by Chicago of the

NFL and Boston of the AFL in the pro football drafts, he postponed signing and the peace of mind that goes with one of those inflationary pro contracts.

Nance's wrestling debut was delayed by Syracuse's Sugar Bowl appearance and he has had only four matches, winning on pins against Army, Penn State and Cornell and by decision against Cornell.

This lack of competition may be Nance's biggest enemy in his bid to reclaim the crown. "It certainly won't help him," comments SU wrestling coach Ed Carlin.

"He'll be at a disadvantage against some of those fellas in the midwest — guys who've faced tough competition all year I think John Illengwarth (of Lehigh) will be his major obstacle in the Easterns."

On the plus side however, are Jim's physical attributes and ability. At a solid 230 pounds, his sheer strength often causes observers to overlook his abundant skills.

Carlin Calls Nance "a natural." He makes things look easy which would be difficult for most other guys."

But if Nance is to reach the top for a second time, it won't be easy.

### BING EARNS HOOP HONORS

The Hill's Dave Bing has been selected on the District 2 all-star cage team by the U.S. Basketball Writers Association.

Joining Bing on the squad are Princeton's Bill Bradley, Matt Guokas of St. Joe's, Warren Isaac of Iona and Villanova's Jim Washington.