

PHI DELTA THETA WINS I.M. BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Harvey's AC Loses, 31-18 In Final Tilt

Turning on that same relentless power which enabled them to dominate league 10 and trounce three other section winners, Phi Delta Theta whipped Harvey's A. C., 31-18, to become 1938 intramural basketball champions Sunday afternoon at Recreation hall.

Making their way to the tournament finals, Phi Delta Theta felled Alpha Chi Rho, 39-30, Phi Kappa, 22-17, and Kappa Delta Rho, 21-19, while Varsity Hall and Lambda Chi Alpha bowed to Harvey's A. C. by the respective scores of 30-25 and 30-17.

At the close of a nip-and-tuck first half, Phi Delta Theta, coming from behind, led Harvey's, 13-10. Brilliant long shots by Harold Fry, Phi Delta forward, who tossed in four from the field and made good four free throws, turned the second period into a Phi Delta Theta runaway. Hess, tournament high scorer, sinking four goals and six fouls, sparked Harvey's attack with 14 points. During the second half, Harvey's were held scoreless until the last three minutes of play.

Phi Delta Stars
Carrying Phi Delta Theta to the championship were Snyder and Fry at forwards, Hughes and Fair alternating at center, and Kingdon and Nevin at the guard posts. Hess, Clasen, and Cooper at forwards, Grim and Kolb switching at center, and Wuenschel, Defalco, and Harrison at guards, composed Harvey's line-up.

In the first round of the eight-game tournament, the Independents downed the B. R. B. club, 28-20, while Phi Delta Theta beat Alpha Chi Rho, 39-30. In the quarter finals, Kappa Delta Rho bested Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 28-26; Phi Delta Theta defeated Phi Kappa, 22-17; Harvey's A. C. trounced Varsity Hall, 30-25; and Lambda Chi Alpha eliminated the Independents, 21-19.

Weathering a vicious last minute attack, Phi Delta Theta won from Kappa Delta Rho, 21-19, in the semifinal round while Harvey's thrashed Lambda Chi Alpha, 30-17. High scorers during the tournament were Hess, Harvey's A. C. ace, with 19 field goals and 11 fouls for 49 points, and Fry, Phi Delta forward, making 45 digits through 18 goals-from-the field and 9 charity tosses.

Donato Denies He Will Box As Professional

Intermittent rumors that Sammy Donato, Penn State's 155 pound eastern intercollegiate boxing champion, would turn professional upon graduation in June were quelled today when Donato definitely declared that he wasn't interested in boxing as a livelihood.

"I am looking forward to teaching physical education and coaching," said Donato. "Boxing will be my last resort."

Donato, who was captain of the 1938 Lion boxing team and co-captain of football last fall, has prospects of a coaching job in Dunmore, his home town.

Varsity Athletes Again Top All-College Scholarship Mark

Varsity athletes for the second successive year rank ahead of the all-college scholastic average, a tabulation of first semester academic standards shows. Lettermen of the Lions' nine winter sport teams attained an average of 1.45, slightly higher than the all-college mark of 1.41 and the all-men's level of 1.36.

Top honors were again gained by the gymnastic team with an average of 2.05. Charley Spiedel's grapplers garnered second place with 1.58, followed by the basketball team at 1.55 and the footballers rating 1.44.

All teams recorded average above an even 1.00. Fencing, cross-country, soccer, swimming, and boxing followed the grid team in that order with averages of 1.35, 1.34, 1.28, 1.21 and 1.04, respectively.

The wrestling Craighead twins, Frank and John, and E. Roger Kirk of the fencers, were three varsity letter-winners who registered a perfect all-college average of 3.00.

Five musclemen of Coach Gene Bischoff gymnasts ranked above a

Lion Lacrosse Team Loses To Strong Cadet Stickmen, 10-2, On Snow-Covered Field

Playing on snow-covered New Beaver field while a sleet and snow storm prevailed throughout the game, the Lion lacrosse team took a 10-2 trouncing from a superior Army club Saturday afternoon in the initial game of the season.

The cadets, getting away to an early start, paid no heed to the terrible playing conditions and scored their first marker a minute and a half after the game got under way. They followed a few minutes later with two in succession, and chalked up another just before the first quarter ended.

35 Net Aspirants Practice Indoors

Frisk weather conditions halted outdoor varsity tennis practice several days after the official call for candidates brought approximately 35 aspirants to the clay courts.

With the season's opener of a nine-match schedule slated against Lehigh for April 29, Coach Dink Stover will drill his men indoors until weather permits a return to outdoor courts.

Four veterans will give Stover a nucleus around which he can mold his starting aggregation. Capt. Paul Massey, number one ace, will likely retain his post with Al Hildebrandt, undefeated in his initial year of varsity competition, slated for a possible second spot. Arnold Cohen, letterman, and Carl Arberg, both juniors, complete the holdover list.

Wiley, Goodman Newcomers

Bill Wiley, winner of the freshman tennis tourney last year, and Jerry Goodman, sophomores, head the group of promising newcomers. Two other leading candidates for the outfield are Bob Kirby and Mush Parker, juniors.

In order to give the aspirants more drill under fire, Coach Stover is planning several practice matches against a combined freshman and faculty team.

The complete schedule includes: April 29, Lehigh, away; April 30, Penn, away; May 5, Gettysburg, home; May 7, Syracuse, home; May 11, Cornell, away; May 14, Bucknell, home; May 18, Maryland, home; May 21, Carnegie Tech, away; and May 25, Army, away.

Babe Sayers Injured, Unable To Participate

Johnny "Babe" Sayers, Penn State professional welterweight, was unable to participate in his scheduled battle with Whickey Harkins of Philadelphia in an eight-round wind-up at Lancaster last night because of a wrist injury.

After winning four straight fights since the beginning of the year, Sayers was advised to take a rest. During the month layoff, he worked out daily in Rec hall, and last week injured his left wrist during a sparring session.

His physician has advised him to stay out of the ring and give the injured member plenty of rest. Sayers is the professional welterweight champion of the anthracite coal regions.

In a tough division did not interest him.

The latest rumor that Donato would turn professional came from Syracuse, New York. Donato admitted that he received an attractive offer from Joe Netro, Syracuse promoter, among others. Netro handles Ralph DeJohn, well-known professional boxer.

Donato, who represented Penn State at 145 pounds for two years and won the eastern welterweight crown in 1935, would compete in the 147 pound class if he accepted Netro's offer.

2.00 average to give that team its top post. Co-Captain-elect Al Kligman and Julian Parton led the group with 2.85 and 2.84, respectively. Wilbur Ward, co-captain-elect Ray Runkle, and Ralph Jones followed with 2.64, 2.36, and 2.14.

Dave Weddell missed a perfect mark by .05 rating a 2.05 to lead the undefeated soccermen. Leading averages in the remaining sports were recorded by: Capt. Robert Dewalt, swimming, 2.60; Co-Captain Joe Prokso, basketball, 2.53; Bernard Briggs and Dean Hanley, football, 2.46 and 2.36; Herbert Hazard, cross-country, 2.10; and Nate Handler, boxing, 1.04.

Captains of the respective sports also averaged above the all-college figure with 1.75. Individual ratings were: Swimming—Dewalt, 2.60; Basketball—Prokso and Sol Miehoff, 2.53 and 1.84, respectively; Fencing—Spence Potter, 2.05; Wrestling—Ross Shaffer, 2.00; Soccer—Miehoff, 1.84; gymnastics—Sam Beck, 1.26; Football and Boxing—Sam Donato, 1.14; and Cross-Country—Pet Olexy, 1.06.

Between The Lions

When one realizes that few men were playing lacrosse forty years ago, the percentage of the alumni still interested looms high. No sport enjoys the return of the old-timers as does this old Indian stick game.

One of the chief reasons for the popularity of the sport among the players is that the boys like to play in practice as well as in big games. It is one of the few games which provides zest in workouts equal to that of actual intercollegiate competition.

The captain of the football team of a large university said recently, when advised to take a brief rest following heavy campaigns of fall and winter sports: "This is not work to me. I play other sports because I feel that I should, but I play lacrosse simply because I enjoy it."

Coaches realize the necessity of working upon fundamentals but find that they can include these fundamentals in competitive workouts which will hold interest. Most coaches wind up practice each day with a real hearty scrimmage, leaving the players with the exultation of physical accomplishment and the inspiration to turn out early next day to do better.

Very few high schools include lacrosse in their sports schedules. It remains for the colleges to get the student interested in the sport. Once they learn the love of the stick, they are sold on the game. Over 200 men at West Point report for practice every day. Practically all southern schools display a tremendous interest in the old Indian game.

Penn Lost to Villanova
Penn, offering the Nittany Lions their first piece of resistance of the 1938 season, opened their 15th season under Coach Walter Cariss with a 10-7 loss to Villanova. Highlighting Penn's inaugural was Dick Trexler's debut at shortstop. In five trips to the plate, Trexler collected a homer, a double, and two bingles to lead the Quakers' attack. Fred Raffetto, Quaker right fielder, and Charley Morris, first baseman, have also been hitting timely for the Red and Blue. Either Payson Brickley or George Ruzsnaik, Penn's veteran tosser, will be on the

Massachusetts State College was the first grant college in New England. It was chartered in 1863.

Lions Start 2-Game Tour To Open Belated Baseball Season At Penn, Maryland

Nineteen Lion baseballers leave on a two-game tour at one o'clock today, opening their belated season against the University of Pennsylvania at Franklin Field tomorrow and facing the University of Maryland at College Park on Thursday.

Coach Joe Bedenk, Nittany mentor, will take seven pitchers, three catchers, six infielders, and three outfielders on the trip. Captain Benny Simoncelli, ace Lion twirler, will start on the mound against the Quaker batsmen and Tom Watts, curve ball artist, will face the Terps. Reserve Lion hurlers making the trip are Bob Goodrich, Max Houser, Ed Bastian, Joe Didingier, and Bill Neal.

Doc Crossin will bear the brunt of the catching although Fritz Seible and Martin Valeri, sophomore backstops, will be on the reserve list. Mel Vonars, Rabbit Wear, Harry Harrison, and Johnny Waters, composing State's veteran infield, plus reserves Ken Truhn and Paul Menzie, will handle the inner garden assignments while Sol Miehoff, Ray Brake, and Joe Adessa will do chores in the outfield.

Susquehanna Met May 28
Snowed out after it was originally scheduled for last Saturday, April 9, the Susquehanna game has been postponed until Saturday, May 28. Georgetown and Navy will be hosts to the Lions on their second two-

game trip Friday and Saturday, April 22 and 23. The tossers will meet Dickinson on Wednesday, April 27.

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