

## Between The Lions

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### On Tooters

From the mail bag we pick up a dissertation on Red Mihalik, colorful basketball referee, who'll be one-half of the duo working tonight's Lion-American skirmish in Rec Hall.

Frank Lorence sends in a clipping from his Ford City newspaper, from which we quote:

"More than occasionally, fans have been known to take their eyes off the players just to watch Mihalik's contortions. . . . He calls fouls with more clarity and vividness than he could possibly recite Shakespeare. . . .

"If the spectators miss noticing Red before he waves the first fouled player to the charity line, they hear him then. For Red makes even the slightest violation of the rules sound like a major infraction. . . .

"'You pushed him,' he will shout in tones that make the accused hang his head. Just to impress the perpetrator (even more), Red wiggles his right forefinger under the nose of the by-now-meek pusher as if to say, 'For shame, for shame.'"

"That may not win friends among the players for the voluble whistle-tooter, but it certainly influences the customers. It leaves them no occasion for second guessing, since Mihalik makes the violation so definite that boos are out of place."

Let's add that the grapevine informs us "Red Mihalik, Referee" has on occasion been advertised in bigger letters than the names of the two competing teams. We'll look for him tonight.

Dean of college boxing coaches is Leo Houck, of Lancaster, Pa., who has been at the helm of Penn State boxing for the last 27 years.

## Courtmen View Fifth Triumph, Oppose Eagles

Penn State's basketball team will have the rare opportunity of stretching its current win streak to two games today at 8 p.m. when he Lions encounter American University in a Rec Hall battle.

Since meeting State the last time, the high-flying Eagles have amassed a record of 15 wins against 6 losses. The Lions' recent 49-38 decision over Pitt gave them their fourth win in twelve outings.

In their initial scrimmage against the Lions in Washington, D. C., the Eagles came out victorious, 59-55.

Ronnie Gershag, 6-foot 8-inch center, will lead Coach Staff Cassell's contingent against State. The much-improved pivot man is pacing American U. scorers with 259 points in 21 games.

Not easily forgotten, either, by Coach John Lawther is the Eagles' 200-pound guard, Leroy "Ish" Ishman, who systematically poured through 29 counters against the Lions in the December tilt.

Last Saturday's welcome victory over a good Pittsburgh team was balm for the sore Penn State cagers who, after absorbing eight various and assorted bruises, were due for a break.

A majority of State's defeats have been administered in the last stanza, and just when it seemed that history was about to repeat against the Panthers, Lawther shucked the wraps from Lou Lamie and the eager sophomore pulled his "Harry Truman" to save the game.

With increased confidence following several fine displays, rangy Marty Costa should be ready to assume the whip post against the Capital City quintet.

The Lineups:

Penn State	American U.
Ruhlman	Ishman
Nordblom	Wakefield
Costa	Gershag
Simon	Fling
Toetel	Lamon

## Phi Sigs Climb Into 3-Way IM Cage Knot

Phi Sigma Delta knotted the standings in fraternity cage league "F" tighter than a butterfly's cocoon at Rec Hall Monday night.

Turning on the second-half heat to overcome a 10-6 first-period lag, the Phi Sigs socked Phi Kappa, 20-16. The win gave the team a season record of seven wins and one loss and left it tied

with Pi Kappa Alpha and Sigma Chi, the only other contenders in the circuit.

The Warriors, however, cleared up the situation in independent league "C." Going into their Monday night contest with a game and a half advantage, the Warriors made it "no contest" by plastering Watts Stars, 21-11. Howard earned the laurels by

laying up ten big counters for the Warrior cause.

The Foresters maintained a game lead in indie league "E" by bouncing Dorm 27 out of the running on its ear, 25-14, but second-placers Dorm 30, Twenty-Niners and the Interrogatives stayed in the race.

The Twenty-Niners squeaked through over Dorm 30, 14-13, leaving both teams with five-and-two records and a chance yet to catch the leaders. Interrogatives spiked Dorm 28, 20-17, on another court.

Other games on Monday's card saw Team X wallop the Coal Crackers, 26-10; the Century Boys hang a 27-9 shiner on the Golden Eagles; the Shrimps fight off the Indians, 18-7; Dorm 24 beat Dorm 3, 24-14.

No games are scheduled for tonight because of varsity action.

## Tamburo Joins Lion Immortals

All-American Sam Tamburo will join the distinguished company of Penn State football players who already have their portraits hung in the lobby of Recreation Building, Dr. Carl P. Schott, dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, announced today.

Dean Schott said a committee of which he was a member had considered the 1948 end fully qualified for this distinction, since he had been named to Collier's All-America by a board composed of outstanding college football coaches.

"Looking into the future," Dean Schott explained, "I had sought

the opinion of a committee on the advisability of hanging the portraits of only those players who met certain requirements agreed on beforehand.

"It was the committee's feeling, however, that each case should be considered on its individual merits and that no hard-and-fast rule should be set up in advance."

He explained that, of the many all-America selections which are now in vogue, the committee felt that any player named by Collier's, by Associated Press, or by Grantland Rice, was entitled to top priority and on that basis voted unanimously for Tamburo's inclusion.

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