

### Tonight's IM Mat Card

Bouts start at 8 p.m. Wrestlers weigh in at 7:15 p.m.

121 lb. Class—Ted Aiken, Phi Delta Theta vs. Sheldon Leisawitz, Phi Epsilon Pi.

128 lb. Class—John Langstaff, Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs. Charley Rodgers, Phi Gamma Delta.

135 lb. Class—Fred Shihaden, Phi Kappa Sigma vs. Fred Rodgers, Phi Gamma Delta . . . Bill Kraybill, independent vs. Mario Restifo, independent.

145 lb. Class—Vince Cavanaugh, Delta Upsilon vs. Sandy Cameron, Beta Theta Pi . . . Cy Troyan, independent vs. Bob Hazen, independent.

155 lb. Class—Phil Cloud, Pi Kappa Phi vs. John Hull, Beta Theta Pi.

165 lb. Class—Kip Siebler, Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs. Bud Pierce, Phi Delta Theta.

175 lb. Class—Mike Rubino, Alpha Phi Delta vs. Bill Eggert, Sigma Nu . . . Dick Barker, independent vs. Buzzy Riss, independent.

Unlimited—Chuck Beatty, Kappa Sigma vs. Tom McDermott, Phi Delta Theta.

The "Pros"—"Missing Link" Ritz vs. "Fearless Fauntleroy" Frazier.

## Wrestlers Battle For IM Titles

By Bob Kotsbauer

Sixteen fraternity and six independent grapplers square off for the last jump to intramural mat championships in Rec Hall at 8 p.m. today.

After two weeks of grueling elimination wrestling, the matmen will treat indoor fans to eleven final matches, with the mat moved to the center of the Rec Hall floor in varsity-meet fashion to accommodate the crowd. No admission will be charged.

After the IM Championship fights, "Missing Link" Ritz and "Fearless Fauntleroy" Frazier take over the mats in a battle of grunts and groans, ala the pros, that promises plenty of screams for the gallery.

#### FAVORITES

Phi Delta Theta, who last week jumped into the lead for team title, is an odds-on favorite to cop that squad championship tonight. With 121-pound Ted Aiken, 165-pound Bud Pierce, and heavyweight Tom McDermott ready for action, the Phi Delt will boast three men fighting in the finals. The house already has a team total of 56 points toward the crown.

Next in line is Sigma Nu with only Bill Eggert, 175-pound stalwart, remaining, but with a total of 49 counters. Delta Upsilon starts one finalist, Vince Cavanaugh, 145-pounder, and lists 43 points, just one point over Beta Theta Pi who with 42 points will send two men, Sandy Cameron, 145-pounder, and John Hull, 155-pounder, to wrestle.

The Rodgers twins, Charley, 128-pounder, and Fred, 135 pounds, hold Phi Gamma Delta's winning chances. The Phi Gams are sixth in standing with 38 markers, one point behind fifth-place Sigma Alpha Epsilon who sends 128-pound John Langstaff and 165-pound Kip Sieber into action.

Other fraternities with men competing for champ positions line up in team standing like this: Pi Kappa Phi, 27 points; Phi Epsilon Pi, 25 points; Alpha Phi Delta, 24 points; Kappa Sigma, 21 points; Phi Kappa Sigma, 20 points.

#### THRILLER

Pre-match enthusiasm is bubbling over concerning the 175-pound struggle where Alpha Phi Delta's Mike Rubino meets Sigma Nu's Bill Eggert. After chalking up his first two wins by forfeit, Rubino came back furiously to cop the quarter- and semi-final bouts by falls. Eggert, last season's 165-pound champ, will walk on the mat with two fall victories and a close 3-2 decision win under his belt.

Another 1948 champion, Fred  
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## Coach Speidel Lauds Barr's Achievements

By Ed Watson

"The whole story was that Homer was an unknown quantity," Coach Charlie Speidel said shortly after his return to State College Monday with his heavyweight protegee, Homer Barr, who placed fourth in last weekend's NCAA wrestling tourney.

"He was going into a 'tournament of champions' and was regarded as just another wrestler," Speidel continued.

"However, when Barr easily handled Thurman [Oklahoma A & M], the local pride and joy, and then threw Fred Stoker of Iowa Teachers, the crowd realized that Homer was more than that," the veteran Lion mat mentor commented.

Barr, the lone Nittany entry in the tournament and reigning Eastern heavyweight king, trampled McGraw under a 6-1 count in the prelims, and threw Stoker in 8:12 in the quarter-finals. McGraw third in last year's NCAA meet, and only a few weeks ago battled Oklahoma A & M's two-time National champ, Dick Hutton, to a draw.

In the semi-finals, the Blue and White heavy lost a close 4-2 fight to Vern Gagne, Minnesota, who went on to upset Hutton for the title. Gagne, a member of the Olympic team as was Hutton, captured the 191-pound National crown in 1948.

An Olympic first alternate, Bob Geigel of Iowa, fell before Barr in the eliminations for the right to wrestle in the consolation bouts. The score was 4-0.

Another Olympian, Michigan State's Bob Maldegan, wrestled third place from the State grappler in the consolation match, gaining a 3-2 victory.

#### POTENTIAL

Coach Speidel declared "Gagne wrestled very carefully against Homer, for he realized Barr's potentialities. In fact, after Homer's first two triumphs, all his opponents were wary."

"He was up against some old 'heads' in the game. They held on to his ankles, and when Homer would get rough, they would let him go. It was a wonderful chance for him to see what the future holds," Speidel said.

Both Gagne and Maldegan have finished their collegiate eligibility, but Hutton is only a junior. The latter bagged his first crown in 1947 as a freshman at the Aggie school.

"Homer was very well-liked and very popular. In fact, he had a big cheering section," Coach Speidel added.

#### Track Candidates

Anyone interested in trying out for track and who has not yet done so should report this week to the track office, 310 Rec Hall.



Speidel

## 4 IM Volleyball Squads Gain Fourth Victories

Ridge Runners, Nittany Co-op and Directors Monday joined Phi Sigma Kappa-A in the four-victory category in IM volleyball play on the Rec Hall courts.

All three independent teams won handily to remain unbeaten. The Runners trounced Miners, 15-8 and 15-4; the Co-op measured Red Flashes, 15-9 and 16-14; Directors trimmed Torpedoes, 15-7, 11-15 and 15-11.

Two other teams—Woodchoppers and Spikers—continued on the undefeated trail. Woodchoppers walloped Penn Haven-A, 15-3 and 15-2 and Spikers rallied to beat Hotel Greeters, 8-15, 15-2 and 15-9 to chalk up their third straight wins.

#### ALE

Ale and Quail nipped Exers, 15-11, 14-16 and 15-10; Broken Hearts whipped Ath Hall Men, 15-7 and 16-14; Century Boys trounced Bachelors, 15-4 and 15-11; Sword Fishes swamped Mines, 15-8 and 15-9.

Tau Phi Delta and Dorm 10 won by forfeit over Phi Sigma Delta-A and Matilda Chi, respectively, while neither Depth Charges nor Sea Lions showed up for their scheduled contest.

Phi Sigma Kappa-A Friday became the first team to register a fourth victory in volleyball action. The evening's program was marred by four forfeits and another scheduled game went on the boards without a decision when both squads failed to appear.

#### PSK

Edging past Tau Kappa Epsilon-A, 15-7, 14-16 and 15-4, Phi Sigma Kappa took a commanding lead in its league in racking up its fourth consecutive win without a defeat.

Delta Theta Sigma, Kappa Del-

ta Rho-A, Alpha Chi Rho-A and Triangle won by forfeit when their respective opponents—Delta Sigma Phi-A, Phi Kappa-A, Sigma Phi Epsilon-A, and Alpha Chi Sigma-A—did not show up for the games.

For the first time this year, two opposing teams—Chi Phi-A and Phi Delta Theta-A—both failed to appear for a scheduled game.

#### PHI TAU

Other results Friday showed Phi Kappa Tau-B trouncing Alpha Zeta-B, 15-1 and 15-4; Delta Chi-A crushing Alpha Phi Delta, 15-4 and 15-3; Phi Epsilon Pi-A nipping Sigma Chi-A, 16-14 and 15-13.

Alpha Tau Omega-A squeezed by Sigma Pi-A, 16-14 and 15-11; Beta Theta Pi-A walloped Lambda Chi Alpha-A, 15-3 and 15-4; Phi Kappa Psi-A whipped Sigma Phi Alpha, 15-10 and 15-7.

It was stated in a recent issue that Sigma Chi-B defeated Phi Kappa-B, 15-11 and 15-9. Phi Kappa-B, instead of Sigma Chi-B, won by that score.

#### Roamin' Coach

Jim Jeffrey, Lion soccer coach, taught soccer in Rome during World War II.



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