

Bischoff Sees Hot Race For IM Point Award

By JIM GROMILLER

Eugene C. Bischoff, director of intramural athletics, has predicted the closest race since the war in releasing the present fraternity standings toward the annual intramural point award.

Sigma Nu holds the top spot with a 255 point total. In second place is last year's winner, Delta Upsilon, with 242½ points. Phi Delta Theta, with 230 points, and Beta Theta Pi, with 222½ points, follow in third and fourth places respectively.

These totals include points earned in all intramural sports completed to date—touch football, swimming, boxing, and golf.

Sigma Nu repeated this year as football champion with 155 points followed by Phi Delta Theta with 110.

The swimming cup was won by Sigma Chi, with 130 points. Last year's champion was Delta Tau Delta.

The medal winner in the new golf tourney, which replaces the spring putting match, was John Wylie of Phi Kappa Sigma.

Delta Upsilon, last year's



Eugene Bischoff

boxing champion, was forced to split the honors this year with Beta Theta Pi. Both houses finished with 152½ points.

Sigma Nu tallied 155 points from football, 30 points from swimming, 50 points from boxing, and 20 points in the golf tourney for a total of 255 points and top standing.

Phi Delta Theta, although failing to win first honors in any individual tourney, has been able to maintain third place, behind Delta Upsilon, with a runner-up spot in football and third place in boxing.

Beta Theta Pi Fourth

The standings of the remaining houses in the top ten are Beta Theta Pi (4—222½), Sig-

ma Chi (5—200), Phi Kappa Sigma (6—170), Pi Kappa Phi (7—140), Alpha Chi Rho (8—120), Phi Kappa (9—115), and Alpha Gamma Rho (10—110).

From the time school opens in the fall until commencement week in June Bischoff and Clarence M. "Dutch" Sykes, who run the busy intramural athletic schedule for men, have some form of competition going on.

"This fall," Gene points out, "the intramural touch football, swimming, and tennis singles contests started on October 5. Before the end of the spring semester we will have concluded 17 different tournaments."

"And we will have run off about 18,000 man-contests," adds Dutch. Nearly 4,000 men will have competed in one or more activities."

Last year, Gene and Dutch ran off 1657 different contests in everything from basketball, in which 438 contests were played, to three track meets in the spring.

The indoor activities are run off in Recreation hall, where every square inch of space is utilized. At one stage in the program basketball, wrestling, volleyball, and handball contests are going on at the same time.

'On The Ball'

By RAY KOEHLER
Sports Editor

Hot Retort Once Stopped Thiel Cold



It was back during World War II when Penn State's lacrosse team was struggling to compete among the war teams that Nick Thiel remembers this humorous incident.

It appears that the boys were missing quite a few practices.

One day Coach Thiel laid down the law.

"Anybody who misses practice from now on without a damn good excuse is automatically off the team," he warned irately.

The very next day a hulking lad by the name of Marvin Snyder walked up to Thiel. "I'm not going to be here for practice tomorrow," he said sheepishly.

The volatile Nick saw red, and after bawling the guy out he asked why he couldn't be at practice.

"I have to go home to graduate," said Snyder.

It seems that Snyder was a special wartime student who was allowed to take advanced work in college without having graduated from high school.

Thiel excused him.

To George Jacob, Penn State pass defense specialist, goes a special congratulatory note for his fine play throughout the past grid season. As game-after-game we sat in the Beaver field press box watching "Jake" patrol the Lions' secondary intercepting and knocking down enemy tosses, we couldn't help but recall the first game of the 1949 season against Villanova when the Wildcats' Steve Romanik had Jacob running in circles.

But from that inauspicious debut Jacob plugged steadily along until this past season he was commonly regarded as just about Penn State's No. 1 pass defender.

Basketball followers may be interested in knowing that Bucky Hatchett, Rutgers' outstanding center last year, has dropped negotiations to play pro basketball with the Baltimore Bullets in favor of a position as recreation director in his home town of Verona, N. J.

Who'd win out in a three-cornered debate between "Broadway" Joe Coppa, the South Philly flash, "Silent" George Weber, late of Nick Thiel's lacrosse team, and Pete Sarantopoulos, the harrier?

At the fall cross-country banquet Coach Chick Werner pulled a cutie when he suddenly called upon Peter to start off the evening's speech assignments. Flab-

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IM Cage Squads Capture 3rd Wins

The Olympians and Mountaineers of league J were the only independent teams to capture their third loop wins Monday night as leagues K and L also saw action.

The Olympians, never behind, throttled the Basketeers, 29-7, and the Mountaineers beat the Skashers 22-17. Other games in league J saw Zone 3 squelch the Ramblers, 19-12 and the Jeeps take McElwain Hall, 19-14.

INDEPENDENT, MON., JAN. 15
Abees (w. by ft.) Schmoos
Big Five, 12 Black Sheep 3
Sportsmen (w. by ft.) Mice
Rebels 23 Jordan Hall 22 (overtime)

INDEPENDENT, FRI., JAN. 12
Knights 30 Marauders 7
Pre-Vets 24 Coal Crackers 15
Bees 26 Barons 11
Blackfeet 19 Rockets 18
Keys 20 Penn Haven 7
Newmanites (w. by ft.) Weasels
Rustlers (w. by ft.) Packers
Oilers 26 Draft Dodgers 11
Ridge Runners (w. by ft.) Screwballs

FRATERNITY, WED., JAN. 10
Tau Kappa Epsilon 26 Delta Chi 12
Phi Gamma Delta 25 Acacia 14
Phi Kappa Sigma 26 Sigma Alpha Mu 14
Sigma Nu (w. by ft.) Triangle
Phi Delta Theta 19 Beta Sigma Rho 12
Alpha Sigma Phi 14 Theta Kappa Phi 13
Sigma Phi Epsilon (w. by ft.) Zeta Beta Tau
Alpha Phi Delta (w. by ft.) Delta Tau Delta
Delta Upsilon 27 Sigma Phi Sigma 10

Thiel's Term Renewed

Glenn N. Thiel, lacrosse coach at the College, has been reelected secretary-treasurer of the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Coaches association at its 68th annual convention in New York.

Lamie, Panoplos Pace Hoopmen

Captain Lou Lamie and Ted Panoplos are staging a neck-and-neck race for individual scoring honors as Penn State's basketball season nears the halfway mark.

Playing in nine games, one less than Panoplos, Lamie is currently leading the Lion point parade with 125 points.

Panoplos, in 10 contests, is just one point behind with 124.

Hardy Williams follows with 79 points and he in turn is being pushed by Junie Moore who has tossed in 75 markers.

Jay "Tiny" McMahan with 66 is the only other dribbler with over 50 points to his credit.

Lamie, who needed 242 points before the season started to set a three-year Penn State record, is averaging 13.9 points per con-

test. Should he continue his basketball assault throughout the 13 remaining games, Lamie could break the record without too much trouble.

In their first ten games the Lions have split even, winning 5 and losing 5, and rolling up 551 points to their opponents 511. Although the Nittany cagers outscored their opponents both in total points and in field goals, they could tally only 222 times at the foul line as compared to 240 for the opposition.

Penn State is hitting at a 55.1 game average—4 points better than its opponents average of 51.1.

Coach Elmer Gross' charges will swing back into action after a week-and-one-half layoff this weekend when they entertain the pesky-Gettysburg quintet in Rec hall.

Last year the Bullets upset the Lions on the Gettysburg court, 66-65.

In its first eight games this season Gettysburg has won four and lost four but from all indications, the Bullets could cause the Grossmen plenty of trouble.

Coach Hen Bream can account for nine men who played on last year's squad which finished with a 12-12 record.



Lou Lamie

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