

# The Lion's Lair

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With Christmas coming, all the kids are putting on their best behavior and sharpening their pencils for letters to Santa Claus. We were wondering what the old cat, the Nittany Lion guardian and chief booster of Penn State athletics, might ask of the bewiskered athletic director of North Pole U. if he could write his letter. It might read something like this:

Dear Santa:

Well, it's been a whole year since we last dropped you a line and we want to thank you for all the victories and fine athletes you brought to us over the past year. We especially liked cross-country championship. They were really appreciated around the Vale.

We've been real good this year. Haven't been involved in any basketball scandals and, as a matter of fact, we haven't even been accused of over-emphasis or cribbing.

Hope you don't think we're asking for too much this year, but we've got an awful lot of little cubs here who are hungry for victories.

First, we think they'd like to have a national championship in wrestling. Charlie's been knocking on that door so long—couldn't you just give it to him this once? We know Oklahoma is a big favorite of yours but we've heard they've had a little trouble with football out there, Santa, and thought you might be giving it to someone else this year. So keep us in mind, will you?

And last season, when you gave us a second place in the Eastern boxing tourney—well, you just whetted our appetites. Couldn't you throw in an Eastern boxing crown for Eddie Sulkowski this year?

You remember Elmer Gross, don't you? Well he'd like to have about 18 wins this season. One thing about our basketball coach, he's not greedy.

Gene Wettstone would like an unbeaten season in gymnastics, and asked us to invite you down for the Olympic tryouts.

You've tempted Joe Bedenk long enough, Santa. How about giving him the NCAA baseball berth which you tantalized him

with last year? And don't forget Nick Thiel. His lacrosse team hasn't had an unbeaten season yet. And you might bring along a big bag of wins for Sherm Fogg's tennis team, and Bob Rutherford's golf squad.

We sure appreciated all the freshman football players you sent us last year—Jesse Arnette, Roosevelt Grier, Jim Garrity, Don Shank, John McAvoy, Buddy Rowell, and the rest. How about some more of the same calibre? Rip would like some big fat tackles to replace Bill Hocker-smith and Ed Hoover, who graduate. And a guard to replace Len Bartek, who also receives his sheepskin. But more than anything, Rip would like victories over Michigan State, Penn, and Pitt.

Bill Jeffrey and Chic Werner said they were almost ashamed to ask for anything more since you've been so good to them in the past. But you know how those two like to win. Chic would like the NCAA title back and Bill wants to go back to the bowl game again. You know Santa, those Owls from down around Temple have been getting pretty frisky with us Lions lately.

Gene and Dutch, from the IM department, didn't ask for much. They just want you to recommend to all the clubs that they cut down on the forfeits, and get up there to the dispensary on time to get their physicals. Just like those two, Santa. Never think about themselves. You might throw in a couple long vacations for them both.

Well, that's about all for this time, old timer. Tell Mrs. Santa, the Dean of Women, to kick in a few late permissions and that'll make it a real merry Christmas. Hope you have a successful season up there at North Pole U.

Roaringly yours,

The Nittany Lion

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all Penn State sports fans.



## 1951 Intramural Boxing Champions



Twelve boxers captured individual titles in the 1951 intramural boxing tournament. Bottom row, l-r: Earl Brubaker, 155-pounds independent; Jim Liller, 145-pound, independent; John McCall, 145-pounds, ATO; Stan Engle, 135-pounds, Sigma Nu; Jim Coffin, 135-pounds, independent; Dean Harbold, 128-pounds, DU;

John Baffa, 121-pounds, DU. Top row: Fred Brown, 155-pounds, Delta Tau Delta; Frank Rich, 165-pounds, Sigma Chi; Jack Hoy, 165-pounds, independent; Dick Zucker, 175-pounds, Phi Sigma Delta; Lynn Illingworth, heavy-weight, DU.

## Delta Upsilon Wins Boxing Crown For Third Year in Succession

By GEORGE BAIREY

Delta Upsilon, with finalists in four fraternity divisions and new champions in three, brought home the IM boxing crown for the third time in three years last Friday night in Rec Hall before a roaring gallery of 1200 fight fans.

The new fraternity kingpins and Beta Theta Pi shared last years individual leadership. Previously to the DU triple-win, Sigma Nu had copped the tourney in 1947 and again in 1948.

The three new DU champs are in the 121-pound and 128-pound classes and in the unlimited division. The fraternity winners, going into the final day of the tournament, were two victories back of the leading Sigma Nu's, who had set the pace throughout the two-week affair, but had four men in the finals to the Sigma Nu's two. Points are given to the fraternity whether its finalist wins or loses. In bouts other than finals, only the winner gets points for his house.

The DU champs are: John Baffa, Dean Harbold, and Lynn Illingworth. Baffa's win over Gil Beinbocker, Pi Lambda Phi, in the first bout of the evening mathematically eliminated Sigma Nu's chance of a possible deadlock.

Harbold kept on top of Theta Kappa Pi's George Freistak all the way for his 128-pound crown. DU heavyweight Lynn Illingworth turned aggressor in grabbing the unlimited IM boxing crown and taking an unanimous

decision from Earl Hower, Phi Delta Theta.

The other DU finalist, 155-pound Warren Haffner, dropped a split-verdict to Frank Rich, Sigma Chi. The decision came early in the final round after Haffner was injured.

The four new independent kings are in the middle weight classes, those from 135 to 165 pounds. The four extreme divisions were eliminated when not enough entries showed for competition. Jack Hoy lifted a unanimous decision from Lynn Patchin to snare the independent 165-pound crown. He never let up his torrid pace throughout the three rounds. Earl Brubaker started slow, but wasted no time after warming up to cop the 155-pound championship from Jack Dillon. Brubaker kept Dillon in constant mild trouble after the initial round to get the split-nod.

James Miller and Jim Coffin grabbed the lighter crowns of the independent bracket of IM tourney. Miller bested Paul Zanon in the 145-pound class, while

Coffin had little trouble in decisioning Glenn Freshcron in the 135-pound division.

Dick Zucker, Phi Sigma Delta, captured the fraternity 175-pound championship by decisioning Jesse Moore, Sigma Nu. Zucker's hard left hooks had Moore in trouble at the end of both the second and third rounds.

Stan Engle clinched runner-up honors for Sigma Nu with a TKO win over last year's 128-pound winner, Sam Hamilton, Beta Theta Pi. The 135-pound fight was halted at the end of the second round. The co-defending Betas finished third behind Delta Upsilon and Sigma Nu.

Delta Tau Delta's Fred Brown staggered Bob Myers, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, in the last round to take the decision and the 155-pound fraternity crown.

John McCall, Alpha Tau Omega, stymied the aggressive onslaught of Bruce Wagner, Beta Theta Pi, for the 145-pound championship. Both men were wrestled down during the second round of the roaring crowd-pleaser.

## Edinboro Five Marked As Team to Beat in IM's

By JIM PETERS

The high scoring Edinboro cage team, defending independent champions, shapes up as the outfit to beat again this season as the intramural basketball schedule took time out for the Christmas holiday.

Edinboro, in four games this campaign, has not had a tense moment as it has rolled over four opponents with remarkable ease. Ken Bouldin and Glenn Brown, two of the tallest players in IM action, have consistently scored over 20 points a game.

The score by which Edinboro smothered the Has Beens on November 30, 101-14, was the highest score ever recorded by an intramural cage team at Penn State. This score alone tends to show how much difference exists between the defending champions and most of the teams in the independent leagues.

35 Unbeaten

The fraternity schedule has not found any one five standing out yet, although Kappa Delta Rho spurted into the spotlight on December 6 with a 23-22 triumph over defending champion, Tau Kappa Epsilon.

Altogether, 35 teams sported unbeaten records before last night's nine-game schedule. Nineteen teams are independent entries while 16 fraternity teams have unblemished slates.

Independents

The undefeated fraternity passers are: Alpha Tau Omega, Alpha Sigma Phi, and Phi Delta Theta, League A; Phi Sigma Delta, Sigma Nu, and Phi Kappa Psi, League B; Sigma Phi Epsilon and Delta Upsilon, League C; Beta Theta Pi and Sigma Phi Sigma, League D; Phi Kappa, Sigma Chi,

and Triangle, League E; Pi Kappa Alpha, Phi Kappa Tau, and Acacia, League F.

The unbeaten independent cage teams are: Epars, League A; Crusaders, League B; Dorm 11 and Pottsville, League C; Dorm 4 and the Dukes, League D; Trace A.C. and the Junior Rovers, League E; Foresters, League F; Terrapins and Wildcats, League G; Dorm 25, League H; Edinboro and Joe's Boys, League I; Dorm 36 and Dorm 23, League J; Dorm 35; Pal-merton, and Ford City, League K.

### Brown-Ram Game Will Be Televised

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—(AP)—The Dumont network will telecast next Sunday's National Pro League championship game on a coast to coast hookup, Tom Gallery, sports director for Dumont, said today.

The game will match the defending champions, the Cleveland Browns, and the Los Angeles Rams.

Gallery said the Los Angeles area will be blacked out of the telecast, which will be sponsored by a beer company. The telecast will start at 4 p.m.

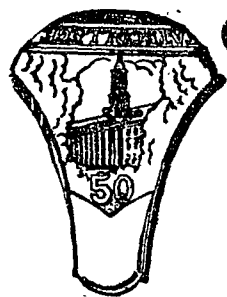
### Court Grants Grid Appeal

CHARLESTON, W.Va., Dec. 17—(AP)—The West Virginia Supreme Court today granted Dick Huffman of Charleston an appeal from an injunction barring him from playing professional football with any club other than the Los Angeles Rams.

A temporary injunction sought by the Rams was issued by the Kanawha County circuit court here last May 22. The circuit court later made the order permanent.

Huffman refused to renew his contract with the Rams for which he played tackle for four seasons.

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