

# Fireballs, A Phi Delts Win IM Football Championships

By SAM PROCOPIO

The Fireballs and Alpha Phi Delta rule as the 1952 independent and fraternity intramural touch-football champions by registering impressive victories last night.

The Fireballs captured their second consecutive championship by edging a determined Mustang squad in the overtime period, 1-0. Alpha Phi Delta succeeded Alpha Tau Omega as fraternity champions with its 13-0 upset win over Delta Upsilon.

In the independent finals the Fireballs and Mustangs threatened several times in the first and second halves only to have their passes intercepted when they reached one another's goal. The Mustangs, late in the final half, were charged with pass interference, giving the Fireballs the ball on the loser's 15. Walt Laska's, Fireball QB, next forward, however, was intercepted.

### See Saw Battle

It was not until the final play of the overtime period that the Fireballs clinched their victory.

A Mustang offside penalty returned the ball to the Fireballs' 44. On the following play the Fireballs were penalized for unnecessary roughness, placing the ball on the 29 yard line.

The Mustangs took over. Laska intercepted Bill Allen's pass and was touched on his 21-yard line. Then came the last and "do or die" play for the champs. Laska ran around his left end to throw a jump pass to Bill Starzynski who then passed to Dave Eskey on the Mustangs' 42. This clinched the victory and championship for the Fireballs.

### Punts Exchanged

Sparked by the passing and running of Tony Pinnie, and a fast line, Alpha Phi Delta was able to score twice in the second half to win from Delta Upsilon. DU before this game was not scored upon.

During the first half, it was an exchange of punts. Niel Diehl, who was trying to get his team started, had his pass intercepted by Pinnie on the midfield stripe. Pinnie ran for ten yards and then passed to Don Civitella who scooted to the goal untouched. Chuck Russo swept around his left end for the extra point.

Several minutes later Russo engineered a pass to Ilvio Dal Farro who broke away from a DU defender and scored the final touchdown for the champs.

## Harriers to Oppose Jaspers Tomorrow

Winless in their last four starts, Manhattan's cross-country runners will get little if any sympathy from Penn State's harriers when both squads race tomorrow over the home golf course.

The men of Coach Ben Eastman have had a difficult time breaking into the winner's column and from all reports it doesn't look as though they will.

After beating Iona in their season opener, the Jasper thinclads lost to Syracuse, Navy, and St. John's in a quadangular meet. The next weekend they were subdued by Army, beaten by State, 21-35, and Tuesday were relieved of their Metropolitan Intercollegiate crown by St. John's.

State, on the other hand, boasts of wins over Cornell, Army and NYU. Their loss was inflicted by Michigan State.

### Finished In Four-Way Tie

Coach Chick Werner's forces have been progressing nicely. Last week against NYU the Nittany distance men gave one of their better performances as a team.

Four Lion runners, Lamont Smith, Captain Jack Horner, Red Hollen, and Jim Hamill, pooled their talents and crossed the finish line together with a 26:40 clocking. The squad, as a whole, has been shaving more and more seconds from their clockings.

Saturday's winning time was the fastest that Hollen, Hamill, and Captain Horner have run this season. From all indications, all should give a better account of themselves tomorrow.

State's fourth and fifth place finishers, Stan Lindner and John Chillrud, weren't too far behind. They were clocked in 27:35.5 seconds. This is the fastest that these two harriers have run also.

### First Five Finishers Score

Since cross country is a team, rather than an individual sport, the importance of finishing bunched as State did against the Violets is a major factor in determining a meet winner.

The first five men across the finish line are the ones that count in the scoring column. Although one man can never win a meet, he certainly can play a leading role.

Tomorrow's five-mile race will offer a good opportunity for the Lion thinclads to improve on their times, since the Jaspers always manage to be up for State.

In last fall's dual meet with Manhattan, the Wernermen raced to a perfect, 15-42, victory score.

Bill Ashenfelter won individual honors with a 26:07 time. State's Smith was second with a 26:39 effort. Hollen placed third and Horner fourth. Hamill won the seventh slot. All except Ash will compete tomorrow.

## All Stars Swim Champs

The All Stars edged the Penguins last night, 22-19, to cop the Independent swimming championship. First place wins by Bob Rickenbach, the relay team, and Charlie Schuh enabled the All Stars to overcome an early Penguin lead. Schuh turned in a 43:6 to take backstroke honors. Jack Shaner, Tom Weber, Bob Rickenbach and Phil Bailey teamed together to win the 120-yard relay in 1:03.9. Rickenbach also won the diving competition with a total of 19.3 points.

The Penguins put on a scoring spree early in the meet. Duke Miller splashed his way to a first place time of 32:8 in the free-style. Rich Rossi shattered his own record of 38:4 by winning the 60-yard breaststroke in 37:7.

Beta Theta Pi's tanksters won a position in the semi-finals by easily overpowering Delta Chi, 34-7. The Beta's took first place victories in every entry. Jean Cronstedt led his team with double wins. He piled up 22.4 points in the diving and turned in a first place win of 41:9 in the backstroke competition.

Theta Xi also obtained a semi-final berth when they capitalized on their relay and diving wins

to take a hard fought encounter from Phi Epsilon Pi, 23-18. Mike Meixell's 15.2 points in the diving coupled with the relay team's win in 1:03 paved the way for Theta Xi's victory.

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