

IM Boxing Enters Finals Tonight

Nine Teams Post IM Cage Wins

Two walkaway-wins, after very close halftime scores, were the starring attraction at Rec Hall Tuesday night as interfraternity IM basketball resumed play.

After a close halftime score of 12-11, the Beta Sigma Rho quintet, who was on the short end of the score as the first period ended, came on strong in the last period of play to trim the mired Alpha Chi Rho crew to the final count of 29-20.

ATO Romps

Kress Myton, with five field goals, led the Delta Tau Delta squad to a 34-18 romp over a hapless Delta Chi five after a half period score of 10-10.

Alpha Tau Omega ran over the Phi Gamma Delta crew 46-22. Fred Dorrell with 14 markers and Larry Bayer with 15 points led the race for the winners.

Jay Poser with 11 tallies and Gitten with 12 points, led the winning Phi Sigma Delta attack on Sigma Phi Epsilon, final score 41-31.

Kappa Sigma endured a second period rally by the Kappa Alpha Psi team to win out 26-19. Chief scorers for the winning squad were Tom Wilson and Tom Goldsworthy with six tallies each.

ZBT Trails

Ron Miller, with 11 markers, led his victorious Phi Delta Theta team over the Theta Xi's, 24-13. The losers were unable to recover from a 15-4 halftime deficiency.

Zeta Beta Tau just didn't have the stuff to turn back Tau Phi Delta and wound up on the short end of the 31-20 final score.

Alpha Zeta turned back the Alpha Gamma Rho tide 22-12. Jim Grove was head tide turner with nine points.

Alpha Phi Alpha took one by way of the forfeit rout from Delta Sigma Phi.

Wettstone to Represent Gymnastics on Video

Gene Wettstone, Penn State coach, has been invited to represent the sport of gymnastics in a television film sports series now being prepared in cooperation with the American Olympic Committee and the National Collegiate Athletic Association.

A St. Paul, Minn., firm has been retained to do the series and will send its cameraman to State College after the first of the year to do the Wettstone sequence. The intent is to cover every accredited college sport and release the series to television on a nationwide basis.

Sports Thru

The Lion's Eye

By JAKE HIGHTON
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Every bit as good as Tex Richard or Mike Jacobs, Intramural Boxing Association promoters Gene Bishchoff and Dutch Sykes had Recreation Square Garden packed yesterday evening, as it has been for the last three weeks, for the semi-finals of the greatest intramural show of them all. Nearly 300 bloodthirsty sadists hung from the corner balcony and clustered around the ropes to watch the frat men hammer each other from pillar to post—not for filthy lucre, but for the honor and glory of the house.

Except for the fact that ring announcer Jim Schulte doesn't quite have the golden-toned voice of a Harry Balogh, the IM boxing tournament is a wonderful facsimile of the big time. However, there are one or two differences from the pros. The IM fighters are on the level and usually put on a bangup show.

In fact, some of the IM bouts are so good that they could help to make Madison Square Garden more popular than the television sets. Last night, for instance, the Don McCormick-Pete Shopa setto was a fight to quicken the pulse of the most ardent fight fan. For sheer drama, it was a good as a world's heavyweight title fight. The full-house of McCormick's TKE's—who had probably posted a fine for anyone not showing up—and Shopa's Kappa Sig's were in a frenzy at the punchfest.

McCormick, the sentimental favorite to whip the football star, had a coolness and a self-assurance which many pros lack as he calmly and methodically attacked a tiger. Tiger Shopa, who had shredded all previous rivals, counterpunched the wicked 175-pound smashes in rhythm to the roaring crowd. But McCormick had the edge after two rounds. However, in the third, the Tiger took on the cunning of a fox and feinted and lefthooked his way to a split decision even though at the end he was resting heavy 16-ounce gloves on his knees.

With McCormick smiling, and still calm, the crowd boomed and booed judges Frank Patrick and Don Watkins and ref Glenn Hawthorne. Yet, the jeers were in keeping with the Madison Square Garden setting which also has had unpopular but accurate decisions.

Still in tune with the "big time" setting, the IM's have the occasional dull affair which gives ringsiders the chance to practice their wit. The Warren Haffner-Bud Thompson "scrap" was one such. Haffner from DU—a house of champions which never pledges anyone without possessing proficiency in the ungentlemanly arts of boxing and wrestling—snorted and pounded the air while his Delta Theta Sigma foe stood like Jake LaMotta with arms low and wide open and occasionally rushed like a bull. After two rounds the score stood 0-0 but in the third the aggressor Haffner hit solidly three times, once on the break to cancel one of his points, and wound up with a 1-0 victory. But again, even the Garden has seen such matches.

Such bouts are the exception. Many are like the second round of the Jim Lewis (Sigma Chi)-Whitey Messermen (Delta Chi) slugfest which saw both 135-pounders windmilling punches toe-to-toe for almost a full minute. Although the headgears, 16-ounce gloves, and quick stoppage of fights are all designed for safety—such leather-catching is mighty rough pounding to take just "for-the house."

SLIGHTLY PUNCHY: Al McChesney and Bruce Wagner certainly shatter the belief that men cheerleaders are sissified. Both looked plenty rugged in the squared circle as Phi Kappa Sig McChesney won at 128 and Beta Theta Pi Wagner lost at 135. . . Many of varsity boxing coach Eddie Sulkowski's boys—Adam Kois, Tony Flore, Sammy Marino, and Lou Koszarek—serve as seconds.

12 Fraternity, Independent Bouts to Feature Activity

By SAM PROCOPIO

With the top-seeded fraternities advancing their eager pugilists in Rec Hall yesterday, the 1952 IM boxing tournament team champion will not be determined until they meet one another in the finals. The finals, which will feature a 12 bout card—eight fraternity men and four independents—will be held at 8:15 tonight.

Delta Upsilon, three-time team champion, maintains a slim lead over strong contenders as Phi Sigma Kappa, Sigma Nu, and Beta Theta Pi.

Carl Evankovich, Phi Kappa Sigma, became one of the light-weight boxing finalists when he gained a unanimous decision over Bruce Wagner, Beta Theta Pi. The Phi Kappa Sigma fighter stunned Wagner later in the first round with a right to the head. Wagner, however, endeavored to rally in the next round by beating Evankovich to the punch, but the aggressive Wagner hit the harder on counter punches. Evankovich fell to the canvas in the final round on a right to the head.

Crowd Boos Decision

Bob Thomas, Kappa Delta Rho, received a unanimous decision verdict from Dick Kepple, Delta Sigma Phi, in their 165-lb division match. Toe-to-toe most of the way, Thomas was more effective in the exchange of punches. In the third round Kepple dropped his guard, leaving the former connect with a left jab and then a right cross to the head.

Probably the best fight of the card, 175-pound Pete Shopa, Kappa Sigma, rallied in the final round to win a split decision from Don McCormick, Tau Kappa Epsilon. A mixture of cheers and boos came from the enthusiastic crowd when the verdict was announced. McCormick, a cool, charging boxer, blocked Shopa's potent rights beautifully, hitting the TKO artist with rights and lefts to the head in the second round.

The third round, however, was decisive. Shopa swarmed over his charging opponent, catching the TKE pugilist flush with his hard rights to the head.

135-lb Champ Wins

After taking the harder punches in the initial round, shifty Bob Wylie, Pi Kappa Phi, rallied in the next two rounds to gain a split decision in their 121-lb encounter. In the second round Wylie rushed his foe, blocking Polito's attempted left hooks then following with a terrific right to the head. Although Polito changed his tactics in the third round, leading with his right, the alert

Wylie also blocked his right jab and then constantly landed with a left jab.

Stan Engle, Sigma Nu's 1951 135-lb champion, was awarded a split decision win over Tom Hand, Lambda Chi Alpha. Both fighters failed to stay toe-to-toe throughout their three rounds. Engle and Hand would lead with a left or right and then backstep away from his opponent. In the exchanged punches however, Engle landed more often.

Haffner Outpoints Foe

Barton Fields, Kappa Alpha Psi, enter the finals by constantly beating Theo Balabanis, to the punch. The 128-pound Fields rocked Balabanis with vicious rights in the second round. In the clinches Balabanis worked on Fields' midsection, while the winner was connecting with hard rights to the head.

Warren Haffner, DU, outpointed Bud Thompson, Delta Theta Sigma, in the 165-lb class. It was not until the final round that both fighters began exchanging jabs. Thompson's unorthodox style gave Haffner an opportunity to connect his hard rights to the former's face. Thompson held both gloves away from his body and constantly swung them together.

Whitey Messerman, Delta Chi, gained a split decision from Jim Lewis, Sigma Chi. The Delta Chi fighter's rights and lefts in the second round had Lewis covering up. In the third round both fighters stunned each other with terrific rights.

Musial Polished Boxer

Offensive-minded Alan McChesney, Phi Kappa Sigma, outdanced and outpunched his 128-lb rival to gain a unanimous decision. McChesney was effective with his left jabs to the head and body.

Middleweight Bill Matthews won a unanimous decision from Tom Lozaw, Delta Sigma Phi, with a flurry of rights and lefts to Lozaw's head.

Joe Musial, Theta Xi, the more polished boxer, stunned welterweight Bob Krieger, Phi Sigma Delta, in the initial round to gain a split decision.

Harry Carroll, Phi Sigma Kappa, was the only forfeit win on the card.



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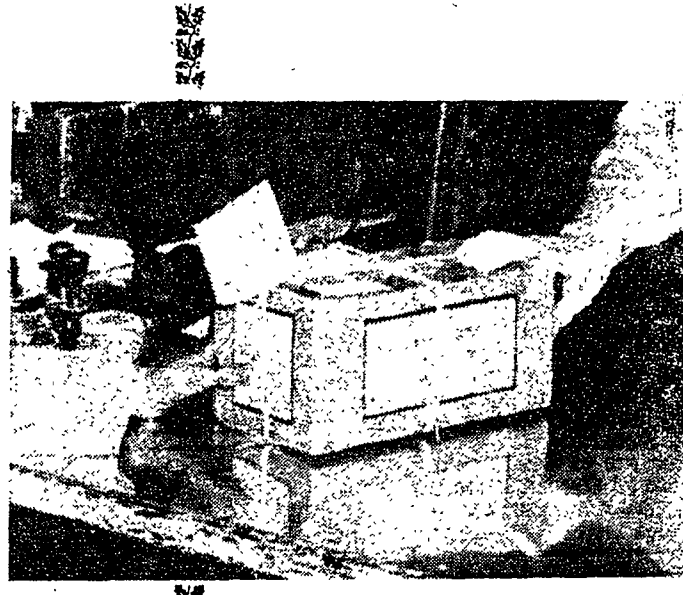
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