

# EIGA Title at Stake In Lion-Cadet Meet

The Nittany gymnasts will be going for everything in the book at 2 p.m. tomorrow in Rec Hall when they meet the ever-dangerous Cadets of Army in the final Eastern dual meet of the 1953 season.

A victory over the defending champions from West Point will earn Coach Gene Wettstone's swashbuckling crew: (1) the 1953 EIGA crown; (2) its ninth consecutive dual meet win without loss over two seasons; (3) a perfect season, (its first since 1948 and; (4) a welcome break in Army's five-year domination over the Nittany gymnasts.

The last Eastern gym title to make its way into Rec Hall came in 1948.

## Bordo — '48 Olympian

Besides being the top Eastern dual meet of the campaign, tomorrow's meeting carries the added lustre of the presence of three of the best judges in the game. The trio, all former Olympians, are Frank Cumsikiey, of Union City, N.J.; Frank Haubold, also Union City, N.J.; and Louis Bordo, Philadelphia.

Bordo, a '43 grad of the College, was a member of the 1948 Olympic gym team.

Three first-line Lion gymnasts will be closing out their intercollegiate careers tomorrow. They are Captain Bob Kenyon, Jim Hazen, and Dave Shultz. Kenyon will work the tumbling, Hazen, the flying rings, and Shultz, the rope climb.

## Army Ropemen Tops

Kenyon will be performing in one of the Cadets strongest events—tumbling, led by Captain George Haas. Haas took third in the Eastern tumbling last season.

The Army ropemen will present the biggest major problem for the Lions and for Shultz.

Shultz's best time is a 3.8—recorded last week against Temple. The week before that Shultz clocked a 3.9—which also set an individual record for him.

"Shultz is still improving," says Wettstone, "Army will be the big test."

John Ballantyne, the number one Army man on the rope, has a 3.6 timing to his credit—that coming in the Eastern championships last season at Syracuse. The other two Cadet ropemen, Funkhouser and Renner, both are capable of 4.0 down.

The Lions wrapped up their last practice session of the week yesterday with a light workout. Today will be a complete offday.



DUTCH SHULTZ, (left) and Johnny Baffa are in the process of climbing the 20-foot rope in a trial run in preparation for tomorrow's "all-or-nothing" meet with Army at Rec Hall. Shultz and Baffa have the unenviable job of trying to crack the toughest rope-climb trio in intercollegiate competition. Shultz will work number one. Match time is 2 p.m.

# Lous, Crusaders Capture IM League Championships

By TOM WERNER

Championships in three independent and two fraternity basketball leagues were put on the line Wednesday night at Rec Hall. The Lous, in league I of the independent circuit, and the Crusaders, league J, took over undisputed first places in those leagues. All games were playoffs, the results of dead heats for the top spots.

The Lous showed up in top form as they trampled Dorn 38, 40-27. Le Maimon contributed most to the winning cause with seven from the boards and three from the free throw line for 17 markers in all.

The Crusaders came home with their shields, the 29'ers won theirs to an 18-13 tune. This win put the Crusaders into the playoffs which will start tonight.

Tau Kappa Epsilon outlasted Kappa Sigma, 24-23, in a contest that went to the wire. Neither team had an advantage at the half, the score at that time standing at a knotty 13-13.

Alpha Tau Omega had little

trouble overpowering a weak Alpha Phi Alpha attack, 43-28. Fred Dorrell paced the winners with 18 points. This game eliminated one of the teams in the three way deadlock for the crown in interfraternity league F. The winner will play Phi Sigma Delta to determine the final outcome of league supremacy.

Gallant gesture of the year should be awarded to the DIR's who, after being soundly trounced, 40-21, by the Irvineers and finding that the winners had used an ineligible man on court, consented to replay the game last night. The game decided who occupies the championship of league C.

# Lions to Play Owls In Final Cage Tilt

By TED SOENS

The Nittany Lions will face the on-and-off Temple Owls in Philadelphia tomorrow in the final basketball game of the season. Both teams will be after their 16th win of the year, with the Lions having eight losses and the Templars dropping their tenth Wednesday night to LaSalle, 65-45.

The Owls lost a previous game to the NIT champions by a 57-42 margin. Included in their string of wins have been upset victories over DePaul University, which gave LaSalle its only two defeats in 26 games, and Manhattan University, which is seeded fourth in the National Invitation Tournament.

## Lose to Hoyas

In games with four Penn State foes, the Templars managed a .500 percentage. They lost a tight contest to the Midshipmen from Navy by seven points, 59-52, and then were walloped by the Georgetown Hoyas, 72-45. The Owls trailed by only three points at half-time.

## Kane Tallest Man, 6-5

Swinging north, the Owls did something no Lion squad has yet accomplished—beat both Colgate and Syracuse on their home courts. The closest the Lions came was this year when they lost to Colgate, 60-62, and then beat Syracuse, 78-74. (Both teams were defeated by the Lions at Rec Hall). The Owls beat Colgate, 75-62, and Syracuse, 74-66.

For the Lions it was the other way around. They managed to squeeze by the powerful Hoyas, 73-70, but then walked into their biggest loss of the season when the Midshipmen captured a 77-53 victory. This was the largest point spread—24—that the Lions have suffered since Kentucky beat them by 26 points in the NCAA tourney last year.

A probable starting lineup for the Owls will be Harry Silcox, who scored 26 points against DePaul; Albert Didriksen; Conrad Miller; John Kane, tallest man on the squad at 6-5; and Samuel Sylvester.

Since most of the seniors graduated last year, Coach Harry Litwack has had to rely on all sophomores and juniors for his starting five. This is his first year as basketball coach for the Owls.

Last season the Templars lost 15 out of 24 in spite of the presence of the great scorer Bill Milk-vy.

## Phillips Closes Career As Gross' Leading Reserve

When Elmer Gross' cagers make their appearance on the Palestra hardwoods in Philadelphia tomorrow, two Lion seniors—Herm Sledzik and Dick Phillips—will play their last collegiate game.

The Sledzik story is a well known one. A regular for two years, captain this season, and currently second man in the scoring department, Sledzik has a well-established basketball name at Penn State.

But for Phillips, known as Stu by everybody, it's been a different tale. Stu has been playing ball for Gross for two seasons but has never received a starting role. Two years of hard work have paid their reward though, because the 6-1 senior has played a lot of ball for the Lions this year, even though it has been as a reserve.

The lanky forward is a hard working, steady ball player and has been one of Gross' front-line reserves all season.

Stu played his high school ball for Stevens Trade in Lancaster and was captain of the squad in his senior year.

The 22-year-old senior says he loves to play the game but claims there is one outside interest that supercedes the sport. That's his wife Lee and their 10-month-old daughter, Sharon. The two young ladies claim quite a bit of his attention.

**ON THE CUFF:** Stu's the only married man on the squad... He was married almost two years ago... he's a member of Sigma Phi Alpha.

## Two-Platoon Outlook

Penn State's Rip Engle, displeased at first, now looks at the two-platoon ban more philosophically. "Saturday afternoons will be a lot easier," the Lion football coach predicts. "There'll be less traffic direction, more coaching."

## WRA Results

### VOLLEYBALL

Gamma Phi Beta over Sigma Delta Tau  
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