

# Six Bouts Open IM Mitt Card

## Lion Quintet Prepares For W & J

Head Coach Elmer Gross will put the finishing touches on his 1953 basketball entry this week in preparation for the season opener against Washington and Jefferson Saturday in Rec Hall, when the Lions start a 19-game card.

Gross' main problem at the moment appears to be captain Jack Sherry and high-scoring Jesse Arnelle who just joined the squad after a season of football. The pair, along with letterman Bob Rohland and sophomore forward Bob Hoffman, have had on limited practice.

Arnelle and Sherry figure to be the Lions' top offensive threats. Arnelle tossed in 408 points last season for a 17 point per-game average and Sherry tallied 248 markers for an average of 10.3.

### Weidenhammer at Guard

Arnelle is slated to be in the center spot for the floormen with Sherry and Ron Weidenhammer at the guards. Weidenhammer has been Gross' top ball handler and floorman for the past two seasons. He'll provide the outside scoring threat with his accurate set shots.

Ed Haag and Jim Blocker appear to be Gross' choice at the forwards although sophomore Rudy Marisa is giving Blocker a run for his money at that position. Hagg was a regular last year and has caught Gross' eye in pre-season practice with his driving offensive tactics and dead-eye shooting.

### Blocker Shows Progress

Blocker joined the team at mid-season last year and has shown progress on both offense and defense this year. Both he and Marisa are 6-4 and good rebound men. Marisa, who has shown a lot of fight on the bankboards, played on John Egli's freshman team in 1952.

### Lack Height

Gross has pointed out that the team's main weakness is its lack of height. "Our kind of defense requires height," he said, "and we're handicapped without it."

The Washington and Jefferson contest will be the only home attraction until after the Christmas holidays. The Lions travel to Penn. American University, and North Carolina State after the opener and return home to meet Syracuse at Rec Hall Jan. 6.

### The schedule:

Dec. 5, Washington and Jefferson; 12, at Penn; 18, at American University; 19, at North Carolina State.

Jan. 6, Syracuse; 9, Colgate; 13, at West Virginia; 16, at Navy; 27, at Bucknell; 28, Pitt.

Feb. 3, at Gettysburg; 6, West Virginia; 13, at Pitt; 19, at Colgate; 20, at Syracuse; 24, Gettysburg; 27, Rutgers.

March 4, Georgetown; 6, Temple.

### Cage Playoffs Set

HARRISBURG, Dec. 1 (AP)—The Pennsylvania Catholic Interscholastic Athletic Assn. today fixed March 18, 1954 for the beginning of its annual statewide basketball playoffs.



TOM RICHARDS of Delta Sigma Phi (left) backs away from an expected right cross from Theta Xi's Joe Musial in an intramural boxing thriller at Rec Hall last night. Musial decisioned his opponent as the ring sport rolled into full swing for the '53 campaign.

## 135-lb. Champ Wins 1st Fight

By BOB DUNN

Fur and fists flew in the first session of the intramural boxing tournament yesterday afternoon at Rec Hall with the first of three defending IM champs getting off on the right foot. Only six of the scheduled 17 bouts were run off, the rest resulting in forfeits.

Joe Messerman, the king of the 135-pound class last season, opened his quest for the 145-pound title by out-manuevering Frank Locotos of Pi Kappa Alpha in the first bout of the day.

In other scraps, Zeta Beta Tau's Mike Cramer outslugged Bill Camp, Sigma Nu's entrant in the 155 pound division. Harry Carroll, Phi Sigma Kappa, made short work of his heavyweight opponent, Chuck Ferguson, Sigma Phi Epsilon, in winning on a TKO.

Don Hoffman, a 128-pounder from Beta Sigma Rho also notched a TKO over Ramsey Frank, Alpha Gamma Rho. Bob Jordan of Phi Kappa Psi decisioned Ron Seipert, Lambda Chi Alpha, and Joe Musial won a decision over Tom Richards, Delta Sigma Phi.

Probably the most crowd-pleasing scrap was the Camp-Cramer setto. Cramer, with a shorter reach, had to take advantage of the openings in a real slugfest.

Carroll sent his Phi Sig supporters home happy with a quick TKO in 58 seconds. He pursued Ferguson around the ring from the opening bell and won with little trouble. Jordan, 175-pounder, grabbed a close decision from Seipert in a good bout.

Both Musial and Richards cautiously played for the openings in their 145 pound scrap. The latter connected with more short jabs to gain the decision.

Forfeit wins were recorded by Wylie, Pi Kappa Phi, over Russell, Phi Gamma Delta; Capin, Alpha Epsilon Pi, over Norcik, Chi Phi; Hofmann, Sigma Pi, over Schwenzfeier, Beta Theta Pi; Evanko, Theta Kappa Phi, against Lewis, Sigma Chi; and Chalmers, Zeta Beta Tau, over Smith, Phi Delta Theta.

Others moving to the second round on forfeits were Snyder, KDR, over Bell, Phi Epsilon Pi and Fleming, Chi Phi, over Hirsh, Zeta Beta Tau. Fresch, of TKE, Thomas, KDR, and Hickey of DU also advanced by way of forfeit.

## University to Host 2 Clinics Saturday

Penn State will play host to two clinics Saturday—a wrestling clinic at the Armory and a basketball program in Rec Hall. Charles Speidel, Penn State wrestling coach, is in charge of the all-day wrestling clinic, while basketball coach, Elmer Gross, is the basketball chairman.

Speidel has acquired outstanding men throughout the state to speak at the Armory. Ernest McCoy, Dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, will give the opening address at 10:30 a.m. Mark Funk, PIAA executive director, will follow Dean McCoy and describe the development of wrestling in the PIAA.

Henry "Red" Campbell, wrestling coach at Phillipsburg High School, and considered by many as the "top" official in the state, will give a demonstration in officiating at 11 a.m. At 11:30 a.m., a movie will be shown.

The clinic will re-convene at 2 p.m. when John Miller, director of Athletics at Bellefonte High School, will talk on "How a High School Developed Wrestling."

### Weiss to Speak

Next on the agenda is Art Weiss, wrestling coach at Clearfield High School. Weiss possesses the most outstanding high school wrestling record in the state. His teams have won more championships than any other school in the PIAA. He will talk on wrestling drills.

Jim Maurey, wrestling coach at Stevens Trade School in Lancaster, and former intercollegiate champion will be introduced at

3 p.m., and will explain some of the methods of breaking holds.

Speidel and Penn State trainer Chuck Medlar will conclude the day's program. Speidel will explain the cardinal principles in wrestling and relate some of its strategy. Medlar will talk on training skills and equipment used in a College training room.

The program will end at 5:15 p.m.

The basketball clinic will commence at 1:30 p.m. with Dean McCoy giving the opening address. He will be followed by John Lawther, former Penn State coach and present Assistant Dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics. Lawther will talk on shooting, passing, screening, footwork, and other basketball fundamentals.

### Gross to Speak at 2:15 p.m.

Gross will speak at 2:15 p.m. concerning zone defense and PIAA director Mark Funk will follow on the organization of the PIAA at 2:45 p.m.

Other speakers will be John Egli, freshman basketball coach at the University, W. R. Bolton, faculty manager at State College High School, and Medlar. The program will end at 5:15 p.m. Admission is free to both clinics.

## 18 Fraternity Squads Engage in IM Action

Eighteen fraternity basketball quintets swarmed into Recreation Hall Monday evening to continue competition in the intramural court loop.

Good team play produced few individual super-stars but produced keenly fought, tight games and higher than average scores.

Phi Gamma Delta gained a one-point margin in the first half against Sigma Chi and was barely able to hang on for a 24-22 win.

With Tom Wilson and Dick Gellatt accounting for a total of 17 flashes on the scoreboard, Kappa Sigma waltzed off with a 31-21 victory over Alpha Gamma Rho. Dean Belt tallied eight for the losers.

### Phi Sigma Delta Wins

While racking up the highest team score of the evening, Phi Sigma Delta trampled Phi Mu Delta, 41-27. Four players, Dick Siegel, Jay Poser, Warren Gittlen, and Milt Linial, contributed heavily to the winners' attack. Gary Emanuel with 17, and Jack Harmon with 10 markers took care of all the losers' scoring.

Chi Phi piled up an overpowering 15-2 first half margin in subduing Tau Phi Delta, 32-11. Byron Matteson scored nine points to pace Chi Phi.

Tau Kappa Epsilon outdistanced Delta Chi, 25-16, via a big second half spurt that carried them from a one-point edge in the first half to the final mark.

### Phi Kappa Wins, 20-10

In a contest very similar to the TKE victory, Phi Kappa stretched a 9-8 half-mark to a 20-10 victory over Alpha Chi Rho.

Sigma Nu fought off a determined last half effort by Delta Upsilon to annex a 30-28 win. Jim Garrity with 15 tallies sparked the DU bid for a win.

In the next to last contest of the evening Delta Tau Delta scored a 24-16 triumph over Phi Kappa Psi. John Pine and Gene Danser paced the winners.

Alpha Phi Alpha rallied to win a close 23-19 verdict over the Phi Delta Theta courtmen. Ernie Pollard scored 11 markers for the victors.

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