

# Two IM Boxing Champs Triumph

## McGraw, Fornicola Tally Wins

Two of last year's IM boxing champions got off to impressive starts in their efforts to gain new laurels this year as the mitt tourney finished its fourth day yesterday at Rec Hall.

Jim McGraw, Phi Sigma Kappa's 121-pound king last year and Larry Fornicola, independent wearer of the 135-pound diadem in 1952 scored wins. McGraw, though hard-pressed by crafty Bob Polito of Theta Kappa Phi, came back with a third round flurry when he badly needed it to gain the decision. Fornicola showed his class by outpointing scrappy Al Deamer.

Elsewhere, one of defending team champion Delta Upsilon's entries fell by the wayside. DU Archie Kinder dropped a close decision to Ed Kittka, Theta Kappa Phi swung in a 165-pound scrap. It was the champs' first loss to the tournament so far this year.

Darkhorse Phi Kappa Sigma saw two of its men advance into the second round. One hundred forty-five pound Don Martin eked out a close decision over John Valentine, Pi Kappa Phi, in a corker. Jack Cleland followed suit with a win against Johnny Johnson, Chi Phi.

Delta Chi also boasted two winners for the afternoon's action. Wes Wood turned back 155-pounder Jack Tihansky, Phi Kappa Tau, and Joe Stefanelli came out victorious over Al Coune, Beta Theta Pi contestant in a 165-pound match.

John Hamill, Chi Phi, won by default over Theta Chi's Chuck Leech when the latter injured his left shoulder in the first round and could not continue. The action took place in the 135-pound class.

Beta Theta Pi puncher Bruce Wagner and Jack Dillon, Phi Kappa, survived the opening round. Wagner outfought Jack Hanish of Theta Kappa Phi in a 145-pound bout, while Dillon scored a 155 win against Tom Bellin of Alpha Chi Rho.

The shifty McGraw had to call on all his savvy against Polito, but came back well to force a halt to the bout in the third round. Both set a fast pace during the first two rounds, but Polito tired fast in the last stanza.

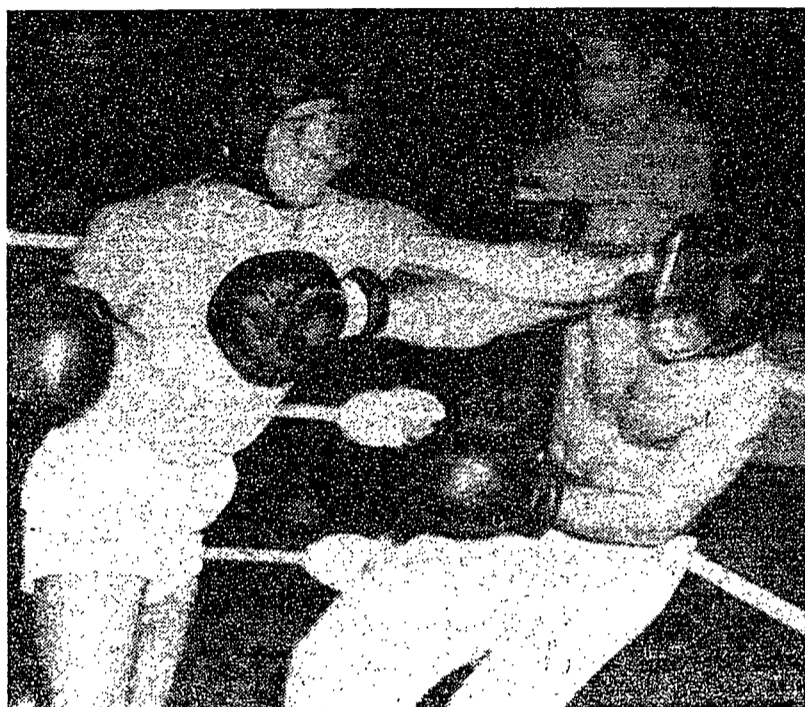
Fornicola, who looks like he'll be tough again, showed a quick-as-lightning one-two punch to gain the verdict in the first independent match of the tourney.

## Notre Dame Seeks 8th Against SMU

Once-tied Notre Dame, the nation's No. 2 team, tries to wrap up its first unbeaten season since 1949 against four-times defeated Southern Methodist in a nationally televised football finale tomorrow.

Cold, cloudy weather is in prospect for the intersectional clash starting at 2 p.m., EST before a near capacity 55,000 in Notre Dame Stadium.

Following a 14-14 tie with two beat-the-clock touchdowns against Iowa two weeks ago, Notre Dame was tumbled from the No. 1 position in the Associated Press national poll.



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BRUCE WAGNER, Beta Theta Pi boxer scores with a left hook to the head of his opponent, Jack Hanish, Theta Kappa Phi in one of 12 IM bouts yesterday afternoon at Rec Hall. Wagner copped the decision in the 145-pound division.

## Wallace Will Speak At Grid Banquet

The 1953 varsity and freshman football players will hold their annual grid banquet at 4:30 p.m. tomorrow at the "Hate-To-Leave-It" camp, Frances Wallace, noted sportswriter, will be guest speaker.

The camp, located deep in the woods about 20 miles from campus, was the site the gridgers inhabited before home games throughout the season. It was there they found peace and quiet during Homecoming Weekend. The team's trip through the snow from the camp caused the team's delay in arriving on time for the Fordham game.

The awarding of the '53 varsity letters, election of co-captains for the 1954 season, and the election of a successor to this year's head manager, Dick Crefton, will highlight the program.

Mr. Wallace has served as master of ceremonies at various sports banquets throughout the country. He is currently contributing editor of Collier's magazine, and author of "Football Preview," a yearly feature in the magazine. He was formerly a college sports publicist and sports writer for four New York newspapers.

Wallace was sports publicity director for Notre Dame at the time the feats of Irish's famed Four Horsemen and Knute Rockne were recorded. He is the author of 14 books, four of which have been made into motion pictures.

## Lattner on Spot In SMU Contest

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 3 (AP)—Seldom has a college football player been spotlighted—and on the spot—as halfback Johnny Lattner of Notre Dame will be against Southern Methodist in Saturday's nationally-

televised game here. Lattner today was named by The Associated Press to the 1953 All-America team after earlier in the week winning the coveted Heisman and Maxwell Awards. Thus the millions watching TV and the 55,000 on hand personally will expect quite a performance from Lattner.

# State Meets W and J Cagers

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The two big men, scoring-wise, will probably be Sherry and Arnelle, although both Haag and Weidenhammer are constant scoring threats. Arnelle, who holds numerous scoring records at Penn State, averaged 17 points per game last year and Sherry tossed in 10.3 per contest.

Weidenhammer has been the Lions' floorman and playmaker for the past two seasons and will probably do most of the ball handling in the back court, where his deadly set shots make him a definite offensive threat.

Haag, termed by Gross a "great" defensive player, is important in the Lion fast break offense. Both Marisa and Blocker are good rebound men and will be in the Lion back line of defense.

The game will be the Nittanies' only home contest until after the Christmas holidays. The Lions travel to Philadelphia Dec. 12 to meet Penn and move on to American University and North Carolina State during the vacation. They return home Jan. 6 when they play Syracuse at Rec Hall.

Tonight's contest climaxes an all-day basketball clinic scheduled to get under way at 1 p.m. in Rec Hall. Gross, Assistant Coach John Egli, and John Lawther, assistant dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, will conduct exhibitions on offensive and defensive variations, fundamentals, and jump ball formations.

## Basketball Tilt to Top Coed Sports

A men-versus-women basketball game will climax the co-educational recreation program from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. tomorrow in Recreation Hall.

Kappa Alpha Theta sorority will take on the Nittany Mountaineers on one of the basketball courts reserved for the recreation program.

Badminton, handball, ping-pong, table soccer, volleyball, and basketball facilities will be available for men and women students. Admission is free.

Originated last year, the program was termed a success by Ernest B. McCoy, dean of the Physical Education school. Raymond M. Conger, associate professor of physical education in charge of the program, announced that similar recreation periods will be held every Sunday night.

Street clothes are satisfactory apparel for the evening, Conger said, but students should remember to wear shoes suitable to the Rec Hall floor surface.

Members of the physical education faculty will direct the activities. Assisting them will be two graduate and two undergraduate students.

## Frosh-JV Courtmen To Meet

Freshman Coach John Egli will pit his yearlings against head basketball Coach Elmer Gross' junior- varsity at 6:30 tonight in Rec Hall in a preliminary attraction to the Washington and Jefferson-Penn State game.

This will be the first contest of the campaign for the freshmen. They will travel to the University's center in Altoona for a game Dec. 18.

Frosh Have Height Egli's squad is packed with height and potential. Bob Ramsay of Munhall, 6-7, is the tallest man on the team. The "midget" on the quintet is 5-10 Jim Lysek of Hellertown.

Starting lineups have not been released for either team. Ed Rudler, Joe Malone, Clarence Watts, and Bob Wainscott will probably be among the starting five for the junior varsity.

Good rebounding will be one of the strongholds for the freshmen and is an important factor in the sliding zone used by Penn State. Possession is one of the main goals in this type of game and good rebounding leads to possession, Egli pointed out.

Egli Pleased "I have no idea how good the boys are because I have not seen them against actual competition," Egli said several days ago. He reported he was well pleased with the hustle displayed by the freshmen.

Egli listed 13 men on his roster and said he planned to use them all in an effort to get a starting five for the game in Altoona. Besides Ramsay and Lysek Egli listed Cliff Gleason, 6-5; Bob Benson and Jim Holmes, 6-4; Hugh Cooper and Sam McKibben, 6-3; and Joe Hartnett, 6-2. Also on the list were Jack Houser, Ed Kramer, and Andy Pyfel, 6-1, and Charles Sitch and Bill Stoddart, both an even six feet.

## Grapplers Win NCAA's

Penn State's 1953 wrestling team was the first to win the NCAA championship in the school's history.

## Hoffman Is Smallest

Bob Hoffman, at 5-10, is the smallest man on Penn State's basketball team this year.

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