

# Points, Defense Highlight IM's

Shooting accuracy and defense highlighted IM basketball action on Thursday night, as 18 teams squared off in Rec Hall. The high point of the evening was a 50 point performance recorded by the Geeche Birds.

The Raiders kept daylight between themselves and the Sabres and managed to finish on the winning end of a 32-28 score. Faris' eight points was high for the winners.

Dorm 36 had little trouble with the Hellenic Society and aided by a halftime score of 13-6, ran up a winning tally of 30 to 16.

The Fifty-Fivers failed to live up to their name, but still outscored Joe's Boys, 33-17. Of the losers' 17 points, Jones collected 11 of them.

The Nighthawks checked in with the second highest score as they threw in 42 points to down the Knights, 42-9.

In one of the closer games, the Five Roses managed to finish three points ahead of the Radads, 19-16.

The Geeche Birds displayed a well-oiled machine, as they tore through the Sleepers, 50-16. The winners were aided by a 25-8 halftime score. Fred Wallitsch, Jim Erb, George Flickinger, and Barry Schriver controlled the reigns in the 50 point performance.

On the strength of Bergel's 8 points, the Falcons "dumped" the Iron Men, 20-12. Cotton's nine points was high for the losers.

In the "hair-breath" game of the evening, the Snipers nipped the Alpha Watts, 21-19. After a 5-5 halftime, the contest was forced into overtime. Every one of Hauch's 10 points proved invaluable for the winners, and Davis showed the way for the losers with 12 counters.

Pulling away steadily in the second half, the Beta Watts overpowered the Plungers, 30-17. Allison's 12 points was high for the winners, while Myerson checked in with nine for the Plungers.

# Lions Favored To Capture Divisional Title

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (AP)—Although they scraped it a little thin last week, the champion Detroit Lions were heavily favored to whip the Giants in New York Sunday and win their second straight Western Division title in the National Football League.

The NFL's regular season winds up Sunday. The Lions (9-2) are a full game ahead of the runnerup San Francisco 49ers (8-3) and if they win it will be all over except for the league championship with the Cleveland Browns in Detroit Dec. 27.

A Detroit loss and a San Francisco victory over Baltimore will put the teams in a tie and force a playoff the following week in San Francisco.

The Lions just squeezed by the Chicago Bears, 13-7, last Sunday for their fifth straight triumph. This will be their first meeting of the year with the Giants. The New Yorkers were humbled, 62-14, by the unbeaten Browns a week ago.

Kyle Rote, the spark of the Giants' attack, missed the Cleveland contest but he will be ready to go against the Lions. President Jack Mara of the Giants isn't conceding to Detroit, either. He recalls that the Giants were thumped, 63-7, by Pittsburgh a year ago and then came back the next week to upset Cleveland.

The 49ers have won three in a row while Baltimore has dropped its last six games. The Californians beat the Colts in Baltimore Nov. 29. Sunday's game will be played in San Francisco.

The Los Angeles Rams (7-3-1), who still hope to grab second place, entertain Green Bay (2-8-1) on Saturday. The Rams won the first engagement, 28-20.

Meanwhile, the Browns, who clinched the Eastern crown weeks ago, will aim to finish up an all-winning season at Philadelphia.

## Two Court Games To Be Televised

Two of the Penn State basketball team's 1954 road games will be televised.

Naval Academy officials said they have tentatively agreed to a nation-wide telecast of the Penn State-Navy game at Annapolis, Jan. 16. The game will be televised by the ABC network.

The University of Pittsburgh earlier agreed to the telecast of several home games, including the Penn State engagement on Feb. 13. This game, with Bob Prince and Dr. H. C. Carlson as commentators, will be televised by a Pittsburgh station.

## Football Attendance Up

College football crowds during 1953 were up 2.05 per cent over those of the previous season, according to the Associated Press.

## Engle and Rados Set for Classic

Head Lion football coach, Rip Engle, and his ace quarterback of the past season, Co-captain Tony Rados, will leave Monday for Montgomery, Ala. for the annual Blue-Grey game.

Engle will act as head coach for the Blue squad in this year's game.

Rados, one of four signal-callers on the Blue team was chosen to play in the annual classic because of his outstanding passing performance over the past season. The National Collegiate Athletic Association rated him in the number five spot on the list of the nation's top passers.

Another sterling Lion performer, Co-captain and end Don Malinak, will participate in the North-South Shrine Bowl and in the Senior Bowl at Mobile, Ala.

## New Football Manager

John W. Greiner is the newly-elected student manager of Penn State football, succeeding Richard D. Crafton. Newly-appointed first assistants are Orrin C. Barr, George W. Simpson, and Edward G. Huston.

## 1954 Harrier Manager

John F. Speer is manager-elect of Penn State cross-country, succeeding Robert D. Dahle. Newly-appointed first assistants are John M. Russell, Robert M. Millan, and William R. Seng.

# Kid Gavilan Named Top 1953 Ringman

NEW YORK, Dec. 11 (AP)—Welterweight champion Kid Gavilan was voted the Edward J. Neil Memorial Plaque as "Fighter of the year" for 1953 today by the Boxing Writers Association.

Gavilan will receive the Neil Award, Thursday, Jan. 14 at the association's annual dinner. The 27-year-old Havana "Keed" successfully defended his crown three times during the year defeating Chuck Davey, Carmen Basilio, and Johnny Bratton. He turned in outstanding performances while knocking out Davey and battering Bratton.

The Neil Plaque, presented annually to the fighter of the year and the man who did the most for the sport during the year, is named in memory of the former Associated Press boxing writer who was killed in 1938 while serving as a war correspondent in Spain. Gavilan became the first foreigner to win it.

Gavilan, given a unanimous ballot by the 44 voting members, succeeds Rocky Marciano, the 1952 winner. Lightweight champion Jimmy Carter and middleweight king Bobo Olson also were considered.

The flashy Cuban, known to the nation's television audiences for his bolo punch and more potent left hook, lost only one fight in 1953, an upset defeat by Danny (Bang Bang) Womber at Syracuse, May 2.

After his one-sided victory over

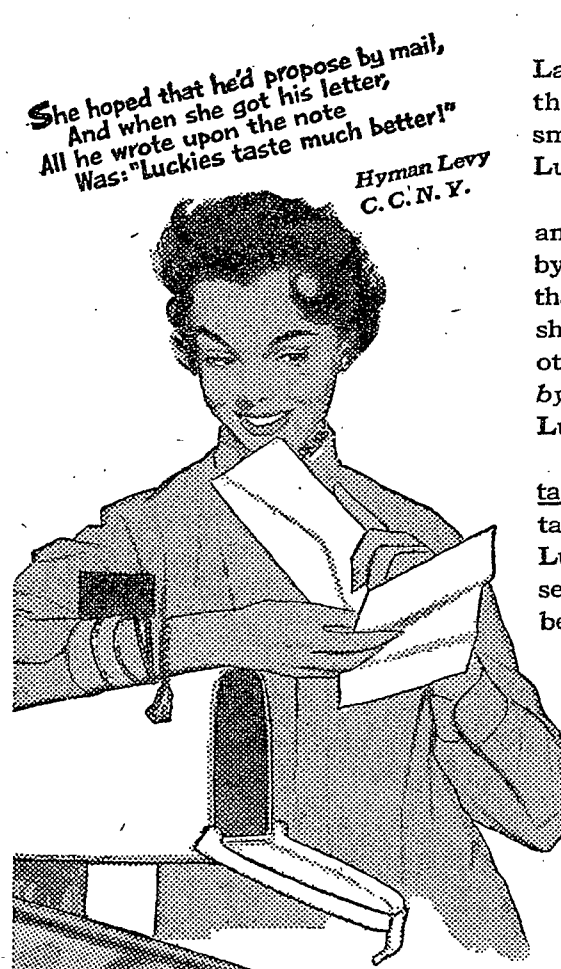
Bratton at Chicago, Nov. 13, he was ready to give up the welter class to take his chances with Olson in a bid for a second title. He may defend the 147-pound crown against Basilio before he moves up among the 160-pounders.

Gavilan won the title by whipping Bratton, then the National Boxing Association champ, May 18, 1951. He has defended against Billy Graham twice, Bobby Dykes, Gil Turner, Davey, Basilio, and Bratton. Until the Womber upset, he hadn't lost a scrap since 1950.

The Neil Plaque, one of the most prized awards in boxing, was first presented in 1938 when Jack Dempsey was the winner. Among the more illustrious former winners are Joe Louis, Henry Armstrong, Benny Leonard, Billy Conn, and Ray Robinson.

Gavilan's record shows 113 bouts starting in 1943. He has won 96, lost 13 and drawn four times. He has knocked out 27 opponents and never has been KO'd.

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