

# PhiKs Champs!; Cagers Away

## Defeat Phi Sigma Kappa, 105-90, in IM Ring Finals

By ROY WILLIAMS and BOB DUNN

Phi Kappa Sigma won the fraternity intramural boxing championship last night at Rec Hall when it added twenty points to its tally sheet for a total of 105 points. Phi Sigma Kappa was second with 90 points, and Sigma Nu occupied the third place slot with 75 points.

The champs had a slim five-point lead of 85-80 over their closest rival, Phi Sigma Kappa, as the lights dimmed in Rec Hall before eleven pairs of men faced each other for the individual weight championships.

## Lion Frosh Face Altoona Tonight

John Egli's freshman cagers leave for Altoona today in quest of their first victory of the season. The yearlings dropped their only previous game of the year to the junior varsity, 43-42.

The ten-man squad will leave at 5 p.m. today from Rec Hall.

The Lions' starting lineup averages almost 6-3 and should give Egli's team an advantage under the boards. Bob Ramsay is the tallest man on the squad at 6-7. He paced the yearlings in grabbing rebounds in the JV battle by taking nine off the glass backboards.

### Lysek Good Ball Handler

Five-foot ten Jim Lysek makes up for his lack of height with good ball handling. Lysek showed a good one-hand push shot from around the key in the JV game.

Joe Hartnett, 6-2, tied for freshman scoring honors by hitting for three field goals and two fouls. He displayed a spark that helped ignite the frosh. Bon Benson, 6-4, tied Hartnett with three two pointers and four fouls for eight points.

Egli said he would not employ the full court press against Altoona. He explained that it is too difficult to teach in the short time the freshmen have to practice. The yearlings have set up a good defense and are now trying to perfect the offensive style of their game, Egli pointed out.

### Showed Rebounding Skill

Despite their height advantage the freshmen had a little trouble with their rebounding in the JV encounter. On offense the Nittanians picked off 18 rebounds and on defense they got only eight. In the Penn State style of basketball possession in one of the most vital factors and rebounding leads to possession. This is why Egli has been emphasizing this part of the game.

- F—Jim Lysek
- F—Jack Houser
- C—Bob Ramsay
- G—Bob Benson
- G—Joe Hartnett

### Engle Likes New Game

Rip Engle, Penn State coach, went on record today as favoring continuation of one platoon football. The Lion mentor said his team suffered fewer injuries in 1953, played the best football of his four Penn State teams, and definitely approved the new game.

Jim McGraw won the 128-pound championship, and added five points to the loser's total. McGraw won the split decision against Don Hoffman, Beta Sigma Rho.

Although Hoffman had an effective right hook, McGraw forced him to the ropes briefly in the first round. McGraw, a possible candidate for tryouts with the varsity boxing squad, missed several deadly swings, but tired his opponent in the third with left uppercuts.

### McChesney, Martin Win

Nick McChesney and Don Martin, however, combined their wins to give Phi Kappa Sigma the undisputable crown. Gary Nugent, Sigma Pi, lost the 135-pound crown to McChesney who continually danced and feinted his way around the ring. Nugent used a solid left to get McChesney on the ropes briefly in the third round, after a slow second round.

Martin's win was in the 145-pound class over Theta Xi's Joe Musial. The lefty boxer combined his shiftiness and speed to defeat Musial despite a third round comeback as Musial moved in with a sweeping right hook.

Pinky Friedman, Phi Epsilon Pi, won a unanimous decision over Hilly Rosen, Phi Sigma Delta, in the 121-pound championship bout. Despite Friedman's display of ring finesse, Rosen had him on the ropes in the first round. Friedman moved in on Rosen in the second round with jabs to the head, although Rosen's aggressiveness and left jab enabled him to land several head blows.

### Fornicola Tallies

In the independent bouts, Larry Fornicola and Bob McMATH won championship berths. Fornicola, 145-pounder, defeated lanky Dick Wetzel when he moved inside and punished Wetzel with the familiar one-two punch. Fornicola staggered Wetzel in the first round, but Wetzel came back with left jabs to Fornicola's head. McMATH defeated Joe Antonacci in a slugfest. Antonacci moved in with lefts both to the body and head of McMATH, but couldn't beat the winner's persistent aggressiveness.

### Fight to Grier

The crowd was waiting in anticipation all night for the bout between Harry Carroll of Phi Sigma Kappa and heavyweight Rosey Grier, Alpha Phi Alpha slugger, and it wasn't disappointed. Grier survived a knockdown after only ten seconds of the first round to (Continued on page seven)



Elmer Gross  
Basketball Coach



Jesse Arnelle  
High-scoring Center

## Face Rugged Two-Game Court Test

By DICK McDOWELL

Seeking its third win of the season, the Nittany Lion basketball team will clash with American University tonight in Washington, D.C. in the first game of a two game road trip which will carry it on to Raleigh, N.C., tomorrow night to meet highly rated North Carolina State.

The Lions arrived in the nation's capital last night and will go through a light workout at Leonard Gymnasium this afternoon before engaging the Eagles tonight.

American Coach Dutch Schulze's cagers are expected to give the Lions a tough battle tonight as they seek their 13th straight win on their home court. The Eagles sport a 4-3 seasonal record.

### Blocker at Forward

Lion Coach Elmer Gross said yesterday that he may make one change in the Nittany starting lineup for tonight's contest. Jim Blocker may replace sophomore Rudy Marisa in one of the forward positions. The rest of the lineup will remain the same. Captain Jack Sherry and Ron Weidenhammer will be at the guard posts and high scoring Jesse Arnelle will be at center. Ed Haag will fill the other forward slot.

The Eagles, one of the best defensive teams in the country, will meet the Lions with five lettermen, three of which are averaging over ten points per game.

The Lions go into the contest with successive wins over Washington and Jefferson, 66-41, and Penn, 72-67.

North Carolina State presents the biggest problem for the Grossmen on this trip. The Wolfpack, ranked eighth in the nation, has one of the best offensive teams in the south and is favored to win the Atlantic Coast Conference championship.

### Pack Averages 87 Points

With an 87-point team average the Pack holds a 4-1 record going into tomorrow night's battle. Coach Everett Case has six sophomores leading his attack and holds wins over Eastern Kentucky, Furman, the Phillips Oilers, and Davidson.

Gross will travel southward carrying a squad of only ten men. Dave Edwards, Chuck Christian, Bob Rohland, and Jim Brewer round out the squad.

Once again the bulk of the scoring power will probably come from Arnelle who leads the Nittanians with 44 points in two games. The giant pivot man dumped in 26 in the Lions' win against Penn.

## IM Boxing Champions

### Fraternity

121 Pound Class  
PINKY FRIEDMAN  
Phi Epsilon Pi

128 Pound Class  
JIM MCGRAW  
Phi Sigma Kappa

135 Pound Class  
NICK MCCHESNEY  
Phi Kappa Sigma

145 Pound Class  
DON MARTIN  
Phi Kappa Sigma

155 Pound Class  
JACK DILLON  
Phi Kappa

### 165 Pound Class

STEVE HAKY  
Sigma Nu

175 Pound Class  
BOB JORDAN  
Phi Kappa Psi

Unlimited Weight Class  
ROOSEVELT GRIER  
Alpha Phi Alpha

### Independent

145 Pound Class  
LARRY FORNICOLA

155 Pound Class  
BOB McMATH

Unlimited Weight Class  
FRANK DELLA PENNA

## Grid Season Shows Changes

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP)—College football turned conservative in 1953, swinging away from a forward passing game to running and old-fashioned, down-the-middle power football and putting more emphasis on defense.

That was the season's principle trend reflected by the sports writers and broadcasters in the Associated Press season-end poll. To a certain extent, this followed the trend noted in the 1952 season when the experts took special note of the increased effectiveness of tough, well-conceived defensive play.

This year, there was closer than usual agreement among the experts as to what constituted the main trend. Although they worded their replies in various ways, no fewer than 89 of about 300 writers and broadcasters returning questionnaires observed the swing toward tighter, more consecutive play. A good many others listed trends which might be associated with the main one.

The swing toward the running game and away from wide-open ball-throwing football was listed by 58 experts.

## WRA Results

### TABLE TENNIS

Chi Omega over Sigma Delta Tau  
Tri Vi over Alpha Chi Omega

### BASKETBALL

Tri Delt 39, Alpha Xi Delta 14  
McElwain-Simmons over Phi Sigma Sigma by forfeit

Alpha Chi Omega over Philotes  
Pi Beta Phi 22, Delta Zeta 15

## Phys Ed Group Elects Stoddart President

Charles W. Stoddart Jr., director and professor of physical education extension, has been elected president of the Pennsylvania State Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation.

Fred M. Coombs, professor of physical education, has been named vice president of recreation for 1954.

The elections were held at the annual convention last week in Altoona.

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