

# Yankee Stadium, KC Field Sold

NEW YORK, Dec. 17 (AP)—Ownership of Yankee Stadium—the "House That Ruth Built"—passed out of the hands of the New York Yankees today in a \$6,500,000 deal.

But co-owners Del E. Webb and Dan R. Topping of the Yankees said there will be no change in the operation of the baseball club. It was strictly a real estate deal, they explained, and will enable them to concentrate more on baseball.

# Soccer Captain Gets Outstanding Player Award

Retiring 1953 soccer Captain, Hap Irvin, was awarded the outstanding player trophy Wednesday night at the annual banquet in honor of the senior members of the squad. Other seniors honored at the Allencrest Tea Room were Hubie Kline, Bill Norcik, Red Harris, Ralph Hofmann, Emil Borra, and head manager George Greer.

Coach Ken Hosterman, who finished his freshman year as a soccer coach with a 5-2 record, made the presentation to Irvin. The member of the squad who receives the award each year is chosen by the coach.

In past years the award, which was donated by Captain Edward Mandel, 1938, has been awarded to such soccer standouts as Harry Little in 1949 and '50, Ron Coleman, 1951, and Frank Follmer, of the 1952 squad.

After the dinner, the customary election of the soccer captain for the following season was held. After a tie vote, Jack Pinezich was elected as the 1954 soccer captain on the second ballot. Pinezich humbly said, "I'll naturally try to do my best, and live up to the job which Hap and Kurt Klaus did the past two years. I'll be out there trying with the rest of the team."

George Greer, retiring head manager, congratulated Richard Gordon, fifth semester pre-law student from Pittston, who was recently named head manager for next year. His assistants will be Hillel Rosen, Lebanon, Leo Tarkett, Honesdale, and John Reno, Allentown.

Guests of honor at the dinner were Donald Watkins, trainer, Ralph Wert, who was soccer equipment manager during the season, and Roy Williams, Collegian soccer reporter.

# College Cage Attendance Up

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17 (AP)—College basketball has ridden out the storm of scandal and attendance is on the upswing, Ned Irish, president of Madison Square Garden, said today.

Irish told the weekly meeting of the Philadelphia Basketball Writers Association that attendance in New York alone was up 20 per cent so far this year despite the lack of an outstanding New York college team.

The man who generally is considered the originator of big time college basketball doubleheaders credited a "new crop of fans" with helping the game over its biggest hurdle in history—the stench of fixed games.

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# Lion Gymnasts to Open Season With Sweden

Within a period of four short weeks Penn State's Eastern and National gymnastic champs will once again spring into action. Coach Gene Wettstone, with a splendid record behind him, expects as great a season as was enjoyed last year, when the Lions won each of their six regularly scheduled meets, and then went on to capture the Eastern crown.

This in itself was a great achievement, but the not-to-be-outdone Lions soared through the NCAA meet at Syracuse March 28th to gain the top rung in the nation's gymnastic ladder.

# IM Boxing --

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hammer his rival in the latter stages of the round. Grier then copped the decision in the second round, when Carroll, after falling to the canvas from a furious assault, was unable to continue because of a broken ankle.

Independent heavy Frank Della Penna decided Phil Caton with some of the hardest punching of the tourney thus far. Caton landed a hard right to the champ's head in the second stanza, but after this, Della Penna came back strong and won going away.

Third place finisher Sigma Nu boasts the 165-pound titleholder in Steve Haky, who won a unanimous verdict over Jack Johnson, Acacia. Haky dropped his opponent to the mat in the last round with a one-two punch to the head, and had Johnson swinging wildly in the last stages.

### Jordan Prevails

Bob Jordan, Phi Kappa Psi, won the 175-pound championship by decisioning Chi Phi's John Lawrence in an extremely close match, although the vote was unanimous. Lawrence showed a quick left and right jab in the first part of the fight, but Jordan's third round splurge evidently was the deciding factor.

Jack Dillon of Phi Kappa won another unanimous verdict over Buzz Pierce, Pi Kappa Phi, in the 155-pound division. Pierce's square, crouching stance was in contrast to the faster Dillon, with the latter showing more aggressiveness at the end.

With nearly his entire squad of last year returning, Wettstone will be gifted with both depth and experience. Jan Cronstedt, a sensation as a freshman and national all-around champ as a sophomore last year, is expected to spearhead the Lions.

The first hurdle the gymnasts will have to clear to equal last year's season will be the meet Jan. 16 with Sweden's Olympic standouts at Rec Hall. Sweden, always strong and recognized as one of the top teams in its field throughout the world, will undoubtedly provide the Blue and White with its stiffest opposition.

An outstanding reputation for their team spirit and high class of gymnastics has been established by the Swedes.

Tickets for the Penn State-Sweden gymnastics meet at Rec Hall Saturday, January 16, will go on sale Monday, January 4, in each of the following places: Keeler's, Grahams, AA office in Old Main, and Herman's News Agency in Bellefonte. Prices are 50 cents for downstairs seats and \$1.00 for balcony seats. There will be 3000 tickets sold at each price, and no seats will be reserved.

The 1954 gymnastic schedule follows:

- Jan. 16, Sweden, home
- Jan. 30, Michigan State, home
- Feb. 6, Syracuse, home
- Feb. 13, Navy, home
- Feb. 20, Army, away
- Feb. 27, Temple, away
- March 6, West Virginia, away
- March 13, Intercollegiate, Phila.
- April 2-3, NCAA, Champaign, Ill.

# Irish Suspend 2 Grid Stars

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Dec. 17 (AP)—Half of Notre Dame's star football backfield—quarterback Ralph Guglielmi and halfback Joe Heap—has been suspended from school for staying out an hour past curfew while celebrating the Irish's victory over Southern Methodist.

They will have to apply for readmission to the school when the second semester opens in February. University officials have admitted the players are no longer on the campus.

Meantime, both players will miss final examinations for this semester. But it was learned at the university that they will be given an opportunity of making up the exams upon readmission.



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