

# Sinkers, Phi Sigma Delta Win IM Cage Titles



THE SINKERS last night defeated the Epars to become the 1954 Intramural Basketball Champions in the independent division. Members of the winning team are (front row) Phil Reese, Billy Kane, Thomas Law, Dan Radakovich, (back row) manager Dave Hamrick, Ray Alberigi, Guy Tirabass, and Douglass Melchling, Joe Yukica, coach.

## Independents Win Third Straight, Set Record

By EARL KOHNFELDER

The Sinkers and Phi Sigma Delta rule supreme as 1954 intramural basketball champions of the independent and fraternity leagues respectively. The Sinkers, led by Billy Kane with 13 points and Daniel Radakovich with 11, edged the Epars in a close game, 40-36, while Phi Sigma Delta drove to an easy 44-34 decision over Sigma Chi. Both games were played last night at Recreation Hall.

In winning, the Sinkers set an intramural record. They became the first intramural team to cop three titles in a row. It also marked the 35th consecutive win for the Sinkers, covering a three year span.

The Epars jumped off to a 10-5 first quarter lead as Daniel LeVan tossed in six points, four of them coming on jump shots.

Robert Shaffer opened the second quarter with a push shot from the left corner to up the count to 12-5 for the Epars. The Sinkers then came to life as Kane and Radakovich combined efforts to pull the Sinkers even at 12-12, only to have the Epars pull out to an 18-14 lead.

The Sinkers, however, staged another comeback as baskets by Kane, Radakovich, and Douglass Melchling in that order enabled the Sinkers to walk off the court with a slim 20-18 half-time lead.

The third quarter was marked by an exchange of baskets with the Sinkers still on top 30-26. The final quarter followed the same pattern as the Sinkers held on to win, 40-36.

Smooth team-work on the part of Phi Sigma Delta finally told the story as Sigma Chi bowed before the fraternity champs. Like the Sinkers, Phi Sigma Delta are repeating champions, having taken the title last year when they defeated Sigma Phi Sigma.

Donald Devorris and Robert Seigal were about the whole show for the winners as their combined totals equalled that of the entire Sigma Chi team. Devorris scored 20 while Seigal collected 14, most of them coming on a turn-around jump shot.

After holding a slight 12-11 first quarter edge, Phi Sigma Delta pulled out to a 15-12 lead early in the second stanza as Seigal converted a lay-up basket into a three pointer, having been fouled in the act of shooting. Two more fielders by Devorris in addition to one more for Seigal brought the half-time tally to 24-17.

Sigma Chi fought back in the third quarter to trail 30-25 midway in the period, but could not get any closer. Successive push shots by Devorris increased the winners' lead to 34-25, a lead which they held at the end of the quarter. The excellent rebounding of Seigal proved a great factor in the winners' surge. Phi Sigma Delta's coach called for a sure victory, filled a game with reserves in the waning moments.

## Kentucky Leads AP Cage Poll

NEW YORK, March 8 (AP)—The nation's basketball experts gave unbeaten Kentucky another vote of confidence today as the No. 1 college team in the weekly Associated Press poll.

Adolph Rupp's Wildcats got the definite nod over second place Indiana, the defending NCAA champion. Duquesne, on the road back after a lost weekend 10 days ago when two straight defeats followed 22 victories, pulled up into third place.

Ninety-five sports writers and broadcasters took part in the 13th weekly balloting. Forty-three of them named Kentucky first and nobody who picked the Wildcats at all put them lower than sixth. Kentucky wound up with 788 points on the system of 10 for first, 9 for second and on down the line.

Indiana polled 11 first place votes and nine other teams collected one or more. Forty teams figured in the voting.

Holy Cross and North Carolina State, two early season favorites, returned to the top 10 in ninth and 10th positions.

## Cagers Defeat Temple; Face Toledo Tonight

Toledo basketball coach Jerry Bush, on a scouting mission Saturday night in Rec Hall, may have returned home feeling a little skeptical about his team's chances against the Lions tonight in the NCAA playoffs at Fort Wayne, Ind.

Bush was on hand for Penn State's finest display of zone defensive work this season as they whipped Temple University, 67-52, to close out their regular season. The win, the 34th straight at Rec Hall, moved the Lion won-lost chart to 14-5.

Although they managed to stay within striking distance until mid-way in the fourth period, Temple had to rely mainly on a combination fast break and outside set-shot offense to score. They were unable to move the ball inside the fluid Nittany sliding-zone barrier.

**Lions' Defense Tight**  
The Lions, although shy offensively themselves, repeatedly frustrated Owl scoring attempts throughout the contest as they forced the ball around the outside of their impermeable screen.

And in the process they built up and then held a narrow lead until the final quarter when they exploded for 20 points and held Temple to only 10.

The Owls were held to 49 shots from the floor. They hit on 13 of these and added 26 foul points in 39 attempts.

The Lions connected on 22 of 68 field goal attempts and added 23 charity points in 29 shots.

**Three Share Honors**  
Three men shared the scoring honors for the Nittanies. Jesse Arnelle, Ron Weidenhammer and Jack Sherry all tossed in 13 markers to lead the varied Nittany attack. Arnelle's 13 brought his seasonal total over the 400 mark for the third straight year and boosted his career total to 1305. He has 405 this season.

He scored seven of those in the 1st quarter as Penn State jumped ahead seconds after the opening buzzer. It took the Owls five minutes to score their first field goal but from that point on they hit with consistency until they knotted the count at the end of the period, 14-14.

**Take 2d Period Lead**  
The Lions moved back into the lead in the second period but were unable to move too far ahead of the fast breaking Philadelphians. Mid-way in the period they built their margin to seven points, 26-19, saw it slip in the closing minutes, and then spurted ahead again as the half ended 33-27.

Temple, led by speedster Sam Sylvester, outscored the Lions in the third canto, 15-14, to narrow the gap to 47-42. Sylvester and forward Harry Silcox combined for nine points as the Owls found the range from outside the air-tight Nittany defense.

Then in the final frame Penn State began to hit again—this time for 20 points—and held the Owls to two meager field goals and six foul points.

PENN STATE				TEMPLE			
fg	f	tp	pts	fg	f	tp	pts
Sheriff	3	7-8	13	Silcox	4	4-5	12
Rohland	1	3-5	5	Sylvester	2	8-8	12
Bloeker	4	1-2	9	Kane	2	6-11	10
Arnelle	3	7-9	13	Miller	0	0-0	0
Weidenhammer	5	3-3	13	Smith	0	0-0	0
Brewer	2	2-2	6	Dirlikson	4	2-5	10
Pfeils	0	0-0	0	Mohr	0	0-0	0
Haag	2	0-0	4	Lear	0	4-8	4
Edwards	1	0-0	2	Dobisch	1	2-2	4
Marisa	1	0-0	2	Hess	0	0-0	0
Totals	22	23-29	67	Totals	13	26-39	52

Score by periods—  
 Penn State ..... 14 19 14 20—67  
 Temple ..... 14 13 15 10—52  
 Officials—Senipole, Kostecki.

## Matmen Have Control In Lower Divisions

By SAM PROCOPIO

(This is the first in a series of three articles on Penn State's chances at the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling tournament to be held at Ithaca, N.Y. this weekend.)

When Coach Charlie Speidel's matmen travel to Ithaca, N.Y. this weekend to defend their three-time Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling title, they will find some of the finest grapplers in the business in the first three weight classes. However, with two defending champions and one ex-champ, the Nittany Lions should be in control.

In the 123-pound division Hugh Peery, Pitt's ace matman, looms as a possible champ. He has won 40 straight matches, including tournament participation. And too, he is two-time NCAA champ. However, both titles were registered in the 115-pound class, one weight class below his regular season division. In the EIWA tournament he will be required to grapple in the 123-pound class since there isn't any 115-pound division. Pitt, a new EIWA member, was admitted before this season got underway.

Peery's main opposition will be Penn State's Bob Homan, who was 123-pound titleholder in 1952 and the only wrestler to post a victory against him; Lehigh's Alex McCord, last year's crown-bearer; and Navy's Bill Holtz.

Peery's 1954 unbeaten record shows four falls in ten attempts.

Although his opposition has not been as tough as other EIWA grapplers, Gene D'Allesandro of Rutgers will have to be considered a threat merely on his fine won and lost record. In seven dual meets this season the Rutgers 123-pounder impressively defeated each of his seven adversaries, five via falls.

Turning to the 130-pound class, Penn State will have defending champ, Dick Lemyre, seeking his third EIWA title in this division. Art Jesser, of Navy and runner-up last year will be one of four wrestlers who will likely show real competition. The other three are Bill Simmons of Temple, Bill Kozy of Pitt, and Jim Mahoney of Lehigh.

Simmons, who was 130-pound champion in the Wilkes-College tournament during the Christmas holidays last year, has the most impressive record. In winning the 130-pound title he was unscored 3½.

upon in the tournament. One of his tourney victories was at the expense of Pitt's Kozy, 9-0. However, there have been some indications that Simmons may not participate in the EIWA's because of an injury.

Ron Kurtz of Pitt who would also loom as a threat and who is unbeaten this season will not make the trip to Ithaca, it has been reported.

Lehigh, which will be strong in several heavier weight classes, can call on another capable 130-pounder in Gus Filipos.

In the power-laden 137-pound class, Speidel finds another Nittany Lion defending titlist—co-captain Jerry Maurey. Like Lemyre, Maurey wrestled during the entire season one weight above his regular class.

Maurey's competition will most likely be centered around Lehigh's Ken Faust, Temple's Dick Simmons, Army's Pete Fikaris, Pitt's George Matthews, and Navy's Herb Crane.


Faust, who was only beaten by State's Lemyre in dual meet competition this season, was third runner-up in last year's tourney held at Princeton. He has won nine matches this season, including one in the 147-pound class. Dick Simmons, brother of Bill, also boasts a fine record. He was beaten only in the 147-pound class. Although Simmons has six victories that he gained in the 137-pound class, he has also two triumphs earned in the 147 and 157-pound divisions.

**Army Next for Boxers**  
Penn State's next boxing opponent, Army, drew with Virginia 4-4 earlier in the year. Penn State defeated the Cavaliers 5½-3½.

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