

Cagers Will Face LaSalle Tonight

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Tomorrow night's final match, which will be televised nationally by NBC, is a sure bet to be another sellout. That contest gets underway at 11:15 p.m. (EST).

Fans tonight will get a special treat when the Lions and LaSalle clash in the first semi-final, a game which will also determine the Eastern champion. All-American Tom Gola of LaSalle and Penn State's Jesse Arnelle, currently the most talked about player in the nation, should add a lot of extra color to the game. Gola has led the Explorers to a fine 24-4 record with a 22.3 point per game scoring average. Arnelle, who is nearing that mark, sports a 21 average.

The big Lion center sparked the Nittanies to three upset wins in the regional eliminations and was named the most valuable player of the tourney following Penn State's 71-63 win against Notre Dame last Saturday.

LaSalle has been installed as the favorite to win both games tonight and tomorrow. But it's all figured on the Explorers' overall record and the experts are keeping a watchful eye on the Lions and their tricky zone defense. The confusing zone stymied two of the best teams in the country last week and it has gathered a lot of respect from former skeptics.

Neutral Grounds

This is neutral territory out here and strong possibility looms that Penn State may be the sentimental favorites tonight. Mid-western fans have taken a liking to the Lions, and especially their "strange" zone defense. The Nittanies captured the crowd's fancy last week when, as disregarded nobodies, they battered their way to upset wins over LSU and Notre Dame on consecutive nights.

The Penn State party arrived here by plane yesterday afternoon and established headquarters at the Continental Hotel. Coach Elmer Gross put the ten-man squad through a light workout on the auditorium floor last night. The team will begin a long rest until game time tonight.

Gross will probably start the same five he used in all three games last week. Arnelle will be at center and Ron Weidenhammer and Ed Haag will get the nod at the guard positions. Captain Jack Sherry and either Bob Rohland or Jim Blocker will be at the forward posts.

Lineup a Formality

However, a starting lineup is just a formality with this club these days. No matter who holds down the first five positions at the opening tap-off, it's positive that at least three of Gross' reserves will see just as much action. Last week the Lion coach shuffled Blocker, Earl Fields, and Jim Brewer in and out of the lineup constantly in all three games. And it paid off. All eight men were invaluable while they were in the games.

Besides these eight, forward Rudy Marisa and guard Dave Ed-

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Thompson and Willie Mays pacing a 12-hit attack.

BRADENTON, Fla., March 18 (P)—Sparked by the slugging power of Earl Torgeson, the Philadelphia Phillies pounded out a 12-10 win over the Milwaukee Braves today.

Torgeson hit safely his first four times at the plate—a double, single, triple and single in that order. He scored two runs, batted in a pair and helped set up another tally.

wards, sidelined last week with an attack of virus, will possibly get their crack at LaSalle tonight.

Win or lose, the Lions will still be in action tomorrow night. The two winners and the two losers will be paired against each other for the consolation and championship games.

The squad will leave for State College Sunday morning and is expected to arrive home about 11 p.m.

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ion win and a pin. Glenn Grove, Chi Phi, topped Tom Lewis, Sigma Alpha Epsilon with an 8-2 count, and Don Farmelo, pinned Dick Tussey, Pi Kappa Sigma. Farmelo lead 7-1 before he applied the clincher.

In other matches, Norm Paul, Alpha Gamma Rho, pinned his 165-pound opponent, Daley, Alpha Epsilon Pi, Jim Sweeney, Delta Upsilon, pinned Tom Falcie, Sigma Phi Sigma, in 1:50 of the third period; Whitey Messerman, Delta Chi, used a double arm lock to pin William Duraw, Delta Tau Sigma; Edward Klose, Delta Sigma Phi won a 5-4 decision over Clark Sell, Acacia; and Jesse Darlington, Phi Gamma Delta, pinned Conrad Lentz, Delta Sigma Phi.

Independent action saw Ken Knipe decision Uhlman, 6-0; Jones topped Beck, 6-0; Don Vinson, pinned Don Fritz; and George McKelvey pinned George Brown.

There are about 15 million bicycles in use in France.

3 U.S. Senators Praise Pirates

WASHINGTON, March 18 (P)—Three U.S. senators agreed today that the Pittsburgh Pirates will be a threat in the National League by the 1955 season.

The Pirates, current doormat of the National League, came up for discussion at Senate judiciary subcommittee hearings today after

Sen. Harley M. Kilgore (D-W.Va.) had said he had heard that only four major league clubs now have enough money to compete successfully for a league title.

Sen. Herman Welker (R-Idaho) said that "in a small way," he is identified with the Pirates.

"Johnny Galbreath and Bing Crosby have plenty o' wealth," Welker said, "but the club hasn't been out of last place since I have been connected with it."

Galbreath is president of the club and Crosby is vice president. Welker, whose legal firm represents Crosby, owns some shares of Pittsburgh stock.

There have been published reports that the Pirates are in financial trouble. This was said to have prompted the club to part with some of its top stars for cash.

Sen. William Langer (R-N.D.), chairman of the subcommittee, said the Pirates won't do well in 1954 "but they will climb in 1955 and 1956."

"I see where they have seven first basemen now and they have so many players the people don't even know their names. Branch Rickey is a smart general manager and he'll bring them along."

Sen. Edwin D. Johnson (D-Colo.) president of the Western League, agreed. "In 1955 and 1956," he said, "don't sell the Pirates short." Welker said that he, too, had high hopes for next year.

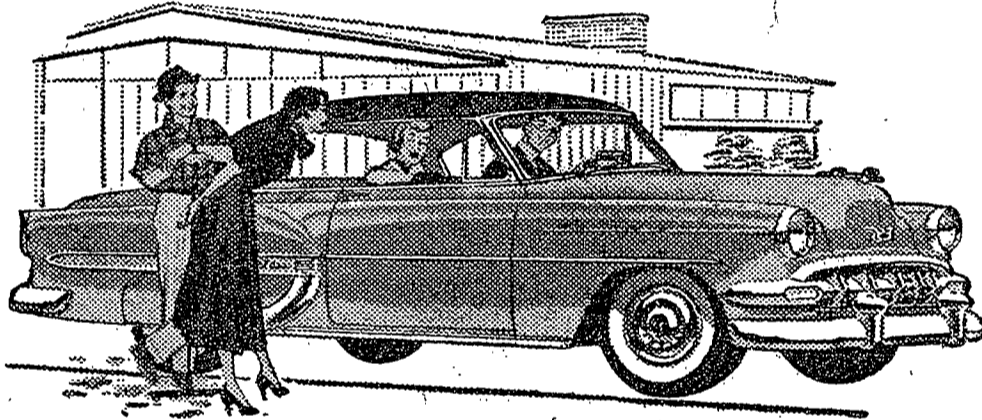
12 Intramural Teams Advance In Volleyball

Intramural volleyball action continued with a full schedule of games last Wednesday at Rec Hall.

Phi Kappa Tau opened the evening's card with an easy win over Kappa Sigma, 15-13, 15-13. Phi Delta Theta had little trouble from Phi Sigma Delta, 15-6, 15-8, while Phi Kappa Psi had an easy time in beating Alpha Chi Sigma, 15-2, 15-3. Theta Xi defeated Theta Kappa Phi, 15-13, 15-3, and Phi Sigma Kappa was too strong for Phi Mu Delta, 15-12, 15-5.

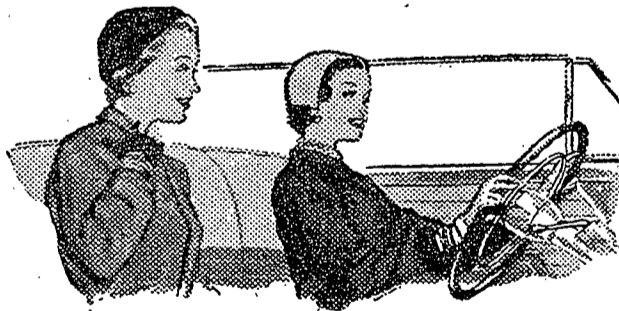
Phi Gamma Delta surprised a strong Beta Theta Pi team, 15-13, 15-10, while Lambda Chi Alpha won by forfeit from Sigma Alpha Epsilon. Chi Phi upended Sigma Pi, 15-8, 15-10. Sigma Phi Sigma overpowered Alpha Gamma Rho, 15-11, 15-8, while Alpha Tau Omega won in a romp from Phi Kappa, 15-1, 15-3.

Delta Theta Sigma beat Sigma Phi Alpha, 15-3, 15-4, and Tau Kappa Epsilon beat Theta Chi, 15-3, 15-10.



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