

# Netmen Battle Middies Today

By ROGER BEIDLER

A revenge-minded Penn State tennis squad will open its 1954 net season today when it meets the Middies of the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

With last year's stinging 8-1 rout at the hands of the Swabies still fresh in their memories, the Blue and White netters will attempt to open Coach Sherman Fogg's 9th year at the Lion's helm with a victory.

### Navy Tough

"Navy is always tough," the court mentor stated, "and a victory over them would indicate a very successful season for us."

Fogg earlier stated that the Lions were further advanced in their playing than ever before. The reason for this, he pointed out, is the hard surfaced courts which the squad is playing on. Formerly, the team had to wait for good weather until the varsity courts could be put into playing condition, and as a result, was weak at the beginning of the season.

Last year the Foggmen compiled a five and six mark which left them on the red side of the ledger. They owned wins over Syracuse, Lehigh, Pittsburgh, Bucknell and Duquesne, and fell before Bucknell, Navy, Georgetown, Maryland and twice to Colgate.

### Show Late Improvement

The Lions displayed tremendous improvement during the final half of the season, however, as they reversed an 8-1 loss to Bucknell which they suffered in the opening match. They came back in the latter part of the campaign to defeat the Bisons by the exact score they previously lost by.

In today's match, Fogg will send a formidable array of experienced lettermen against the Middies. These include Dick Robinson, co-captains Lew Landon and Bruz Ray, and Bill Ziegler. Robinson, last year's number one man, will open again this year in the top position. Landon will start as number two man, and Ziegler, a junior, will hold down the third spot. Ray is slated for the fourth position and sophomores Ed Seiling and Dean Mullen round out the team in that order.

Robinson and Landon, Ziegler and Bill Wallis, and Ray and Seiling will hold down the doubles positions.

# DeWitt Joins Yankee Organization

NEW YORK, April 27 (AP)—William O. DeWitt, who rose from office boy to the presidency of the St. Louis Browns, today joined the New York Yankees as assistant to General Manager George M. Weiss.

Roy Hamey quit the Yankee post last week to become general manager of the Philadelphia Phillies. DeWitt relinquished the vice presidency of the Baltimore Orioles to come here.

DeWitt was listed as a vice president of Baltimore, but remained there for only a few weeks immediately after the transfer from St. Louis.

The Orioles were obligated under a previous St. Louis contract to pay him through July of 1956 even though he stayed in St. Louis and merely held a title.

Clyde Y. Morris, secretary-treasurer of the Orioles, said today, "We made a very satisfactory and amicable settlement of his contract" so DeWitt could join the Yankees. "It was worked out to the satisfaction of both parties," Morris said.

It had been reported that DeWitt was receiving \$25,000 a year under the St. Louis contract.

This left the Orioles still paying salaries this year to Marty Marion and Rogers Hornsby, former managers of the Browns.

### Second Texan Jaunt

For the second time in its history, the Penn State football team will go to Texas in 1954 to play Texas Christian University at Fort Worth. Only prior appearance was in the 1948 Cotton Bowl.

# Baseball's Big Leagues

Chicago's Don Johnson came back to defeat his former teammates, the New York Yankees, 4-3, in a game that was held up for 52 minutes by rain in the third and which was finished under the Yankee Stadium lights. Johnny Groth and Minnie Minoso spoiled Enos Slaughter's 38th birthday by driving in all the Chicago runs. Minoso blasted a two-run homer off Yankee starter Whitey Ford. Joe Collins clubbed a pinch homer with Phil Rizzuto on base in the fifth when he went to bat for Ford.

### Yesterday's Results

**National League**  
St. Louis 7, Brooklyn 3 (8 in.)  
Cleveland at Boston, ppd.  
Cincinnati 8, Pittsburgh 7  
Phila. at Chicago, ppd.

**American League**  
Cleveland at Boston, ppd.  
Detroit at Phila., ppd.  
Baltimore at Washington, ppd.

# Hasty Road Upsets Field In Derby Trial

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 27 (AP)—Hasty Road jumped into top consideration for the 80th Kentucky Derby today as he out-fought Determine in a blistering head-and-head stretch duel to break the Churchill Downs track record in the \$15,350 Derby Trial. The dark brown son of Roman-Traffic Court, greatest money-winning 2-year-old in history last year, but a bust to date in his 3-year-old campaign, snapped out of it with convincing authority in this 17th Derby Trial.

He led all the way soon after Determine took a brief lead at the start of the mile gallop.

At the wire Hasty Road, from the Hasty House Farm of Allie Reuben, Toledo, grabbed the verdict by a head.

The crowd gasped and yelled as the time of 1:35 was announced. Two years ago Calumet's Hill Gail broke the track clocking with a 1:35 2-5 scorcher, and became the Derby favorite which he won with ease.

Eight Derby candidates started, and only Hasty Road and Determine were "big" names in the race. Correlation, winner of Saturday's Wood Memorial in New York, Goyamo, who took the Blue Grass Stakes at Keeneland last Thursday, and other top derby colts will await the \$100,000-added Roses raffle Saturday at 4:30 p.m. EST.

# 22 Wins Posted In Badminton

Twenty-two games were played Monday night as the intramural badminton season moved into its final week. In the initial contest of the night Lewis Landon won over Jack Walls, 15-2, 15-4. In remaining matches Dave Shoop beat Don Dailey, 16-14, 15-10; Jesse Walchel beat Hyman Tabachnick, 13-15, 15-12, 15-10.

Jim Brewer defeated Bob Yoder, 15-9, 15-4; Tom Strasser beat John Metzger, 15-12, 14-15, 15-14; Dave Girard beat Garry Crothers, 15-13, 4-15, 15-2; Dick Robinson defeated Stanton Vogin, 15-8, 14-15, 15-1; Don Signorini won over Jack Jantzer by forfeit; Jerry Jayne beat Charles Foelkers, 15-6, 11-15, 15-7; Roger Uhler beat George Setman, 15-6, 15-9; John Gruber shut out Ron Wint, 15-0, 15-0.

Dale Eppinger won by forfeit over Edmund Stashak; Dave Edwards beat Tom Ziegler, 15-9, 15-7; Joe Estabrook defeated Geoffrey Barnes by forfeit; Marvin Freed beat Rog Beidler, 15-9, 15-7; Dick Goldbeck beat Joseph VanTassel, 15-1, 15-4; Bob Bischoff won from Tubby Notari by forfeit.

In independent matches Karl Segner beat Carl Riss, 15-0, 15-0; James Bowers defeated Marvin Leach, 15-10, 15-14; Bill Worley beat Norm Bailey by forfeit; and Lloyd Mengle beat Dick Gray, 15-7, 15-8.

### Coach's Fifth Year

Charles A. "Rip" Engle, former of Brown University, will be at the helm of Penn State football for the fifth year in 1954.

# Ettenger, Bradley, Russo Pace Hitters

By HERM WEISKOPF

While chemistry and physics majors try to master the application of the theories and laws of such men as Albert Einstein and Sir Isaac Newton, baseball Coach Joe Bedenk's batters are attempting to perfect Wee Willie Keeler's theory on hitting.

Keeler's immortal words of "Hit 'em where they ain't" are considered to be the key to Keeler's record as one of the finest hitters who ever donned a major league baseball uniform.

Penn State's three leading exponents of Keeler's theorem so far are George Ettenger, Rex Bradley, and Charlie Russo. This trio is currently pacing the Nittany offense.

Ettenger hitting .417. Ettenger presently is leading the "hit parade" with a .417 batting average. Bradley and Russo are both sporting .357 marks. Bedenk's No. 1 catcher, Ettenger, has pounded out five hits in 12 official trips to the plate. Left-fielder Bradley and second baseman Russo have each hit safely five times in 14 at bats.

In the three games in which he has done the catching Ettenger has picked up five singles. In the season's opener against West Virginia he got an infield single and a bingle to left. Ettenger's other three hits have all been to the opposite field—right field for a righthand batter.

Against Lafayette's much talked about Ron Owen the Nittany catcher belted a solid single just inside the right field line to score Pat Kennedy from third. Ettenger blasted his second single to right in the eighth inning of the same contest. In Monday's 14-2 slaughter of Dickinson Ettenger added another run-scoring single in the first inning assault.

Drove in First Run. In his first trip to the plate this season Bradley singled to left to bat in the first run of the year for Penn State. Bradley picked up one of the two hits which the Lions got in the second game with the Mountaineers. His best performance came against Dickinson. Bradley collected a double and

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### Golf Over Baseball

Ken Yount, who stuck to baseball in college even though he was good enough to play on the golf team, has since reversed his field. The former Penn State pitcher abandoned professional baseball in favor of a golf pro's job at Niagara Falls, N.Y.



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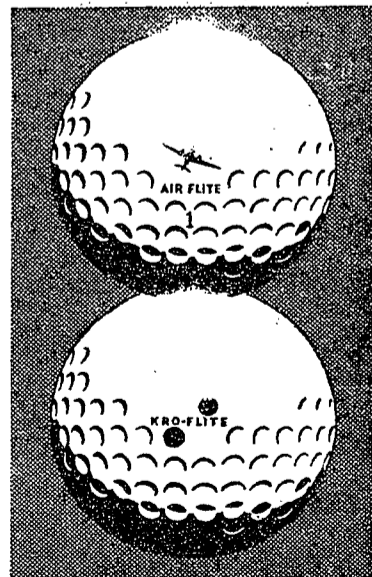
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### IM Program

# Students Vie in 16 Sports

In 16 different sports, Penn State men students vie for honors without the least prospect of gaining off-campus recognition for their efforts.

But so interested are the 3000 or more young men who compete that E. C. "Gene" Bischoff and C. M. "Dutch" Sykes, who conduct the far-flung intramural program, have to limit the number of entrants for lack of time and facilities.

With the exception of boxing, few of the competitors in this program nurse any ambition to achieve varsity status. In boxing, however, Dick Ahern, Ronnie Smith, Don Martin, Harry Papacharalambous and Frank Della Penna of the 1954 squad were graduates of the intramural program.

The primary purpose of the program is to provide organized games for men students. Any skills acquired are purely coincidental, but many boys show exceptional ability even though they have little time for practice.

Included in the program are touch football, swimming, tennis singles and doubles, medal and team golf, boxing, basketball, wrestling, handball singles, and doubles, badminton, volleyball, soccer, horseshoes, and track. Many boys compete in more than one sport but fully a third of the male student body competes in at least one sport.

Last year, more than 1700 fraternity and independent teams, involving some 1600 boys, competed. Of the contests scheduled, more than 93 per cent were actually played.

Fraternity teams compete for cups which are retained by the winning team for the year. Independents compete for silver medals, since cups would be difficult to display.

Softball, which was once a top sport in the program was dropped several years ago because there weren't enough fields available to

# 2 Teams Win V-Ball Leagues

Two independent teams clinched playoff berths last Monday night as intramural volleyball moved into the last few days of regular play. The Sexy Six took the league E championship by virtue of a 15-11, 10-15, 15-9, victory over Irvin B's, and the Iron Men clinched the league B crown by beating the Forty Niners, 15-1, 15-9.

In other games Nittany Co-Op B took the Farmers, 15-10, 14-16, 15-0. Beaver House B won by a forfeit from the McElwain Men, while the Mibs took the Mighty Termites 11-5, 16-14, 15-2. The Jolly Rodgers, Hawks, 400's, Cougars, and Irvin Heights won matches by forfeit.

The Nighthawks took a close one from the Sixty-Niners, 15-10, 12-15, 15-13, and Jones Boys upended the Sabitini Six, 15-5, 7-15, 15-11.

play all the games. And in some events now on the program, Bischoff and Sykes are hard pressed to find playing areas. The tournaments are plainly popular.