

Mile Relay Cup Is Lions' Goal

Five trophy events will highlight the Jan. 21 running of the Philadelphia Inquirer Games, with the Lions having a chance of returning to the Nittany Valley with the Liberty Bell mile relay cup.

Art Pollard, Dave Leathem, Roy Brunjes, and Ollie Sax gave the Lions a firm grip on the trophy with a record time for the meet of 3:23.8. The Liberty Bell award, which is being put on the line for the fourth year, is the newest emblem of supremacy in the Games. Cornell annexed the first cup in 1953 with a 3:24.1 performance. Last season 21 colleges and universities took part in the six races held in the Liberty Bell Series running.

According to an AAU ruling no cup can be up for contention for more than three years. Awards are retired when a runner or, as in the case of Penn State this year, team wins the particular event twice in that three-year period. If there are three different winners, the grail goes to the person or squad with the best time.

Four Other Trophies

The four other trophies which are on the verge of retirement are for The Philadelphia Inquirer Mile, the Lawson Robertson Memorial Two-Mile, the John Borican Memorial 1000-Yard Run, and the Howard S. Jenson Memorial Pole Vault. Trophies for the mile and the pole vault are up for the third time and must be retired.

Previous mile cups were shelved by former NYU great Les Mac-Mitchell; Fred Wilt, the FBI Flyer; and Don Gehrman, the Wisconsin Whippet. Freddie Dwyer holds the edge in the battle for the mile silverware. His 1953 victory time of 4:09.7 is better than that recorded by last year's winner, Ohio State swifty Len Truex.

Pole Vaulting

A two-way battle also looms in the pole vaulting, where Bob Richards holds the edge with a 1953 winning leap of 15' 4". Don Laz, last season's victor, cleared the bar at 14' 8" to snap "The Flying Parson's" six-year win streak in the Philadelphia extravaganza. The big question is whether Richards will return from his tour of India and southeast Asia in time

to try to pick up his third Jenson trophy.

Olympic champion Horace Ashenfelter has won three straight Robertson Two-Mile races and has stashed away one cup and gained a grip on another. Even if the former Penn State star does not win the event in the next two tries, it will be hard to beat his 8:59.2 clocking.

A Seton Hall law major, Harry Bright, set a meet record in the 1000-yard race last season with a 2:11.3 pace, and stands an excellent chance of picking up the Borican hardware.

Although all of 1954's winners will be on hand for the 11th annual classic, they will have to compete against some of the finest talent ever assembled for an indoor meet.

Dwyer and Truex will be pitted against the fabulous Wes Santee, the Kansas Cowboy with the galloping strides. Pole vaulters Richards and Laz will be tested by Europe's outstanding performer, Ragnar Lundberg, among others.

Title winners in all fields will be battling for honors and "it will take a champ to beat a champ."

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Orange came. They still held on at the five minute mark, 91-79, but were unable to keep pace with the overpowering Nittanians. Arnette, Edwards, Hoffman, and Marisa contributed 11 straight points for Penn State, moving the score to 102-79 with less than two minutes remaining.

6 Independent, 4 Fraternity Quintets Win

For the second consecutive night independent teams dominated the intramural basketball program. Twelve independent and six fraternity quintets played Tuesday night.

The Nittany Co-op displayed a superb scoring punch in defeating the winless Crusaders, 49-24. Led by Paul Fink's 16 points, the Co-op built up a 27-5 halftime lead. The Crusaders fought back, but even Bob Dennis' 11 points could not stop the sharpshooting winners. All of their five starters scored over five points in a fine team-play exhibition.

The undefeated Geechee Birds overcame an 8-6 deficit at halftime and overwhelmed the Engineers, 31-14.

In the first twelve minutes the pair accounted for only two points, but in the later stages Beatty netted 8 and Slough hit the hoops for seven.

Phi Delta Theta beat Alpha Epsilon Pi, 34-27, in a fast, well-played contest. Although the winners produced no high scoring individual player, they won the close duel because of the all-important team-work factor. Jay Rotberg and Bob Pearlstein netted 11 and 10 points for the AEPi squad.

The Ag Hill Diners remained unbeaten by winning a 19-13 decision from the Penn State Club.

With Delta Sigma Phi ahead 14-9 at the half, Phi Kappa Tau had to move fast in order to overcome the leaders. Sam McKibben and Howard Thompson lived Phi Kappa Tau's problems in the second half and the latter team won, 29-22. McKibben scored 15 and Thompson netted 10.

In other contests, the Engineering Colts upset the Wesley Five, 29-28; the Snooks smashed Cody Manor, 31-19; the Spartans beat the Vets, 32-31; and Sigma Pi defeated Alpha Gamma Rho, 21-17.

NCAA Approves New Grid Substitution Rule

NEW YORK, Jan. 12 (AP)—The NCAA Football Rules Committee today eased up a trifle on the "anti-platoon" substitution rule and made five other changes in the rules for 1955. In addition it strongly urged coaches and officials to observe and enforce two rules now in the book with an implied threat of drastic action if "false start" violations aren't eliminated.

The committee eliminated the controversial four-minute segment at the end of each half and ruled that the players who start each quarter of a game will be eligible to leave and re-enter once during that quarter. Those who don't participate in the opening down of a period can't re-enter in the same period.

The other changes are:
1. A player who kneels to hold the ball for a place kick now can rise and run, pass or kick.

2. The "tackle eligible" forward pass play is legal only if no other

offensive player is stationed outside the end man when the ball is snapped. A tackle guard or center becomes an eligible pass receiver if he is the end man on the scrimmage.

3. The "hideout" play was outlawed by a provision that when the ball is spotted and declared ready for play, all offensive players must be within 15 yards of the ball.

4. The fair catch signal was changed to raising one hand clearly above the head.

5. The use of shoe cleats with rounded bottoms was authorized.

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