

Beta Theta Pi, Natators Win IM Swimming Finals

By LOUIE PRATO

Beta Theta Pi and the Natators reign as the Intramural swimming champions for 1955. Beta copped its fifth straight fraternity title with a 22-19 win over Tau Kappa Epsilon, while the Natators beat the Penguins, 27-14, for the independent crown last Tuesday night at Glennland Pool.

The Beta's, with a veteran swim team, had a rugged struggle on its hands, and for a while it looked as if the men from TKE would be the new kingpins of the waterways.

TKE won three out of the possible five first-place events, but it was the dominance of the runner-up spots that brought victory to the Beta's.

Actually, the match wasn't decided until the final event—diving. At this point the score was 18-14 in favor of TKE. Either a first or second place for TKE would have given it the win.

But Chuck Fegley and Karl Schwenzfeier ruined TKE's title hopes. Fegley and Schwenzfeier finished one-two in the diving contest, just a shade ahead of Al Rossi, TKE's outstanding swimmer.

Rossi, who according to Dutch Sykes, assistant im director, "is almost a one-man team," was not at his best for the diving event. He swam in two events, and had little stamina left for the diving. Meanwhile, his opponents, Fegley and Schwenzfeier, were getting their first taste of action for the evening.

The match was a nip-and-tuck affair from the beginning. Rossi, along with Karl Snyder and Sil Patellis, gave TKE an early 18-9 lead. Rossi took first place in the 60-yard back stroke and second, behind Patellis, in the 60-yard breast stroke. His teammate, Snyder, had captured the 60-yard free-style.

But the four-time champions came roaring back in the 120-yard relay, with Ron Lynch, Fritz Paige, Dud Potter, and Terry Hunter coming through with the win. Earlier, Lynch had finished second in the free style; Paige second in the back stroke; and Potter third in the breast stroke.

Thus the stage was set for the thrilling climax, and the final Beta win.

The Natators had an easier time in beating the Penguins, 27-14. The Penguins could manage to win only one first place



Karl Snyder
In losing cause

event, that by Jim Laffer in the diving contest.

Meanwhile, the Nat's were sweeping four first places, and setting a record on the side. The 120-yard relay team of Mike Stollmeyer, Terry Funkhouser, Bob Schiffner, and Jim Hepler posted a new relay mark in 0:59.6 to clip 0:00.3 off the old mark held jointly by the Penguins and Beta.

Stollmeyer, Schiffner, and Hepler also came through with first place wins for the Natators—Stollmeyer in the free-style, Schiffner in the back stroke, and Hepler in the breast stroke.

Lion Goalie Fled From Red Curtain

By JOHN LAWRENCE

A few hours may seem a minute portion of time to the average individual, but to Penn State's crack goalie, George Geczy, they spelled the reason the blond senior was guarding the nets for the undefeated booters this year, and not struggling in Communist-oppressed Hungary.

In 1945, shortly after the Germans were defeated, Geczy and his parents slipped across the Hungarian border only hours before the Russians were to arrive and assume control of the country.

After making their way to the United States and spending time in a displaced persons area, the family settled in Avenel, N.J., where Geczy attended high school and continued his native game of soccer.

In 1952, along with Dick Packer, Ihor Stelnyk, and Dick Matacia, Geczy entered Penn State to form what was to develop into one of the strongest soccer regiments to walk on a college field. However, during his sophomore year, he was destined to a bench role under the steady performance of Lion goalie "Red" Harris.

In his junior year (1954) the lanky blond was ready, and with fullbacks Paul Dierks and Galen Robbins, the trio formed the defense that netted Coach Ken Hosterman's eleven the national championship.

Geczy patrolled the nets so well that opposing teams were limited to a paltry eight goals in nine games. The highlight of the campaign occurred when the booters snapped Temple's 19-game streak at Philadelphia, 2-0. "Long George" not only shut them out, but did so after recovering from a severe case of grippe the day before.

The real story of Geczy's sensational play last season lies not in the fact that he was consistent in his defensive work, but that he was the only goalie Hosterman carried.

Perhaps the secret behind the '62' senior's success is his amazing reflexes.

Former Booter



ENSIGN GERRY GILLESPIE, right, who starred on Penn State's 1954 undefeated soccer team, receives orders to report to the U.S. soccer team at Wiesbaden, Germany, for Olympic team try-outs. Capt. H. J. Kossler presents the orders to Gillespie.

Lion Coaches Finish 1st; Williams, Gatehouse Tie

The Nittany Lion football coaches—represented in last week's selections by Earl Bruce—won the Weekly Daily Collegian Grid Poll by picking seven of 10 picks correctly.

The coaches, after grabbing an early lead only to lose it and flounder around second and third places during mid-season, staged a late-season rally to finish in first place with a 94-51 record, good for a .648 percentage.

Sports Editor Roy Williams and Assistant Sports Editor Ron Gatehouse wound up in a tie for second, one game behind the coaches. Sports reporter Fran Fanucci

—who picked the only 15-0 day of the poll—came in trailing the leaders by two games. Fanucci had held the lead for one week of the poll.

Boston College's 26-7 victory over Holy Cross was the game that turned the tide in the coaches' favor. Both Williams and Gatehouse picked Holy Cross.

Williams had held the lead throughout the greater part of the poll, only to lose it to Gatehouse with two weeks remaining.

In the last scheduled week of the poll, the coaches, Williams, and Gatehouse finished in a tie for first, necessitating an extra week of selections.

Coed Hoop League Opens

The women's intramural basketball league opened in White Hall last night as Thompson 3 beat Thompson 4, 35-23, and Mac Hall edged Leonides 16-14.

Pat Reno sank five field goals to take scoring honors for the Thompson winners. Mary Herbien and Linda Walrath were close behind with seven and six tallies, respectively.

The big gun for the night was Doris Beane, who scored 17 points for Thompson 4 in a losing cause. Pat O'Neill and Betty McKenzie starred on defense.

After ending the first quarter in a scoreless tie and finishing the first half 4-4, Mac Hall pulled ahead to stay in the third quarter with the sharpshooting of Margie MacColl, who sank eight timely counters on six big field goals. Betsy Buchout pitched in with four markers.

Leonides' high scorer was Ginny Ball with eight points. Gail Lundgren played a good game on

defense for the first half, but switching to forward in the last quarter, entered the scoring column with five tallies.

Co-op and Atherton won forfeits over Little Lions and Woman's Building, respectively, in the two other scheduled games.

Weather permitting, Atherton will battle Thompson for the hockey league championship tonight on Holmes Field.

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