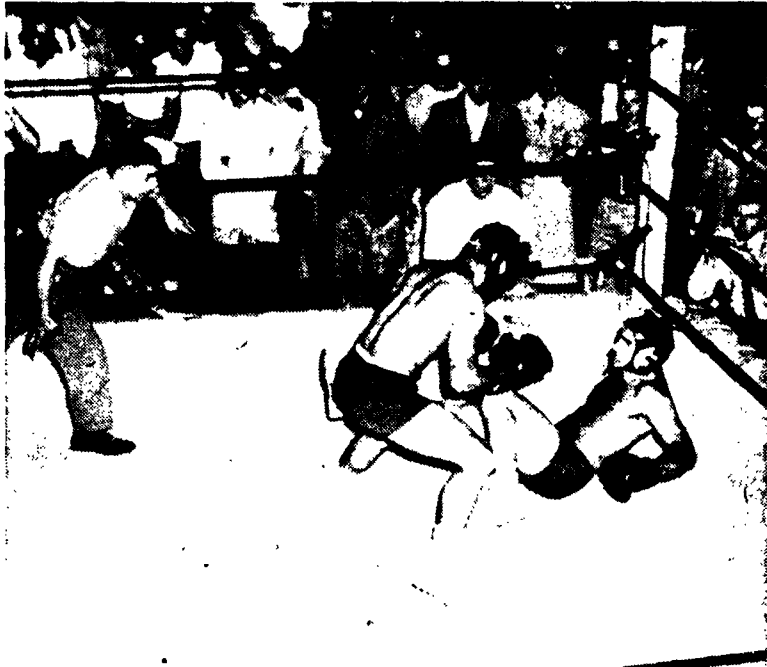


15 Men Move Closer To IM Boxing Crowns

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SIGMA PHI EPSILON'S Sam Valentine stands over Delta Upsilon's Tony Tremonte after knocking the DU battler to the canvas in the second round of their heavyweight bout last night at Recreation Hall. Valentine won, to move into the semi-final round of IM boxing.

By LOUIE PRATO

Fifteen boxers moved into the home stretch of the Intramural boxing tournament last night at Recreation Hall. Three independents advanced into the final round and 12 fraternity men swept into the semi-finals.

The remaining semi-final bouts will be held tonight and tomorrow night with the championship fights scheduled for Thursday night.

Sigma Phi Epsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Delta Upsilon, and Lambda Chi Alpha had two men entered in last night's competition but only SPE could send both fighters into the winners' spotlight.

Fred Knipe, 145, staved off a third period rally by Neil Gearhart to cop a unanimous decision in the opening bout. Knipe carried the fight to his foe in the first two rounds but Gearhart came to life in the third.

Stopped in Second Round
Sam Valentine, SPE., scored a convincing victory over DU's Tony Tremonte in an outstanding heavyweight bout. The fracas was stopped at the end of the second round when it appeared that Tremonte was completely outclassed. Valentine staggered his opponent on three different occasions in the first round and added to his points with a knock down in the second.

Pi Kappa Phi's Bill Oberly earned the right to meet Valentine in a semi-final bout with a split decision win over Lambda Chi's Fred Siepert. Oberly's powerful punches kept the Lambda Chi entry on the run throughout the fight.

Gamble Cops Decision
Joel Gamble, Phi Sigma Kappa, copped a 155-lb. attraction from Chi Phi's Jack Long. Although Long opened up with a strong attack, he tried in the final two rounds, leaving the road open for Gamble to record his victory.

Sigma Nu's Steve Haky, two time intramural fistic champion, moved another step closer in his quest for the heavyweight title by winning a unanimous decision from Phi Kappa's Ignatius Hokaj. Haky, who copped the 165-lb. crown in 1953 and the 175-lb. title last year, used a hard left jab, combined with a stylish defense, to defeat the Phi Kappa heavyweight.

In the other heavyweight quarterfinal, Frank Olney of Delta Sigma Phi gained a split decision win from Kappa Delta Rho's John Arnst. Arnst kept on the move throughout the fight, but the KDR battler took a beating from Olney's punches.

Strange Cornered
Scrappy Ben Wright, Kappa Alpha Psi's 145-lb. pugilist, pounded out a split decision win over Phi Kappa Tau's Jack Strange. Although Wright was six inches smaller than his adversary, he continually cornered Strange on the ropes only to have him slip away before he could land a hard punch.

Dick Hand of Lambda Chi pinned (Continued on page seven)

4 Booters to Play In St. Louis Tryouts

Four Penn State soccer players—Dick Packer, Ihor Stelnyk, Per Torgeson, and Ron Coder (played on 1950 team)—have been selected to play in St. Louis early in January in another elimination game to decide who will represent the United States in the 1956 Olympic Games.

The four players were picked on the basis of their outstanding performances in the first tryout game held in New York Saturday. The game, played between the Collegians and The Northeast squad, ended in a 3-3 tie. Packer scored one of the three goals for the Collegians.

Jack Pinezich, All-American in 1954 for the Lions, was confined in a hospital the day before the tryout game and was unable to play the whole game because of his weakened condition.

In St. Louis the Eastern team will play a Mid-Western team and a West Coast team. Members of the United States Olympic soccer team selections committee will choose the outstanding players from the three squads.

This team will play Mexico in late January or early February to determine who will represent North America in the 1956 Olympic Games. There will be two games with Mexico arranged on a home-and-home basis.

With four Lion stars on the Eastern squad the chances of at least one of them earning an Olympic team berth appear excellent. Both Packer and Coder were picked on the first team with Stelnyk and Torgeson picked as alternates.

The four Lion players were picked out of 60 top-notch soccer players from the armed forces and seven eastern colleges. Packer, Stelnyk, and Torgeson started for the Collegians. Stelnyk was the only player to play the full 88 minutes.

Nittany Football Setup Rated 2d Behind Yale

Penn State's 1955 football program—edited by Jim Coogan, assistant director of Public Information, Bill Ackerman, news assistant at Public Information, and Louise Wartik, secretary of the Public Information office—was rated second in the nation for its excellence.

Yale University was ranked first and UCLA third in the contest conducted by the Don Spencer Company of New York. The contest was conducted to recognize the outstanding contributions to the editorial standards of college football programs.

AGR, DSL, Betas, Sigma Chi Lead In IM Bowling

Alpha Gamma Rho, Delta Sigma Lambda, Sigma Chi, and Beta Theta Pi are in first place in their respective leagues in the fraternity division of the Intramural bowling tourney according to latest statistics released by the IM department.

Dorm 14 and the Dark Horses are the independent leaders.

AGR holds a one-game lead over Delta Tau Delta in the battle for League A honors. Phi Kappa Tau and Delta Sigma Phi are tied for third place.

Delta Sigma Lambda is in first place in League B, two games over Theta Delta Chi. Phi Kappa and Beaver House are deadlocked for the third spot in the standings.

The League C leaders, Sigma Chi, have a two-game advantage over its nearest rival, Alpha Sigma Phi. Lambda Chi Alpha is in (Continued on page seven)

'56 Soccer Manager

Richard Dollinger, of Huntingdon, is Penn State's newly-chosen soccer manager, succeeding Leo Tarkett, of Honesdale. Named as first assistants for the 1956 season are Andrew Toman, West Newton; Jack Halpern, Altoona; and Wayne Lippman, Quakertown.

'56 Football Manager

Newly-elected manager of the 1956 Penn State football team, succeeding Calvin Barr, of Westfield, is John Chaffetz of Philadelphia. His first assistants will be Edward McDowell, Franklin; Carl Jensen, State College; and Paul Schombachler, Pittsburgh.

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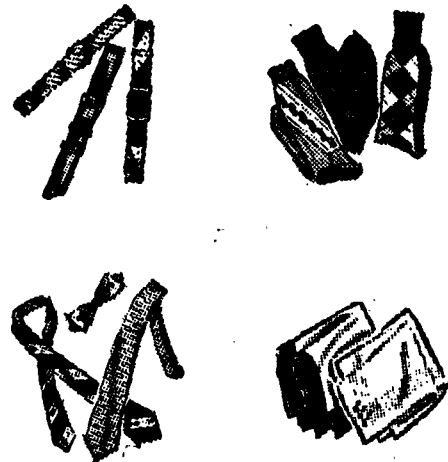
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