

'Hot' Lions Host Haky Is 2d IM Boxer to Win 3 Titles

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John Egli's Nittany cagers, still sizzling after a dazzling shooting performance against Rutgers Wednesday, make their second Recreations Hall appearance tomorrow night when Colgate University visits University Park. The Lion frosh meet the junior varsity at 8:15 p.m.

And if the Lions remain on their fast-moving upward trend, Coach Howie Hartman's Red Raiders should have quite a battle on their hands.

The Raiders inaugurated the 1955-56 season with an 80-53 win over R.P.I. and now have five games under their belts. They lack height and depth, but nevertheless appear to be strong enough to draw considerable concern from the Lion forces.

Graham Poses Problem
One of Hartman's major problems at the outset of the season was how soon his tallest performer, Capt. Milt Graham, would be back in form after missing pre-season practice because of football. But by now the 6-6 pivotman should be back on par, and bolstering both the Raiders' rebound and scoring strength.

During early-season contests 6-4 Jack Nichols, Hartman's only returning regular, filled in for Graham under the basket. The leading scorer of the 1955 team, Nichols, was a forward last year, has good hands, a fine shooting eye, and a fair drive-in shot. A junior, he is reported to be improving with each game.

No Veteran Height
Colgate's two other returning lettermen, both shorties, are 6-0 Jim Davies and 5-9 Jim Davidson. Both are guards and better than average outside shooters. Bob Giordano, a non-lettering reserve last year at guard, has been filling in at one of the forward slots this season. He stands 5-11.

Bill Allen, 6-2, will probably pair off with Nichols at the other forward post tomorrow night.

All in all, Hartman has been fielding a green, but fast-breaking, smooth ball-handling squad.

Following their encounter with R.P.I., the Raiders have been seeing only road action. Four away games have included Cornell, Bucknell, Princeton and Columbia.

Sprinter Art Pollard and hurdler Rod Perry will be Penn State's chief standard-bearers in indoor track this winter.

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IM Boxing--

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to turn back the game Vignola. Although Vignola fought gamely, he was no match for Stack's powerful right hand.

Joel Gamble, Phi Sigma Kappa, decided Tom Smith, Theta Chi, to capture the 155-pound fraternity championship.

Gamble was too fast for Smith, mixing up a combination of left and right crosses to the head to sway the votes of the judges.

Dick Hartmann— independent 155-pound champion last year—defeated Roger Crawford to win the 165-pound title.

Hartmann, the shorter of the two men, danced and jabbed throughout the bout. The scrapper crowded Crawford all the way flurrying with a series of lefts and rights to the body.

Guy Tirabassi, Phi Kappa Sig, won his second consecutive IM championship by defeating stout-hearted Steve Flamporis, Sigma Pi, in the clash for the 156-pound title.

Both men fought cautiously in the first two rounds, each wary of the other's powerful right. In the third round, Tirabassi opened up with a series of right hands

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By LOUIE PRATO
When Sigma Nu's Steve Haky decided Sigma Phi Epsilon's Sam Valentine in the 1955 Intramural Heavy-weight Boxing finals last night, he became the second man in the 24-year history of IM boxing to win three different titles.

Haky, who won his 15th straight match last night, captured the 165-pound class in 1953 and added to his laurels the following year with a 175-pound title.

The only other IM pugilist to win three championships was John Reese of Phi Delta Theta, who had all-winning years in 1948, 1949, and 1950. Reese, a varsity wrestler in the 121-pound class, was the king of the 121-, 128-, and 135-pound divisions.

He is now head coach of the Wilkes College wrestling team in Wilkes-Barre.

Although Haky is not a varsity athlete, his 6-2 190-pound frame possesses much of the spirit and

determination that is present in a varsity athlete.

Boxing from an orthodox stance, Haky's powerful right hand, excellent counter-punching, and forceful attitude has accounted for most of his victories.

Without having a bit of boxing experience when he first stepped into the ring in 1953, the senior battler from Uniontown has come on to establish himself as one of Intramural Boxing all-time stars.

In his first title win three years ago, he decided Acacia's Johnson in a 165-pound bout. Last year, the modest Haky beat Phi Sigma Kappa's Joel Gamble for the 175-pound crown. Gamble, incidentally, is the new champion in the 155-pound class. In both years Haky reached the finals by eliminating four other fraternity fighters.

On his way to the heavyweight title this year, Haky again had to win four other bouts before climbing into the ring for the finals. But he accomplished this feat in decisive fashion knocking off Stan Glick, Phi Epsilon Pi, Ignatius Hojak, Phi Kappa, Ralph Evans, Chi Phi, and Frank Olney,

Delta Sigma Phi, before finding Valentine's number last night.

Since 1931 when IM boxing came into existence, many boxers have won titles in a row but only Haky and Reese have been able to lay their hands on that coveted third-time championship.

New year, however, Guy Tirabassi, Phi Kappa Sigma, has a chance to join the select circle. Tirabassi added his second straight championship to his collection last night when he walked off with the 165-pound title.

Last year the varsity baseballer was top man in the 155-pound class.

If he enters the boxing tournament in 1956, it will be in the 175-pound division since a man must advance into the next weight class when he wins a championship.

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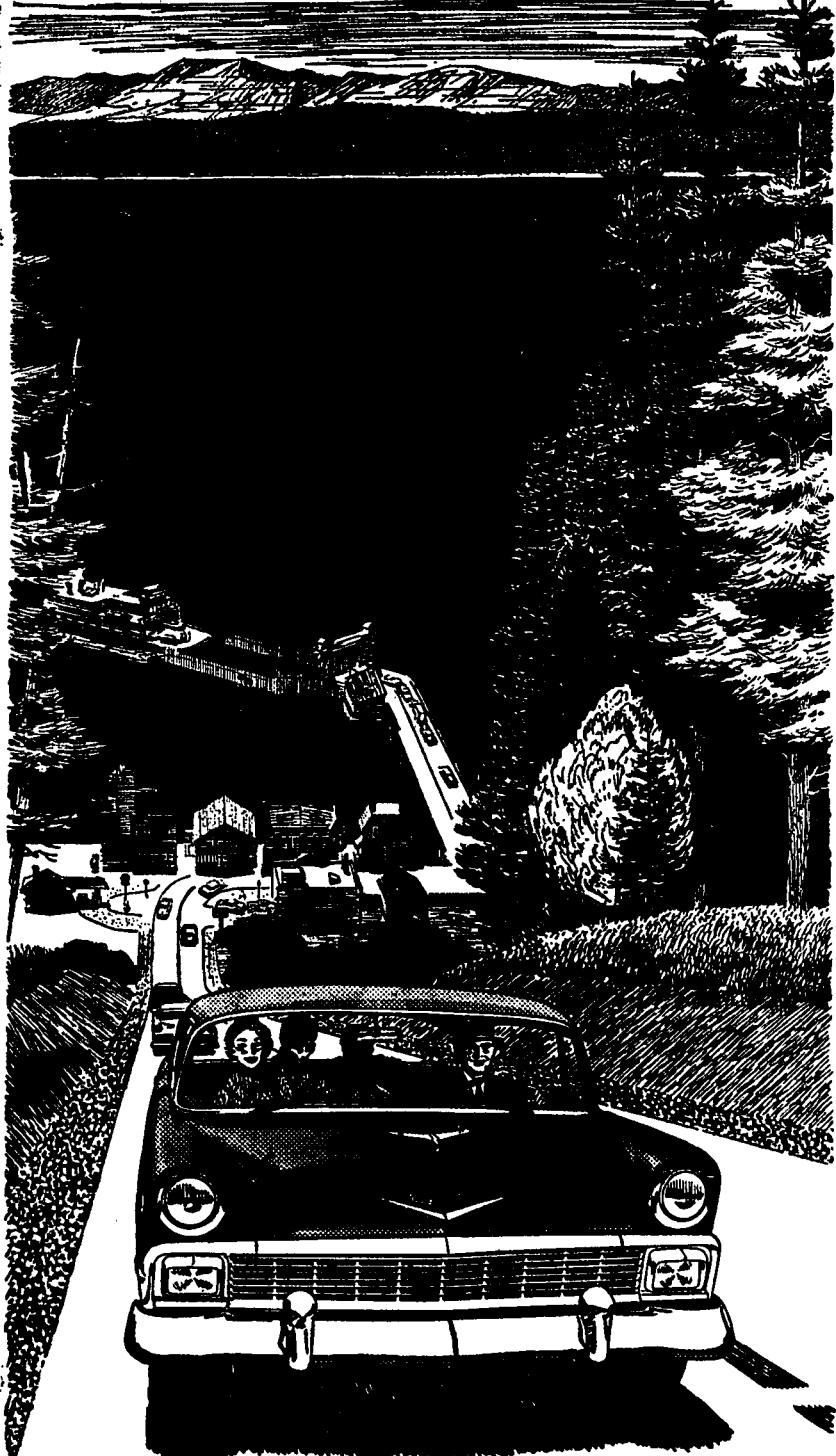
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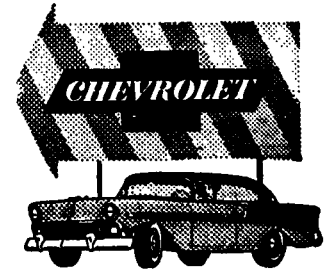
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