

KDR-Phi Tau, 2 Indies In IM Finals Tonight

Intramural basketball closes its six month season tonight at Recreation Hall when the 1956 Independent and Fraternity champions of 1956 are crowned.

At 7:30 tonight the Tribe faces the All Stars for the Independent championship and an hour later defending Kappa Delta Rho meets Phi Kappa Tau for the Fraternity title.

To earn the right to play in the finals the Tribe stopped Jordan One, 22-18; the All Stars beat the Gnarps, 29-22; KDR defeated Alpha Sigma Phi, 32-21; and Phi Kappa Tau eliminated Sigma Phi Epsilon, 29-21, in the semi-final round Wednesday night.

KDR will be seeking its 20th straight win over a two-year span when it defends the coveted Fraternity trophy against Phi Kappa Tau. Last year the men from KDR ran up a 10-0 record. A win tonight would equal that record.

Phi Sig Was Last to Win
Phi Sigma Delta was the last quintet to defeat KDR, accomplishing the feat in the final game of the 1954 campaign, 31-19.

Since that loss KDR has added a number of top players to its squad including the versatile Varsity grid star Billy Kane who has been the scoring leader for the past two years. Filling out the starting five for the defending champs are John Arnst and Ray Alberigi—two other stand-outs on the football field; Bob DanKanyan, and George Simpson.

Scored 394 Points
In the present season KDR has scored a total of 394 points—a 43-point average per game—while limiting its opponents to 148 points or 16.5 per game.

Phi Kappa Tau has tallied 246 points (27 per game) while having only 143 scored against them. Led by Billy Kane's 10 points, KDR topped Alpha Sigma Phi, in the semi-finals. KDR led by only a 14-6 count at halftime but increased its lead over the League B titleholders during the second half.

Moore Has 10
Sam McKibben tallied nine points to pace Phi Kappa Tau in its semi-final win over SPE. However Jim Moore, of SPE, led all scorers with ten points.

It was Larry Gershman and Bob Kaytes who were the big men in the All Stars' victory over the Gnarps. Gershman ripped the cords for 12 points while his teammate tallied nine.

To fill the other Independent finalist berth, the Tribe had to rally in the second half to defeat Jordan One. The Tribe trailed Jordan One, 11-8, at the intermission but sparked by the second half shooting of Bob Devlin it went ahead to stay with five minutes left in the game.

Devlin was not the high scorer for the Tribe, giving up this honor to teammate Dave Monk who tallied nine.

Unbeaten cross-country teams are a Penn State specialty. They number 18 since the sport was inaugurated in 1912.

ROTC Rifle Teams Enter Intercollegiate Tourney

Air Force and Army Reserve Officer Training Corps rifle teams will leave today for Buffalo, N.Y., where they will compete in the National Intercollegiate Rifle sectional championships.

Franklin Barr, David Carnwath, Samuel Campbell, James Olmes, Stanley Schaffer, and Lawrence Smulezensky will represent the Air Force ROTC.

Army ROTC representatives are Charles Hays, James Byrne, Marco Marchetti, William Pickering, George Reimann, and Daniel Thalimer.

Matches will begin tomorrow and continue throughout the day. Both teams will travel by ROTC-provided transportation.

The University teams will not compete against each other but will shoot only against teams from their own branches. Scoring will be on both team and individual basis.

The Army team will stop at Bradford, Pa., today and will engage the University of Pittsburgh tonight.

In the William Randolph Hearst match held January at the University, both Army and Air Force teams finished in the top five nationally against competition in their respective units.

The AFROTC teams placed fourth with a score of 936 competing against 250 other universities and colleges.

In competition with 98 teams from the Second Field Army the AFROTC teams finished fifth with a score of 925.

Three former Penn State basketball coaches—B. M. Hermann, John Lawther and Elmer Gross—are still on campus as teachers.

B Loop Tied In IM Bowling

Beaver House moved up one game to tie Alpha Rho Chi for first place honors in the IM bowling B Loop Wednesday night. Each team now holds 19-5 slates.

Beaver House downed Phi Mu Delta, 4-0, scoring 2159 points to the loser's 2133. The loss for the Phi Mu Delta keglers dropped their record to 4-20.

Alpha Rho Chi scored a 3-1 victory from Delta Theta Sigma on a 45-point margin, 2116-2071. Delta Theta Sigma picked up its lone point with a 706 score in the first game. Delta Theta Sigma owns a 6-18 record in second half competition.

One other shutout was recorded by Theta Delta Chi. Theta Delt scored a 4-0 win over Acacia. Acacia was out-scored 2296-2133, giving it a 12-12 mark. The victory moved Theta Delta into a second place tie with Phi Epsilon Pi with 16-8 standings.

Phi Kappa split with Phi Epsilon Pi, 2-2. Phi Ep outscored its opponents, 2309-2280, but won only one of the three games.

The other scheduled league contest resulted in a 4-0 forfeit for Delta Sigma Lambda over Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Lion Gym Squad Eyes National Title

With the Eastern gymnastic finals out of the way, Coach Gene Wettstone now turns his eyes to the "fight" for National Gymnastic honors next Friday and Saturday at the University of North Carolina.

Wettstone still is in doubt as to how his squad will fare at Chapel Hill, but if the Easterns are an indication of the future, he may have something to smile about.

The big power at West Point last weekend was of course, the West Coast sophomore standout, Armando Vega. Vega was the class of the all-round competition, and the number one man on the parallel bars.

He has been rated as the Lions' number one threat during the past season and is expected to play a prominent role in Wettstone's title hopes.

Junior Dion Weissend's performance at the Point was also warmly received by the Nittany mentor. Weissend, who finished second both in the all-round test and on the high bars, will probably be rated as the top Lion entry on the high bars—his best event.

Rope climber Phil Mullen has been improving steadily. After hitting his season low against the Cadets in a dual meet, the sophomore climber rebounded rapidly against Navy and Pitt and climaxed his uphill climb with a first place in the Easterns.

He has been hitting the 36 mark continually since the Army meet and should he continue with his progress, Wettstone believes that he will be a strong threat in the Nationals.

Outing Club Plans Camp Trip Today

The Cabin and Trails Division of the Penn State Outing Club will sponsor an overnight camping trip at a cabin near Clearfield tomorrow.

The itinerary of the trip includes square and round dancing, hiking, and singing around the campfire.

Persons who wish to make the trip have to sign up at the HUB desk before noon today.

The group will leave the campus for Clearfield at 2 p.m. tomorrow from behind Old Main.

Rosey Grier, former Penn State tackle, was one of the year's outstanding rookies in the National Professional Football League.

Tennis Managers

Anyone interested in becoming an assistant manager in tennis may sign up at the Athletic Association in Recreation Hall this week.

A meeting for all candidates has been scheduled for 5 p.m. today on the first floor of Recreation Hall.

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