

NIT Basketball WRA Two-Sport Roundup Opens Tonight

NEW YORK, March 16 (AP)—The oldest of the post-season basketball tournaments—the National Invitation—opens its 19th stand in Madison Square Garden tomorrow with a familiar cast and a few signs of reversion to the style of its early days.

The NIT, conceived by a group of New York basketball writers, originated in 1938, when the abolition of the center jump after each goal was a recent memory and when only a "racehorse" team could score 60 points in a game. It was a tremendous success from the start, when 14,497 spectators saw Temple beat Colorado 60-36 in the final.

One of the first teams to play, Oklahoma A&M, returns this year, bringing with it a defensive record that is reminiscent of the early tournament days. It will be the Aggies' fourth NIT but their first appearance in the Garden since the pre-scandal year of 1946. They won the National Collegiate title here that year.

During the past season, when the Aggies won 18 games and lost eight, they were the nation's second-best defensive team, limiting their opponents to 52.2 points a game.

And there have been strong indications this year—particularly in the early rounds of the National Collegiate championship—that strong defense and ball possession are beginning to pay off again.

Four games among unseeded teams open the NIT program tomorrow. The winners meet the four seeded teams Monday and Tuesday, with the semi-finals Thursday and the finals the following Saturday. For the first time, the finals will be played in the afternoon so they can be televised nationally.

BOWLING

Thompson IV, Kappa Delta, and Kappa Alpha Theta registered totals in the 500's and Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Gamma rolled in the high 400's to win in Tuesday night's coed intramural bowling league.

Mary Murphy bowled the highest league total when she hit 161 points in Thompson IV's 532-485 win over Zeta Tau Alpha. Doris Beane rolled 114 for the freshman.

Kappa Delta rolled over Phi Mu 543-448 behind a 137 game of Carolyn Miller. Pat Barr had 118 for KD.

Anne Nitrauer led the Kappa Alpha Theta bowlers with a 159 average in its win over Atherton southwest and northwest. The sophos totalled 465. Barb Kovacs bowled 127 for Atherton in the losing cause.

Kappa Kappa Gamma out-rolled Alpha Omicron Pi 450-422 with Julianne Roess posting a slim 121 high for the winners. Sally Oberle of AOPi bowled the best game of the match with 121 points.

Delta Gamma's 497 points beat Alpha Gamma Delta's 422 total as Barb Butler rolled 114 for DG's highest average. Judy Newell bowled 106 for the losers.

Navy, a perennial power, owns a perfect record—26 wins and 0 losses—against the University in lacrosse.

North Carolina State returns to the University's football schedule in 1956 after a 32-year lapse.

Gilbert Leu, freshman gymnast, is an exchange student from Zurich, Switzerland.

VOLLEYBALL

Thursday night's coed intramural volleyball action found Thompson III and three sororities copping victories at White Hall.

Thompson got off to a fast start when it took a 22-12 halftime lead to go on and defeat Kappa Alpha Theta 61-21. Elizabeth McKenzie and Wilda Quigg led the freshman in scoring with 33 points between them.

Beta Sigma Omicron beat Delta Gamma 27-24. Edie Gross was the high scorer of the fray with eight points.

Kappa Delta defeated Alpha Gamma Delta 53-36 behind the 16-point and 15-point scoring sprees of Mary Ann Spangler and Lorraine Chaban. Marri Anne Moldovan had 11 for the losers. Kappa Kappa Gamma smothered Alpha Omicron Pi 48-21 with Suzanne Aiken and Judy McFarland getting 11 points.

BOWLING

Delta Zeta, Alpha Chi Omega, Leonides, and Alpha Xi Delta captured wins in the coed intramural bowling league Wednesday and Thursday. Atherton southeast and northeast and Thompson I won forfeits over Sigma Delta Tau and Thompson II.

Delta Zeta beat Mac Hall 565-446 with India Gray getting 175 points.

Alpha Chi Omega defeated Thompson III 447-404. Harriet Scholes' 107 was the winners best score.

Leonides exploded with high averages to blast Delta Delta Delta 617-587. Leona Hart rolled the highest score in this semester's IM competition when she hit 180 points.

Alpha Xi Delta beat Chi Omega 539-431 with Barb Meyer bowling 147 for the winners.

Handball --

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champion in the last two games, 21-5 and 21-11.

Bob Neff will oppose Schimmel Monday as the AGR defeated Alpha Zeta's Don Snyder 21-17 and 21-9. Beta Sigma Rho's Shelly Amsel dropped identical 21-19 games to Phi Kappa's Don Zugas. Al Jacks, Beta Theta Pi, defeated Alpha Chi Sigma's Carroll McDonnell.

After losing the first game 21-13, winning the second 21-10, and taking a 14-6 lead in the third game, Theta Delta Chi's John Ferrari defaulted to Paul Schombachler, Phi Delta Theta, because of an injury.

Alpha Zeta's John Wright won two games Wednesday. Wright defeated Beta Sigma Rho's Ron Markiewicz, then became the first player to enter the quarter-finals when he defeated Theta Kappa Phi's Ron Grapsy.

Wrestling coach Charlie Speidel, baseball coach Joe Bedenk and track coach Chick Werner are the senior members of Penn State's coaching corps. High man is Speidel, with 30 years of service.

Tennis Candidates

Candidates for varsity and freshman tennis should report to 241 Recreation Hall at 5 p.m. Monday.

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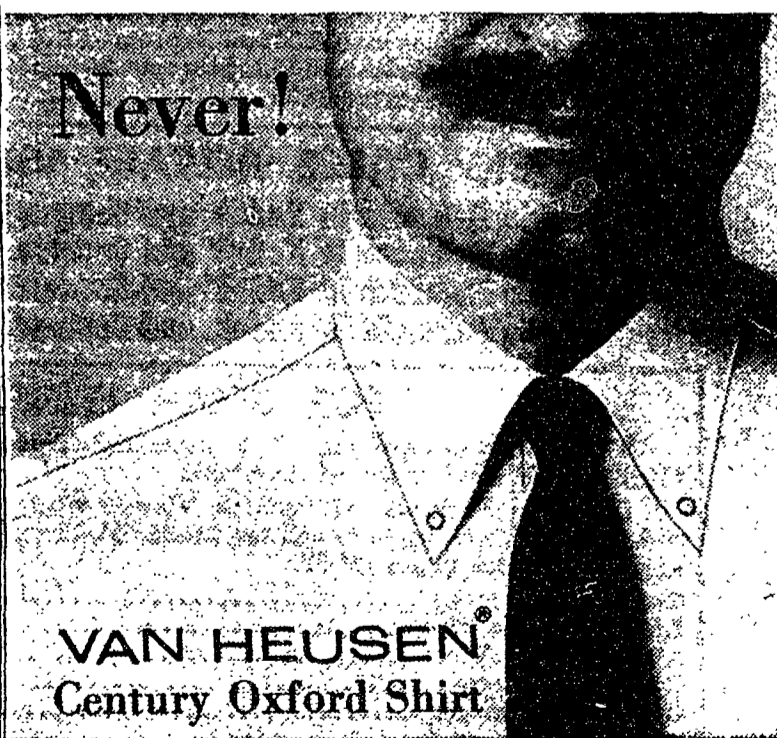
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