

Pins Dominate 1st IM Mat Bouts

Moconyi Wins Hwt. Match With Fast 21 Second Pin

By BEN BRONSTEIN

Intramural wrestling opened last night with 12 bouts taking place, seven of them ending in pins. Twelve others either were forfeited or postponed.

Some were short and sweet and others went the full length, but whether short or long, all were exciting.

The shortest bout of the evening resulted in Lion footballer Andy Moconyi, Sigma Phi Epsilon, pinning Bob Staiger, Delta Chi, before he could even work up a sweat—the time, 21 seconds.

Three matches went the full six minutes. It was one of these that caused the most excitement among the fans—that being a hard-fought, evenly-matched battle between Delta Upsilon's Homer Hilner and Pi Kappa Alpha's Jess Seely at 165.

Although Hilner scored one takedown, one reversal and an escape to only one takedown for Seely, this was no indication of the actual equality between the fighters. Several times the fans thought a pin had occurred and started pounding their hands on the mat. But the referee thought not and the match continued, each grappler using all his strength to ward off the pin.

In another 165-pound face-off, Jerry Garfinkle of Phi Sigma Delta overpowered Joseph Corini, Kappa Delta Rho, in a match between two inexperienced opponents that started slow but ended in a flurry of action with Corini being pinned after three minutes and thirty seconds.

In a 175-pound bout between Steve Nitzberg, Sigma Alpha Mu, and Ted Lerch, Theta Xi, the first period passed with the boys standing the whole time, feeling each other out. However, the second period burst open with immediate action.

With Lerch on the bottom as the

period started, Nitzberg was quickly reversed and Lerch then drove on to a pin in one minute and 15 seconds of that period.

In a rough and tumble match in the 135-pound class, Lew Shemery pinned Norbert Conners, Sigma Chi, in a come-from-behind effort. Conners had been leading, 5-4, when he was dumped by Shemery.

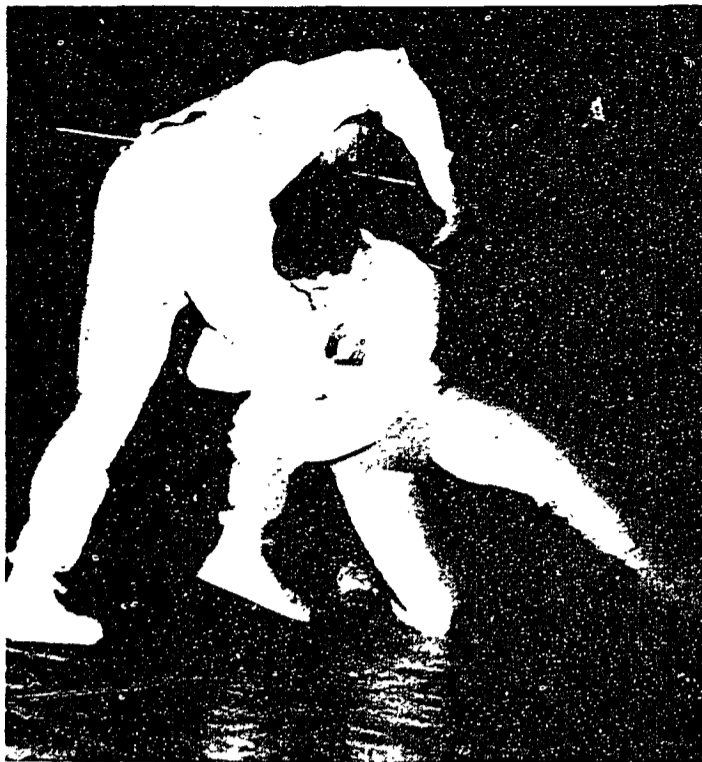
Doug Chidlow, Pi Kappa Alpha, pinned Fred Doyle, Beaver House, in the first minute of the second period in an encounter of 145 pounders in which the two battlers covered the whole mat in a fast moving affair.

Doyle scored first with a 50 second reversal but Chidlow quickly counter-attacked with a takedown and also a reversal before pinning his opponent.

Whether the bouts were pins or decisions, slow or fast, they kept the participants working, the referees busy and the spectators screaming.

The same situation will appear tonight starting at 7:30 at Recreation Hall. In fact, it should become more intense with three of last year's champions scheduled to return to the mats for the first time this season.

The trio includes Lambda Chi Alpha's Dick King, 128-pound winner, at 135 this year; 135-pound king Tom Williams, Delta Theta Sigma, returns at 145; and Terry Snyder, 145-pound indie champ moves up one weight notch but this time in the fraternity division for DU.



THETA XI's Ted Lerch reverses Steve Nitzburg, Sigma Alpha Mu, in a drive to a pin victory in last night's intramural wrestling tournament.

Six Teams Reach Semis In IM Cage

Alpha Tau Omega defeated Phi Gamma Delta, 32-25, and Kappa Delta Rho beat Sigma Phi Epsilon, 45-28, to reach the semi-finals in the fraternity division of intramural basketball. The action took place in Recreation Hall Tuesday night.

In the independent circuit, the Red Raiders defeated Watts 1, 35-33; the Skeller Rats topped the Sharpshooters, 32-22; Nittany 23 beat the Studniks, 33-30; and the Sinkers whalloped Nittany 25, 52-25. All these teams reached the semi-final stage except the Red Raiders, who had to meet the Cardinals in a playoff last night.

ATO overcame a 15-11 halftime deficit to defeat Phi Gamma Delta. Phi Gam's defense sagged in the second frame and ATO, paced by the second half scoring of Larry Bayer, who had 15 for the game, was in the semi-finals.

Ralph Shaffer and Stan Cheslock led the KDR rout of Sigma Phi Ep with 15 apiece. The game was close at the half, KDR leading, 17-16. KDR met Theta Chi last night.

The Sinkers established themselves as strong contenders for the Indie title, in their decisive victory. Four Sinkers were in double figures with Jack Farls leading the attack with 15 markers.

Basketball's NIT Opens in NY Tonight

By the Associated Press

Manhattan College's resounding upset of West Virginia's No. 1 ranked Mountaineers still was the talk of the basketball world as the National Invitation Tournament joined the post-season jamboree with the opening of its 21st meet Thursday.

Coaches of underdog teams in the NIT and elsewhere gleefully pointed to unranked Manhattan's 89-84 conquest of West Virginia Tuesday night in the NCAA's eastern regional eliminations and told their players, "You can do it too."

NIT history is spiced with championships won by Cinderella teams and it wouldn't be too surprising if defending champion Bradley and topseeded Dayton, the co-favorites in the 12-team Madison Square Garden tourney in New York, were knocked off.

That can't happen—if it does—until next Tuesday at the earliest, however. Dayton, 23-3, Bradley, 20-6, St. Bonaventure, 19-4, and Utah, 20-6, were all seeded and drew first round byes. Dayton and Bradley don't

Charlie Speidel, veteran Penn State coach, is newly-elected to the Helms Amateur Wrestling Hall of Fame.

play until Tuesday night.

The NIT's opening doubleheader tonight matches St. John's of Brooklyn, 16-6, and Butler, 16-9, and St. Joseph's of Philadelphia, 17-8, and St. Peter's of Jersey City, 20-3.



—Daily Collegian photo by Marty Scherr

VARSITY MATMAN GUY GUCCIONE, referee, looks closely to see that Lou Shemery, Pi Kappa Phi, and Norbert Conners, Sigma Chi, wrestle a clean match in last night's intramural wrestling action.

H-Ball 'A' Crown Won by Carroll

Dick Carroll slammed his way into the intramural handball singles spotlight Tuesday night with a 21-18, 21-18 victory over Dave Houghton. Carroll's win assures him of a position in the championship flight.

Other winners in the independent competition were Dale Schissler, Fred Baldock, George Krevsky and Jim Lukehart.

In fraternity competition Ric Eldredge, Phi Delta Theta, edged Bob Lackey, Pi Lambda Phi, in a 21-17, 21-18 duel; Joe Fenkle, Beta Sigma Rho, downed Bud Kohlhaas, Delta Tau Delta, 21-10, 21-20; and Dick Hinkle, Alpha Sigma Phi, recorded a forfeit win over Dick Dill, Theta Kappa Phi.

Schoolboy Wrestling

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