

DU, Burke AC Capture IM Grid Championships

By DEAN BILLYCK

Delta Upsilon and Burke AC each recorded shutouts in winning the IM football championship playoffs Sunday afternoon on the IM field.

DU won the fraternity championship by downing Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 13-0, and Burke captured the independent crown by squeaking past Westmoreland House, 6-0. In winning the coveted title DU and Burke smashed by seven opponents with a defeat.

All four teams reached the championship tilts after going through league play and playoffs with unblemished records. The victory for DU was its first IM grid title since 1946 when it defeated Tau Kappa Epsilon, 13-0, to win the trophy.

"That football trophy will sure look nice in our trophy case," beamed Jack Melchior, Delta Upsilon's sharp shooting quarterback. Melchior had just passed his team to its thrilling 13-0 win over SAE.

"It was a long time coming," added another DU player "but we finally made it." And make it they did with the passing of Melchior and the receiving of Larry Beighey clicking as it did all season long. Melchior passed for 12 completions in 19 attempts.

DU's first score came after a Melchior interception of a Pete Moran pass moved the ball to the SAE 23-yard strine. Melchior fired a short pass to Dave Young and the ball lay on the 23.

On the next play Larry Beighey streamed up the middle, cut to the right and Melchior spiraled a



ED ROBERTS, Westmoreland quarterback, fires a pass during independent IM football championship contest Sunday. The pass was batted down by Burke AC defenders who allowed only three completions in 27 attempts.

beautiful aerial which Beighey, on only 3 of 28 attempts, gathered in unmolested on the 50-yard line. Tom Durbin led Burke in its 6-0 triumph as he intercepted four Westmoreland passes, one of which seemed headed for touchdown territory.

With 1:45 remaining in the game, Melchior threw a strike to Bud Albright who fought off three defenders for the game clinching score. Beighey missed the extra point which mattered little since the victory was now safely in the "bag."

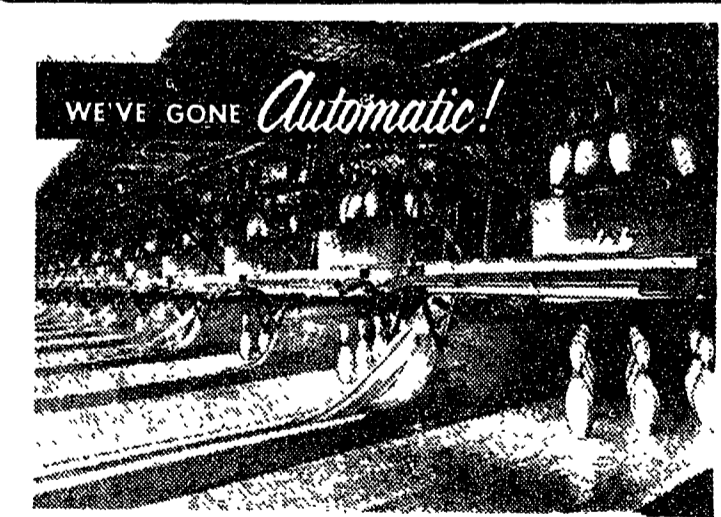
Sigma Alpha Epsilon took the champions right down to the wire and has one of the best passers in the IM league in Pete Moran. The "Chief" as Moran is called, completed 7 of 16 passes and twice had his team knocking on the goal line door only to be denied admission to paydirt.

Defensive secondary "dandies" might be the term to apply to the almost invincible pass coverage by Burke AC which stopped the passing of Ed Roberts, Westmoreland House quarterback. Roberts, who all season long had led his team to victories, was able to connect

independent action all season came as a result of a mixup in signals in the Westmoreland backfield. Ed Roberts took the snap from center, faded back and threw a bullet straight down the middle intended for Joe Byers. Byers, who had gone down the middle but then cut for the sideline, was nowhere near the ball.

Dick Lacey gathered in the pass for Burke AC on the 20 and outraced Roberts to the coffin corner of the end zone for the game winning and championship clinching touchdown.

Westmoreland House lost its chance for victory when Dick Ansbach dropped a Roberts pass that hit him in the chest and bounded harmlessly in the end zone. Westmoreland came close to another score when Rich Urian missed a 15-yard field goal.



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State Once Boasted Top Ice Hockey Club

By BILL BARBER

While ice hockey has long been one of the top sports attractions throughout the United States and Canada, few current students realize that Penn State was once a contender in the Eastern Collegiate Hockey League from 1939 to 1947.

When ice hockey was first inaugurated as a varsity sport at Penn State in 1939, no one thought that its existence would be as short-lived as it proved to be. For in its away games, the Lion puck squad sold out arenas, and in the lone home game, special bleachers had to be built to contain the fans.

However, in 1947, due to inclement weather conditions and lack of an artificial rink, the Nittany pucksters were forced to disband and withdraw from E.C.H.L. After this setback, the hockey squad was never again able to reorganize.

Dr. Arthur Davis, in charge of health education in the College of Physical Education, was largely responsible for ice hockey at Penn State. He devoted much of his spare time to ice hockey in the winter seasons preceding the formation of a regular team. When a hockey team finally became a reality, Davis was given the job of coaching the Nittany pucksters.

The first time in Penn State's athletic history that a regulation ice hockey game was played on the Lions' home ground occurred on January 27, 1940. A make-shift rink, constructed by flooding several tennis courts adjacent to Beaver Field and allowing them to freeze, made up the playing area.

In addition to the rink, bleachers were set up to seat 300 fans. In this first and only home game, the Nittany pucksters were cut down, 6-1, by a strong Hershey Junior Bears team.

While the majority of the Lion squad was made up of average players with little experience, Larry Lightbody, a goaltender who played from 1939 to 1942, made a showing in the nets that could easily have made him All-East. In a game against Princeton, Lightbody stopped the puck 43 times to set a Penn State record. His game average in saves spanning the three seasons was in the high 20's.

The Lion players, called the "dry ice boys" and "iceless wonders" because of their lack of practice,

were forced to travel to Johnstown and Hershey for the majority of their practice sessions. On their own rink on Beaver Field, the puckmen had to compete with a skating hungry student body. Several practice sessions were held at Whipple's Dam when the ice was in condition.

However, despite the lack of practice, the Nittany team toured the eastern circuit and beat some of the best teams in this section of the country.

In fact, their initial season in 1939 proved to be a winner as three straight victories over Lafayette, Lehigh, and Carnegie Tech established the Lion puckmen in second place behind Penn in the E.C.H.L.

The Lions turned in their best season record in 1941 when, with little or no practice, they compiled an impressive card of five wins against one loss.

In 1943, prospects were dismal for the Lion puckmen as decreasing enrollment, gas rationing and poor weather forced many colleges to drop ice hockey for the duration of the war. However, the Nittanians did manage to set up two games with Drexel Tech, the team that had been Pennsylvania Intercollegiate Ice Hockey Champions the year before.

The Lions' inexperienced, unprepared team went against this highly polished Drexel squad and rounced them twice, 4-0, and 4-1.

Ice hockey was discontinued for the remainder of the war, but made a comeback in 1947 under the tutelage of Lion football coach, Jim O'Hara.

However, due to inclement weather all season, the Nittany puckmen were limited to four games. A rink was constructed under the East stands of Beaver Field, but was never used as a playing arena as the games were usually cancelled because of the weather.

Player Gets 'Tagged' In Grid Win

By JIM KARL

Bob Kulick, hard-charging middle guard for Burke AC, played a stiff price for his part in his team's victory over Westmoreland for the Independent IM football championship.

Midway in the second half Kulick spotted a member of the campus patrol tagging his car, which was parked across the field and blocked an entrance to the Foods Building.

He began running toward the patrolman, but after a few steps turned and walked slowly back to the line of scrimmage. "What's more important," he seemed to be saying to himself, "a five dollar fine or victory?" He shrugged his shoulders and dug in for another charge.

Victory was very important to the four teams who competed on the IM grid field Sunday for the two championships and the prestige that goes with winning them.

"We play for fun" said Don Davies, varsity trackman and offensive end for Sigma Alpha Epsilon before their clash with Delta Upsilon for the fraternity league championship.

Once the game started, however, it looked like both teams were playing for blood. S.A.E.'s defensive line of Bob Robertson, Bob Rutherford and Scott Charlton charged like demons, applying constant pressure to DU quarterback Jack Melchior.

Three times in the early minutes of the game Melchior's passes were batted to the ground before they traveled five feet and twice he was tagged before he could get rid of the ball.

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