

# College Cage Scandal Erupts

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NEW YORK (AP) — Three college basketball players have been accused of accepting bribes of \$1,000 and \$1,500 in a new outbreak of game-fixing which police say may dwarf the gambling scandals of 1951.

Before the present investigation is completed, an informant said, a total of 15 to 25 colleges, including at least three from New York City, probably will be drawn into the giant web.

The office of Dist. Atty. Frank S. Hogan announced yesterday the arrest of two men, described as representatives of a nation-

wide syndicate, and charged them with bribery and conspiracy in an attempt to rig college games.

The men were listed as Aaron Wagman, 28, also known as Al Wagner and Al Williams; and Joseph Hacken, 41, both of New York. Both have been involved in previous fix cases, one involving football and the other boxing, the district attorney said.

A University of Connecticut player, not identified, received \$1500 to shave points in a game against Colgate at Hamilton, N.Y. March 1, Asst. Dist. Atty. Peter D. Andreoli said. Two Seton Hall players collected \$1000 each for their part in a game against Dayton at Madison Square Garden Feb. 9, he said.

The Seton Hall players were

identified as Henry Gunter, a center from New York, and Arthur Hicks, a forward from Chicago. Each is 21 years old.

Andreoli said the players were questioned but not held, and added: "Both are cooperating in our probe." They were reported staying with police in a New York hotel.

Arraigned in General Sessions Court, Wagman was held in \$50,000 bail and Hacken in \$25,000. Both face from one to 10 years imprisonment and a fine up to \$10,000, or both, if convicted.

The district attorney's office said Hacken has a record of 10 gambling arrests and that Wagman is the same man convicted of trying to bribe a University of Florida football player last September.

Details of the alleged game-fix-

ing attempts were not disclosed. Hogan's office merely said Wagman's action occurred Feb. 28 in connection with the Connecticut-Colgate game and Hacken's contact was made Feb. 9 in connection with the Dayton-Seton Hall game.

Colgate beat Connecticut 83-71. Dayton beat Seton Hall at the Garden 112-77.

Basketball followers recalled that both games aroused suspicions at the time.

Dayton originally was listed as a six-point favorite but later the game was knocked off the betting boards. This was a sign the bookmakers refused to take any more bets.

The Connecticut-Colgate game twice was taken off the boards after Colgate had been estab-

lished first as a nine-point favorite, dropped to five points, then climbed to 11.

In the widespread basketball scandals of 1951, which affected 33 players from seven schools and involved some of the nation's college basketball giants, the gambling was based on the point spread.

This is a listing of game favorites with points published by a Midwestern concern. Payoffs are based on whether teams are successful in beating the spread.

In 1951, such powerhouses as City College of New York, then holder of the national championship; Kentucky and Bradley were implicated. Several players, as well as gamblers, drew jail sentences and many were barred from the game.

## Speidel Reserves Opinion On NCAA Mat Outcome

By JIM KARL

Charlie Speidel isn't a man of brash statements. Penn State's three eastern champions soon will be facing the top mat competition in the nation, and Speidel is reserving his opinions on the outcome until he has a chance to look over the opposition.

Dan Johnston, Ron Pifer, Johnston Oberly and Speidel will leave State College Monday night for Pittsburgh, where they will catch a plane to Corvallis, Ore., for the NCAA mat championships which begin Thursday.

"Nobody knows what will happen," Speidel said when asked how his grapplers should do in the tourney. "There's only one thing certain — when you step on the mat you won't be facing a fish. No school is going to send a wrestler that far to lose."

Speidel said that there are too many possibilities for him to predict how Johnston, Pifer and Oberly will fare in the tournament.

"Once you step on the mat you're your own field general," he said. "You're the offense and the defense — there's no substitutes."

"I don't know how we're going to do. I hope we do well."

If the State trio performs in the nationals as it did in the Easterns, Speidel won't have any complaints.

Johnston, seeded fourth, and Pifer, seeded third, won convincingly in the finals. Oberly, top-seeded after winning the crown last year, didn't get much of a chance to wrestle in the title round.

His opponent, Chuck Moore, was outweighed by close to 70 pounds and kept a safe distance from the "Big O," losing 2-0.

When asked if he thought the three State grapplers would be seeded in the nationals, Speidel replied, "We may be considered."

This will be Johnston's first appearance in the NCAA's.



CHARLIE SPEIDEL

Oberly is a two-year vet and Pifer finished fourth last year as a sophomore.

Some of Johnston's toughest opposition may come from grapplers he has already met in dual meets this year.

Rutger's Mike Leta, Pitt's Daryl Kelvington and Lehigh's Curt Alexander will be out to even the score with the Lion grappler in the nationals.

Johnston tied Leta and Alexander and beat Kelvington twice this year, the second time 1-0 for the eastern title.

Pifer may face some competition from eastern foes also. Lehigh's Bob Gunst and Pitt's John Zolikoff are both tournament entries.

Oberly has no real challengers in the East. His toughest opponents should be Dale Lewis of Oklahoma, Ted Ellis of Oklahoma State and Rory Weber of Northwestern.

## Erber Cops 2nd Straight IM Mat Win

By DENNY MOLLURA

Pete Erber, Sigma Chi's runner-up in the 142-pound class last year, scored his second straight victory, 13-6, over Bob Degling of Pi Kappa Alpha in the feature match of last night's IM wrestling.

Erber had Degling on his back several times but was unable to apply the clincher.

John Gasser of Alpha Tau Omega scored the fastest fall of the night when he pinned Phi Kappa Psi's Al Lindgren in 34 seconds in a 135-pound bout.

Delta Tau Sigma's Bill Stitt flattened Bill Buzby, Alpha Gamma Rho, at 1:00 in their 142-pound match.

In independent action, 150-pounder John Stevens pinned Bob Sable at 1:25 while Dave Crossley pinned Lewis Fischman at 3:10 in the same weight class.

Hank Heiser of Lambda Chi Alpha edged out Dick Greenleaf of Delta Upsilon, 5-4, in the 135-pound class. Riding time made the difference.

- Summaries
- 128—Criley (AZ) pinned Best, (TKE), 3:36. Link (SigNu) dec. Long (ACSig), 10-2. Insweiler dec. Retallic, 9-4.
  - 135—Heiser (LCA) dec. Greenleaf (DU), 6-4. Gasser (ATO) pinned Lindgren (PKPsi), 34. Hardham (ACSig) pinned Dias (SigPi), 3:00. Fey (PDTh) pinned Shaw (Acacia), 1:59.
  - 142—Bennett (DU) pinned McSparran (Acacia), 3:21. Erber (SigChi) dec. Degling (PKA), 13-6. Glasburn (PGD) dec. Cooper (ATO), 6-0. Stitt (DTSig) pinned Buzby (AGR), 1:00.
  - 150—Lightner (LCA) pinned Leighton (PGD), 3:30. Saba (SigChi) pinned Hill (SAE), 3:00. Crossley pinned Fischman, 3:10. Sable pinned Stevens, 1:25.
  - 158—Urban (PKPhi) dec. Meier (SigChi), 4-2. Brownback (DTD) pinned Ludovici (LCA), 4:20. Alcorn (DTSig) won ref. dec. over Owens (BTP), Smith (PDTh) pinned Varganka (SPE), 1:05.
  - 167—Weaver (ThXi) pinned Gay (SPE), 4:27. Pearce (PKSig) pinned Pollock (LCA), 3:30. Weaver (DU) dec. Gasten (TKE), 5-3. Kinnan (ChiPhi) pinned Keck (LTD), 2:45.
  - 176—Bartlett (TKE) dec. Bella (ThDChi), 6-0. Graham (DTSig) pinned Katz (AEP), 3:05. Demmler dec. Garhart, 6-0.
  - 181—Siemski (SigNu) pinned Capetola (BTPi), 1:50. Kreitner (TKE) dec. Garlock (SigPi), 2-0.

Penn State's record for most basketball points scored in one season belongs to Jesse Arnelle. He netted 731 in 28 games in the 1954-55 campaign.

## DU, Phi Gam in Cage Finals

The stage is set for Monday night's IM fraternity basketball final between Delta Upsilon and Phi Gamma Delta. Both advanced to the finals by winning last night.

Phi Gamma Delta and Sigma Nu staged a thrilling battle that wasn't decided until the last 10 seconds when Skip Finkelston sank a foul shot to give Phi Gam

the verdict, 38-37. Sigma Nu had a chance to tie the game with two seconds remaining but missed the crucial foul shot.

Delta Upsilon had an easy time defeating Delta Tau Delta, 44-23.

The Untouchables scored an easy 33-19 win over the Comets and will meet Nittany 22 Monday night for the Independent Championship.

Nittany 22 defeated a scrappy Dauphin House team, 31-25.

Footballer Dick Hoak led the Untouchables with 12 markers.

Nittany 22 was led by Al Driver with 16 points.

## Havlicek's Basket Gives Ohio State 56-55 Win

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — John Havlicek rescued Ohio State in the closing seconds last night to edge underdog Louisville 56-55 in the semifinals of the Midwest Regional NCAA Basketball Tournament.

Ohio State was in trouble most of the way and with the score tied at one minute to go it looked like Havlicek might be the goat.

Trying to fake his guard, he was called for steps, giving Louisville possession. But 13 seconds later, Louisville's John Turner threw a bad pass and Havlicek recovered it and hit the clinching basket with 18 seconds to go.

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