SAE, Grads, TEP Battle In Final

Only three teams remain in the softball picture as the finals of playoff competition commence. Grad House A team with an unbeaten record to date looks like an almost sure winner as TEP Club and Sigma Phi Epsilon, both with single losses meet for the right to oppose the Grads. The winner of the TEP-Sig Epsilon game would have to take two in a row from Grad House to become champ, and this appears almost impossible.

However, the Grads are in jeopardy of losing their record because of the alleged playing of an ineligible person during one of their season contests. If the intramural rules remain intact, the winner of the TEP-Sigma Phi Epsilon game will be declared the 1957 Intramural Softball Champion.

Playoff competition began on Friday, May 10 when Phi Gamma Delta eked out a 13-12 victory over Phi Delta Theta. TEP Club whipped SAE in a wild contest that was finished in rain and darkness by a 7-3 count, while Sigma Phi Epsilon was upset by the Grad B squad 6-4.

On Monday the 13 play continued as Grad House A overwhelmed Theta Chi 26-4, TEP walked all over Grad B, 11-1, and the Sig Eps knocked off SAE 8-2, thereby eliminating the sailors who suffered their second straight defeat.

Rain cancelled play on Tuesday, but on Wednesday Grad House A returned to action and promptly whipped Phi Gamma 8-2. The Grads trailed by 5-1 at one time but they rallied to overcome this deficit and take the balance. A full slate of games was played Thursday and saw Grad House A eke out a 1-0 victory over TEP Club in what many call the series. The winning run, scored on an error, robbed ace TEP pitcher Murray Muraskin of an unblemished record. Phi Gamma Delta and Phi Delta Theta were both eliminated on this day as they fell by almost identical scores, 14-0 and 14-1 to the Sig Eps and Grad House B respectively. The Fijis and the Phi Delts finished in a tie for third, both with 1-2 won-lost marks.

On Saturday only one game was played, and it marked the final appearance of the Grad House B team, as they lost to the Sig Eps 10-2. This placed Grad House B in fourth place with a 2-2 mark.

This brings us up to the present. Monday Bev Goodison will attempt to pitch his Sigma Phi Epsilon team to a victory over an equally strong TEP Club led by the aforementioned Murray Muraskin. The winner takes on Graduate House A, with the prospect of a single loss eliminating them.