

COACH RALPH LEONARD DISCUSSES LACROSSE AS COLLEGIATE SPORT

Stating that no sport has made such rapid strides in the colleges during recent years as has lacrosse, Ralph G. Leonard, assistant professor of physical education at Penn State and coach of the Nittany lacrosse team, has just completed a survey of the sport for the National Collegiate Athletic Association. In his paper Coach Leonard says that lacrosse is rapidly forging to the front as a leading spring sport in college circles and he points out that almost thirty colleges have taken up the game during the past two years. He also says that lacrosse has now become a national sport and he points out that it is being played in all parts of the United States.

The paper read as follows:

There seems to be little room for doubt that the game of lacrosse originated in America among the Indians from that beginning the game has developed until it is played extensively in Canada, where it is considered the national game, the United States, Great Britain, Ireland and Australia. Some idea as to its popularity in England may be gained from the fact that there are over two hundred collegiate and club teams within a radius of two hundred miles of London.

The game has been organized among the colleges of this country since 1881. The last two years has been remarkable because of the fact that the game has been adopted by twenty odd leading colleges. It is doubtful that any other collegiate sport has made such remarkable strides in popularity.

The following data may illustrate why lacrosse has become so popular, and why it is also getting the serious attention of men interested in physical education and athletics.

First—The rules have been improved to the point where the game is as clean and as scientific as any other sport.

Proof that the game has been so improved, and that with gigantic strides, lies in the fact that within the last two years, it has been widely adopted by girls' colleges of good character such as Bryn Mawr and organizations in California. In fact the Women's Lacrosse Association of California has applied for admittance to the Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association.

Second—The character of lacrosse appeals to the American type of youth. If we stop a moment to consider, we will agree that the primary psychological reason for the popularity of any sport lies in one thing—personal contact. Exhibitions of skill and good sportsmanship are always gratifying. Consider the game of football, our most popular sport—speedy running, graceful dodging, thrilling catches—spectacular things are always interesting. But the thing that grips the crowd is the tackling, the clash of line against line, the thrill of seeing the superior team forge its way to victory against determined personal opposition, in other words, personal contact. The most popular of our seasonal sports is that which allows the most personal contact. Lacrosse is the only spring sport which permits any personal contact.

Third—Lacrosse is equal to our most popular sport in character building value. Character building is one of the most important purposes of physical education. The opportunities to temperize, to show restraint and honesty is always present in sports where there is personal contact, such as football and lacrosse.

Fourth—There are twenty-odd colleges that have adopted lacrosse in the last two years. Some of them are starting in an intra-mural manner, but the majority are taking part in active intercollegiate competition. They believe this is the best and the quickest method to develop players. Among these colleges are the following: Dartmouth, Brown, Williams, Union, Lafayette, Carnegie Tech, Pittsburgh, University of Virginia, University of Tennessee and Georgia Tech.

Fifth—The game of lacrosse which requires a high degree of skill to

play, is simple to teach. The theory of the game is practically the same as that of basketball, hockey and soccer. There are twelve players on a team. The theories of offense and defense of basketball and soccer are adaptable to lacrosse. The ability to handle the stick has been acquired very satisfactorily, in a short time, by several teams, by simply throwing the ball against a wall and catching it with the stick.

Then apply the theory of team play. Union College is an excellent example of quick development of the sport. Within two years Union has made a remarkable showing. It is now rated as one of the leading teams at New England.

Sixth—The game is inexpensive. In fact it is at least fifty percent less expensive than either of our other spring sports. The only equipment necessary is the stick and the ball.

Seventh—Lacrosse has taken the place of baseball in several colleges, such as Carnegie Tech, Pittsburgh and St. Lawrence University. There are a number of reasons why this change was made. Comparative cost, for instance, lack of adequate fields, the fact that lacrosse can be played on football fields without the least damage to the field. The players wear rubber soled shoes.

The recent re-organization of the Intercollegiate Lacrosse League illustrates the rapid growth of the sport. It was important that the league be altered if it were to continue to its objective, namely, fostering and promoting the sport.

The former organization, in a way, made it a closed one. So, for the encouragement of the sport it was voted to reorganize into an open association of colleges, removing the necessity of playing all opponents in each section. It also kept pace with the modern trend of physical education, in that the idea of a necessary championship team was left to a committee. A separate coaches' association was also formed.

Lacrosse has assumed an international character for the past four years. Oxford-Cambridge played a series of games here three years ago. Syracuse University played a return series the following year. The prestige of American sport was upheld satisfactorily.

Syracuse won the majority of the games. An idea of the good sportsmanship that prevailed may be realized by this incident. The referee failed to appeal for an important game. It was suggested that the game be played without an official. Finally, an agreement was reached, whereby each team supplied an official for one half. The English lost the game, and their remark was, "It was a bally good game."

The Oxford-Cambridge teams compare here for a schedule of ten games this spring.

In closing, it may be well to invite attention to the fact that during a

period of forty-odd years, lacrosse is the one remaining sport which has not become professionalized in this country. The sport suffered a serious reverse in Canada for five years through professionalism.

THIBAUD'S INDIVIDUALITY DELIGHTS MUSIC LOVERS

Noted French Violinist Presents Program of Classic Music Arranged by Himself

Delighting his audience by his skill and art, Jacques Thibaud, French violinist, accompanied by Jules Godard at the piano, presented a program of classic music in original and in modern arrangement at his recital in the Auditorium Friday night. He held the interest of the audience throughout and responded to many enquiries.

The program began with Fauré's Sonata, No. 1, followed by Corelli's "La Follia," a seventeenth century composition with variations, and the "Concerto in D Major, No. 2" by Max Bruch. In the concluding group of shorter compositions were J. S. Bach's "Prelude in C Minor," arrangements by Fritz Kreisler of "Rameau's Tambourine," a Rondo by Mozart, and the Hochstein arrangement of a Brahms waltz.

At a similar concert in New York the comment was made that Thibaud has the exquisite faculty of making Bach sound like Kreisler, and Kreisler like Thibaud. Certainly his technique was flawless, his tone rich and pure, and his style was characterized by remarkable warmth and vivacity. He adds to sound musicianship an element of personality that has won applause for him many times, not only because he is a real artist but a French patriot as well.

REGISTRAR ANNOUNCES TIME TABLE CHANGES

Several changes have been made in the time table book since its publication and students concerned are asked to make necessary revisions in their schedules.

The following are changes in the time table book as published:

Ed 2 change to MTh 9 F 2—316 Main

Ed 5 change to MTh 8 T 1-3

1 Engl 216 drop AE

2 Engl 216 Add AE

Engl 207 change to MTh 9 F 2

2 Engl 452 Add 128 Main

1 Engl 452 Add 428 Main

HE 127 Room 316 Main

1 HEEng 31 should read St ME 1 (A-P)

1 HEEng 71 should read St ME 1 (R-T) III

Add Geology 32 WS 11 207 MingA

Th J 206 MingA—Swartz

HEEng 36 and MDes 50 change to read as for HEEng 31

1 Met 65 Jr RME not Sr RME

5 Mchs 1 change to MTh 9 F 2

Psy 2 Moore & DeCamp for both

Freshmen To Elect President Thursday

The Freshman class will meet in the Ball Room Thursday evening at seven o'clock. At this time the 1929 president will be elected.

FACULTY MEN WILL BE ACTIVE IN STATE SHOW

Many Get Judgeships in Annual Harrisburg Farm Products Exhibit Next Week

That the School of Agriculture of the College will take a prominent part in the annual Farm Products Show to be held in Harrisburg from January eighteenth to the twenty-second was evidenced by the large number of faculty members recently appointed as judges.

The faculty members appointed are: P. C. McKenzie, beef cattle, Prof. Al Brightman, eggs; Prof. W. H. Conrath, wool, and Prof. Nicholas Schmitz, corn. E. J. Walter, former extension corn specialist here has also been named to judge corn. These men along with ten others from various sections of the county will comprise the experts chosen to pass judgment on the products displayed.

In addition Dean R. L. Watts, of the School of Agriculture, is preparing a paper to be read before the State Horticultural Association entitled "Seventy Years of Horticulture at Penn State." Dr. S. W. Fletcher, president of the association which convenes during the product show.

Dean Watts will also be one of the principal speakers at the breeders' Lanquet when he will use as his topic, "Fifty Years of Pennsylvania Agriculture." In this talk he plans to review the progress made during the past twenty-five years after which he will delve into the future and attempt to prophesy events and conditions during the next twenty-five years.

All regular seniors will be excused from chapel exercises in the coming semester unless their names appear on the chapel rolls, which will be posted in the Auditorium and Old Main before February eighth.

All Jewish students who failed to pass Memorial the first semester will be required to attend chapel the second semester and will find their names on the chapel rolls when posted.

Reverend Freen will be the speaker at the weekly campus devotional service held in the foyer of the Auditorium at six-forty-five o'clock tonight.

Notices

All excuses for employment which were granted the first semester will be operative during the second semester. Any subsequent changes in such excuses should be presented in writing to the office of the Dean of Men not later than February fifteenth.

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All members of the Debating Team are requested to meet in Old Chapel at seven fifteen o'clock tonight.

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