



Stapel Leaves College

Charley Stapel, the hard luck kid of 1943, has dropped out of school.

The Avalon luminary was headed for big things as a freshman last year, but ended up on the sidelines with a knee injury. This year he reported to Coach Bob Higgins with high hopes of playing. However, after a week of conditioning at the golf course, Stapel's injury pained him so much that he thought it would be best if he dropped out of school for a year.

Despite an operation, the knee didn't react as expected and Stapel decided a year's rest might give the injured left knee time to heal adequately. In the meantime he plans to work in a defense plant around his home town.

Another Foreign Star

Soccer, traditional refuge of Penn State's foreign-born athletes, may produce another all-American this fall in the person of Herb Mendt of Venezuela.

Coach Bill Jeffrey says, "Mendt is bigger than most South American boys, he's very strong, and has a lot of stamina."

The Lion mentor rates the 21-year-old architectural student as one of the most promising candidates on his squad.

Other foreign-born athletes who have made good at Penn State during the last 18 years are Gus Bigott of Venezuela, Jose Lombana of Colombia, Gringo Galindo of Panama, Remzi Gurcay of Turkey, and Mousa Serry of Egypt. All of these players either attained or received serious consideration for all-American teams of this period.

Lion Coaches Pre-Flight

Lt. Comdr. Glenn Killinger is the latest Lion athlete to be named head football mentor in the big-time coaching ranks.

The former head at West Chester State Teachers College has been chosen to direct the Navy Pre-Flight eleven at Chapel Hill, N. C., this fall.

While attending Penn State as an undergraduate he played football, baseball, and basketball. Because of his punting, passing, and field generalship he was selected on Walter Camp's All-American team in 1921.

Penn State In Review

Jim Barron, varsity cager last season, is now bedridden at St. Alban's Hospital, New York City. He was stricken with rheumatic fever while going to Coast Guard school . . . **Johnny Schlesiger**, freshmen V-12 candidate, for the football team, played freshman ball at the University of Nebraska . . . **Bill Eppright**, former Lion track star who is now conditioning convalescent soldiers at Romulus Base Hospital, Mich., recently scored a 100 in the stiff Army Air Corps physical test . . . **Ken Overlin**, who lost the middle-weight crown to Penn State's **Billy Soose** a few years ago, has been honorably discharged from the Navy. **Capt. Elmer Gross**, basketball standout of five years ago, has been wounded in the Battle of France.

Coach Lynn Waldorf of Northwestern is in charge of the College All-Stars who meet the Chicago Bears at the Windy City this Wednesday night . . . **Lt. Clair Hess** wrestler; and **Lt. Don Newburg**, lacrosse stickman, are the latest to be wounded on French soil . . . **Bob Gridley**, baseball manager, has been named manager of the gridiron team . . . **Pfc. Joe Colone**, one of the nation's first ten punters as a freshman in 1942, is now stationed in Hawaii . . . **Lt. J. N. Stahley**, newly appointed head football coach at the San Diego Naval Training Center, starred in football, basketball, and lacrosse at the College from 1927 to 1930. He coached at Brown before the war . . . Hawaii is the present base of **Lt. Comdr. Charley Speidel**, Penn State's peacetime wrestling coach.

Lt. Glenn A. Hassler, former Lion soccerite and Quincy, Pa., High School athletic director, is now in charge of the athletic program at the Jackson Army Air Base, Jackson, Mass . . . **Herb Mathers**, 1911 track captain, is credited with the first point earned by Penn State in IC-4A competition. He won fourth place in the broad jump . . . **Lt. Comdr. Dick Harlow**, Penn State alumnus and Harvard's pre-war gridiron mentor, is officer in charge of the Navy's only rest center on the Pacific. He is at Boyes Springs, Calif.

Gridders Show Promise In Practice

Coach Bob Higgins Has 95 Students Out For Football



"It's too early to name a first team yet, but several boys have shown up exceptionally well so far," pointed out Football Coach Bob Higgins this week as his Nittany Lion squad went through extensive drills in preparation for a hard scrimmage at New Beaver Field.

Sixty-seven navy-marine trainees and 28 civilians compose the Penn State squad which works out daily under the watchful eyes of Higgins and his three assistants—Joe Bedenk, Earle Edwards, and Al Michaels.

"Ed Bush at tackle and Earl Bruhn in the backfield have been very impressive so far," stated Coach Higgins. "Another standout is Ray Larson at guard."

Guards and Center Strongest

The Lion mentor said that his strongest positions were at guard and center. The tackle and end slots were picked out as the weakest by Higgins.

The backfield looks good, but, according to Higgins, the team will probably lose Freshman Johnny Chuckran and Elwood Petchel to the armed forces before the end of the semester. Both of the boys become 18 in the near future.

Al Richards has been hurt, and he won't be ready for at least a couple more weeks, asserted the Nittany coach. Richards was a fullback last season, but was shifted to half at the start of practice this year.

Three other men return from the 1943 team. They are Bill Abromitis, Marino Marchi, and Chuck Klausung. Only Marchi participated in a majority of the contests. Abromitis and Klausung didn't get started until near the end of the season.

16-Year Old Candidate

Only 16-year-old gridder on the squad is Larry Cooney, backfield star from Pittsburgh. The youngster is good at running and defensive play, but lacks experience, brings out Coach Higgins.

Freshmen who have stood out in practice are Al Bellas, Joe Drazenovich, Negley Norton, Don Miltonberg, Floyd Lang, Chuckran, and Petchel.

The more promising candidates for each position follow:

Ends: Bob Hicks, John Stoken, Don Miltonberg, John Schlesiger, Pete Johnson, Dan Orlich, and Al Auer.

Tackles: Howard Caskey, Negley Norton, Ed Bush, Marino Marchi, and Fred France.

Guards: John Baker, Joe Drazenovich, Frank Martenis, John Simon, Rutkowski, Ray Larson, and Bob Dimmerling.

Centers: Chuck Klausung, Bronko, Kosanovich, Milson, and McCoy.

Quarterbacks: Earl Bruhn, Ed Voll, and Dino Taccalozzi.

Halfbacks: Elwood Petchel, Dick McCown, Bill Abromitis, Johnny Chuckran, Whitey Kurovski, Ed Meyer, Mark Maystrovich, Harry Muckle, Al Richards, Frank Rainear, and Larry Cooney.

Fullbacks: Al Bellas, Floyd Lang, and Ted Wilhelm.

Army Champion Faces V-12 Softball Winner

Army Barracks 8 will meet the V-12 league titleholders at the golf course Thursday for the College softball championship.

The contest will climax ASTP and V-12 softball activities on the campus for the summer. All students are invited to the game which will begin at 6:45 p.m.

V-12 Softball Teams Battle For College Championship

Barracks 29 will represent the Off-Campus League this afternoon against Barracks 13, On-Campus champion, at the golf course for the College V-12 softball title. The game will be the first in a three game series.

The play-off between the two league leaders was supposed to be played earlier this week, but a three-way tie for the Off-Campus crown necessitated a delay in original plans.

Barracks 29 defeated Barracks 20, 6-5, yesterday after the latter had taken the measure of Barracks 41, 5-3, on Wednesday. All three teams were tied for first place with seven wins and three losses.

The playoff will consist of three games, the first being played today. The second contest will be Monday, and a third on Tuesday if necessary. All tilts will begin at 4:30 p.m.

First Game
With everyone on the team getting a safe hit, Barracks 20 subdued Barracks 41, 5-3, in the first play-off game for the Off-Campus League on Wednesday.

Barracks 20 smashed out 10 hits off the twirling of A/S Clarence Colvin to score three runs in the second inning and two markers in the fifth. A/S Bob Gernand pitched for the victors and gave up three runs in the initial frame before settling down.

Almost all the men in both barracks turned out to watch the close contest.

Second Game
A seventh inning uprising which produced three runs gave Barracks 29 a 6-5 victory over

Barracks 20 in the final game for the Off-Campus Softball League championship yesterday afternoon.

Charlie Lasotto pitched good ball to win the Off-Campus title for Barracks 29. Team Capt. Ross Fife hit a home run in the third inning which brought in three runs and sent Barracks 29 out into the lead.

The winners will face Barracks 13 for the College crown today.

Theta Chi Takes Fraternity Lead

Theta Chi has taken the lead in the Interfraternity Softball League after two weeks of play, Stan Speaker, league chairman, announced yesterday.

In second place is Sigma Chi with two wins and one defeat. Sigma Chi beat Phi Sigma Delta, 14-8, while Sigma Phi Epsilon was victorious over Alpha Chi Sigma, 9-3, in contests this week.

Nine fraternities are in the league this summer. Sigma Phi Alpha won the title during the spring semester by defeating Beta Sigma Rho in a play-off. A trophy will again be awarded to the champion this semester.

The schedule for next week follows:

Tuesday—Pi Kappa Alpha vs. Sigma Chi, Beta Sigma Rho vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon, and Phi Kappa Sigma vs. Theta Chi.

Wednesday—Phi Sigma Delta vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon, Alpha Chi Sigma vs. Beta Sigma Rho, and Phi Sigma Kappa vs. Theta Chi.

Thursday—Pi Kappa Alpha vs. Sigma Phi Epsilon, Phi Sigma Delta vs. Phi Sigma Kappa, and Sigma Chi vs. Theta Chi.

Standings up until yesterday are:

	Won	Lost
Theta Chi	2	0
Sigma Chi	2	1
Phi Sigma Delta	1	1
Sigma Phi Epsilon	1	1
Alpha Chi Sigma	1	2
Pi Kappa Alpha	0	1
Theta Sigma Rho	0	1
Phi Sigma Kappa	0	0
Phi Kappa Sigma	0	0

Former Lacrosse Star Wears Uniform Again

Lt. Marshall H. Gatchell, former Lion lacrosse player, is wearing Uncle Sam's uniform for the second time.

Gatchell, who left college to join the Navy in World War I, now is serving as recreation and welfare officer at a Central Pacific outpost.

Coach Nick Thiel describes Gatchell as "Penn State's most enthusiastic lacrosse alumnus."

West Defeats East 8-6 In Independent Encounter

A concentrated hitting barrage which netted eight runs in two innings gave the Western All-Stars a convincing 8-6 triumph over Wally O'Toole and his Eastern squad in the Independent All-Star softball clash at the golf course last Friday.

The first game between the two teams ended in a 3-3 deadlock two weeks ago. The contest last weekend was a seven-inning replay of the tie.

After falling before Wally O'Toole all season long, the Western All-Stars caught on to the Mattils pitching star and knocked him out of the box in the third inning. Ed Carson replaced O'Toole and held the West scoreless during the last four innings.

Gridley Awarded Contest
Bob Gridley received credit for the victory although Bob Hicks had to come in and keep the Eastern hitters in check during the latter part of the game.

Leading batter for the West was Shortstop Stanley Ziff who pounded out two long triples. Artie Bohard and George Rutter had three hits apiece, but their bats lacked the wallop that Ziff pos-

sessed in driving in four runs.

John Bernardi and Floyd Lang led the East at the plate. Both of them knocked out two singles. Tom Reynolds had the only extra base blow for the East in the seventh inning. He drove out a double.

The Western squad, managed by Rev. Edwerth Korte and Jack Frost, tallied three runs on four hits in the second frame. George Rutter started the inning off with a sharp single. Bob Hicks duplicated the feat and was forced at second by Paul Wunz. With two men on base, Stan Ziff hit his first triple of the game to drive in the first scores of the contest. Later, Ziff came in on Blake's fumbled ground ball to make the score 3-0.

Five Runs Scored In Third
Five more runs were added in the third. Al Honig and Bob Gridley singled. Hicks and Wunz followed with one-base blows, and then Ziff smashed out his second triple. Bohard then proceeded to drive out a base hit and send Ziff across the plate.

The Eastern squad got its first run in the second inning. Vic Dan-

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