

Collier's Selects Steve Suhey

To Join 6 Lion Immortals In Rec Hall Grid Gallery

By TED RUBIN
Collegian Sports Editor

Penn State's great guard, 210-pound Steve Suhey, was proclaimed All-American by Grantland Rice, and thereby gained the acclaim which he so richly merited. In the issue of Collier's magazine due on the newsstands today, the "ama le-of-the-field... determined-on-the-field senior joined Army's captain Joe Steffy in copping the guard berths.

Suhey, who had previously been named to the Associated Press's All-East and All-American teams, the International News Service's first honors and the second squad of the International News Service, will now ascend the Rec Hall gallery of Blue and White immortals according to Dean Carl P. Schott of the School of Physical Education.

Said Dean Schott, "This is glorious news, and Suhey is very deserving of the honor."

THE RECOGNIZED TEAM

Collier's All-American, as selected by Grantland Rice, is regarded by most authorities as the banner all-grid aggregation. Although much respect is accorded the other All-American teams, the Rice group receives generally the official recognition.

Suhey and Tony Minisi, the fine wingback of George Munger's Red and Blue Pennsylvania



STEVE SUHEY

team, were the only members from Keystone State schools. Midshipman Richard Scott, Navy's veteran center and punter, was the only selectee which the Nittany Lions met on the gridiron this fall.

THE LINE-UP

- C—Dick Scott Navy
- G—Steve Suhey Penn State
- G—Joe Steffy Army
- T—George Connor Notre Dame
- T—Bob Davis Georgia Tech
- E—Paul Cleary Southern Cal.
- E—Bill Swacki Columbia
- B—John Lujack Notre Dame
- B—Tony Minisi Penn
- B—Bob Chappius Michigan
- B—Ray Evans Kansas

Suhey will be the first Nittany performer to achieve a rung on the Collier's galaxy since present Line Coach Joe Bedenk accomplished the feat in 1923. Leon "Gates" Gajewski, Lion captain and center, earned 1st team recognition by NEA and Liberty in 1940, but was omitted in the Collier's rankings.

Penn State now boasts seven All-Americans, including Gajewski, five of these being linemen. William "Mother" Dunn first accomplished the trick in 1906, followed by Bob Higgins, from his end earth in 1919, back Glenn Killinger the following year, quarterback Charlie "Gang" Way of the same year, Bedenk and Gajewski.

PUBLICITY

To Suhey and followers of Penn State football exploits, this selection came as a pleasant surprise, for many think that Blue and White gridgers are handicapped immeasurably along publicity lines since State College is so far away from the metropolitan areas, the Nittany men receive little space from the large city papers who give their daily ban-

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Player Portraits

Veteran Durkota Plans Pro Career

Jeff Durkota, Lion right halfback, 205 pounds, 23 years old, 6-0, Colver, Pa., like Suhey, Nolan and Potsklan, is a war veteran. None of the four is married.

Durkota, with the physical requisites of a great football player, has been sharing the wingback spot with two other very fine football players, and therefore has needed much of the season to win the attention he deserves. Withal, he's still the team's top scorer (10 touchdowns, or 60 points, in nine games) and he also is the team's most effective ground gainer (13.3 yards per try, in eight games, or 30 carries).

TOPS AGAINST NAVY

He played his top game against Navy, running 48 yards and 43 yards for touchdowns on inside



reverses at which he is a past master. In both instances, he slowed down when necessary to get blockers in front of him, put on the pressure when he was alone, and outran everybody who challenged him.

He's also an exceptionally good pass receiver, and has been on the receiving end of two touchdown passes, and also plucked a Bucknell pass out of the air and converted it into a touchdown.

FAST, BIG AND POWERFUL

He's fast, one of the three fastest backs on the squad, is bigger than any of them, and very powerful. He bowls over defenders who try to head him off when he's under a full head of steam, and he's also big and rough enough to be an effective blocker.

Between the Lions

By Elliot Krane

Before the cross-country team trades in its long-spiked shoes for the stubby indoor track variety, there is a story that should be told—a story of how the team won the National Championship wearing "spikes" that traveled thousands of miles.

The scenes of the story are State College, Pa., and Stockholm, Sweden, and the main character is Curtis Stone, stellar runner and a Penn State alumnus, class of June '47.

After graduating from the College, Curt and eight other American athletes went on a tour of the Scandinavian countries to challenge foreign runners in exhibition matches. Just before he left, Harrier Coach Chick Werner asked Stone to bring back European athletic equipment with the emphasis on shoes for distance running.

SCANDINAVIAN TRIP

Leaving July 18th, the Nittany speedster and his eight companions made Sweden their first stop on their long itinerary. While there "Stoney" ordered about 15 pairs of cross-country shoes. Just before he left for Norway the bright red shoes with the long, sharp spikes were delivered.

On the second leg of the trip, Curt picked up some Finnish javelins and discuses that had been exported to Norway. Having completed his shopping, the IC-1A 2 mile record holder continued



CURT STONE

on his tour, taking in Denmark and Scotland before returning to the United States.

On September 3 Stone returned to State College and gave Coach Werner the shoes. Chick in turn doled them out to the varsity cross-country runners, and the shoes were immediately put into service.

"What unusual experiences did I have on the trip? Well," said the bespectacled harrier, "the northern countries have a long period of daylight and it seemed odd to run at 9 o'clock in the evening when in the U. S. we usually run in the morning or early afternoon."

MIDNIGHT SUN

Instead of sitting back and resting on his laurels, Curt, who is the circulation manager of the Center Daily Times, keeps in shape by running on the College track. When he has a free weekend he drives to one of the major distance races, and astounds spectators by outdistancing all the other harriers with apparent ease. So far this year he holds a perfect record, winning both the Middle Atlantic AAU and the National AAU cross country races.

SUGAR BOWL

Both Curt and Jerry Karver are preparing for the Sugar Bowl races which will be held during the Christmas vacation at New Orleans, La. and, most likely, the Pennsylvania runners will wear the red shoes that traveled across an ocean to bring the cross-country team the National Championship.

Lions Bowl Appearance Second in History

By Red Roth

When Penn State tangles with the Mustangs of Southern Methodist University in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas, Tex., New Year's Day, they will be making their second post-season appearance in history.

The first Lion aggregation to participate in a post-season classic was the 1922 team which competed in the Rose Bowl at Pasadena.

Coached by Hugo Bezdek, the roster of the 1922 squad included such Penn State greats as Joe Bedenk, All-American guard and currently line coach for the Blue and White, Harry Wilson, hard-running halfback, and Tiny McMahon, great defensive tackle.

MET SOUTHERN CAL

State was matched against a fast, hard-charging Southern California team which had defeated seven opponents with ease, losing only to California's powerful Golden Bears in the season's finale, 12-0. California, who was undefeated that year, had previously rejected an invitation to appear in the Pasadena Bowl.

During regular-season play the Nittany Lions had been defeated by Navy, Penn, and Pittsburgh. However, most coaches and sports writers held great respect for the Bezdekmen, realizing they were a green team that had developed game by game into one of the powers of the East.

The game, 11th in the Rose Bowl series, was played under a blazing sun before 43,000 spectators, up to that time the largest gathering ever to witness an inter-sectional clash on the Pacific coast.

TAKE LEAD

The underdog Lions took an early lead when Palm, Nittany quarterback, booted a field goal from the 12-yard line in the first quarter. Southern Cal came back to take the lead in the second period, however, on a pass from left half Baker to fullback Campbell in the end zone.

Campbell converted the extra point, and the half ended with no further scoring. State left the field trailing 7-3 at the intermission.

The hot sun seemed to visibly tire the Nittany gridgers in the second half and only superb line play prevented the Trojans from turning the game into a rout. The Californians did manage to score once more in the third period to

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