

# Watch on the Shrine

By Ted Rubin

The recently appearing news item that former Lawthermen John Rusinko and Bruce "Nick" Dietrick played a large part in the Sunbury professional basketball club's new scoring record stimulated an investigation into the extent of former Lion athletes now cavorting in greener fields.

Basketball, baseball and football are the sports which tend to attract ex-Blue and White performers, with quite a few listed among the playing members of various teams. In addition, numerous "S" winners are currently engaged in coaching, which technically may be termed professionalism.

Rusinko, who bolted the Lion cagers for the pay-for-play game, began the court season very energetically, playing for Sunbury of the Eastern Pro League as Rusinko, and at the same time for Wilkes-Barre of the more advanced American League as Rushinko.

This was later discovered and Johnny had to solo with Sunbury, where he emerged as the league's leading scorer. Rusinko pushed 397 points through the hoop and was runner-up to Harrisburg's Joe Cackovic, an athlete who will be remembered as the center on the Lion freshman grid team of 1941. Rusinko, now a forward, netted 24 points in Sunbury's record-breaking 94-80 win over Lancaster.

Playing for Lancaster in the same circuit is Walt Funk, '44 and '45 Lion, while Whitey Von Neida, a Lancaster ace last year and one of the finest cagers ever to don the Blue and White, has moved up several notches and is now the sparkplug of Moline, Illinois, in the fast-moving league which includes Minneapolis, Sheboygan, Oshkosh and others. Von Neida set the Eastern Pro-League record last season when he racked up 682 points in 30 games. Whitey also holds the league's single game high, 46 counters.

Lengthy Herb Currie is currently a member of the Harrisburg pro club, while '41 captain Johnny Barr and '42-'43 flash Herk Baltimore are both big guns on the Wilkes-Barre quintet. These two performed last year for the St. Louis Bombers.

## BASEBALL

In baseball, ex-Lion most in the limelight is temperamental Joe Tepsic, the speedy tailback of '45 and long-ball slugger of the same season. Tepsic's colorful career has moved him from Brooklyn to St. Paul and down to Fort Worth of the Texas League. Brooklyn Dodger boss Branch Rickey placed Tepsic in the papers not too long ago with his idea of making Joe a football Dodger, thereby getting a little return on his costly investment.

Last year's ace hurler, Kenny Yount, twirled a number of games for the Inter-State loop's Harrisburg Senators, where he had been optioned by the Cleveland Indians following his acceptance of their bonus offer. Ken became known as a hard luck pitcher at Harrisburg, when he lost quite a few one-run contests via his teammates' errors.

Oggie Martella, boxer, griddler, baseballer, will go back to the pennant-winning Utica Eastern Leaguers where he'll catch again for the Philadelphia Phillies' farm. Chuck MacFarland, who held down the initial sack for last year's Bedenkmen, will undergo a tryout with the Albany Senators. Pittsburgh Pirate affiliate.

## FOOTBALL

The grid sport houses a large number of former Higginsmen. Heading the list is Bill "Red" Moore, 1946 leader who secured a berth on the National Football League's first team in his initial season with Jock Sutherland's Steelers. Red reputedly drew only about \$3,000 last year, considerably less than the rumored \$7,000 which his running mate, Notre Dame's John Mastrangelo, drew for the other guard.

Other Sutherlandmen are able end Bob Davis, terminal on the '42 Warriors of Nittany, and veteran center Chuck Cherundolo. Cherundolo has again gone on record saying this season will be his last. Bronco Kosanovich was farmed out by Pittsburgh to the Richmond Colts, but will be up for another try with the Smoky Cityites this summer; along with him should be Steve Suhey and perhaps Johnny Potsklan, both long subjects of Sutherland scrutiny.

Leo Nobile, now back on campus for a semester, had a very successful year as a Washington Redskin. Former Redskin Johnny Jaffurs will go into his second year as a coaching staff member at Washington and Lee. Ex-Lion Bernie Broskie was farmed out by Washington last fall.

1942 center, Lou Palazzi, is also a temporary student at the College and will go back to the New York Pro Giants for another year, come last summer. Palazzi may be joined by another Nittany man, Johnny "Shag" Wolosky, on whom Scout Steve Owen has cast his eyes.

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## Volleyball Slate

Tonight's schedule: 7 o'clock Alpha Zeta—Sigma Phi Alpha (1), Delta Upsilon—Alpha Tau Omega (2), Alpha Epsilon Pi—Chi Phi (3). 8 o'clock Sigma Nu—Acacia—A (1), Theta Chi—Phi Gamma—Delta—A (2), Beta Sigma Rho—Delta Sigma Phi (3). 9 o'clock Phi Kappa Alpha—Sigma Phi Epsilon (1), Alpha Chi Rho—Alpha Phi Delta (2), Phi Sigma Delta—Delta Tau Delta (3).

## Gridders Recess During Vacation

This afternoon's Nittany gridiron practice on Beaver field will be the last until Easter recess ends. A high spot of the post-Easter practice sessions will be an informal scrimmage with Army at West Point April 10.

End coach Earl Edwards said yesterday that the Lion squad will encounter no other teams in informal scrimmages pending negotiations not yet complete.

Saturday's intra-squad scrimmage featured offensive tactics of the first and second Lion teams.

Following return of the 60 candidates after Easter, several players from last year's varsity and junior varsity may be changed to new positions in experimental moves, Edwards indicated.

## State Party Elects Leeper

State Party elected John Leeper senior class clique chairman, replacing John Hamer, at a party meeting Sunday night.

The Lion Party Sunday night voted to permit eighth semester students to vote in clique meetings. The party has set a mixer at the Delta Upsilon house for 2 p.m. April 4.

## Runners End Indoor Slate, Prepare for Cinder Races

Track Coach Charles Werner called off practices scheduled for this week and made final preparations for the outdoor season slated to start April 1.

"We've had a very successful season," he said, "and Penn State built up a reputation this season as a major track school."

The Nittany runners bowed out of the indoor pictures over the weekend with Horace Ashenfelter taking third place in the Chicago News Relays in his fastest time for two miles, 9:13.8.

Jerry Karver found the indoor grind too strenuous and placed fourth in the Cleveland Knights of Columbus and the Chicago Relay mile. Bill Mack took first honors in Cleveland mile and Bob Gerhman won the Chicago mile in 4:12.2.

two-miler Curt Stone copped a double win in the weekend's events. Friday night Stoney, 1947 Lion track team captain, romped to a 9:10.2 victory and Saturday outran John Twomey and Ashenfelter to finish in 9:09.3.

Establishing himself as a coming hurdler, Jim Gehrdes placed fourth Friday behind three of the top timber toppers of the nation. Harrison, Dillard of Baldwin-Wallace, Ed Dugger of Dayton A.C., and Lloyd Duff of Ohio State.

In Saturday's races, Gehrdes lost a very close decision to Duff in the preliminary of the 70-yard high hurdles and then was eliminated in the semi-finals when he just missed taking the heat won by Ed Dugger.

## RELAY TEAM

Penn State's two-mile relay team ran the fastest time on the College records but lost to Ohio State's squad.

Ashenfelter led off in the relay Friday night and passed the baton to Jack Stevenson who ran a 2:00 half mile. Taking the third lap, Mitch Williams pulled to within 10 yards of the lead, and then gave the baton to Bill Shuman.

Shuman chased Clifford, NCAA 880 meter champion, and passed him with two laps to go. Clifford overtook Shuman with half a lap to go and finished in 7:49.6.

All members of the Campus Center Club, who wish to attend the roller skating party to be held at the Coliseum on April 2, should sign up at the Student Union desk immediately.

Candidates for managerships in golf are requested to report to the Caddy House at 5 o'clock today.



by Elizabeth Woodward

America's foremost authority on young people's problems

There's such a thing as being too darned good! And I don't mean holy holy, either. You can be so capable that everybody will delightedly let you do all the work. It saves so much time. You always do it right.

You can be so dependable that your friends will treat you like the Rock of Gibraltar. You're always where you're supposed to be. Everyone else can relax...you have the situation under control.

You always have the best ideas. You're always in the mood to launch excitement. You're president of most everything... and chairman of the rest. You're Miss Big!

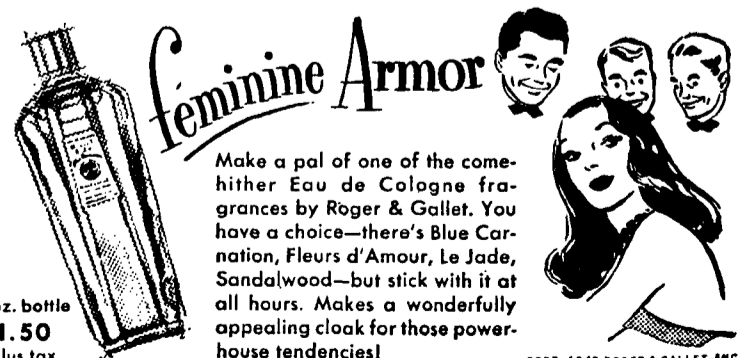
But it can be very lonely out there in front. Miss Bigs get themselves so involved with things and projects...that they haven't time for people.

Their big busyness offers stiff competition to the boys. It's worth a life to get a date with a girl who's consumed by committees. It's futile for a mere male to make an impression on such a powerhouse. It's too much to hope that Miss Big can have all this...and love, too. So she goes places with boys she invites.

Ordinary mortals feel like the tail of her comet. They don't want it said that they tag Miss Big to bask in her reflected glory. Lots of girls leave the leader alone...and make their intimates among her other followers. Miss Big knows everybody...but pals with no one.

Hark to this wee voice pleading "don't be too good". Leave a few chinks in your armor. Let there be something someone else can do better than you can. Just to prove you're human...and not a miracle woman. So you can feel affection... instead of awe.

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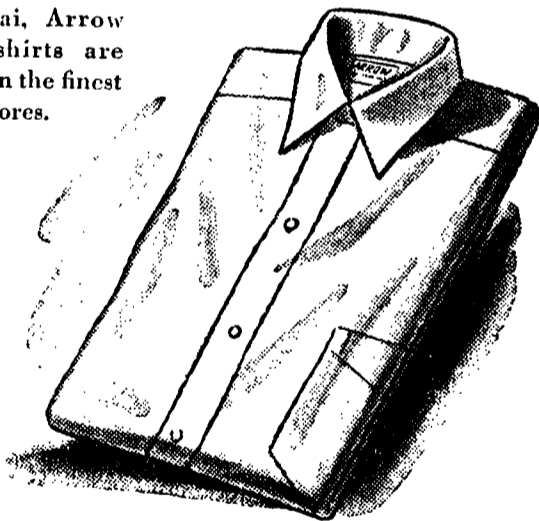
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