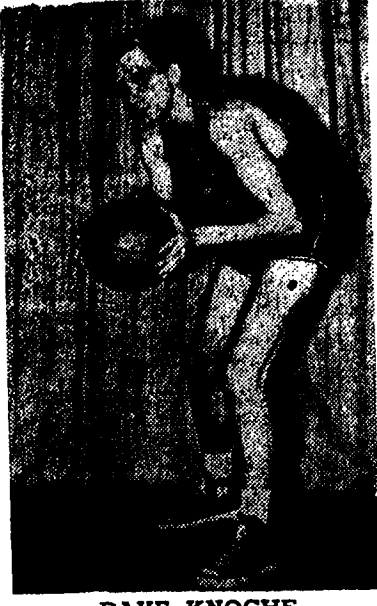




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Petchel, Tamburo Picked For 13,000 Mile Round Trip

Two Penn State football players, Sam Tamburo and Elwood Petchel, will have a chance to compare the Florida and California Chamber of Commerce's claims during the Christmas vacation when they travel to Miami for the North-South game played Christmas day and then go to California to view the Rose Bowl tournament.

But the California trip will be only a stopover for the gridgers on their way to Hawaii. In Hawaii, the Nittany gridgers will play in a double header "Hawaii Bowl" with one game scheduled January 5 and the second January 12.

The American team will be made up of collegiate all-stars including such standouts as All-American center Chuck Bednar-

ik and the University of Nevada's outstanding passer Stan Heath.

Opposition for the American team will be provided by the Hawaiian All-Stars and the University of Hawaii grid team.

The entire tournament is being sponsored by an American sporting goods company and all traveling will be done by plane.

The entire trip will cover 13,000 miles and last about 30 days.

Pro Football? 'Maybe' Say Lion Gridmen

Nine Penn State gridgers who have hung up their collegiate uniforms for the final time are looking toward professional grid careers—if the forthcoming offers are attractive.

All the gridgers contacted by professional teams said that they would play only if a good offer is made, and in the meantime, are checking on job possibilities for next summer.

Heading the list of professional prospectives is Captain Joe Colone, who was drafted by the Washington Redskins in 1946. Colone is planning to go to Washington during the Christmas vacation to discuss terms with the National Professional League team.

TAMBURO AWAITS DRAFT

Also high on the list of men singled out by the play-for-pay boys is Sam Tamburo, stellar Nittany end. Although he is looking toward the San Francisco 49'ers and the Buffalo Bills, Tamburo, like the other aspirants, will have to wait until he is drafted by the pro leagues later this month.

Penn State's passing ace, Elwood Petchel, also has ideas of playing post-graduate football, "if the right offer comes along." The 147-pound tailback has received letters from the Los Angeles Rams and Dons, the Boston and New York Yanks, the Green Bay Packers and the Detroit Lions.

SIMON UNDECIDED

Lineman John Simon, who proved a bulwark at guard post in the Lion forward wall this season, has received "feelers" but is undecided on the prospect of playing professional ball.

Hard-running wingback Wally Triplett, who has received letters from the Rams and Dons and the Chicago Cardinals, is now practicing teaching in Philadelphia, and will direct his efforts to finding a permanent teaching position with the prospect of playing pro ball secondary.

Other Lions who have received inquiries from professional teams are Tailback Larry Joe, Tackle John Finley, End Dennis Hoggard and Wingback Larry Cooney.

Penn State in IC-4A

Penn State was admitted to the IC-4A in 1897, but it did not become active in the organization until 1910.

Between The Lions



By Tom Morgan
SPORTS EDITOR

Birth Notice

Assistant Track Coach Norm Gordon is the happy papa of a 5½-pound baby girl, born Tuesday night and named Valeria Jean.

According to Track Coach Chick Werner, "the father is getting along fair."

Rogel Day

We worked hard to get the facts from the modest "Punchy" on this one, but here they are: Monday in North Braddock will be acclaimed Rogel Day as hundreds of townspeople turn out to fete the Nittany football fullback at a testimonial banquet. Tickets for the affair, we discovered, dub him "All-American Francis 'Rugs' Rogel" in large letters.

On Expansion

Carl P. Schott, dean of the School of Physical Education, looks forward to expanded Rec Hall facilities and, consequently, more room to display Penn State's athletic trophies. Certainly cramped right now, aren't they!

Said Schott: "What we should have is enough space so that we can do justice to the accomplishments of a great Penn State athlete, such as Barney Ewell was in track."

Solution

Football Skipper Bob Higgins would solve a perennial coach's headache by a simple method. At this week's gridiron banquet, while directing his Senate Committee on Athletics, he jested:

"There ought to be some faculty rule against graduation. When you get a good team together, then the seniors leave. If they stayed, we'd never lose."

Scotch Story

The veteran football coach and story-teller, Andy Kerr, told Nittany players Tuesday night of the Scotsman whose wife drowned at sea while on a cruise off the West Coast. Eventually the body of his wife was washed to shore, said Andy, and attached to it was a rare fish worth \$10,000.

Coast authorities immediately...
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Lions Face W&J in Home Opener, Lose to Strong Hoya Five, 49-11

By Ray Koehler

Penn State's slightly groggy cage warriors, still looking for win number one after absorbing a 49-11 setback by Georgetown University Wednesday night, open their home court season tomorrow night at Rec Hall against Washington and Jefferson College.

A red-hot President club will roar out of Western Pennsylvania tomorrow, aiming its sights on its fourth straight win at the expense of the Lions. The Nittany Valley boys, in a game scheduled to start at 8:30 o'clock, will probably be installed slight underdogs.

After scrapping three nip-and-tuck stanzas, during which the Blue and White held the lead at four different times, lady luck again deserted Coach John Lawther's quintet in the final period of Wednesday's Georgetown fray.

Costa Fouls Out

Behind at halftime by only one point, 24-23, the Lion hopes shattered with the fouling out of Marty Costa, giant State pivot man.

Borrowing the same tactics that American U. used so effectively the previous night against the Lions, the Blue and Gray dribblers turned on the power in the final ten minutes to win going away.

Tossing the ball slowly around the front court, the Hoya guards drew out the State defenders and then drilled sharp passes into the forwards and center who had only to lay them up. When the Lawthermen rallied to halt this penetration, Captain Ray Corely took matters into his own hands and calmly dropped through several arching set shots.

Simon Glitters

Milt Simon, hobbled as he was with a severe charley-horse, drew the plaudits of the crowd for his sterling all-around play with 14 points to pace the evening's scorers.

Aided by the accurate shots of Joe Tocci, who totaled nine tallies, and Lou Lamie, who captured seven, the threesome tried val-

iantly to stem the Hoyas' surge but their efforts went for naught.

Corely set the pace for Georgetown with 13 points realized through five field goals and three foul conversions. John Mazziotta, with nine points, also proved a thorn in the Lions' paw.

The strong Georgetown defense kept the Penn State sharpshooters at bay for eight minutes before the men of Nittany could score a third-period field goal.

Slight Opposition

One consolation for Saturday's game is that Adam Sanders and his Wash-Jeff quintet have not, as yet, encountered stiff opposition. They trounced St. Vincent, 58-35; Ohio Wesleyan, 69-51, and Waynesburg, 66-54.

Last year the Penn State dribblers ran away with the Presidents, 63-49, in a rough tilt that saw 46 personal fouls called against both teams.

Four veterans who engaged in last year's contest will see action in Coach Sander's starting lineup. The squad will number 13.

Andy Mestrovic, Dave Knoche and Jack Eaton will supply Wash-Jeff's offensive power with Tom Osso, who starred last year against the Lions, ready to fill in if any of the big guns falter.

Knoche Shows Wares

Knoche, who tallied 21 points against Waynesburg Tuesday...
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SPARTANS Tap 3 Lion Stars

Penn State's '48 football edition annexed three posts on Michigan State's all-opponent grid team, chosen recently by the Spartan players.

In the Lions' all-opponent selections, released last week, they reciprocated by placing three Michigan State men — Halfback George Guerre, End Warren Huey and Tackle Pete Fusi — on their first team.

Honored on the Spartans' all-foe outfit were Francis Rogel, battering fullback who was a unanimous choice of Spartan players; Guard Paul Kelly, who played one of his greatest collegiate games in the 14-14 Spartan-Lion tie, and Chuck Drazenovich, crackerjack Lion blocking back.

The Nittanymen had good company on the Michigan State all-opponent team, which included two Notre Dame and three Michigan players. Santa Clara, Hawaii and Oregon State each placed one gridder.

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