

The Nittany Realm

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handler selected an off-hand all-star team.

Screwing up his brow and nibbling the tip of his ring finger, Joe chose Utah's Arnie Ferrin and Vince Borryia, of Denver at forwards; Yale's "Poosh 'em up" Tony Lavilli at center, and Bob Davis, of Seton Hall, and Ralph Beara, of Kentucky, at guards. Of these five, only Ferrin and Davis are in the pro circuit.

Tocci didn't hesitate in tapping Eli's smooth Lavelli as the best all-around hardwood performer he's seen. "He has an unstoppable hook shot which he shoots equally well right or left-handed."

HAIRCUT

By his G.I., ye shall know him. First thing you notice on seeing the 23-year-old Tocci cut around on the floor is his dark, well-developed crew-haircut. In a crowd he is distinguishable by his sharp sports coats. His taste in ties, however, runs along the conservative angle.

Joe spends his summers playing baseball, and in his off time around campus he likes to play pinochle with the boys. He's one of the few who have no gripes about the Nittany Dining Hall. "I'm not hard to please when it comes to food," he laughs.

He defends the Nittany system of basketball. After ogling the all-offensive, no-defense, race-horse type of game played in New York, he realizes the value of possession play and has been thoroughly converted. "If a team is running and throwing while you use your head and work the ball, you'll win every time, provided, of course, the other team isn't having a bit of sensational luck throwing 'em up."

ROUGH

A shrewd observer of the sport, Tocci hid a half smile when asked about the rough brand of game played in the Midwest. "When I was still at Mohawk, we played Colgate the night after Penn State got through with them. Ernie Vandeweghe — Raiders' star center — had been so battered he could hardly play."

Joe would like to take a crack at the pro basketball ranks—his first love—after completing college, but he shakes his head wistfully and says, "You know the old saying about the little man in basketball." There is room for small men of outstanding ability in the pro-ranks, but there are damn few around. Musi, at 5 feet 9 inches was the smallest man in the BAA last season, playing with the Philadelphia Warriors."

To borrow a saying—the future of the little man in basketball is looking up—at the Mikans and Kurlands.

Stone Misses 2-Mile Elite By 0.2 Second

A former Nittany runner and Olympic entry, Curt Stone, just missed the elite class of two-milers by two-tenths of a second last Saturday night at the Millrose Games.

The former Penn State track star, running in the invitational two-mile race, finished the eight-lap event in a reported 9.02 minutes, behind Gaston Reiff, Belgium, Erik Ahlden, Sweden and Fred Wilt of the New York A.C.

From a letter received from the Games committee this week, Coach Chick Werner announced that Stone's time was actually 9:00. Only three Americans, Don Lash, Greg Rice and Wilt, have broken nine minutes, and Stone's "slow" time placed him fourth as Reiff posted a 8:56.1, five seconds off the world's record.

Fencers Face Army in Away Match

The Nittany Lion fencing varsity will take on a crack Army outfit at West Point Saturday in the Lions' first away meet.

Army Coach Joe Velarde will greet the visitors with an experienced Cadet squad resulting from a two-year building program. Dick Bowman, Army team captain, is the top Cadet prospect by virtue of placing second in the epee at the NCAA tournament at Annapolis last year.

Last year Army edged Penn State, 15-12.

Prof. Hall Picks Up Pointers, Learns Skiing Hard Way

Age need not be a bar to a full day of thrills—and spills—on the ski trail.

William F. Hall, professor of agricultural education at the College, was 49 before he donned a pair of skis and then, he says, he did it only in self-defense.

Hall's young son, William, Jr., first took up the sport and while Junior mastered the art, Senior was required to stand around the ski slopes and try to keep warm.

"A year of that," Hall vows, "was all I could take."

Next, Hall bought himself a

complete skiing outfit and picked up a few pointers in the classes for beginners.

"Most of my skiing education, however, was learned through the school of hard knocks," Hall smilingly admits.

Today, the 56-year-old College professor is one of the most enthusiastic members of the Penn State Valley Ski Club.

No matter how blustery the weather, if there's snow, Hall descends the fireside for the mountain-side and his favorite outdoor sport—skiing.

Courtmen—

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Orange, 59-52, for the second loss of the season.

A power-laden N.Y.U. squad recorded the third Syracuse loss as it smashed the Andreas team in its Madison Square Garden debut, 68-45. Unable to calm down in the spacious arena, the Andreasmen scored only nine points in the first half.

TEMPLE

Two games against Temple took the Syracuse squad nowhere as it trounced the Templars, 59-44, at Syracuse and then lost a 77-65 contest at Philadelphia.

Again it was a slow start that accounted for the loss as the Orangemen could hit the basket for only one point in the first five minutes of play.

Penn State Coach John Lawther will start Carl Nordblom and Terry Ruhlman at the forward posts, big Martin Costa at the center spot, and Milton Simon and Joe Tocci at guard.

Coach Lawther will use Lou

Lamie and Whitey McKown as replacements for the starting five. Both Lamie and McKown have shown up well in the past few games and are slated for more action in the future.

Ken Weiss, who has been unable to connect since his performance in the Colgate game, may return to the lineup Saturday in a reserve capacity.

Matmen—

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Elliott, to the sound of Referee John Engle's hand hitting the mat and culminating the bout between Homer Barr and the previously unbeaten Bennie Davis of West Point, the Blue and White grasped wins with monotonous regularity.

"PIN PAIR"

Once again the victory was climaxed by the Nittany "Pin Pair," Maurey and Barr. Acting Captain Maurey was leading the undefeated Abe Allan by a 6-2 count when he applied a crotch and half nelson to the Cadet grappler and forced him to yield in 2:26 of the first period. It was Maurey's third consecutive fall victory in the 145-pound class.

Barr completely out-classed Davis in the heavyweight brawl. The smooth-working ex-Clearfielder pinned the future General in both the second and third periods. It was Davis' first loss in four starts, and the third 5-point win in a row for Barr.

Also displaying brilliant form against the Army grapplers were Reese, newcomer Jack Dreibelbis, Grant Dixon and Bob Markle. Reese continued his winning ways by taking Joe Elliott into camp with an 8-1 decision in the 121-pound bout, while Markle rolled over another previously unbeaten Cadet matman when he nabbed a 6-3 decision from the veteran 175-pounder, Philo Lange. It was Markle's first appearance in varsity togs for the Lions.

FIRST MEET

Dreibelbis, moving with lightning speed, cut Army's Charley Cunningham down to size, and pinned him in 4:44 with a reverse cradle and crotch. It was also Dreibelbis' first start and the 128-pound Cunningham's first loss.

Grant Dixon closed out his collegiate career in brilliant fashion as he outlasted unbeaten Chuck Olientine, 3-1, in the 155-pound duel. Dixon wrestled a smart match against the powerful Olientine, and clinched the bout with a takedown in the last 10 seconds.

West Point's Dean Mulder, 165-pounder, clamped the first defeat on Bob Hetrick by grasping a 6-2 decision from the Nittany matman, and Captain Ralph Raabe, EIWA champion in 1947 and runner-up last year, was extended to the limit to defeat Al Fasnacht, Lion 136-pound wrestler, by a 3-2 score.

The summary:
121 pounds—Reese (PS) decided Elliott, 8-1.
128 pounds—Dreibelbis (PS) pinned Cunningham in 4:44 with crotch and reverse cradle.
136 pounds—Raabe (A) decided Fasnacht, 3-2.
145 pounds—Maurey (PS) pinned Allan in 2:26 with crotch and half nelson.

155 pounds—Dixon (PS) decided Olientine, 3-1.
165 pounds—Mulder (A) decided Hetrick, 6-2.
175 pounds—Markle (PS) decided Lange, 6-3.

Heavy weight—Barr (PS) pinned Davis in 4:44 with bar arm and head chancery, and in 7:39 with reverse scissor and chancery.

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