

## Gridmen Adopt 'Fast, Fancy' Offense Plays

### Flashy Routines Feature Workout

By Elliot Krane

The "new look" has hit the Nittany Lion football team. Every afternoon on the New Beaver practice field the Penn State squad runs through a fast and fancy formation that is far removed from the straight line play of the 1948 team.

Under Coach Joe Bedenk and Assistant Coach Earle Edwards, the team performs flashy routines in the backfield which include reverse passes and quarterback plunges.

Yesterday afternoon, the team held an informal scrimmage on the practice field. Vince O'Bara, sophomore Lion tailback, broke away for two long gains and a touchdown as the team approached the mid-point of the Spring practice period.

Saturday afternoon a "White" team was composed of Danny Kline and Jack Storer at end, Charlie Godlasky and Bill McDermott at tackle, Joe Sarabok and Fred Felbaum at guard and Ray Hedderick at center.

The backfield, made up of Charlie Murray in the quarterback position, Owen Dougherty at the wingback, John Chuckran at the tailback and Herb Kurtz at fullback, put on a fancy, hour-long display of gridiron dazzle.

#### FAKE

Early in the scrimmage, Chuckran faked a run off tackle and handed the ball to Murray on a quick-opening play. Since he was just a short distance from the line, Murray crashed right through the "Red" defenders and almost broke away for a score.

A fancy reverse followed the "quarterback crash" with Chuckran running to the right and handing the ball to Dougherty, who ran toward the left. A left-handed passer, Dougherty kept running until he spotted Chuckran wide open in the right hand corner of the "end zone" and tossed the ball into his arms for the first score in the scrimmage.

Another play which caught the opposition by surprise was the buck pass in which Herb Kurtz took the ball on a direct pass from the center, roared up to the line, and then stopped and flipped the pigskin to an end for a easy 10-yard gain.

#### THREAT

The Lions turned up a long-range scoring threat in Dougherty when the sophomore wingback faded back and tossed a 40-yard aerial to Danny Kline near the goal. Storer threw a slicing block on the defending safety man and Kline crossed the goal unmolested.

After the first half-hour of scrimmage, Coach Edwards shifted his third, fourth and fifth teams into the lineup and gave each griddler a crack at actual battle conditions.

Al Peluso, Caliseo DiValerio and Fran Smutney, who ran with

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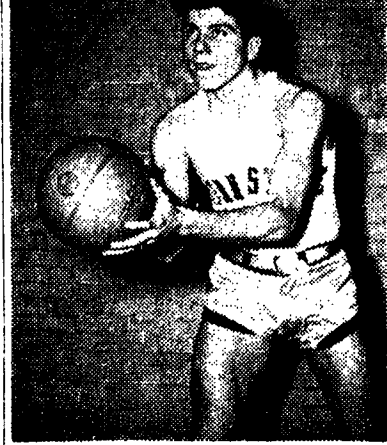
## Lion Cage Tutor Views Future; Tocci, Lamie Main Prospects

By Ray Koehler

Elmer Gross, projected into the role of head basketball mentor at Penn State in a recent shift, may find himself seated on a hornet's nest during the coming season but that isn't worrying him now.

Only in his newly-appointed position 24 days, the husky former Nittany Lion cage captain took time out from his busy regimen yesterday to ponder over the coming court season.

"What kind of an offense will I use? Well, I've found that the deliberate offense has its good points, but we won't give up the fast break entirely.



Lou Lamie

"Against certain teams which use the Penn State type of offense, utilizing screens and slow offense, the deliberate handling of the sphere is greatly successful.

"But with fast kids like Joe Tocci, Lou Lamie and Ken Weiss who have picked up a great deal of valuable experience this year, we will rely on the fast break much more than last year."

Likewise in the defensive realm the Nittany cagers will alternate man-to-man with their usual tight zone, Gross indicated.

#### TOCCI

Heading the list of seasoned varsity dribblers who will report next fall is the Lions' 5-foot 7-inch play-setter, Joe Tocci, de-

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Joe Tocci

## 3 Athletes Vie For AA Post

Three College athletes were nominated for the office of president of the Men's Athletic Association at a meeting held yesterday afternoon.

Charles Drazenovich, football and boxing, James Gehrdes, track, and Joseph Tocci, basketball, were nominated for the position. The man receiving the second highest number of votes will be named vice-president.

Nominated for the office of secretary-treasurer were: Charles Beatty, football; Edward Belfield, lacrosse; Casmir Borowy, swimming, and Kenneth Hosterman, soccer.

Elections for these offices will be held during the All-College elections on April 6 and 7. All men are eligible to vote for Athletic Association officers.

Nominations were made by the incumbent officers of the A.A., team captains, coaches and managers.

#### 4 New Coaches

New coaches will be at the helm of four Penn State football opponents in 1949.

#### Tennis Call

Additional candidates for the varsity tennis team should report to Coach Sherm Fogg, 213 Rec Hall, or call Manager Bill Bickford at 4923.

Candidates for tennis managerships are requested to report to the Rec Hall balcony at p.m. today.

#### IM Applicants

Applicants for handball doubles and badminton singles are warned to turn in their entries before 5 p.m. tomorrow if they want to see action in the forthcoming tournaments. Each organization may sponsor one handball team and two badminton players. Entry fee for handball is 50 cents, for badminton, 25 cents per player.

## Tamburo Signs With Bulldogs

Sam Tamburo, Nittany Lion end and Collier's All-America end for 1948, signed a contract to play professional football with the New York Bulldogs of the National League this week.

Tamburo will team up with another Penn Stater, John Nolan, when he reports to the Bulldogs' summer training camp in Hershey. Nolan, 235-pound former tackle, is the smallest tackle on the New York team's squad list.

The Bulldogs, a reorganized team, were originally the Boston Yanks, but due to financial difficulties, changed their name and location. While in New York, the team will play in the Polo Grounds.

Since he weighs a mere 195-pounds as compared to the 240- and 220-pound defensive ends of the Bulldogs' roster, Tamburo will be slated for the offensive team. The New Kensington griddler was drafted by the Bulldogs this winter.

Passing star Bud DeMoss of Purdue, who was Tamburo's teammate in both the Hawaii and Florida all-star games this year,

## 11 Lion Boxers Win Letters

Penn State boxing letters for 1949 will be awarded eleven members of Coach Leo Houck's most recent team, through action of the executive committee on boxing.

Boxing letter-winners, as announced by George Schautz, member of the committee, are John Benglian (captain), Jack Bolger, Johnny Deck, Chuck Drazenovich, Lou Guthrie, Pat Heims, Jim Maloney, Jack Sheehee, Fred Smith, Paul Smith, Ollie Wallace.

Bill Shade was selected head manager for next year, while Doug Mead and Ray Adams were named his associates. Chosen first assistant managers were Joe Courtney, Dick Heisler and Pelton Wheeler. Alternate first assistants will be Len Abrams, Ken Shull and Paul Starr.

The committee also designated the following as senior award winners: Bernard Ashner (manager), Benglian, Deck, Ross Pillsbury (manager), Sheehee, F. Smith.

Voting members of the executive committee on boxing are Benglian, team captain; Ashner, out-going head manager; Schautz, vice-president of the Athletic Association; Houck, boxing coach, and Harold "Ike" Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics.

has also been signed by the Bulldogs.

Since he has a few months of vacation before the actual training period starts, Tamburo will spend the first part of the summer working for a construction company in his home town.

## Between The Lions



by Tom Morgan  
SPORTS EDITOR

#### Praise From Without

Sundry persons sometimes accuse college sports reporters of making unerring gods out of the athletes they write about. Although we try to avoid this pitfall, the Daily Collegian sports staff has not been immune to such charges.

So, like a Congressman groping for easy arguments, we seize every chance to bolster ourselves by printing nice words other people say about Penn State athletes. Witty Wilbert, our admiring fraternity brother whose tongue is often scarred with sarcasm, calls our tactics "like helping a lame dog over a stile."

Anyway, one of our contemporaries—the Syracuse Daily Orange—throws some bouquets to Bill Bonsall, Lion gymnastic captain, so we take the liberty of quoting what follows here:

"The important thing in the Olympic games is not winning but taking part. That is what the sign overlooking Wembley Stadium in London read.

"Gymnastic Coach Gene Wettstone of Penn State probably has one of the best reasons to be proud of his Olympic star, Bill Bonsall.

"Bonsall is a champion. But he is not a champ in name only and his recent performance at the Eastern Intercollegiate proved that.

"The short Statesman had just tied for fourth place on the flying rings. A medal was to be awarded to the winner and being that there was only one award, the judges had the two boys flip for the medal.

"Bonsall called right and was officially awarded the token.

"There was no doubt that Wettstone's star was a champ when he walked over to the fellow who had lost the flip and asked him to please accept the award as a favor to him, Bonsall. For the Nittany star thought that he was not as deserving of the award as the other athlete.

"It is very rarely that you hear of such an occurrence where an athlete will deny himself an award when he has earned it justly. But Bill thought the other man deserved it and thus gave it up to him.

"To Bonsall this was not just a way of expressing that the medal meant little or nothing to him. It is a certainty that he has gotten a great amount of glory and his individual performance in the Olympics was certainly an enviable one.

"But to Bonsall the word sport is the symbol that has been forgotten by too many of our modern athletes. What the slight Penn Stater did (by this act) probably will never go down as a great achievement.

"But it must be agreed upon that Bill Bonsall is a champ in his own right. It takes a great athlete to smile in defeat but it takes an even greater one to judge his own performance and then favor another one."

#### From the Morg(ue)

Wife of Sever Toretti, newly-appointed football line coach at State, is the former Ruth Kistler, native of State College . . . both are Nittany grads . . .

Curt Stone, an ex-Penn Stater and one of the nation's top long-distance runners, attended an Edinboro coaching clinic last weekend with Joe Bedenk, head grid coach; Chuck Medlar, Lion trainer, and Norm Gordon, assistant track skipper.

Don "Duck" Murray, ace Penn State tackle on the football eleven, owns the official pie-eating record of California State Teachers College. . . . While a freshman there, "Duck" devoured an entire chocolate custard pie in 40 seconds flat.

#### Triple Winner

Ray Conger, physical education instructor, was the first man to win the Wanamaker Mile three successive times.

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