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# The Nittany Realm **Triplett-One of 7 Athletes**

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Experts in genetics will argue that heredity has little or no effect on athletic ability, but one look at the Triplett family should throw a lot of doubt into their collective minds. Because famed Nittany wingback Wally Triplett, who concluded a four-year varsity foot-ball career last fall, is just one of seven outstanding athletes to come from the same Cheltenham, Pa., family.

His father, Mahlon, was good enough as a baseball player to represent a Hilldale semi-pro team that later became Philadelphia's entry in the Negro National League. In addition he has five brothers, none of whom failed to win at least one varsity letter at Cheltenham high school.

## **BROTHER FRED**

The REAL athlete of the crowd, at least so Wally says, was Frederick, the brother just above him in number of years. He was not only a football standout, but also excelled in baseball and basketball while in high school.

Nittany Lion gridiron fans will be excused if they take Wally's statement about Fred being the best athlete in the family with a grain of salt. They've seen the

grain of sait. Incy've seen the speedy Lion gridder compile an enviable football record while ca-vorting for the glory of the Blue and White. In this, his last year, he was second only to Fran "Punchy' Rogel for offensive hon-ors, and his defensive play, par-ticularly against passes, approach-ed the spectacular ed the spectacular.

Triplett had the honor of reg-istering the Lion's longest six-pointer of the season on an 86-yard punt return. He was also credited with scoring runs of 54 and 47 yards.

Off the field Wally is a modest, slightly-built young man who looks like an artist's caricature of the average college student.

## GLASSES

Accentuating this conception are the glasses he habitually wears. Although many students wears. Although many students who have seen him on campus

know he wears glasses off the the gridiron, many don't know he also wears them while playing football. Since 1946 Wally has been fitted with a pair of contact lenses without which he'd feel almost naked when the whistle for the opening kickoff sounds.

ANALOGY Triplett rates Penn's great center, Chuck Bednarik, as the best opponent he ever played against and is still surprised that the alltime Pennsylvania great wasn't nicked on the Nittany Lion all-op-ponent team. "I certainly voted for him," he said. Sam Tamburo and Chuck Drazenowich get his nod as the best men he's ever played

with. "I worked with Sam on defense, and am probably prejudiced," Triplett said, "but I consider him one of the finest ends I've ever seen in college football." "Drazenovich," he added, "is an outstanding blocker as well as an excellent defensive player."

## FUTURE

FUTURE Wally's immediate future is sewed up in pro football, having signed a contract with the Detroit Lions of the National Profes-sional Football League. Strangely enough, the future pro performer has never seen a play-for-pay football game. All of which should make his first professional contest doubly interesting. Whether the 170-pound performer can make good in a league where they're small at 220 is a matter of some conjecture. Even the ex-Nittanyite won't comment, preferring to let his exploits on the field this tall tell the story.

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However a lot of Penn State football followers will probably be willing to bet that Detroit Lion Coach Bo McMilan made a wise choice when he grabbed off the Nittany Lion flash as one of his draft choices.



Lion Cagers--Continued from page five scribed by Gross as one of the best

ball-handlers he has seen. One thing that Tocci will have to work on is increased accuracy on his drive-in shots and short set shots. A deadeye when the opposition lets him get set, Joe scored 106 points during the 1948-'49 sea-son, ranking behind Marty Costa

and Milt Simon.

Running casually down what could be his first string next sea-son, the genial dark-haired fa-mily man put his finger on Costa, Jack Storer and Lou Lamie as the nost improved cagers on the squad, in his estimation.

"Lou always looked pretty good tramural table tennis, badminton, and as the season wore on and he acquired more poise and ex-perience he really began coming through for us." and volley-ball took place last

he acquired more poise and experience he really began coming through for us." **JACK STORER** Storer, whose main abilities had been confined to the gridiron, really developed toward the tag-end of the campaign. According to Gross, John Lawther's plans at the beginning of the season didn't include the rugged forward at all. But Jack, like Lamie, soon caught the zone-master's eye. Storer's main forte is catching re-bounds,—in which he is classified as "awful tough." Costa, veteran 6-foot 6-inch he acquired more poise and ex-week. Alpha Epsilon Phi emerged (as victor in table tennis by de-feating Kappa Gamma and Zeta Tau Alpha. Malpha Epsilon Phi daptured both singles and the doubles when they competed with the Kappas. Goldberg scored over singles and Elden hit 21-19, 21-11 against Folger's 21-16 to give the second singles to AEPhi also. Delman and Feit ousted Fousman and Ziegler in the doubles 21-9, 12-15. **AEPhi's Triumph** This victory placed AEPhi in Newek. Alpha Epsilon Phi emerged (as victor in table tennis by de-feating Kappa Gamma and Zeta Tau Alpha. **Costa**, veteran 6-foot 6-inch

pivot man, improved tremendous, ly over the past two seasons and, although he still has a tendency to be "tied up", Gross is looking for the lanky center's greatest

for the lanky center's greatest year. Fighting Costa for the center berth job, or one of the forward positions, is State's other hard-5-inch Northampton product. Ac-cording to Gross all Schis' needs is a little confidence. "He is a good one-hand shot, but not ass bellicose as Storer." Gross figures that if anyone can be chosen at this time to fill the

be chosen at this time to fill the shoes of Milt Simon, State's ace point producer last season, it will 14-15 14-15. be Lamie. Augmenting Lou on the firing line will be the Lions'

**Final Playoffs** 

**AEPhi Victor** 

In Table Tennis

Final playoffs in women's in-

fiery pepperpot, Tocci, and one of fiery pepperpot, Tocci, and one of Allentown High's state champion whizzkids, Ken Weiss. Although combined the pair scarcely reach Costa's shoulders, they are being counted on to inclus. Mink and the doubles. Kriner they are being counted on to inclus. Mink and the doubles of the first they are being counted on to inclus.

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Voting for Quill Girl will continue in Student Union until 5 p.m. today. Quill Girl is selected each year from the presidents of Mortar Board, Chimes, WSGA and WRA. The winner will be announced at Theta Sigma Phi's twelfth annual Matrix Table Monday. Those eligible for Quill Girl are Frances Eshleman, president of Chimes; Janet Lyons, president of WSGA; Pauline Globisch Par-

sons, former president of WRA; and Sara Bieber Stover, president of Mortar Board.

Miss Eshleman, in addition to Chimes, is active in politics, Hat Societies Council, and Pan-Hellenic Council. She is also a member of the Froth and Student Handbook staffs and of the week. Alpha Epsilon Phi emerged Kappa Alpha Theta sorority.

This victory placed AEPhi in pion. In addition, she is a mem-

o'clock permissions to all coeds for the Spring Week Carnival tomorrow. The permission ex-tends to all girls whether they participate in the permission participate in the carnival or

score heavily in the 1949-'50 sea-son. **KEN WEISS** Upon first arriving at the Col-

Upon first arriving at the Col-lege, Weiss couldn't seem to adapt himself to the slow Lion play\_as-you-go style, being imbued with the Birney Crum system of fire-ball play. But even so the 5-foot score 46 points and with addition-al defensive strength learned dur-

points. Grace Schilder was high

Wrestlers ---

Shihaden, Phi Kappa Sigma, will tee off with one-half of the Phi Gamma Delta brother act, Fred

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