

The Lion's Tale

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The Versatile "Draz"

Few people realize it, but Penn State has one of the country's most versatile athletes right here on its own campus. Chuck Drazenovich, the Brownsville Bombardier, has already earned six varsity letters, and he has a year of eligibility remaining.

Army has its Arnold Galiffa, and Illinois has its Dwight Eddleman, but Lion fans can boast of "Draz."

Drazenovich has won three monograms in football, two in boxing and one in track. Although the least publicized back on the Nittany football eleven, Chuck is a big cog in the Lions' single wing attack from his blocking back spot.



"Draz"

In boxing, Chuck won IBA honors in the heavyweight division his first year, and he held onto his crown this past season by decisioning Marty Crandall of Syracuse in the finals. Crandall, who had bested Drazenovich in the Orange-Lion dual meet, later was crowned NCAA champion.

Chuck put track togs on for the initial time during the past season, and became the number two man in the shotput for the Werner-coached thin-clads. A consistent third-placer in the dual meets, Draz can look forward to a good year in 1950.

With three more letters in the waiting, Drazenovich will leave the Nittany vale next June as one of the most all-around athletes ever to wear the Blue and White.

Eye-Catcher

Soft-spoken Jack Kurty made a brilliant showing in the recent



NEWLY-ELECTED captains are Dick Wertz (left) of the 1950 baseball team, and Tommy Smith, golf. Wertz played first base and hit .310 for the Nittanies, while Smith was number-one man on the Lion's regional golf champs.



NCAA District 2 baseball play-offs in New York. Kurty, who shared the first-string catching duties with Clarence Buss until the latter injured his ankle in the second Bucknell game, caught the attention of major league scouts when the Lions took the field.

Not satisfied with playing a bang-up defensive game from his backstop position, Kurty clouted enemy pitching for an almost unbelievable .579 batting average. The 23-year-old catcher, who will be a junior in the fall, hit safely 11 times in 19 trips to the plate.

Large Tourney

C. M. "Dutch" Sykes promises one of the biggest softball tournaments ever in the Main Session league, slated to get underway Monday.

Twenty teams have indicated that they will play in the league, which guarantees a lot of softball activity for the teams involved. Last year 16 teams were entered in the Summer Session tourney—8 in the fraternity league and 8 in the independent diadem.

Lambda Chi Alpha walked off with the fraternity crown, while Delta Sigma Phi, playing under the independent banner, was first in that section.

Here and There

Three members of the 1949 baseball team were also on the

Another Brother Act

Don Ashenfelter, a transfer, will join his brother, Bill, on the 1950 Penn State track team. Both are brothers of Horace, 1949 captain and IC-4A two-mile champion.

Still at Helm

R. B. "Pop" Rutherford, veteran golf coach, founded the sport at Penn State in 1922. He's still at the Lion helm.

Last Game in '36

Villanova defeated Penn State, 13-0, the last time they met on the gridiron in 1936. The two will play again this year.

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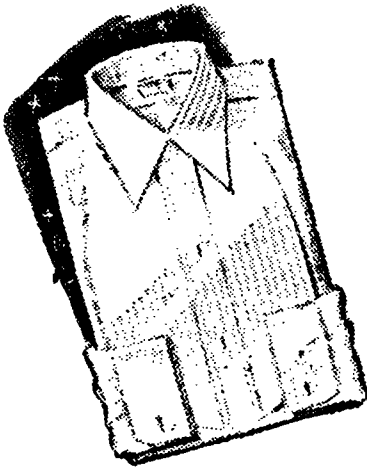
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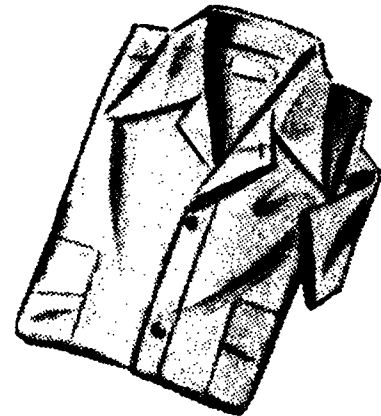
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