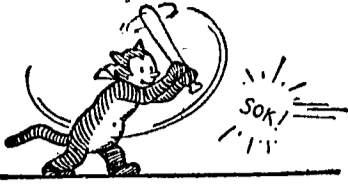


'On The Ball'



Rips' Still Our Boy Say Grid Fans At Brown

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(Ed. Note—Jay Barry, sports writer for the Brown University Daily Herald, takes over this column today with a lively, intimate glimpse into the career and personality of Penn State's new head football coach, Rip Engle.)

BY JAY BARRY
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When genial "Rip" Engle left Brown after six years as boss man of the Bruin gridiron forces, he took a record of 28 victories, 20 defeats and four ties with him.

Not bad, you say? Well, for an Ivy League college the size of Brown, it is downright remarkable to have the books inscribed in black ink after a six year period.

Still, the relationship between Rip Engle and Brown was not a one-sided one. He left many things behind him, and among them were memories of an era that will not soon be forgotten on the Hill.

When we remember Rip, we'll think of him as he was when we first met him in the summer of 1943. The meeting was not exactly a social one for, as a war-time freshman, we had to run the obstacle course that adorned the lower campus that year, and it was Rip, then a backfield coach under Skip Staley, who saw that we prospective G.I.'s worked ourselves into the best possible shape for Uncle Sam.

When Head Coach Skip Staley packed his bags and left for the wars before the 1944 season, Rip took over the coaching reins. The material during the next few seasons was not the best, since the majority of the huskies who would normally be cavorting on Aldrich Field were doing their exercises in France, Belgium or the islands that dot the Pacific.

The boys came marching home before the 1946 season and, by 1947, the Bears were ready once again to field a team that would be among the best in the Ivy circles. Then, early in the year Rip's charges blew a tough game to the Dartmouth Indians. After leading 10-0 at the half, Brown finally lost out by a 13-10 score on an Indian touchdown by Hal Fitkin with the clock showing just 10 seconds to play.

We remember Rip, a year later, sitting in the lobby of the Park Hotel in Plainfield, N.J., the night before the Rutgers game. This was the big one of the year for Brown. The Scarlet had a fine team, one which had soundly spanked the Bear a year before.

Rip wanted this one and as he sat there slouched in a chair in the lobby, staring blankly off into space, no one could break through the Engle barrier. Rip was playing that game, all sixty minutes of it, there in the hotel lobby. Oh, yes, the boys went out and beat Rutgers the next afternoon 20-6.

All wasn't cake and ice cream through that '48 campaign, however. We remember sitting at the top of the Harvard stadium on a bleak afternoon late in November, after the Bruins had absorbed a surprise licking from John Harvard, and watching Rip weave his way slowly across the crowded field to offer congratulations to the Crimson coach. Head bent, collar turned up, he shuffled along, but the next week he had his team bounce back and swamp Colgate 35-7 to end the year with a 7-2 card, Brown's best since 1932.

Last fall, the scribes were plugging Brown for a "9 for 9 in 49" season. Well, the team dropped an early season struggle to the Princeton Tiger, but they came back to pick up all the rest of the marbles and end with an 8-1 record. Rip's "49" squad beat Harvard and this was the first Bruin win over the Crimson since 1938.

Then, when the boys came from 19 points behind to defeat Colgate in the Turkey Day finale, we'll always remember the members of the team picking up their popular coach and carrying him off the field on their shoulders.

It was Brown's loss and Penn State's gain when Rip decided to leave the campus' ivy covered walls and return to his home state to meet a new challenge. Our last memory is of Rip Engle coming into the Brown Daily Herald office a few hours before he was scheduled to leave Providence. He just came around to thank the boys on the paper for the help they had given him during the past six years.

"I'm leaving Brown," said Rip, "but I'll never forget the college. There's something about the place that will stay deep within my heart no matter where I go." That works both ways. Those at Brown who knew him will never forget Charles Rip Engle for he left a part of himself here that will remain deeply entrenched in the tradition of Brown University.

Tri-Meet Ends Nittany Trackmen's Home Stand

By JOE BREU

Six members of Coach Chick Werner's Lion track team will make their last appearance before home fans tomorrow.

The group is led by Capt. Jim Gehrdes and includes ace sprinter Wil Lancaster, javelin tosser Wil Bertrum, shot putters Chuck Drazenovich and Doug Shearer, and discus thrower Max Schlienger.

The six senior thinclads will not, however, be sounding taps on their collegiate careers. Probably all six will compete in next week's IC4-A meet and Gehrdes and Lancaster, at least, will run in the NCAA meet in June.

But Penn State fans will get their last look at the half-dozen Vernermen in tomorrow's tri-meet with Pitt and West Virginia.

In that meet, the State forces will be out to even their slate in dual and triangular competition for the season.

Lions Paste Navy

The Blue and White tracksters won their first meet of the season last week on Beaver Field by thumping Navy 75 1/2 to 55 1/2. Prior to that they lost a three way meet to Michigan State and Ohio State and a dual meet to Michigan State.

The field events will start at 1 p.m. tomorrow and the track competition will commence a half hour later.

Of the two opponents, Pitt seems to offer the biggest threat to State hopes. The Panthers bowled over Miami, of Ohio, and then proceeded to beat Notre Dame, tough in any sport.

Fritts Tries For Record

The meet will have several interesting sidelights. One will be the attempt of Vic Fritts to officially top the Penn State record in the high jump. Vic has done it several times in practice but in intercollegiate competition the magic height has thus far eluded him.

Another question of more than passing interest will be the attempt of Roderer to repeat his last week's performance in the javelin. Ted tossed the spear 206 feet 8 inches for his best effort so far.

Gehrdes and Lancaster's swan songs will be watched with interest. "Jumpin' Jim" and Lanc have been the leaders of the team for the entire season and both have gained national fame. They will be out to make their home farewell a good one.

Two In One

Bob Ciolek, Michigan State's football quarterback and baseball first baseman, combines the talents of two brothers who preceded him in Spartan athletics. Brother Gene was a football standout; brother Ed concentrated on baseball.

Flyin' Home.

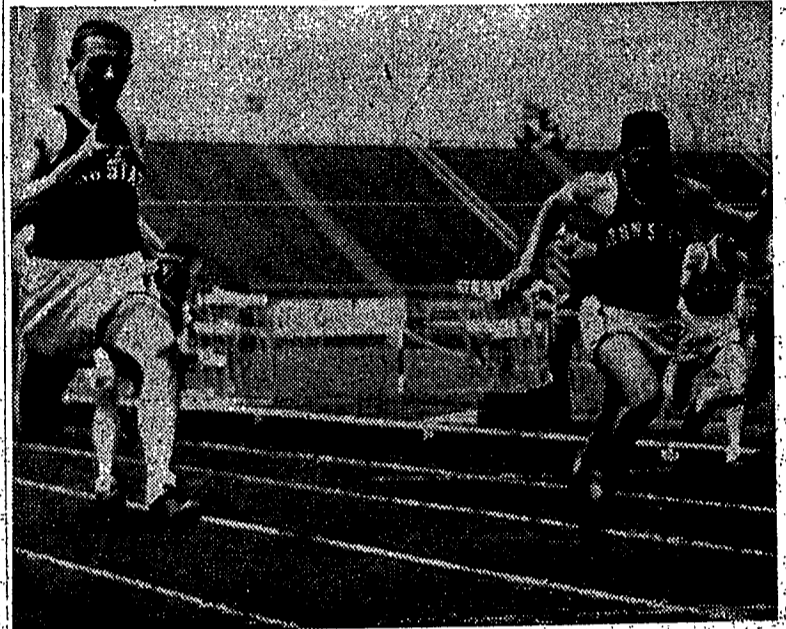


Photo by Ken Carter
PENN STATE TRACK FANS will be seeking the wing-footed performances of seniors Jim Gehrdes (L) and Wil Lancaster for the last time as collegiate runners on the Beaver Field cinders in tomorrow's tri-meet. The above photo was taken at the finish line of last Saturday's 100 yard dash in which Gehrdes nipped Lancaster at the tape.

IM Tennis In Second Round

The first round of intramural tennis has been completed, and second round play has started.

Winners in final first round play were Jupina-Eichenlaub, Phi Kappa; Tarpley-Nichols, Lambda; Chi Alpha; Bennett-Coleman, Alpha; Tau Omega; Wallace-Welsh, Delta; Tau Delta; and Hallman-Black, Sigma Pi.

Winners in second play thus far are: Tarpley-Nichols, Lambda; Alpha; Fleming-Leib, Delta; Upsilon; Fader-Youngerman, Pi; Lambda; Phi; Gainsburg-Wolfson, Zeta; Beta; Tau; Wallace-Welsh, Delta; Tau; Delta; McNeese-Vadasz.

IM Golf-Putting Tourney Starts

Fourth round play in the intramural golf tournament finds the following pairings fighting it out to determine the semi-finalists:

Phi Sigma Kappa and Sigma Chi, Sigma Pi and Delta Upsilon, Beta Theta Pi and Phi Delta Theta, and Delta Tau Delta and Phi Kappa Tau.

Chi Phi; Manes-Schmuckler, Phi Sigma Delta; King-Hackman, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Atwoodman-Black, Sigma Pi.

'Tomboy' Ev. Laning Is Busy Athletic Coed

By CLARICE LINCH

"I have two brothers, so I suppose I developed into the tomboy type," said Evelyn Laning, a junior in the School of Physical Education.

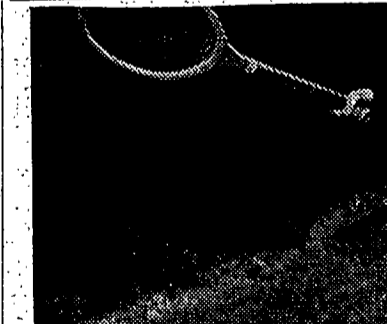
And that's why 5 feet 3 1/2 inch Evelyn is one of the most athletic coeds on the Penn State campus. At the present time she is engaged in only intramural softball, baseball and lacrosse, but she includes many other sports among her activities.

Twenty-year-old Evelyn also engages in hockey, her favorite sport, badminton, basketball, bowling, volleyball, ping pong, swimming and archery. As a freshman at Millersville State Teachers College she played women's varsity hockey and basketball. She also played on girl's varsity teams in high school in New Jersey.

Brunette 1st Baseman

The pretty brunette plays right inner in hockey, forward in basketball and first base in baseball.

As far as spectator sports are concerned, the athletic Evelyn says that she likes them—as long as it's men who are playing. She is an avid fan of the Boston Red Sox, but she has to admit that Joe DiMaggio is a good ball player. In football, she returns her



loyalties to her home, Philadelphia, and favors the Eagles.

It would seem almost impossible that Evelyn would have time to participate in all these sports, keep up with her studies and still be able to take part in other activities, but she does it.

Cwens Member

Evelyn is a member of Cwens, Sophomore Women's hat society; treasurer of Lakonides, Women's Physical Education Honorary and keeper of records for Pi Lambda Theta, Women's Educational Honorary.

In addition, she belongs to the Outing Club and Modern Dance Club, both WRA activities. Last semester Evelyn was a member of the Spanish Club. With all these activities, she has main-



—Staff Photo by Boyles

tained a 2.52 All-College average for her first five semesters. In spite of her small stature, Evelyn still has the look of an athlete with her lithe body and alert appearance. So until another coed comes along who can displace her, Evelyn Laning will carry the title of most athletic girl at Penn State.