

# 'On The Ball'



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## Rounding The Hassocks

Today and tomorrow morning schoolboy track, golf, and tennis athletes from the four corners of the state will converge upon this little hamlet seeking to take back to their respective schools that fame and honor which a win, place or show here can afford. It's the big interscholastic show of the year in which the best of Pennsylvania's athletes vie for statewide recognition.



Bill Luther

But along with the thrill of competing there will also be plenty of heartaches before the long afternoon is over. Many a local 'Barney Ewell' will find that being an eagle in his own particular district may find him just another rooster in state competition where the chips are always down and the guy ahead of you is a champ in his own right.

Our thanks to Lew Stone, the Williamsport tub-thumper and 1948-'49 Daily Collegian editor, for bringing to our attention

the squib which appeared in last Sunday's Williamsport Grit. Seems as though folks up that-a-way are already counting their medals—and it appears that they have good reasons for so doing. . . . Most of the trumpeting revolves about slim Jimmy Finn, Pennsylvania 440 champion and a good threat to take a triple crown on the Beaver Field cinders tomorrow (he also legs the 100- and 200-yard distances). . . . Should Finn win all three events it will be the first time in the history of state cinder competition that a school boy athlete has captured three individual running matches. . . . Bill Kehoe, Grit sports editor, recalls that Barney Ewell, running for Lancaster High, once won three events here, but one of them was the broad jump. The others were the 100 and 220.

Don 'Duck' Murray, bonecrushing Nittany tackle, has signed to play-for-pay with the Los Angeles Rams. A big boy even during his high school days at Easton, the Duck has matured to a robust 245-pound mark, some 10 to 15 pounds over his playing weight. Practice starts for Murray at the end of July in Los Angeles. . . . Bill Luther, good-looking halfback who did most of the Lions kicking last season, has signed with the Baltimore Colts. . . . Chuck Draz, our personal choice as the East's outstanding blocking back, is practice teaching at Altoona. He teaches civics and is a part-time track mentor.

What happened to all-Americans dept.—Ralph Hosterman, captain of Penn State's great '49 soccer team, who has been honored as booting all-American, is temporarily out of school working as a baker in the College Foods Building. . . . One of four soccer brothers to play under Bill Jeffrey, Ralph plans to enter summer school to make up his remaining credits.

P. Q. (for peculiar he says) Smith, Northeast pugilist on the Penn State boxing team, has returned to school following a nose operation at Danville over the past weekend. All he has to say is—"Sniff." . . . Jack Bolger, who was married during the Christmas vacation, was student teaching at Altoona during the first 8 weeks of the semester. His field is physical education and science. He's now on a delayed honeymoon. . . . Ex-roommates still buckle when they recall the incident several years ago in which Bolger, a lifeguard at the Lakemont Park swimming pool, attempted a thunderbolt dive and broke his nose with his knee as he doubled up.

One of the late Leo Houck's favorite anecdotes concerned the boxer he once coached who was dubbed 'Rembrandt'—"because he decorated the canvas so often." . . . Stew Dunlap, rated by Elmer Gross as the best head manager he has ever seen, is awaiting word from Philadelphia for a job opening as an efficiency and production expert. . . . the likeable basketball caddy tabs Joe Tocci as the outstanding performer on Gross' '49-'50 cage team.

## Golfers Finish With Bucknell

The Nittany golfers will wind up the season Saturday at 1:30 p.m. when they mix with Bucknell on the home links.

Coach Bob Rutherford's proteges will place their seven and three record under fire with hopes of bowing out with a victory over the Bisons.

Captain Tom Smith, Alex Munro, and Pete Kalandiak are seniors who will be taking to the links for the last time for Penn State.

Coach Rutherford has announced that Smith will lead the team in the number one spot. Ted Robertson will tee-off second, followed by Joe Durniak. Jim Yerkes will be in the number four position, Ray Artz in number five, Munro in number six, and Kalandiak will finish up in number seven.

The Bisons will be out to avenge the two setbacks that the Lion linksmen inflicted on them last year.

Captain Smith will be seeking a little vengeance of his own, as he was the only one on last year's team to drop his match in the Bucknell fray.

The highest score ever run up by a Colgate team was in 1934 when the Red Raiders hung a 30-4 defeat on the nine from Oswego State Teachers College.

# Baseball Playoff Berth May Hinge On Tomorrow's Game With Colgate

## Clutch Hitter . . .



Harry Little

## Neremen Seek Revenge In Colgate Finale

Sherman Fogg's tennis team is buckling down today in their final practice session before the "acid test" match with Colgate's Red Raiders tomorrow at 2 o'clock at the varsity courts. The game will conclude the 1950 tennis season.

This is the duel that the squad has been eyeing for the past week or so, for in the match two weeks ago at Hamilton, N.Y., Colgate routed the Nittanyites, 8-1.

The Lions can already boast a third straight winning season, as Wednesday's comparatively easy triumph over Bucknell, 8-1, gave them a year's log of seven victories against three setbacks and a tie.

### Overcame Difficulties

With all data considered, the 1950 netters have come through admirably for their mentor, who had trouble after trouble heaped upon him at the outset of the spring practice season. A few of these difficulties were snow, rain, snow, rain, etc., and the loss of co-captain Bill Aiken because of ineligibility.

The men who will be playing their last match for Penn State are number three man, Jim Howells, number four, Mark Borland, number five, Spence Boyer, Dave Jones, and Gerry Gearhart.

Against the Raiders, Owen Landon will play number one, Dick Wieland, number two, Howells, number three, Borland, number four, Spence Boyer, number five, and Ed Davis, number six in the singles. Lining up in the doubles will be Landon and Wieland, number one, Bill Wood and Bill Walls, number two, and Davis and Boyer in the finale.

## By GEORGE GLAZER

Tomorrow's baseball game with Colgate at Beaver Field may very well mean the difference between a berth in the District 2 NCAA playoffs or just another good season for the Nittany nine.

By virtue of a present seven game winning streak (two victories each over Syracuse and Pittsburgh, and one each over Dickinson, Navy and Villanova) the Lions are in a good position to get a bid from the District 2 committee which will choose the representative or name the teams to play in a round robin tournament to determine the representative.

The committee will meet Monday night in Scranton to decide upon the teams and site of the tournament this season.

### Colgate In Running

Colgate is very much in the running for a position at the present time.

The Red Raiders have tangled with Penn State in 34 previous games, State coming off with 22 wins while losing 11, with one tie game thrown in. State beat Colgate last year, 10-2.

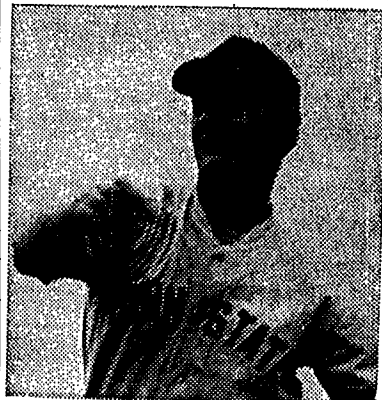
"Red" O'Hora, new Red-Raider coach, is a former Penn State shortstop who played in the Nittany Vale in 1937-'38 under Coach Joe Bedenk.

O'Hora has four veteran hurlers who have been carrying the pitching assignments on their shoulders through most of the season. Walt Piebes, Bill Clark and Bow Cowherd and lefty Don Cline, are all vets. Sophomores Steve Ketterer and lefty Bill Quinn have been some help as spot pitchers.

### Catchers

Guy Spader and Bob May, veteran's of last season, have been dividing the catching while returnees Nelson MacCaulum, at short, Bob Hull at third, Art Thompson or Jim Oliver at second and newcomers Ed Dunham

## Brilliant In Relief . . .



Al Tkac

and Lou Franceschini make up the inner corodon.

Captain Dick Smith, who last year hit .375, will be in right and Elmer Gall, another vet, will be in left. Four other men have alternated in the third outfield spot in early season games.

Road notes . . . Very few, if any, of the ball players got any sleep on the road trip that took them to Baltimore, Villanova and back to State College . . . Joe Tocci kept the boys awake by demanding to know what time the mysterious "noon balloon from Rangoon to the Moon" left . . . Gus Vogt, batting practice catcher, was by far the biggest joker on the bus . . . for some reason he had a sudden passion for the sea while passing over a small stream on the way to Baltimore . . . the squad was then treated to several renditions of "Oh Captain, My Captain" after which Gus was ordered hung by the thumbs for nine days by Captain Tocci who insisted he was Captain Bill and Gus was leading the mutiny . . . First Mate Stan Laganosky was ordered to give Gus a few turns on the rack every hour, a process accompanied by a good many agonizing screams . . . finally being released, Gus commented, "It was a long stretch . . ."

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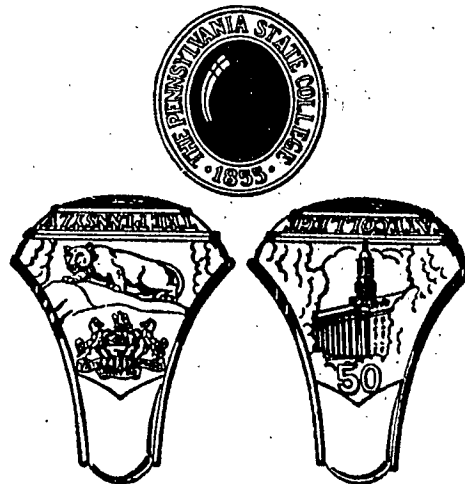
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