

'On The Ball'



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Wrestling Coach Charley Spedel's number one hobby wasn't always wrestling. There was a time Charley thought he was a pretty fair boxer—"but I was knocked down so often that I decided to try wrestling where at least you get points for being on the canvas."

Broadway Joe Coppa, the South Philley flash whom oldtimers would classify as a great "original" but who was just a plain character at Penn State, is now umpiring Class D baseball in Ohio.

Joe DiMaggio's toe-hold on every pitched ball proves he's no heel at the plate.

THERE WAS A TIME —

When rushing to cover a raging grain-elevator fire near Toledo, Reporter George Hewes found that the only phone booth available was in a next-door building which was, itself, about to go up in flames.

While helpful firemen played their hoses around the booth, Hewes gamely began phoning in the story. He told how the fire started, who detected it, how it was being fought and what damage it had done.

The rewrite man on the other end of the line, far from being satisfied, began shooting questions. How tall was the grain elevator? How full was it? What color was it?

With flames almost licking the phone booth, Hewes shouted, "The firemen are ordering me out of here! I'll call you later!"

"Hold on," the rewrite man ordered. "I've got one more question: How soon are they going to rebuild?"

"Not," snapped Hewes, "until it cools."

The source of this tale has been credited to many parties but Coach Bob Higgons claimed it really happened to him once.

Things haven't always gone smoothly for The Hig and after one particularly disastrous football encounter as he made his way out of the stadium into the darkness of an October evening he was in no mood for small talk. So it was a bit uncomfortable being stopped by an alumnus.

"Hello, Coach," said the alumnus. "Hello," Higgons replied, "Glad to see you." He wasn't, of course, but he had to say something.

"By the way," the alumnus asked, "How many students do we have on campus this year?"

"Oh, about 11,000, I guess," The Hig muttered.

"Well, all I have to say," continued the alumnus, "is if we have 11,000 students, why can't you get at least two of 'em in front of the ball carrier?"

FAME IS FLEET DEPT.—

In a matching test given to Senior journalism students last spring one of the scholars spotted the name of Joe Bedenk, then head Nittany football coach, alongside that of the United States foreign minister to Hungary.

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C. M. "Dutch" Sykes

Man Behind the Scene . . .

Sykes' Enterprise Makes Recreation Scheme Tick

One balmy spring evening several months ago, numerous campus personalities were subjected to a good-natured frying at the Penn State Gridiron Banquet, but none was toasted to a more deep brown than the popular, wise-cracking

"Dutch" Sykes, whose daily schedule would buckle an ordinary man.

But Clarence Moss Sykes (as he grudgingly admits being christened) is far from an ordinary man—and he's the first to admit it.

Possessing in his wiry, deeply-tanned, athletic build a suggestion of the tremendous amount of nervous energy he burns daily, Sykes, as director of the vast Summer Session recreational program, is Penn State's closest semblance to a three-handed housewife on a busy Monday morning.

Enjoys Busy Life

Living on a rat-race schedule with the burden of satisfying the manifold recreational desires of the persons who attend such a diversified institution as Penn State would 'not appeal to most

people, but the bespectacled, square-shouldered Sykes dotes on it.

As he puts it, "The thing that is so rewarding about my job is the number of students you get to know. I'll lay you a wager," he says, "that I know personally one-half of the male student population on campus. I get a great kick out of working with them."

A constant booster for intramural sports, the flashily-attired 'Dutchman' is constantly impressed with the terrific spirit which intramural sports generate.

He cites a case last winter during the IM wrestling finals when the huge audience was shocked to see a body hurtle out of the balcony onto the gymnasium

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Softball Deadline Is Today; Expect Record Enrollment

With the entry deadline set for this afternoon, final details are being made for the recreation softball league. "Dutch" Sykes, director, has announced that all persons or groups wishing to enter teams must do so in Room 213, Rec Hall, today.

Team managers will meet tonight at the Recreation

Soccer Win A 'Dream'—Jeff

America's victory over England, 1-0, in a stunning upset was described by Bill Jeffrey as a "splendid dream."

The Penn State soccer coach, writing to friends in State College from Belo Horizonte, Brazil, said, "my boys really rose to the occasion by defeating England, 1-0, in the World Cup championships. It still makes me feel that it was a splendid dream—but it must be true, the papers are full of it."

Jeffrey, who was named coach of the United States team just a week prior to the Cup matches, added that his team was lacking in "polish and finesse—but possessed all the other qualities in abundance. I can truly be proud of this team."

Defeated earlier in the tournament by Spain, 3-1, and later by Chile, 5-2, Jeffrey said in each case "my defense weakened under pressure." A crowd of 30,000 saw the United States-England match at Belo Horizonte.

The Penn State veteran described the stadium in Rio De Janeiro as "the finest and probably the biggest in the world."

Office to map-out final details. All squads will play twice weekly and opening games are scheduled to begin no later than next week.

More Late Entries
Late entries are still expected and the total number of teams has not yet been determined. It is estimated that twenty or more teams will have representatives at tonight's meeting. Twenty teams were entered last summer.

Golf and tennis tournaments are also on tap according to Sykes. Deadlines for these events are Friday, July 14. Golfers will register at the Caddy House. Tennis enthusiasts may sign up at the tennis booth at the main gate of New Beaver Field.

16 Golfers In 1st Flight
All golfers will qualify with the 16 low scores participating in the first flight. As many more flights as needed will be set up. The winner of the match play in the first flight will be declared the tourney winner.

Tennis competition will be divided into several groups. They will include men's singles, women's singles and mixed doubles. Men's doubles or women's

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"You can see the game," he added, "from any seat, each seat has an arm rest, and it is a two-tier stadium, covered, with no obstructions to hamper the spectators."

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