

'On The Ball'



BY RAY KOEHLER
Sports Editor

Jeff Danced As Britain Burned

The King is back!

And the guy who broke the bank at Monte Carlo had better hide his head because the odds he faced were never as great as those stacked up against Penn State's personable Bill Jeffrey, the guy who broke England's heart.

For in coaching America to a 1-0 victory over England in World Cup competition in South America, the Edinburgh Scotsman had to beat the country that made the game. He accomplished what many consider as one of the greatest feats in soccer history and the greatest upset since Truman.



Bill Jeffrey

Yep, it was a neat little trick and you'd expect the County Edinburgh Bagpipe Brigade as well as any Scotchman who ever wore the plaid, knee socks, and tam to turn out to welcome their native son returned home.

But the conquering hero skit is not for the modest Jeffrey who managed to sneak unheralded into New York at a post mid-night hour.

Still, "Bagpipe Bill" has done his part. For a few short days he and his 'boys' set the soccer world on its heels. The man who was voted the one who had done the most for soccer in 1949 can now sit back in his comfortable State College home and let the experts try and figure out how he did it.

"I've never gotten as big a kick out of anything as I did—sitting there in a cold sweat—after the game had ended with the realization that we had won. We felt that our soccer was inferior to that of the British team, and, I'll have to admit it, only an optimist would have given us a nickle for our chances before the game.

Afterwards, when Jeffrey could tear himself away from the bedlam which was the American dressing room, he went over to the British side—which was about as quite as an Irish wake. He was approached by the trainer who said with a tear in his Cockney voice, "Well, Jeff, you beat us. It was one of those things, I guess. We just couldn't click."

Jeff found that despite his status as a veteran coach, who probably knows more about the game than the guy who invented it, you can always learn more.

"Many of the things I learned in South America I'm going to try to teach to our fellows this fall." As Jeffrey explains it the game played in the States needs to be more challenging—or in his own words: "We need more offensive continuity."

"Drive-drive-drive and when you've got them back on their heels don't let up for a minute."

According to Jeffrey, the game played by foreign teams is a wonder to behold. They are cunning, deceitful, and use every trick in the book. They are not even averse, at times, to exhaling a lungful of garlic-sodden breath into an unwary opponent's face.

"We played our first game at Curitiba against a pre-tourney favored Spain," said the 57-year-old Nittany mentor. "We were beaten in the final 10 minutes by a 3 to 1 score."

After that it was on to Belo Horizonte for the match with

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Softball Loops Start Play; 19 Teams Aim for Acclaim

By ED WALLACE

Action in the Main Session recreation softball league broke wide open Wednesday with League A leading the way with two games. Rain forced postponement of League B's openers slated for Thursday, but the A loop was able to get in two nights of play, Wednesday and Friday.

Nittany Duo Paces U.S. Track Victory

Distance apparently means little to Penn State's two crack alumni track notables, Curt Stone and Jim Gehrdes, who continue to win against Europe's top cindermen despite a gap of 3000 miles between them and their home base.

Saturday night Stone, a Philadelphia lad, lead the touring United States track team to a topheavy victory over a group of Norwegian athletes.

Stone easily captured the 3,000-meter run in 8:46.7. Jumpin' Jim (the Altoona Express) won the 110-meter high hurdles in 14.7, while Mal Whitfield, United States Olympic ace, took the 400-meter run in 48.8 seconds.

Other American winners were Bill Cunningham in the 100-meter dash, Dave Albritton in the high jump and the 1,000 meter relay team.

A last-minute withdrawal of the Ag. Ed. Grads left the leagues with 19 entries, one short of last year's total. League A will play with 10 teams, and League B will have 9.

Games are slated for every night this week with League B playing three games and League A two. The B loopers are scheduled for tonight, Thursday and Friday. The A's card shows games for Monday and Wednesday. For the remainder of the Session, League A will play Monday and Wednesday; League B, Tuesday and Thursday.

Five diamonds have been set aside for loop play. Fields 1, 2, 3 and 4 are on the golf course, just above the water tunnel. Field 5 is located at the football field on the old freshman diamond. Starting time for all games will be 6:30 p.m.

Rained-out games may be played at the convenience of the teams. The fields behind the Nittany Dorms are available for such contests.

The following teams have been entered:

LEAGUE A—Doodlers, Triangle, Leftovers, Windcrest, All-Stars, Woodsdale A. C., Dairy Husbandry, Osmond Lab, K. P.'s, and Yahoos.

LEAGUE B—Rip Snorters, Zone 3, Zeta Beta Tau, Phi Epsilon Pi, Alpha Chi Sigma, Theta Chi, Collegians, Beta Sigma Rho, and Agronomy.

SOFTBALL RULES—A simplified set of rules to govern league play has been announced by "Dutch" Sykes, recreation director.

1. Games are scheduled for 6:30 p.m. They must start no later than 6:45 p.m.

2. Each team shall provide one umpire. Umps will exchange duties at the end of 3½ innings. The umpire calling balls and strikes should also call plays at third and home.

3. The games shall be seven innings. In event a game must be called before being completed, at least five innings must be played (4½ if the team bat).

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Leo Houck Trophy Will Honor Name of Collegiate 'Mr. Ring'



Jack Tighe

Although the stinging left jabs and profound verbosity which made Leo Houck famous when he was alive have been silenced, "The Professor's" memory is being perpetuated by one of his most apt pupils.

The latest movement toward honoring the man who represents intercollegiate boxing and who has been Penn State's boxing coach for the past 28 years is being made by one of the boys he coached to collegiate greatness, Jack Tighe.

Tighe is currently boxing coach at the University of Illinois' Navy Pier division in Chicago where

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Leo Houck

Boston U., Purdue Join '51 'T' Party

Penn State football plans for the 1951 season will include Boston University and Purdue University, two newcomers to the Nittany grid calendar, according to H. R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics.

Buff Donelli's Boston U. team will open the Blue and White '51 season, September 29 at State College while on November 3 the Nittany Lions will move into Lafayette, Ind., for the first of a two-game series.

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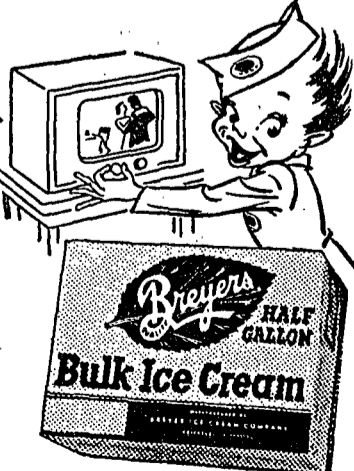


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