

'On The Ball'



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What's the Story?

Has "Little Joe" Tocci started a trend toward giving the little guy his just desserts amid the giants of State's athletic whirl? Only 5-feet 5-inches tall, Tocci last year co-captained one of State's most successful basketball teams in recent years. With the completion of the '50 spring sports calendar two more 'Davids' were named to captaincies. They are Phil Benedetti, lacrosse goalie, and Joe Durniak, a golfer.

Will the next trip to the patent office by lacrosse Coach Nick Thiel and his handy aide, Ernie 'Bugs' Baer, be prompted by the invention of a small hip flask filled with milk of magnesia to help his boys not only figuratively—but actually—"cream the goalie" when in scoring position? . . . Now that Penn State's gridiron board of strategy contains such illustrious names as Rip Engle, Joe Bedenk, Sever Toretti, Frank Patrick, Jim O'Hara, Earl Bruce and Joe Paterno, won't Nittany fans be seeing more talent on the sidelines than on the playing field?

Since Engle is still at liberty to choose two additional coaches to his staff (making it an all-time high of 9) will the College have to set up a separate dining hall and training table just for the grid instructors? . . . Why wasn't Al Tkac, the mainspring of Coach Joe Bedenk's 1950 baseball team, tapped by Major League scouts promptly at the conclusion of the college season? High school kids are being given large bonuses to sign and here's an athlete who has demonstrated his hurling ability in the college ranks and has clearly announced his big league ambitions.

Now that soccer Coach Bill Jeffrey has traded his bagpipe for a Brazilian ocarina will he also promote a bullfight as a pre-game special to lure some of Rip Engle's football patrons over to the golf course soccer field? . . . Is it true that Thespians have signed 'Silent' George Weber, former JV 'crosse flash, to play the feature role in "The Lives and Loves of a Bengal Lacrosse-man"?

Will Owen Landon continue his rapid rise in the hot competition of Eastern collegiate tennis play—and do Nittany sport fans realize what a star they have in their midst in the blond net captain who makes his only mistakes in practice? . . . Why didn't Penn's Ben Kreitzberg "own up" after his disputed 100-yard dash "victory" over Wil Lancaster, of Penn State, in the Penn Relays. If a reliably reported conversation after the race, in which Kreitzberg was clocked first, is true—then the Penn dashman expressed surprise over the judges' close decision. He thought he hadn't won at all, and was indeed surprised that the judges picked him.

Whom does Ralph Kiner, Pittsburgh slugger, have the most respect for when it comes to tossing a hot rock? None other than young Curt Simmons, Egypt, Pa., hurler. Ralph said he wasn't a bit ashamed of striking out twice against Simmons the other day. . . . Is it true that "Luscious" Lou Lamie's picture, along with a brief sketch of his basketball activities at Penn State (he's captain this year) will appear in a national magazine late this fall?

Do the gals who date Penn State's No. 1 football hero, Fran 'Hunk 'a Man' Rogel, know that the 5-foot 10-inch, 205-pounder cares not a whit for femmes who drink and smoke but would rather go out with the home-lovin' type? . . . How long are varsity and student tennis enthusiasts going to have to slip around on the sandy varsity "clay" courts? They were supposed to have been resurfaced ages ago. . . . When Penn State's grid team journeys to Syracuse, Oct. 14, will they find an all-Negro backfield, heralded by the feather-like passing of Bernie Custis, waiting for them?

Pulchritude Plus at Coed Swim Party



—Collegeian photo by Bill Boyles

Appearing a bit apprehensive before plunging into the Glendon Pool waters, Phyllis Fay, Janie Alexander, and Gloria Walker (left to right) pose prettily for the cameraman at one of the Summer Recreation Department's coed swim parties held every Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Georgetown Is 1st Team To Test Engle's Wing-T

Georgetown and Rutgers are the only newcomers to Penn State's nine-game 1950 football schedule.

The Washington, D.C. institution will be a football opponent for the first time, while Penn State and Rutgers collided in 1918 in their only previous meeting.

Georgetown, coached by Bob Margarita, former Brown University and professional star, will furnish the opposition in the opening game at State College, Sept. 30.

Rip's Debut

This game will also mark the debut of Charles A. "Rip" Engle as Penn State's first non-alumnus coach since 1929. Engle coached at Brown before accepting his new post.

Rutgers, the other newcomer, will help the Nittany Lions close out the home season November 18. The Scarlet eleven is coached by the veteran Harvey Harman, former University of Pittsburgh star and former University of Pennsylvania coach.

Black Knights Back

Back from last year's schedule are Army, Syracuse, Nebraska, Temple, Boston College, West Virginia, and Pittsburgh.

Last year, Penn State suffered setbacks at the hands of Villanova, Army, Michigan State, and Pitt while rolling over Boston College, Syracuse, Nebraska, Temple, and West Virginia.

Another Ash

An Ashenfelter will captain the Penn State track team again in 1951. Bill Ashenfelter, younger brother of Horace, is the newly-elected leader. Horace, who's a post-graduate student at his alma mater, captained the 1949 team.

U.S. Track Team

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ly cloudy. As is the case with Stone, he is awaiting the Olympics and until that time he cannot obtain certain positions which would classify him as a professional and exempt him from the Olympic picture.

Ashenfelter, while still a comparative newcomer to the track at Penn State, was helped considerably by the presence of veterans

Student Press Grant

A grant of \$8,200 to be added to a fund for a student press at the College was the gift presented by the class of 1950.

Stone and Gerry Karver on the same squad. It was at that time that teammates began calling him "Fearless Fosdick" because of his willingness to run against anybody regardless of their reputation.

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