

'On The Ball'

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Dear Santa: Bring Lions Some Wins

(Perhaps we're rushing the season a bit, but suddenly noticing our calendar we find that vacation days are almost upon us. So without further commentary the sports staff of The Daily Collegian wishes its readers a very merry Christmas.)

'Tis the week before Christmas, and I'd say it's time
That I make with my Yule perm and lay down yon stein.
Fear, not, Shakespeare, and like bards
I merely find it cheaper than mailing out cards.
For each time I wax poetic like a modern Byron, why, egad,
I find I save another ruble for dear "Old Grandad."
So wist ye readers, before bringing out tar
Christmas greetings and good luck in the Neus Yahr.

As I look at the sky through my Collegian winder
I pray, Santa, give Mr. Engle a '51 winner
And as St. Nick's pack hit the Nittany Dell
I sighed for a fullback like "ole "Punchy" Rogel.
Looking for gridders like Orsini and Godlasky
Will send Michaels and Patrick to Bedlam in a hurry.
Superlatives sweet put in J. Coogan's repertoire
As a publicity director he leads the field by far.

To Russ Clark, king of the dorms, we leave
A schooner of Skellar beer in which to grieve.
And lest we forget on E. Gross' tic
A mess of range finders should do the trick.
To Jumpin' Lou Lamie, Lion basketball's best selling edition
Let him receive his well-earned recognition
On Bedenk's hearth let the man with the bells
Gift-wrap a couple of Mel Parnells.

Heims and Koszarek likewise do bless
And empower with lethal blows all opponents to caress.
My chest heaved with pride, my heart went helter skelter
As I recalled the mighty deeds of our boys Ashenfelter.
K. Kringle, if you have an in with the gods, yet,
Keep sacred the memory of State's yclept, "Fred."

Before I write finis to this drizzly rot
Don't forget Bill Jeffrey, that canny old Scot.
A Soccer Bowl victory following a season so fine
Merits—at least—quick entrance within St. Andrew's own line.
Bequeath jolly "Ike" Gilbert, last but not least,
A change of heart about cheerleaders, female, if you pleasee.

To all those not mentioned, the fair sex as well
On the right side of Dame Fortune let all toll the bell.
And as the '51 calendar bumps into view
Here's sending the merriest of Christmases to you.

Foster Named 1951 X-Country Captain; 12 Receive Numerals

Dudley Foster, of Malvern, was named captain of Penn State's 1951 cross country team Wednesday night during a banquet honoring the Nittany national champions at the Centre hills country club.

Twelve athletes were named by Coach Chick Werner to receive numerals. Those cited were Don Ashenfelter, Bill Ashenfelter, Foster, Bob Freebairn, Bill Gordon, Stan Lindner, Bob Parsons, Dave Pierson, Al Porto, Pete Sarantopoulos, John St. Clair, Thomas O'Toole, head manager, will also be a letter recipient.

First managers for the 1951 season will be Ted Weaver, Jim Rugh, and Tom Atkins.

Nine frosh were awarded numerals by freshmen mentor Norm Gordon. They included Don Bagby, James Cressman, Carl Godshall, Dick Grice, Bob Hollen, Pete Judd, Gus Ormrod, Bill Shaw, and Jim Webb.

Bagby was also named honorary captain of the 1950 frosh team. Four trophies won by the Lions

SPE Fetes Lion Football Seniors

Seniors on the Penn State football team took their final bows Wednesday night at the annual Sigma Phi Epsilon banquet honoring the graduating gridders and their coaches.

Head mentor Rip Engle could not be present to receive the accolades of his highly successful initial season (5-3-1), but assistant coach Frank Patrick filled in.

Lion Vignettes

Watch Lamie! '51 Court Foes Cry

By JOE BREU

Six feet, two inches and 180 pounds of potential All-American—that's Lou Lamie, Penn State's basketball captain.

For if the likeable Arnold, Pa. product continues his early season pace it's going to be difficult to overlook him when the time comes next March for choosing the all-star aggregations.

Thus far in three games, Lou has averaged 21 points, a fair average in any league.

Lou is a physical education major and a member of the Alpha Chi Rho fraternity. While in high school he was placed on his first all-star team, his play with the Arnold team earning him a berth on an all-section squad.

Lou spent his freshman year at California State Teachers college, where he was a member of the varsity cage squad. Moving up to the Nittany Lions in 1948, he has been an integral part of the team here ever since.

He attributes the Lion's fine showing thus far to the team's fighting, never-say-die spirit. As his biggest thrill in basketball, Lou nominates last year's Colgate game which he sent into overtime with a last second free throw.

Lou needs but 249 points this season to crack the all time Penn State three-year scoring mark. Modest to the nth degree, he still admits that he would like very much to capture the record.

After graduating, Lou will look toward pro basketball. When his active playing career is finished he hopes to land a coaching job.

Lions Hopeful—

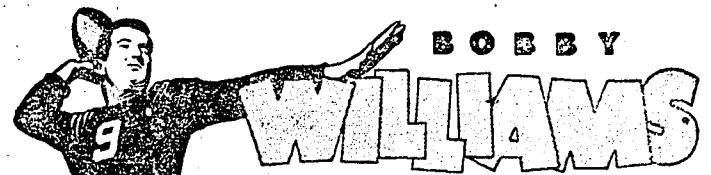
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is whether the Lion cagers can take on a fast breaking team like Rhode Island State tonight and then come back tomorrow night and play a team which employs the platoon system, without tiring.

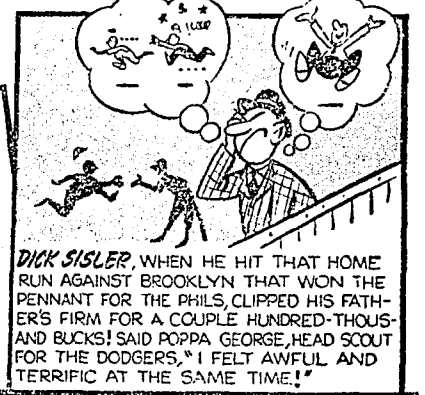
It looks as if the Lions' first five will have to play roles of iron men. But to ask the same five men to play 40 minutes of basketball on consecutive nights against teams as tough as these might be asking too much. Only time will tell.

Hold-overs claim four of the five positions on Penn State's starting basketball team.

SPORTSCOPE By JOE MAHONEY



PLAYED HIS LAST YEAR OF FOOTBALL WITH NOTRE DAME THIS SEASON, AND FROM THE PACE HE SET AGAIN WILL BE RECOGNIZED AS ONE OF THE BEST QUARTERBACKS IN THE COUNTRY. THO' THE IRISH WINNING STREAK WAS SHATTERED AT 39 GAMES THIS SEASON AND THE TEAM'S PERFORMANCE WAS ONLY 50-50 IN SPOTS, WILLIAM'S LEADERSHIP ON THE FIELD CONTINUED TO BE FLAWLESS.



Watkins, Polito Win To Enter Ring Finals

A pair of 121-pound boxers, Don "Judge" Watkins, of Phi Delta Theta, and Bill Polito, of Theta Kappa Phi, fought their ways into the finals of the IM tournament last night. The finals will be fought Monday night at 8:30 p.m.

Watkins, utilizing a good left hand in a second round spurt, downed John Ruffner, of Delta Upsilon while Polito maintained a steady body attack to topple Fred Fieni, of Theta Chi.

But Marts, an independent, also entered the finals, taking a forfeit victory in the 135-pound division.

Dick Cameron, of Beta Theta Pi, continued to chop down all opponents, as he made Steve Meisel, of Alpha Epsilon Pi, his latest victim. It was a slow 165-pound bout, in which Cameron was the aggressor all the way.

Rudy Reid, of Omega Psi Phi, and Bill Hanley, of Theta Chi, collided in a 145-pound battle, with Reid winning a close one. Both boys showed good lefts, and Reid gained the nod on his aggressiveness.

Joe Lane, of Delta Upsilon, swinging with little accuracy, bested Bill Nichol, of Alpha Gamma Rho. Lane beat off Nichol's hard right-hand blows in a close bout, to barely squeeze under the wire.

In a slow heavyweight match, Carl Pfirman, of Sigma Chi, took the measure of Bill Gourlev, of Delta Tau Delta. It was a dull bout in which both boys tired too quickly to do much of anything.

5 Indie Fives Still Unbeaten

The Phils, Hessians, and DIR of league F, and the Ridge Runners and Beavers of league G, survived second game battles in the intramural independent league Wednesday night to remain sole undefeated squads of those loops.

Don Malinak tossed in 8 points to lead DIR to an easy 31-10 win over the Crusaders; the Phils also breezed through their contest with the Sea Hawks, coming out on the long end of a 24-3 count. The Hessians defeated Nittany Co-op, 15-9; and in the last game of league F, the Hamilton B's eked out a win over the Warriors, 14-13.

The Ridge Runners crushed the Erasers, 30-16 as Wil Hankey accounted for 8 of the winner's total; the Beavers won a low-scoring 11-8 game from the Draft Dodgers; the Oilers edged the Screwballs, 11-9, and Ath Hall topped Penn State Club, 22-7.

The only contest in league H, saw the Weasels trounce Penn Haven, 29-3. Steve Slovenka and Tony Shumskas garnered 16 and 11 markers apiece.

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