



# WHAT'S BREUING?

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**SCANDAL SIDELIGHT** — We wonder how the coaches feel who complained about the officiating now that it has been revealed that it was their own boys who lost the games. Clair Bee, LIU coach, complained bitterly about the referees in the Arizona state game which his team lost. As it turned out that game was one of the fixed contests. Incidentally, Bee apologized in print for his attack on the officials several days before the scandal story broke. Could it be he saw the handwriting on the wall?

**NEW DEAL** — The grand expose will probably provide us with a new cry from coaches of the cage game. Instead of the old yell of "We wuz robbed," future mentors will more than likely raise the plaint, "We were fixed."

**SHORT SHOTS IN SUNDRY DIRECTIONS** — Most of you will probably remember Fran Rogel as the star fullback on recent State football teams. But did you know that Punchy was also a wrestler? At least for one match. He won a heavyweight bout in a meet with Temple, helping State to a 32 to 0 win in 1948 . . . **Chick Werner**, Lion track coach, is a former Big Ten hurdling champion . . . **Johnny Reese**, 123 pound wrestler, is also an outstanding intramural athlete. He has won three IM boxing titles in addition to aiding Phi Delta Theta teams in soccer, football and softball . . . The fix situation has led some to speculate that if many more teams fall in the ways of error, Penn State may end up in the National Invitation and NCAA tournaments. If this stuff keeps up much longer there won't be enough teams left to have any tournaments.

**DOWN MEMORY LANE** — Here's one for you who think you know your baseball history. Bet a bent pin to a rusty nail you can't name the pitcher who beat Bob Feller and the Cleveland Indians in 1940 to give Detroit the American league pennant. No, it wasn't Hal Newhouser. Prince Hal was around then, but he was one of those charged with keeping the Tiger bench nice and smooth. It was a boy by the name of Floyd Giebell, a rookie fresh from the minors, up for a late season look-see. He topped Feller in the second from last game of the season, 2 to 0. The next year he was back in the minors and on his way out of baseball, while Feller went on to become one of the greatest of all time.



Bob Feller

**HATS OFF TO** — Lou Lamie for his new Penn State 3 year scoring record. Poor Lou didn't know just exactly where he stood with the statistical department in a state of confusion resembling a Big Four foreign powers meeting . . . **Ken Yount**, former Lion baseballer, who was runnerup in the baseball players golf tourney in California. Ken played the outfield and pitched during his stay at State, which ended in June 1947. He is now with Niagara Falls of the New England league . . . **Newk Grubb**, the unknown freshman who pinned **Homer Barr** during the polo match Wednesday night. Its probably the first time Homer has seen the roof of Rec hall.

## Gymnasts Seek Win Against EIGA Champs In Syracuse

The Nittany Lion gymnasts are in Syracuse today seeking an upset win over a strong Orange team.

Syracuse, the 1950 co-titleholder of Eastern gymnastics, will present the same team that tied for the championship last year.

Coach Gene Wettstone is looking for his acrobats to put their best feet forward since they will be performing before a television audience as well as the usual gymnasium crowd.

Both teams have been defeated by the Army and Navy squads, although the Syracuseans have bowed by only two points in each meet. The Statemen lost to each team by 15 points.

State's comparatively inexper-

enced group will be seeking their third win of the year. They have lost two.

Rudy Valentino will be working on a hot winning streak. He has copped the tumbling event in all four meets this season. Wettstone said that after a slow start, Valentino has been improving and is expected to add the fifth win to his record.

Dave Benner will be counted on in the sidehorse event, while Tom Campbell will be top Lion man on the horizontal-bar. Dave Schultz is the key man in the rope climb.

Jim Hazen will ride the flying rings for the Nittany team as No. 1 man. Dave Douglas is the Lion for the Orangemen to beat on the parallel-bars.

# Northey's Exploits Thrill Sister

By PAT NUTTER

The Nittany Dell was crowded the week before Christmas. When the telephone in the corner rang, a brown-eyed waitress answered it.

"Hello," a man said, "I'd like 25 hamburgers and 10 milkshakes in a hurry."

For a minute the startled waitress said nothing. Then she laughed. The man she was

talking to was Ron Northey, Chicago Cub right-fielder, who was just calling long-distance to wish his sister a merry Christmas.

**Ball Players A Happy Bunch**  
Shirley Northey Withers, sister of the star slugger, said that Ron has always had a sense of humor. In fact, she thinks that you can't find a happier bunch of guys than a group of baseball players.

"I can remember when I was seven and Ron was fifteen," the brunette from Frackville, Pa. said. "I was always the out-fielder and Ron was batter," she said with a laugh. "I'd stand two blocks down the street, and Ron would wham the ball over the housetops in back of me . . . lost most of my baseballs that way," she added.

Ron's sister believes that her brother gets his powerful drive because of his exceptionally broad shoulders. They are so wide that he must have coats especially made for him.

**Windcrest Resident**  
Mrs. Withers, who lives in Windcrest with her husband Paul and their three-year-old daughter Kay, said that it was natural for her brother to be interested in baseball.

"My parents have always been enthusiastic baseball fans," she said. "In fact, on the day that Ron was born, my Mother went out, got the world series results, and then went to the hospital in the afternoon."

The Northey parents follow their son's career very closely. They know many of his co-players, Danny Murtaugh, Sibby Sisti, Carl Furillo, and Whitey Kurowski are a few of the famous players who have visited the Northey home. The family also knows Connie Mack.

**Mack Offered A Scholarship**  
The Cubs right-fielder might have ended up in pro-football if it hadn't been for Mack. Connie offered Northey a baseball schol-

arship at Duke university when he graduated from high school, a three-letter man. The Frackville lad accepted the offer, although his first love had always been football.

After a year at Duke, Northey played with a Maryland class B team and later with the Williamsport Grays. When he was 21, he signed with the Philadelphia Phillies. After six years with the Phillies, he was traded to the St. Louis Cards and then moved on to the Cubs.

"Ron is a ten-year man in baseball," his sister said proudly. "He will be 31 in April."

"It's a very proud feeling to be

the sister of a ball player," the former Shirley Northey said. "During a game, I am as nervous and excited as the coach."

**"Ron Northey Day"**

She believes that her most exciting day in baseball was when Frackville declared a "Ron Northey day." The whole town reserved a train and rode up to Philadelphia to do their favorite player honor.

Although Shirley was only fifteen, she remembers the huge horseshoe of flowers that the town presented to Ron in addition to a traveling bag and diamond ring. Everyone wore little stickers saying "Ron Northey day."

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### Gridders To Meet

All members of the 1950 varsity, jayvee, and freshman football teams and other interested persons, have been asked to attend a meeting Monday at 7 p.m. in 121 Sparks. Plans for spring practice and other matters will be discussed.



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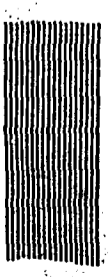
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