

'On The Ball'

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Along The Lion Trail



Head boxing Coach Ed Sulkowski is probably one who will be the least surprised if sophomore Gerry Spotts carries some weight in intercollegiate boxing circles next year.

Young Gerry is a handsome Sigma Chi who — although he may catch some knuckles — can't miss catching quite a few feminine eyes.



Ed Sulkowski

Ed Czekaj (Check-eye), former Penn State extra-point specialist of whose accurate toe it was said could knock fly specks off a blade of grass at 50 yards, listed "Pinball Champion—Graham's A.C." as his major extra-curricular activity in the 1947-'48 "Who's in the News at Penn State" . . .

One of the reasons Syracuse has been disappointing on the basketball court this year is because of big Ed Miller's inability to score consistently. In his first 13 games the 6-foot-8 Orange center scored only 146 points . . .

If one can take the word of one of the greatest ring officials in boxing history, Arthur Donovan, then it is virtually impossible for Mr. Average Fan to see the fight as the officials see it. "The average fan just doesn't look for those elementary factors that count so much in scoring," explains the famous referee. "He sees the bout from only one position. There are a lot of things that have to be weighed and studied when deciding a close match. You should look for four elements — (1) punching power, (2) aggressiveness, (3) defense and (4) ring generalship."

Three Michigan State linemen made the Lithuanian All-American football team selected in The Marian, a magazine published in Chicago. The three are guards John Yocca and Frank Kapral, and tackle Deane Thomas. (Ed. note — What's that got to do with the price of eggs in China?) . . .

Isn't often one gets the chance to look askance at an article written by Jim Coogan, Penn State's efficient director of sports publicity. However, we ran across an item by Hugh Fullerton Jr. which supplied us with a bit of a chuckle.

Fullerton pens: Thumbing through the record books recently, Coogan noted that Hugo Bezdek's football and baseball teams in the 1930's had rolled up unbeaten strings of 30 games each.

Jim pegged a story on that, reciting the best winning streaks in each sport. Only thing he overlooked was soccer, which had the best string of all — 65 games over nine seasons. Coogan's blushing postscript after reading his mail: "I never knew soccer had so many friends. Too bad they don't all go see the team play; it would make a crowd."

Should Homer Barr win his third Eastern Intercollegiate wrestling title then it is quite possible that he will bump into the scourge of Big Ten heavyweight wrestlers, Ohio State's Bill Miller, defending conference champion. In addition to his prowess as a grappler and track shot-putter, Miller is also classified as one of the most powerful specimen in collegiate football. Miller is a junior at O.S.U. . . . A Northwestern university undergrad recently told of how the Beta's there nearly de-activated one of their outstanding football stars of last year for destroying house property after waging a losing battle with John Barleycorn. That Barleycorn evidently hits harder than a quintet of Notre Dame backs . . . Latest scoop passed on from our spies stationed at the Corner Room is that Franny Rogel, ex of the KDR (Kappa Dougherty Rogel) fraternity house, has taken over the bagel dunking championship of the Alpha Epsilon-Pi's where he is an honorary brother.



Fran Rogel

Beaver's Post 6th Basketball Victory

Beaver House of league E in the independent basketball league won its sixth straight game Monday night by a strange forfeit victory.

The Hawks, the Beaver House's opponents, were found to be using an ineligible player and consequently were forced to forfeit. The Hawks had been winning in the regular contest.

Pottsville kept astride of the Beaver House by winning over the Dogs, 25-12, as Al Lasavage scored ten points. In league F, Nittany Co-op bested the Warriors, 11-8, and the Hamilton B's beat the Sea Hawks, 21-20 as Frey bucketed 14 markers. League G contests saw the Ridge Runners win number six by trimming the Oilers, 26-18, and the Screwwalls lose to Penn State Club, 18-10.

Edinboro continued unbeaten by trampling Altoona, 44-16 as Bill Mihalich notched 14 points. Another league D game saw the Gunners forfeit to the Bombers. The only tilt in league H was

the Weasels win over the Packers by forfeit.

Former Penn State Athlete Wins Race In Pan-American Games

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 27 (P)—Durable Curtis Stone won a thrilling 10,000 meter race today to give the United States its first championship in the Pan-American games.

Shadows were falling across the big River Plate stadium and the crowd of 35,000 was roaring when the long-striding former Penn State athlete uncorked a last ditch kick to beat out Argentinas hardy Richardo Bralo by five yards.

Shortly afterwards, Virgil Dean Severns gave Uncle Sam his second championship of the day by high-jumping 6 feet, 4 1/4 inches but the vast crowd went home talking about the pulsating 25-lap duel between Stone and Bralo. Bralo led most of the way and it was not until they were a lap and a half from home that Stone, the IC-4A cross country and two mile-champion, surged to the front.

The crowd chanted "Argentina, Argentina" as Bralo made his bold bid in the stretch. But Stone finished with a brilliant spurt, just like a sprinter. His time was 31:8.753, 8.9 seconds compared with 31:09.4 for the big Argentine laborer. The two lapped everybody in the field except Ezequiel Bustamante of Argentina, who finished third.

The United States also made an excellent showing in preliminary track events as well as in opening phases of the swimming, shooting, fencing, modern pentathlon and baseball competition.

The other track championship decided during the long, warm day went to Argentina's stocky Senora Ingeborg Mell de Preiss, who threw the discus 126 feet 5 3/4 inches. The U.S. hope—Francis Kaszubski of Cleveland—placed third with 117 feet 7 1/2 inches.

While President Peron looked on, two U.S. spring stars, Arthur Bragg of Baltimore and Don Campbell of Sterling, Colo., won preliminary heats in the 100 meter dash and Don Halderman of Los Angeles gained the finals in the 400 meter hurdles. They qualified for the semifinals to be staged tomorrow.

Moore's Worth—

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Altoona high was the proving grounds for Junie's one and only hobby, basketball. After earning three letters there he saw a season's hardwood action at the Penn State Altoona center and West Chester S.T.C.

A Philosopher
Frank, a quiet chap when not playing pinochle, has a bit of the wistful philosopher in him. This is in evidence as he stares out the window while sipping one of his ten cups of coffee a day—perhaps dreaming of the basketball squads he hopes to coach after graduation this June.

Side court shots: At 24 Junie, poker-faced in action, is the "dad" of the Lion five . . . Frank gets plenty of ribbing camaraderie from Panoplos and other buddies who share a room on McAllister street . . . The 175-lb., 5'11" phys. ed. major belongs to that school's honorary, Phi Epsilon Kappa.

Ex-Grid End—

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Dark-complexioned, affable Dr. McMahan has just one sports love now—basketball. Proof of this affection comes from the steady improvement the backboard-cleaning pivot man has shown all season. This persistent betterment reached flood-tide last weekend when Tiny tossed 23 points through the hoops against Colgate.

Defensive-Minded

Defensively the genial center is no slouch. Tiny has a fond habit of blocking shots and helping to hold down opposition big guns like West Virginia's Mark Workman.

Tiny is quite proud of the fact that he and two of his present first team buddies, Ted Panoplos and Junie Moore, were teammates his freshman year for Altoona center which took top Pennsylvania junior college honors.

Pivot Shots: This "tiny" hoopster packs 205 beefy lbs. on his rangy frame . . . Twenty-year old Tiny's campus home is Beta Theta Pi; Ontario, Canada's his

USC Signs Joe Muha To Coaches Contract

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27 (P)—Head Football Coach Jess Hill of the University of Southern California reached into the professional ranks again today and signed big Joe Muha, late of the Philadelphia Eagles, as an assistant backfield coach.

The 30-year-old graduate of Virginia Military academy, a native of Central City, Pa., is due to receive his master's degree in business economics at USC in June. He recently announced his retirement from the Eagles with whom he played from 1948 through 1950.

Women are laying claim to brain power. According to figures released at the beginning of this year, coeds scored an average of 1.62 while the best the men could do was 1.44.

vacation abode . . . Jay copped the IM high jump title last spring . . . Best of all for State, he has one cage campaign left.

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