

'ON THE BALL'

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**Along The
Lions' Trail**

IF EITHER JOE TOCCI or Joe Paterno, Penn State's two New York coaches, were present at the EIWA finals Saturday night they must have felt right at home when the announcer read off each team's "pernts." . . . Quite a predicament for Army Coach Lloyd



Appleton who didn't know whom to watch when chance matched Dean Mulder and Al Paulekas on separate mats . . . While State's Don Maurey and Columbia's Bob Hartman were having it-out, the Big City Lions' blind Gino Manfrini was being given a hold-by-



hold account by one of the Columbia managers. When Manfrini first entered the Penn State home locker room he remarked to a friend—"Gee, this place sounds crowded."

HAVE ANY TROUBLE pronouncing the name of Syracuse's Lou Tschirhart? Best one we heard was "T-shirt." . . . Bill Jeffrey sat in the first row of the balcony stands with his usual dour expression. Probably was wondering why a bunch of guys as strong as those below him were not playing soccer . . . Joe Rubino, Mike's brother, became so excited after Mike's winning the 177-lb. title that at the conclusion of the bout he jackknifed over the guard rail and plummeted 10 feet to the gym floor in order to be the first to congratulate him.

THE AMERICAN FEDERATION of Hunters has put out a booklet mentioning numerous safety precautions which the hunter might observe when in the field. We don't know whether the Federation was spoofing or not but one of the precautions reads:

" . . . we suggest that every hunter study a large silhouette of a deer and a silhouette of a man before going into the field so that he will be sure he is shooting a deer and not a man!"

IN ACCEPTING the trophy for bantam Ben Hogan as "The Most Courageous Athlete of 1950" at the Philadelphia Sports' Writers dinner some months ago, Jug McSpaden, a pretty good golfer in his own right, related an anecdote which just about sums up Hogan's dogged spirit.

"Several years ago," McSpade said, "Ben and I were paired as a doubles entry in a big tournament down South. We had our opponents by a pretty big lead so I suggested that we go a bit easy and then come through to nip them 6 and 4 or something like that."

"Naaaaa," Hogan growled, "let's beat 'em 14 and 4 if we can. I want to get back to the club house and practice my putting."

THE BIGGEST LIAR extant in the U.S. apparently is J. Neil Springer of Betteravia, Cal.—and what's more he's proud of his prevaricative prowess.

He is the first-place winner in the First National Liars contest conducted by Sunset fishing lines of Petaluma, Cal.

Springer's "whopper" related to the fish inhabiting the Amargosa river in Southwestern Nevada. It seems, according to his year, that this fish blows a large bubble, crawls inside, lets it fill with water, then seals the opening.

By swimming to one side, the fish makes the bubble roll in one direction, thus traveling from pool to pool. The people living in that part of Nevada, according to Mr. Springer, do their fishing with air rifles, shooting at the bubbles as they roll across the sand.

AL CLARK, sports editor of the Harrisburg Patriot-News, has suggested some sort of a testimonial for Central Pennsylvania's four deans of coaching. He mentions Bill Jeffrey, 57, Penn State, who has coached soccer here for 25 years and produced 52 All-Americans in that period; Jimmy Curran, 71, Mercersburg, who spans 41 years and three generations of track stars; Ira Plank, who, at 68, is about to commence his 39th campaign as baseball coach at Gettysburg college, and A. A. Stagg, 88, advisory coach at Susquehanna university. These coaches are not only the deans of their sports in this vicinity, but are probably the deans of their respective sports nationally.

Bosox' Parnell Figures Fenway Park 'Just Another Ball Field'

SARASOTA, Fla., March 13—(AP)—Mention Fenway park to most American league southpaw pitchers and you start cold shivers running down their spines. But this oddly shaped Boston Red Sox ballyard with its cozy left field wall holds no terrors for Mel Parnell. This lefthander actually thrives on pitching there.

"Other lefties often have asked me what's the secret of my success in Fenway," Parnell observed. "My answer also has been that there is no secret to it. Just pitch like you do in any other ball park and don't even think about the wall."

"But they don't do that," the Red Sox pitching ace continued. "That wall has become a mental hazard for them—especially when a righthanded hitter comes to bat."

Get Behind Batter

"The first mistake they make is to pitch outside to those hitters. Before they know it they are behind and must come through with that fat pitch or lose their man, then, bam, and up against the wall she goes."

What is Parnell's secret? How does he manage to win so consistently in Fenway park, where only two visiting lefthanders have managed to go the route and win in the last two years?

"Pitch to their strength," he answered. "I know the fellow up there is taking dead aim at that wall and he's going to try to knock the cover off the first pitch that looks good to him. So I let him have it, inside, just where he wants it."

Pressure On Man At Plate

"I give him that big windup for a fast ball, but I pull the string a little. So anxious is he to connect, he's swinging from the heels. Usually he just taps the ball weakly on the ground or lifts an easy fly in the air. I figure the pressure is on him, not on me."

Parnell won 18 games last year but considers it a bad season—for him. The slender 28-year-old New Orleans native registered 25 victories in 1949 to come within a whisker of winning the pennant for the Red Sox.

Golf Candidates

All candidates for Penn State's golf team should report to the caddy house today through Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. Coach Bob Rutherford announced yesterday.

**IM Handball Entry
Deadline Monday**

Entries for the intramural handball doubles tournament must be turned in to the intramural office in Rec hall no later than Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. As in the singles tournament, each organization may enter two teams in competition.

Separate tournaments are scheduled for both fraternity and independent entries.

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**Intramural Volleyball Tourney
Deadline Entry Set For Monday**

All entries for the intramural volleyball tournament must be turned in at the intramural office in Rec hall no later than 4:30 p.m. Monday, Clarence "Dutch" Sykes, assistant director, announced.

Separate competition will be provided for fraternity and independent entries. Any organization may enter two teams, but if two are entered, one must be designated as the "A" team and the other as the "B" team. A roster of ten names should be submitted with each entry.

The teams will be divided into leagues and the competition will be of the round-robin type; the individual league winners then competing against the other.

There is an entry fee of \$1.00 per team.

CATHOLIC CAGE GAMES

LITTLE FALLS, N.Y., March 13 (AP)—St. Joseph's collegiate institute of Buffalo is seeded number one in the New York state Catholic high school basketball tournament opening here Thursday.

**Mangrum Up Front
In Seminole Golf**

PALM BEACH, Fla., March 13 (AP)—While some of his opponents faltered, Lloyd Mangrum came through wind and rain and some of the toughest golf traps in Florida to snatch a two-stroke lead today in the \$10,000 Seminole golf tournament.

The slender Chicagoan, definitely back in the groove after finishing out of the money in last week's Miami Beach open, judged all his shots perfectly as he whittled five strokes off par for the Seminole seaside course for a 67 and a 36-hole total of 136.

That put him two strokes up on Ben Hogan of Hershey, Pa., who is back on the tournament trail after a six weeks layoff, and Pete Cooper of Ponte Verda, Fla.

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