

'ON THE BALL'



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What's The Story??

Can Penn State's veteran third sacker, Harry Little, whose baseball training was cut in half when he went to Iran with the soccer team, be blamed for "booting" an occasional grounder this spring? Wasn't "Gentleman John" Lawther's opening statement at the basketball banquet a pip? Said to the effect: "Some speakers' talks are like a well-dressed woman with one or two points particularly outstanding; mine is like a woman's bathing suit. Doesn't cover much of anything."

Isn't it a rather sad commentary on the letter-awarding system of such a vast athletic factory as Penn State that a hard-working junior like Earle Mundell should be denied a football letter for the second successive year because of an insufficient number of quarters played? We realize that numerals cannot be strewn about like wedding bouquets, but we have noted several occasions when letters were awarded to less deserving athletes than Mundell in other sports.

Did Mike Rubino learn his quaint, crowd-pleasing mat technique from wrestling bananas for his father in Pittsburgh? Is it true that the sports gallery at the wrestling nationals at Lehigh would peek at Bob Kotzbauer's pre-bout selections, print the opposite in their own tally cards, and then sit back and count the winners? How about providing towels next winter for waterside spectators at Coach Bill Gutteron's swim shows at Glennland pool?

It's not true that we've been threatened with dire calamity should any more "poetry" find its way into the Collegian sport pages. A noted critic recently glanced through one of our better compositions and remarked: "My boy, no shoes will ever fit your metrical feet." We would like to have seen Chan Johnson, Nittany football star, in action in the IM boxing ring again this year. Chan was a popular crowd-pleaser when he won the 175-pound crown for Alpha Phi Alpha last year. Doc Griess commented: "Johnson was the best untrained fighter I've ever seen around here."

If Froth's writers would come up with some original scribbles, then would it be worth the Collegian's time to print their typos in a special column? And who said things are getting so tough that Ye Editor Samival Vaughan has had to dip into the rich humor of the Christian Science Monitor? Do sports at Penn State wield as much power as popularly thought when Carm Troisi, promising Nittany shortstop, was allowed to be dropped from the baseball squad because of an academic deficiency?

Who was it said "the night has a thousand eyes but has nothing on Coach Elmer Gross" after the Nittany cage overseer found some of his charges taking a few drags? Wasn't the picture of Dr. William N. Leonard, head of the Department of Economics and Commerce at the College, a dead ringer for assistant basketball coach John Egli? Is Navy's strict academic schedule the reason its athletic teams are confined mostly to playing home engagements?

Were we red in the face the other day when Joe Tocci's picture came out over the name of Ted Wilks, Cincinnati pitcher, and visa-versa. "Wish I was drawing his salary," Joe remarked. Are playing baseball managers on the way out? John Thomson, of the Kansas City Kansan, keynotes the majority opinion on the passing of this phenomena: "A playing manager in the majors is about like Leo Stokowski trying to direct the symphony while playing first chair in the violin section." Will the sword be mightier at Penn—State next year?

Lamie's '319' Sets Nittany Cage Mark

By ERNIE MOORE

Final statistics on the Penn State basketball team found Captain Lou Lamie way out in front in the individual scoring race with 319 points, a new Nittany Lion one season mark.

The Lion captain compiled the new standard by pouring 109 field goals and 101 personal fouls through the hoop in 22 ball games for an average of 14.5 per contest.

Panoplos Runnerup

Although Lamie finished 45 points ahead of him in total points, Ted Panoplos had the honor of scoring the most field goals, tossing in 115. Panoplos added 44 free throws for a total of 274 and a 11.9 average. The Nittany guard played in one more game than Lamie.

Of the players who played in 20 or more games, Frank "Junie" Moore led in free throw percentage, converting 38 out of 54 at-

tempts. Herm Sledzik compiled the best percentage, hitting on 76 per cent of his free throws but he played in only 16 of the 23 games whereas Moore played in every contest.

Following Panoplos in individual scoring was Jay "Tiny" McMahan, co-captain of next year's team, with 194 markers. Co-Captain elect, Hardy Williams followed McMahan with 184. McMahan averaged 8.4 while Williams averaged 8 points even.

Moore In Fifth Place

Moore hit the coras for 140 points for fifth place with a 6.1 average. Sledzik, Joe Piorowski, and Chet "Whitey" Makarewicz

hit for 80, 68, and 45 points, respectively. George "Doby" Lynch counted 29, Dick Phillips 20, Tom Shuptar 14, Ken Bouldin 6, and Bill Gibson 5.

As a team, the Lions totaled 1378 points for an average of 59.9 points per game. Their opponents, in 23 contests, counted a total of 1235 markers averaging 53.7.

The one game high for the Lions was 76 points and the Nittany passers did it twice, scoring 76 against Georgetown and the same against West Virginia.

Panoplos hit the one game individual high for the Lions when he scored 25 points against Georgetown university. Panoplos and Lamie tied for most field goals in one game with ten, Lamie getting his against Ithaca in the first game of the season and Panoplos getting his in the Georgetown game.

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