

"Off The Cuff"

By ART BENNING

Sulk Continues Leo Houck Era



You can't always tell about eras. Sometimes when you think they're ending, it's really just a milestone that will be remembered in a continuing era.

All this talk about eras was brought to mind Thursday night at the boxing banquet when retiring captain Pat Heims stood with bowed head and said softly, "I guess this is the end of an era for me."



Leo Houck

It brought to mind another era, that of the beloved Lion boxing mentor, Leo Houck. And it brought back the memory of the night Leo's death was announced to a capacity crowd in Rec hall. To most of us that night represented the end of an era.

Expendable?

Why? Because who could possibly take the place of the dean of collegiate boxing? Who could produce 48 Eastern champions and five national titlists during his coaching regime? Who could accomplish these things and still be worshipped by his boxers, thousands of students, and an even greater number of boxing enthusiasts throughout the country?

But as it turned out, that wasn't the end of an era. It could well have been. Boxing at Penn State could have dwindled and lost all the glory that Leo had given it here in the Nittany vale.

The reason it wasn't the end of an era is Eddie Sulkowski.

Since taking over Penn State boxing two years ago, Sulkowski has not allowed the sport to lose any of its hard-gained merits.

He gets the most from his boxers because they believe in him. And important, also, but not paramount, he is producing winners and champions.

Confidence Builder

Heims went on, "We weren't sure we liked the idea of Eddie being coach, because that meant he'd be on the bench with us instead of in our corners. As long as Eddie was in my corner, I didn't care who was in the other one. I found out in my first bout for Penn State that Eddie knew what was best for me to do in the ring."

Sulkowski had been a pupil of Houck's, and later served as assistant coach, assuming more and more of the old master's tasks as his health dwindled. He had the best training a coach could have, and today he is proving how well he learned the job.

When his boys are in the ring, Sulkowski is there, too, taking every blow. As he told the boxers at the banquet, "They're all tough for me. When you box three rounds, I box 24."

Quotable Quotes

Harold "Ike" Gilbert—"I've never seen a Penn State boxer who didn't shake hands and congratulate an opponent, wip, lose, or draw."

Pat Heims—"When you come out of the ring a loser, the greatest thing in the world is a pat on the back and a 'nice going' from your teammates."

Sam Marino—"Don't worry, mom, they don't hit you in the face in college boxing."

Four Nittany Gymnasts Vie For NCAA Honors Today

Four members of the Penn State gymnastic team are in East Lansing, Mich. today in quest of National Collegiate honors.

The Lion contingent to the national tourney, being held at the home of Michigan State, includes Rudy Valentino, Dave Benner, Dave Douglass, and Dave Schultz.

These men formed the nucleus of Catch Gene Wettstone's squad during the season, aiding in winning three meets of the six-meet schedule.

Valentino, captain of the Nittany squad and 1950 Eastern tumbling champion, will be making his first appearance in the Nationals, having been kept out of last year's tournament because of an injury.

Benner was a fourth place finisher in the 1950 meet and will be attempting to gain another medal in the sidehorse competition. Douglass and Schultz, both sophomores, will compete in the parallel-bars and rope-climbing events.

Call Track Candidates

There will be a meeting of old and new track candidates with Coaches Chick Werner and Norm Gordon today at 2 p.m. in the water tower locker room behind Beaver field.

15 Players? 5 Sick! But You Need 11 In Soccer!

The soccer fans of Iran may have seen a rare sight yesterday when the Penn State team took the field in Tehran.

Either Coach Bill Jeffrey or Manager Neil See may have been forced to play, since a late cable to the State department disclosed that five players were sidelined by "stomach upsets."

Only 15 players were taken on the trip. The loss of five men leaves the Nittanians one short of the regulation eleven needed.

The men listed by cable as being withheld from the game are halfbacks Frank Follmer and Kurt Klaus, fullback Jay Simmons, goalie Ron Coder, and lineman John Pinezich.

Coder was the only goalkeeper in the group.

Penn State 1951 Lacrosse Fortunes Depend Upon Goalie, Defense Men

By ERNIE MOORE

Today, the Daily Collegian begins a series of articles on Coach Nick Thiel's lacrosse team that opens its season April 13 against Western Maryland. This, the first article, looks at the goalie defense positions.

The fortunes of Penn State's 1951 lacrosse season could very well hang on the performance turned in by the team defense—the goalie and the defensemen.

Football's adage, "the best offense is a good defense" holds true in lacrosse as well as on the gridiron.

The goal-tending position is one of the brighter pictures Thiel has to look at as the initial game approaches. Captain Phil Benedetti will again be around to handle the goalie chores for the Nittany Lions.

Probably the smallest man on the squad, Benedetti makes up for his tiny stature with an uncanny knack of knocking down drives from outside the crease.

Last season, Benedetti turned in some fine performances in the nets for the Nittanians. Thiel predicts that he will be one of the outstanding goalies in the country this season.

Against Navy last year, Phil's sparkling net play had the Mid-dies praising him as the best goalie to play against them.

Behind Benedetti are Dale Scheffer, Robert Hartman, and Merritt Dinnage. Scheffer, a senior, saw action with the jayvee squad last year. He will be Thiel's number two goalie. Hartman and Dinnage are both sophomores. Hartman played at the Harrisburg center last year, while Dinnage played at Swarthmore center.

Don Bell, a freshman from Rochester, N.Y., is ineligible for varsity competition this year, but is expected to see much action in the next few seasons.

The defense poses Thiel's biggest problem with Joe Drazonovich missing from the lineup. But as the season approaches, the problem is becoming smaller and smaller.

Thiel expects to field a junior defense line with its biggest drawback being lack of experience. Only Vance Scout was able to win his letter last season.

Teaming with Scout on the first line will be John Amber and John Henry. Amber, like Scout, played on the varsity last year, while Henry saw action with the State jayvees.

Thiel's number four man will be Barr Asplundh, who saw limited action with the Lions last year. Following Asplundh is Danny Grove from the jayvee squad. Thiel also has Jay Stone, a mid-fielder last year, who has been switched to strengthen the defense.

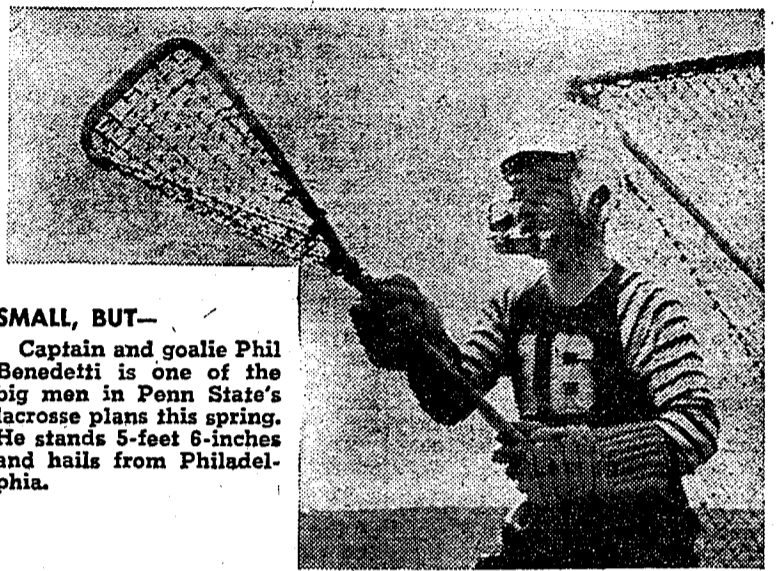
Four sophs, James Diehl, Richard Schaeffer, James Dean and Joe Simone are also making bids for positions. With more experience they are expected to develop into fine defensemen.

Allentown Favored To Win PIAA Title

PHILADELPHIA, March 30 — (AP)—Allentown's Canaries were given a slight edge over the Farrell Steelers tonight on the eve of the 32nd annual scrap for the PIAA Class A state basketball title.

The two regional champions wind up Pennsylvania's 1951 public school competition tomorrow night at the University of Pennsylvania Palestra for the state's top scholboy cage prize. The Palestra's 8,200 seats are sold out.

They Shall Not Pass!



SMALL, BUT—

Captain and goalie Phil Benedetti is one of the big men in Penn State's lacrosse plans this spring. He stands 5-foot 6-inches and hails from Philadelphia.



The CITRUS Dope

By JAKE HIGHTON

Peppery Jimmy Bloodworth, the Phillies' ace holler-guy, abandoned his favorite bench-jockeying role by swatting a tenth inning home run with two mates aboard to give the National League champs

an 8-5 triumph over the Washington Senators yesterday afternoon in Clearwater, Fla.

Earlier the Phil's reserve infielder, in an unusual bludgeoning mood with six rbi's, rapped a circuit clout with two Phils on base in the third frame to square matters at 3-3.

Eddie Sawyer's ace hurlers Robin Roberts and Jim Konstanty spaced seven Nat hits over nine innings but curve-baller Blix Donnelly got the win with a white-wash job in the tenth.

After sitting on the Phil's bench for two seasons because of the bonus rule, Stan Hollmig was sent back to Baltimore yesterday.

Detroit's Tigers pulled up stakes on a dismal grapefruit stay at Lakeland, Fla. yesterday by snapping a three-game losing streak with a 10-4 pounding of the Cardinals.

Fred Hutchinson and Diz Trout scattered nine St. Louis safties while every Rolifeman except Johnny Groth pummelled Card flingers Erv Dusak and Harry Brecheen with 15 hits. It was only the Bengal's fourth win against 10 defeats.

The Boston Red Sox's vaunted power got help from unexpected quarters yesterday in Sarasota, Fla., as the sluggers from the Hub dumped Leo Durocher's Giants, 7-4.

Red Sox rookies catcher Bob Scherbarth spanked a bases loaded double off Jim Hearn in the fifth inning to break a 4-4 deadlock. The wallop iced the game for the Beantowners and earned them a three-game series sweep.

Injury was added to insult when the Giant's catcher, Ray Noble (pronounced NO-blay), sprained his ankle sliding into the plate in the second inning. He will be lost to the New Yorkers for two weeks.

Chicago's seventh place Cubs showed some of Frankie Frisch's Fordham Flash as they jolted the World Champion Yankees, 5-2, yesterday in Phoenix, Ariz.

Penn State's all-time record in 43 years of intercollegiate wrestling shows 200 wins, 51 defeats, and 9 ties.

IM Schedules Sent Out

Schedules for the intramural volleyball handball doubles tour-volleyball and handball doubles tournaments have been sent out to all those entered in the tournaments. Anyone who has not received theirs, should contact the intramural office in Rec Hall immediately.

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Pa. Team To Wrestle Japanese Squad

A central Pennsylvania wrestling squad will attempt to put the skids under a touring Japanese team tonight at 9:15 on the Clear-field armory mats.

The American crew, made up of Hugh Perry, Charlie Ridenour, and Don, Jim, and Jerry Maurey, will employ collegiate rules against the Jap grapplers. Thus far, the touring Japs have lost only to Iowa State Teachers, fourth in the NCAA's, while tying Cornell college of Iowa, another mid-

western wrestling powerhouse. For the Americans, Perry will wrestle at 115 pounds. Perry, who is the son of the Pitt mat coach, was undefeated as a frosh grap-

Basketball Practice

Members of the varsity and freshman basketball teams are asked to report to Assistant Coach John Egli and frosh Coach Joe Tocci in Rec hall Monday at 4 p.m. for the beginning of spring practice.

pler. Ridenour, State freshman wrestling coach, will be at 125 pounds for the Americans. He was also a former three-time EIWA titlist while at Penn State.

At 137 lbs. will be the newly-crowned EIWA champ, Don Maurey, while holding down the 147 spot will be the youngest of the wrestling Maurey's, Jerry.

The oldest of the brother act, Don, will be at 157 lbs. This weight class will be the heaviest one in competition.