

The Lion's Lair

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Will Frosh Help Varsities?

Just what effect will the Eastern College Athletic Conference's ruling declaring freshmen eligible for varsity sports have on Penn State teams?

At the present, it's a hard question to answer. In all probability, frosh athletes will not help the major sports at Penn State during the one year that the ruling is in effect.

It would take a darn good frosh footballer to break into Rip Engle's varsity squad next year and the same goes for cross-country's boxing, wrestling, and basketball.

Engle's grid squad faces one of its toughest schedules in years, including games with Michigan State, Purdue, Villanova, Pitt, and Syracuse. Rip will need all the experienced men he can get his hands on. Frosh are not blessed with college football experience.

Cross-country coach Chick Werner and wrestling coach Charlie Speidel are very doubtful whether freshmen will help them in their respective sports. After all, Werner is coaching the defending NCAA champs and Speidel the defending Eastern champions.

The Lion boxing squad finished second in the Easterns last season and things look pretty rosy for Coach Eddie Sulkowski for the next ring season—barring losses via the draft.

Basketball looks to be in the same shape with four lettermen and a couple of near-letter winners returning to the fold. But basketball could be an exception, if only for the fact that more basketball players will go to college than will boxers or cross-country men.

Most of the State coaches

agree that making the frosh eligible for varsity competition came just a year too late as far as Penn State is concerned.

Just think what a pleasant problem Speidel would have had worrying where he could fit in Jerry Maurey and Dick Lemyre, two freshmen matmen who competed in the Pan-American games.

Or what Ollie Sax, Jimmy Finn, Red Hollen, Pete Judd, John Milsom, and Dan Lorch could have done for Chick Werner's track squad?

Or how far frosh golfer Rod Eakin, who fired a 67 on the college golf course last week could have gone in the Eastern tournament?

But those are just pipe dreams. Chances are good now that there will be no freshman schedules next year in any sport. It will mean that most of the frosh won't see any game competition at all next year.

Penn State's athletic program is rapidly approaching a parallel of that present during the war.

How will it affect the caliber of the teams?

That's a question we don't know how and won't attempt to answer. Only time will tell.

Joe Page Released By Yankees

NEW YORK, May 16 (AP)—Joe Page, former fabulous relief pitcher of the New York Yankees, was the surprise leader of a group of players receiving the axe today as the major leagues rushed to get within the 25-player roster limit before tonight's midnight deadline.

Others Released

Others who were released, retired, optioned or sold outright to the minor leagues included Max Peterson and Billy Martin, Yankees; Earl Mosser, Brooklyn; Charlie Bowers, Jack Brittin and Ed Sanicki, Phillies; Steve Bilko, Cardinals; Hal Daugherty, Detroit; Tom Saffell and Monty Basgall, Pittsburgh, and Dick Littlefield, White Sox.

All but three clubs had pared down to the limit hours before the deadline. The Philadelphia Athletics must drop two, the Cardinals two, the New York Giants one.

Surprise Move

Page's release came as a surprise. The 33-year-old lefthander was released outright to Kansas City, an American Association farm club of the Yankees. Peterson, a 27-year-old righthander, was returned to Toronto, the club from which he was drafted last November. Neither he nor Page pitched to a batter this season.

9 Tennis Teams Advance In IM Tournament

Second round tennis doubles play continues in high gear as nine more teams advanced into qualifying positions, needing only one more victory to gain the quarter finals.

Dick Zucker and Bob Kauffman, Phi Sigma Delta, defeated Bob Amole and Guy Warman, Alpha Sigma Phi, 6-0, 4-6, 6-1. Ed Lefkowitz and Stan Lustgarten, Beta Sigma Rho, downed Al Wright and Ted Young, Alpha Gamma Rho, 6-2, 7-5. Don Van Erp and George Hamilton, Delta Sigma Phi, beat Stan Myers and Al Youngerman, Pi Lambda Phi, 7-5, 4-6, 6-4.

Fred Black and Kent Wittenberger, Sigma Pi, beat Jack Jantzer and Dick Teubert, Phi Kappa Tau, 6-3, 5-7, 6-2. Vic Lynch and Gordon Stroup, Beta Theta Pi, beat Mike Dzurenda and Ernie Hartsky, Triangle, 6-2, 6-1.

Gil Welsh and Dick Spare, Delta Tau Delta, downed Bob Patton and Jim Huber, Phi Gamma Delta, 6-4, 6-3. Harry Kaufman and Jerry Brand, Phi Epsilon Pi, beat John Wagner and Jim Class, Acacia, 6-2, 6-2. Dez Long and Horace Ray, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, defeated Jerry Weisman and Gene Benamy, Sigma Alpha Mu, 6-0, 6-1. Ray Koehler and Fred Howell, Pi Kappa Phi, defeated Wil Kephart and Bill DZurko, Sigma Phi Alpha, 6-2, 6-2.

Stickmen Play At Ithaca Sat.

Penn State's lacrosse team will seek to repeat a victory of last year when it journeys to Ithaca College to face the Bombers Saturday.

Last year, Coach Nick Thiel's crew came through with a relatively easy 10-4 decision. Co-captain Bob Louis paced the Lions in that match with four goals.

The Penn State victory over the New Yorkers was justified later when the national rankings later placed State 19th while the Ithacans were down the ladder in 32nd spot. Ithaca's record last year was an unimpressive 2-3.

Seek 104th Win

The Nittany Lions will also be after Penn State's 104th lacrosse win. And if last week's game with the Maryland Lacrosse Clubs is any indication, then Thiel's squad should win handily. However, Penn State has been an "up and down" team as contests with Loyola of Baltimore, Syracuse, and the Maryland Lacrosse Club have shown.

Against Loyola, Penn State played standout ball for three quarters. Then the roof caved in and the Baltimoreans came from behind to win, 14-12. In the Syracuse contest, State played well except in the shooting department where Thiel's squad hit on only 20 per cent of its shots.

Top Form

The Lions displayed top form, on the other hand, in last week's game with Maryland. State clearly outfought and outplayed the visitors from south of the Mason-Dixon line.

Thus, Thiel and Assistant Coach John McHugh will have their hands full in trying to keep the Lion spirits high for the Ithaca contest as there seems to be a slight tendency for any ball club

to "slump" a little after a win over a topflight club.

After the Ithaca contest, State will travel to Hobart and Cornell on following Saturdays. Hobart will undoubtedly give the Lions trouble since it has already swamped Cornell twice. Hobart has also defeated Ithaca, 16-0.

Louis-Savold Fight Changed

NEW YORK, May 16 (AP)—The Joe Louis-Lee Savold fight was made a 15-round affair today. When the fight originally was announced it was a 12-round bout.

The former world champion meets Savold, listed as the world heavyweight in Britain, in the New York Polo Grounds on Wednesday night, June 13. The change was made at the request of Savold.

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250 Yard Driver Can Cash In On Pro Golf

By WHITEY MARTIN
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NEW YORK, May 16 (AP)—So you got hold of that tee shot real good, hey? Must have carried a good 250 yards. Straight down the middle, too.

Well, if you did, you're wasting your time keeping books (no, not that kind of books) or selling insurance or running a bank, or even as a plumber.

You can step right out and cash in on the golf tournaments, as only a handful of the better pros consistently get more than a 250-yard carry on their drives.

Booby-Trapping Course

Robert Trent Jones, the golf architect who is booby-trapping the Oakland Hills course at Birmingham, Mich., for the National Open made tests recently to determine just how long the stars are off the tee. Contrary to general belief he wasn't trying to figure just where the balls landed so he could put a trap there.

"I discovered that the average carry of the entire field in the open championships in which I made the tests was approximately 240 yards," he says. "Better than 10 players carried 250 yards, and scarcely anyone in the field carried less than 230 yards."

Start at 230

"Therefore, trappings up to 230 yards from the tee are of no penal value, so at Oakland Hills we have placed the traps starting at the 230-yard mark."

Jones explains that the trapping is flanked on both sides of the fairway except where natural features make the trapping unnecessary.

"We also have some positional or strategic trapping in the center or just off center of the fairway which forces the player to position his shot accurately from the tee," he adds.

Those centered traps wouldn't worry us at all, but we'd really squawk if they started putting traps in the woods and heavy rough where we go big game hunting after practically every shot.

Meyer Leaves Hospital

PITTSBURGH, May 16 (AP)—Manager Billy Meyer of the Pittsburgh Pirates left Presbyterian Hospital today after undergoing a physical checkup.

Meyer is A-1 in Branch Rick-ey's book.

Speaking before the Allegheny County Pittsburgh Medical Association, the general manager and vice president of the Pirates termed Meyer "a good manager, a great manager."

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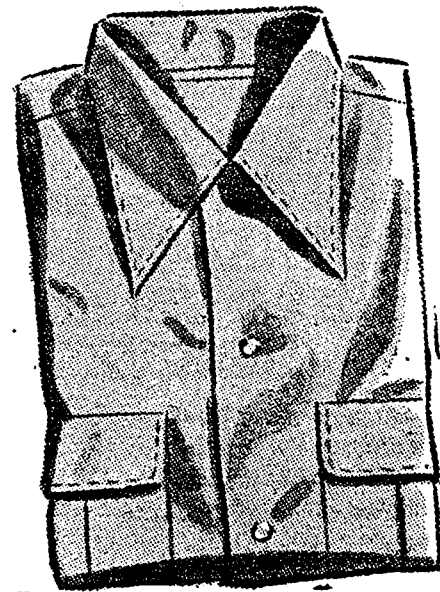
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