

The Nittany Realm Athletic Advisory Board's Influence Felt In East

By BOB SCHOOLEY

With the Athletic Advisory board raising all kinds of a rumpus in Eastern football circles it's about time we set down our views on the matter.

Recently, INS Sports Editor Harry Grayson, said that Penn State was on the wrong side of the fence in trying to stop the platoon system and abolish Spring football practice.

Grayson, whose column is published in newspapers throughout the country, said that the colleges with mucho football players should have Spring drills; and further: he suggested that these teams should, in his opinion, have several teams. He proclaimed that a college; he cited Notre Dame as an example, should have an A, B, and C team and each team would be playing on any given Saturday. Personally, we think that Mr. Grayson is a little off the beam on this score. Could you imagine picking up a Sunday paper and reading accounts about two or three different teams from one school?

Fantastic

We think that the proposal by Grayson is just a mite too fantastic to swallow. One thing that worries us is, does he really mean it?

The Athletic Advisory board has been getting responses from Eastern colleges favoring the plan. They generally go along with the idea that over-emphasis of football is "injurious to the general health of college athletics." The board has sent out letters to the 91 members of the Eastern College Athletic conference through Dean Schott's office. Schott is head of the School of Physical Education and Athletics.

We will go along with the Athletic Advisory Board all the way. With big-time college football now in vogue, it is very possible that college football teams will be subjected to scandals just as college basketball was last year.

I suppose you might say we're being mighty naive and old-fashioned about the whole thing, but there is no satisfaction in scores such as powerful Army rolled up against little Davidson and New Mexico last season. Colleges that can't or won't subsidize football players have no business playing football, the way the game is being played today.

Price Too High

And the teams that do give their football players everything from tuition to convertibles are finding that the price is too high to pay. Most of them are losing money every season. It is true that football pays the freight for almost every other sport at many colleges, but we can't see how they are going to pay the tab for these sports when they are going to be losing money on their major sport.

Present-day football is exacting too high a price, financially and scholastically, and we think that the Athletic Advisory board has taken a step in the right direction in leading the way to the abolition of the spring practice and the platoon system.

Over 50 Enter Golf Tourney

The summer sessions golf tournament has already started with a total of over 50 golfers entered.

Bob Rutherford, in charge of the tourney, said that all 50 linksmen have qualified for the tournament. The best qualifying rounds was turned in by Ray Artz and Jack Harper. They both had scores of 71 for the 69 par course. Artz was on the College golf team last year while Harper is a former Central Counties golf champ. Sherm Fogg, Penn State tennis

coach, qualified with a score of 72.

Rutherford has divided the golfers into three flights of 16 each. He said that the first match for each golfer would have to be completed by Saturday.

The golf tournament is open to faculty and student divot diggers. Rutherford said that some very good players were participating in the tourney this year.

The winners and runner-ups in each flight will receive ball prizes for their efforts.

High Scoring Games In Summer Softball League

The Summer Session softball league got under way last week with high scores the order of the day.

The Rockets beat Mu Lambda, 19-9, and later in the week slugged out a 25-5 victory over the Woodchoppers. The Woodchoppers had lost previously to the Beaver House by a score

of 13-8. In other league competition, the Doodlers beat the Wonders, 11-5.

The softball league will continue action this week with games to be played on the golf course field.

In other summer recreation activities, tonight another outdoor movie will be shown. The feature production is "Great Guy" starring Jimmy Cagney. The film is slated to start at 9 p.m. on front campus at the Pugh street gate. So far all of the movies have been shown in Schwab auditorium because of rain or threatening weather.

Fun Night

Friday night will be the first Fun Night for the summer session. It will be held in Rec Hall and will feature volleyball, badminton, dancing, ping pong, and cards. There is no admission charge. C. M. "Dutch" Sykes, recreation director, said.

Saturday night from 9 to 12 a square dance is scheduled for the TUB. Fred Hartwick will be the caller and admission is free. Sykes said that all dances at the TUB have been well attended. He estimated that between 250 and 300 people attended the dances last week.

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Old American Game Finally Comes Of Age

Lacrosse, the granddaddy of American sports, has finally come of age on the college campus.

Nick Thiel, twice named "the man who did most for lacrosse," is authority for the statement that the old Indian game has arrived as an intercollegiate sport.

Thiel, former all-America player at Syracuse University and Penn State's head coach for the last 17 years, believes the transition, which has been underway since 1945, became complete in 1951.

For support, he points to the sensational postwar growth of the sport, increased attendance, higher scores, and better coaching.

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Whereas the cream of the college crop once was concentrated in the "Big Five" consisting of Army, Navy, Johns Hopkins, Maryland, and Princeton, the elite of college lacrosse now includes Duke, Virginia, R.P.I., Washington College, and Loyola. And the field of national title contenders is growing steadily.

The North-South all-star game was started in 1940 as an experiment and, since 1946, has become an annual fixture and within recent years has attracted crowds as large as 10,000.

Satisfy Thiel

Because the South, notably schools in the Baltimore area, long have dominated the game, the North's success in recent years has been a source of satisfaction to Thiel and others who have worked for years to win acceptance of the sport by Northern institutions. The South has won only one game of the series since 1945.

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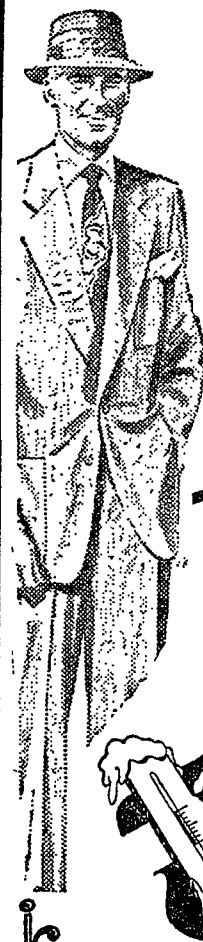
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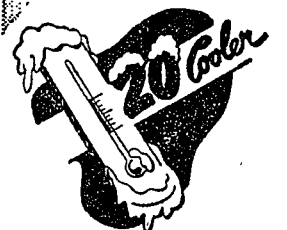


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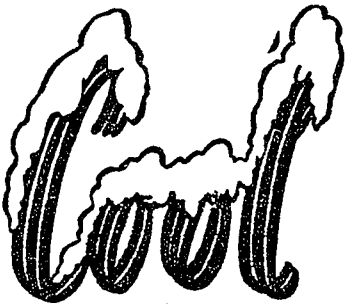
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