

Nick Liotta, Villanova Guard, Found Dead in Dormitory

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 28—(AP)—Nick Liotta, star football guard for Villanova College and a top-ranking All-American candidate, was found dead today in the basement of his dormitory.

Radnor Township police reported that a coil of telephone wire was twisted about Liotta's neck and that his body, clad

only in the top part of his pajamas, lay beneath a strip of piping.

The Delaware County coroner's office investigated but did not immediately fix the cause of death.

The 22-year-old Liotta, a resident of Everett, Mass., already had been chosen on the Football Writers' Association All-America team selected for Look Magazine and on the Associated Press All-Pennsylvania team.

Cancel Game

Teammates reported that he had seemed despondent after Villanova lost, 20-13, to Boston College at Boston two weeks ago. They said his depression increased when Villanova was shellacked, 45-7, by Louisiana State last Saturday.

Late today, Villanova authorities announced that the college's scheduled football game at Tulsa Saturday has been cancelled. It was the final contest on a 9-game schedule. Villanova has won 5, lost 3.

Villanova is known as the most-travelled college football team in the country. Its games this year had taken the squad to Army, Alabama, Kentucky, and Houston in addition to Boston College and Louisiana State.

There were only two "home" games, against Detroit here and Penn State at nearby Allentown, Pa.

Liotta, a 225-pounder who was co-captain of his team, was the most active of the college's players. Despite the fact that his coach, Art Raimo, employs the platoon system, Liotta was used the full 60 minutes, playing both offense and defense.

Liotta was last seen alive at 6 a.m. this morning by his roommate Dan Simeone, who told police that he saw Nick leave the room clad only in his pajama tops.

After Liotta had been reported missing, a search was instituted. His body was found at 12:15 P.M. by John Nevin, the team trainer.

Chosen For East

One college official said that Liotta suffered from nervous exhaustion several days ago and that he had not been expected to make the trip with the team to Tulsa.

Liotta already had been chosen to play with the East team in the annual East-West Shrine Game at San Francisco Dec. 29.

Liotta entered the service after graduation from Everett High and served with the Army in Japan. He entered Villanova in 1948 at the suggestion of Raimo, then backfield coach.

Nick's teammates said the big guard was "the life of the party" on their many long trips. They said that he always appeared to be a happy-go-lucky sort who usually managed to keep the team in good spirits.

But, they said, Liotta appeared "to take it to heart" when Villanova's early three-game winning streak over Army, Penn State, and Alabama—was broken by Kentucky.

His spirits seemed to perk up when Villanova rallied to defeat

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PSCA Will Hold Assembly Tonight

This semester's Penn State Christian Association assembly will be held at 7:45 tonight in 304 Old Main.

Based on the New England town meeting idea, the assembly is an open meeting where all PSCA members have a chance to help formulate policy and plans for next semester.

Boxing Candidates

Freshmen and sophomores who wish to tryout for the varsity boxing team will report to the boxing ring in Recreation Hall at 11 a.m. Saturday.

U.P. Names Pollard

Bob Pollard, Penn State back, received honorable mention on the United Press All-American football team yesterday.

Soccer Team Will Miss Ron Coleman

By TOM SAYLOR

With the loss of only Captain Ron Coleman via graduation this year, soccer Coach Bill Jeffrey is probably all smiles as he awaits next year's season.

Coleman will be a hard man to replace, however, as the crew-cut St. Louisan led the team in scoring this season with 11 goals, five more than runner-up Jack Pinezich, center forward.

Coleman, a second team All-American selection last year, seems a good bet to repeat this year by virtue of his scoring and excellent ball handling.

Promising Frosh

Outside of Coleman, State will have the same men back next season, with the possible exception of Jay Simmons, left full-back, who might decide to complete his pre-veterinary course in three years.

Should Simmons decide, however, to make it a four-year course, then the Lions will have another seasoned man available. Also back for another campaign will be Paul Dierks, a freshman, who showed great promise playing along side of Simmons.

Strong Up Front

Jeffrey will also have halfbacks Frank Follmer, Kurt Klaus, and Jack Charlton returning. Klaus and Follmer played some outstanding ball offensively and defensively for the Lions. Charlton also kept up with his teammates as he played good ball for Jeffrey.

Up front, State will have wingmen Bill Noreik, Charley Snyder, and Hap Irvin; center forwards Jack Pinezich and Don Shirk; and inside rightman Ellis Kocher available for duty next year.

The big gap left by Coleman will have to be filled and Pinezich, who started originally at inside right this year, might be the man.

Two sophomores will be the backbone of the goal tending spot next year. Bob Harris and Jack Krumrine will both return.

College of Pacific Accepts Bowl Bid

STOCKTON, Calif., Nov. 28—

(AP)—College of the Pacific today accepted an invitation to play in the Sunbowl football game at El Paso, Tex., New Year's Day.

Director of Athletics Earl R. Jackson, who made the announcement said the Board of Athletic Control acceded to the request of the C.O.P. players

Pacific will meet the winner of the Border Conference title, to be decided Saturday between Texas Tech and Hardin Simmons. Pacific defeated Hardin Simmons 33-7 in its opening game

Two ATO Boxers Cop Victories

By GEORGE BAIREY

Nine IM boxing matches, all fraternity and ranging from the 135-pound class to the heavyweight, were fought yesterday in the second day of the 1951 tournament.

Alpha Tau Omega advanced two men into the next round, one in the 145-pound division and one in the 155-pound class. John McCall pounded out a three-round decision over Terry Greenfield, Sigma Phi Alpha, in the 145-pound division and Lou Gomlick took just one round to get to Bob Pawloski, Kappa Sigma in the 155-pound bracket.

Heavyweight Battle

McCall unloaded sharp, powerful, left hooks to the head throughout the bout that kept Greenfield back-pedaling. A booming right cross sent Greenfield down in the final round. Gomlick caught Pawloski seconds before the bell in the first round with a rushed flurry of punishing blows to the head and body. After a quick examination during the rest period, referee Eddie Sulkowski refused to let Pawloski come out for the second round.

The lone heavyweight match of the card found Pi Kappa Phi's Gene Wille scoring on more toe-toe flurries and getting a decision over Bill Wolfe, Lambda Chi Alpha.

Darcy Wins

In the two 165-pound bouts fought, Rudy Mion, Phi Kappa Tau, and Don Frey, Beta Theta Pi, advanced on the merit of close decisions. Mion edged Jim Hancock, Phi Sigma Kappa, while Frey outpointed Jim Nelson, Theta Chi.

Jim Darcy, Phi Kappa Psi, started fast and pressed the larger Dick Headlee, Chi Phi, all the way for the decision in a 135-pound division.

In a 145-pound go, Glenn Wiggins, Alpha Gamma Rho, although blood-smeared at the final bell, got the nod over Delta Upsilon's Dick Wilson in a close bout.

Many Forfeits

John Bristor, Phi Gamma Delta, and Richard Moran, Sigma Nu, advanced in the 155-pound division. Bristor stopped Robert Wilkins, Tau Phi Delta in 55 seconds of the third and final round. Bristor's sharp left jab, mixed up a deadly right, dominated the bout. Moran southpawed his way to a decision over Tau Kappa Epsilon's Ed Gruber. Moran's portside offerings kept Gruber off balance and netted the first-round victory.

Forfeits included James Stanley, Lambda Chi Alpha to Don McCormick, Tau Kappa Epsilon, in the 175-pound division; Wally Kreiger, Delta Chi, to Sil Cerchie, Tau Kappa Epsilon and Joseph Rusnak, Phi Kappa Phi, to Frank Rich, Sigma Chi, both in the 165-pound brackets; Fred Lipka, Phi Kappa, to Fred Brown, Delta Tau Delta, in the 155-pound class; Allen Halle, Kappa Alpha Psi, to William Alich, Alpha Chi Rho, and Donald Schlegel, Triangle, to Andy Schoerke, Pi Kappa Alpha, both in the 135-pound division. An independent forfeit in the 135-pound class found Richard Cassel advancing over Roy Angst.

Two New Hoopsters Ease Bench Worries

By DAVE COLTON

Nittany basketball mentor Elmer Gross is busy this week trying to indoctrinate two new candidates into his offensive and defensive patterns.

The additions to his varsity basketball squad are Jesse Arnelle and Jack Sherry, who finished football and reported for hardwood duty recently. Arnelle, six foot-five inch freshman from New Rochelle, N.Y., could add some height to an already tall team. Sherry joined the freshman team last season in February and developed into one of the outstanding frosh players. Gross calls him a "potentially high scorer."

Could Solve Problem

If these two men can develop fast enough to help the team in its opener with Ithaca College Wednesday, some of Gross' reserve problems will be solved. In practice drills the Lions have been using the fast-break more than in previous years, but the one thing lacking has been overall team strength.

The five returning lettermen are still the tentative starting lineup for Wednesday's cage inaugural. Co-captain Hardy Williams and Joe Piorkowski are the guards; Co-captain 'Tiny' McMahan, center, and Herm Sledzik and 'Whitey' Makarewicz, forwards.

Many Newcomers

The reserves are all newcomers. Besides Arnelle and Sherry there are four freshmen and a sophomore in the top 12. Ed Haag, a soph from California State Teachers, is one of the promising reserves. Frosh candidates are Jim Blocker, Frank DeSalle, Jim Hill, and Ronny Weidenhammer. Blocker and Weidenhammer figure most in Gross' plans. Weidenhammer was a standout for Kutztown's Class B champions last year. Blocker is a six foot-three inch cager from Philadelphia.

The Lions play three of their 24 games before Christmas vacation. After the Ithaca lidlifter,

Stagg Says He'll Be Back

SELINGSGROVE, Pa., Nov. 28—(AP)—Amos Alonzo Stagg left here today for his Stockton, Cal., home, promising his Susquehanna University football team, "I'll be back next year."

The 89-year old dean of American football coaches completed his 62nd year in collegiate coaching this month with an unbeaten season at the small Central Pennsylvania institution.

The white-thatched Stagg, who has assisted his son, A. A. Stagg Jr., here for the past five years, boarded a train with a rousing speech to his team.

"It's been a fight this year and with nine men graduating it will be a bigger fight next year," the elder Stagg told the boys. "But I'll be back next year."

they play Bucknell in Rec Hall, Dec. 12, and journey to Washington & Jefferson, Dec. 15. The team will also be one of four participants in the Steel Bowl tournament in the new Pitt Fieldhouse, Dec. 27-28. Virginia, Michigan, and Pitt are the other entrants.

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