

The Lion's Lair

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The story that appeared in the Temple News last week, exposing what the paper calls, "one of the biggest doublecrosses since the day Benedict Arnold sold out his country," came as no surprise.

There had been rumors floating around that a few Temple players were giving Bill Mlkvy the works two weeks before the story broke in Temple's student publication.

The "rumor," as we heard it, described Mlkvy, an All-American selection last year, as a fellow very conscientious about his studies. It seems that the six foot four inch "Owl Without a Vowel," because of his studies, only got out to practice a couple of times a week.

A few of his teammates, the story goes, resented the fact that while Mlkvy didn't practice a lot he still seemed to gather in all the glory. When Mlkvy did not get out to practice a few of the other players would taunt him with, "Shoot All-American," or when he made a mistake, "What's wrong All-American?"



We don't know how much truth there is to this story, and at first we likened it to the proverbial "mountain out of a molehill." But now the "rumor" takes on a new lustre.

Since the story broke we've heard various interpretations, some good, some bad. One described Mlkvy as an All-American who knew he was an All-American; in other words, the spoiled star type. This story is a little hard to believe when you look at the national statistics and find Bill Mlkvy's name among the leaders in assists.

Last season, Mlkvy scored 731 points, established a new inter-collegiate record by averaging 29.2 points per game, and was second in the nation in assists.

If Mlkvy was a little big-headed, and he had good reason to be, it doesn't seem logical to us that he would pass up as many scoring chances as he has by passing off to a teammate.

The Temple News' story pointed

out that Mlkvy had taken only nine shots in the LaSalle game which the Owls lost, 75-59. The odds for making nine out of nine in a regular game are pretty high. But supposing Mlkvy had made nine out of nine, it would have given him only 18 points. (He scored seven in that game). Remember Mlkvy's average last season—29.2.

Why isn't he scoring? He's not shooting enough. "You can't score if you don't shoot," the basketball axiom goes.

Why isn't he shooting? He doesn't want to or he can't. If you averaged 29.2 points last season, scored 731, were named the outstanding college basketball player in the country by a national magazine, and selected All-American would you want to shoot? You'd be a fool not to.

Then why can't he shoot? He's apparently not getting the ball. Why isn't he getting the ball? That's a question that can only be answered by his teammates.

If Mlkvy's teammates are freezing him out, as the Temple News claims, they should be ranked with the boys who accepted money to shave the point spread, in the big scandal that swept the basketball world last winter.

After all, by freezing-out Mlkvy, they would be shaving down the point total of their big scorer and, it follows, their own team's score.

Just how much truth there is to this story we don't know yet. But this we do know. Although a little unkind to Mlkvy, as great a basketball player as he is, it would be better for American basketball if this low-scoring mystery could be attributed to an "off-year" for the "Owl Without a Vowel," a very "off-year."

Basketball can't stand too many black-eyes!

Arnelle Selected Athlete of Week

On the basis of his remarkable court play, Jesse Arnelle, six foot five inch freshman, has been named Athlete of the Week for the second successive time by the Collegian sports staff. The rangy pivot man shared last week's honors with wrestler Don Frey.

The New Rochelle, N.Y., product was a major factor in the Lion's 61-57 conquest over then once-beaten Syracuse Thursday night. The grid end held high-scoring Ed Miller to a meek seven markers, as he led the scoring parade with 18 points.

In Saturday night's 74-56 victory over Carnegie Tech, Arnelle once more paced the Lions with 23 tallies, to boost his season's scoring total to 123 points in eight games.

Arnelle is currently hitting the cords at a 15.4 point per game clip with 44 field goals and 35 fouls to his credit.

Edinboro Drops 53-44 Decision To Lycoming

A 19 point splurge in the final quarter gave the Lycoming Aviation Corp. basketball team a 53-44 win over Edinboro, last year's IM independent basketball champs, Saturday night.

The game was played as a preliminary to the Eastern League pro match between Reading and Williamsport at Williamsport.

Entering the final period, Edinboro possessed a 36-34 lead, but then the roof caved in and Lycoming rushed on to win.

Edinboro grabbed the lead in the opening minutes and held it until the final quarter. Its lead, however, was never more than five points.

Lycoming broke the game wide open in the closing minutes when Edinboro came out of its zone defense to stop a freeze employed by Lycoming. Don Gaddess and Ken Bauldin were Edinboro's top scorers with seven points each.

Philly May Get Marciano-Savold Bout Next Month

NEW YORK, Jan 14 (AP)—Matchmaker Al Weill of the International Boxing Club said a Rocky Marciano-Lee Savold bout for Philadelphia Feb. 13 is being negotiated but has not been closed yet.

Weill's stepson, Marty Weill, is the official manager of Marciano. Al Weill said that "Marty will see Herman Taylor (Philadelphia promoter) in Philadelphia tomorrow about that match."

He said that if the match is signed the IBC will co-promote the fight with Taylor.

At the same time Weill said that if Luther Rawling, top-ranking lightweight contender from Chicago, makes a good showing against Enrique Bolanos in Chicago Wednesday, he may get a title shot at Lightweight Champion Jimmy Carter this March.

Red Dawson Selected New Grid Coach at Pitt

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 14—(AP)—A new hand grasped the helm of Pitt's wavering football fortunes today as Lowell (Red) Dawson got the head coaching job at the Skyscraper University.

Dawson, backfield coach of the Michigan State Spartans, came close to being a unanimous decision. He was the first choice of athletic director Tom Hamilton and of the student body.

A veteran of 20 years coaching experience, Dawson gets a three year contract. His salary was not disclosed. A Pitt spokesman said the new coach will pull into Pittsburgh in the near future to look over the scene of his future triumphs—or defeats.

Had Chance

Announcement of Dawson's selection followed a two hour meeting of the Pitt board of trustees. They acted favorably on a recommendation of their athletic committee that Dawson be given the post.

Dawson, who is 44, could have had the job last summer by merely saying yes. But he turned it down, saying acceptance would mean giving Michigan State a very skimpy notice.

The vacancy was created last July 17 when Pitt Coach Len Casanova suddenly quit to take a coaching job at the University of Oregon. He said his family wanted to live on the coast and illness in the family made the move imperative.

Coached Bills

After quarterbacking at Tulane for three years, Dawson began his coaching career at Minnesota as backfield mentor. In 1936 he became Tulane's head coach. In 1939, his Tulane team was undefeated all year but lost to Texas A. and M. in the Sugar Bowl.

Dawson returned to Minnesota in 1942 as assistant to Dr. George Hauser. In 1946 he was named head coach of the Buffalo Bills of the All-American Conference.

John Yovicsin Selected Coach At Gettysburg

GETTYSBURG, Pa., Jan. 14—(AP)—John M. Yovicsin, 31-year-old backfield coach, today was named to succeed veteran Henry T. (Hen) Bream as head football coach at Gettysburg College.

The elevation of Yovicsin was announced at a meeting of the college board of trustees at the Union League in Philadelphia. The new coach's salary was not disclosed.

"It's going to be a tough job filling the shoes of Hen Bream but with hard work and a bit of luck, my associate—Jack Shainline—and I hope to continue the fine job Hen has been doing here," Yovicsin told a reporter.

Bream stepped down as grid coach in November after 25 years of directing the Bullets' eleven. He remained as head basketball coach, baseball coach and associate athletic director.

Yovicsin and Shainline, the line coach under Bream, had been rated at the top of a long list of candidates for the post. Yovicsin indicated that Shainline would continue as line mentor under him.

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Sport Flashbacks

February 1931... Unleashing its best brand of court play that year, a powerful Nittany five flashed to victory over West Virginia, 37-26.

Superior defensive work in a game which was closely guarded, together with greater shooting accuracy, enabled the Lions to run up a five point lead in the first half, and continue to their second successive victory.

An aggressive State wrestling team won a hard-fought match from Syracuse's grapplers by a 19-11 count. It was their third triumph in as many starts.

In one of the closest matches the Lion ringmen had experienced for several years, the Nittany boxers were surprised by Western Maryland and returned from Westminster, Md., with a draw to their credit. The final score was 3½-3½.

Exchanging blow for blow with the heavy-hitting Tar Heels, the State boxers ended the winning string of the North Carolina mittmen, winning 4½-2½ at Rec Hall.

Victorious in five previous matches, the Southern boxers gave the Nittany mittmen the hardest fight of that season. Several bouts were exceedingly close with the decision in doubt until the end.

In a struggle between two giants of the mat, Captain Ed Pearce, Nittany heavyweight wrestler, succeeded in gaining a two minute 37 second time advantage over six foot Bob Rutherford of Princeton in two three minute extra periods bouts to give State a close 17-15 conquest.

After a valiant effort to end the twelve year undefeated record of the Midshipmen, Lion boxers bowed to a superior Naval Academy team, 5-2.

Captain Julius Epstein, 115-pounder, was the only Nittany

mittman to win a bout, while Davey Stoop and Al Lewis received draws for the rest of the Blue and White score.

With a fall by Ted Reybitz, Nittany 165-pounder, over Hessney of Cornell, giving the Lions a two point margin of victory, State's wrestling squad won a 14-12 decision over the Ithacans in their New York stronghold.

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