

The Nittany Realm

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After the past weekend's meeting of the presidents, faculty and athletic fathers of the Big Ten conference, it appears that the American Council on Education's recent plan for de-emphasizing sports, has gone the way of all previous plans.

It was hoped prior to the meeting that the Big Ten would come to some definite conclusion as to what stand it would take on the matter. Instead, the conference big-wigs took no solid stand, and their most concrete conclusion seems to have been that something must be done about intercollegiate athletics.



They denounced the ACE's plan because in their minds, many of the present conference rules were more satisfactory.

The fact that the Big Ten and the southern conferences have refused to support the plan to any extent, just about dooms it.

It is impossible for the ACE plan to succeed without the whole-hearted support of all colleges fielding athletic teams.

For only the Ivy League, the lone conference to back the plan, or some other conference to accept it alone, is suicide. They would only be cheating themselves and putting their own teams at a disadvantage.

If the Ivy League saw its way to get behind the plan, why can't the Big Ten, Southern Pacific coast conferences and all the independent teams do likewise? It was after many months of waiting for something to save college sports

from their drastic downward fall, that the ACE formed its proposal. It has flaws, but it was something concrete at last. And yet, the colleges still refuse to take it in.

Since the Big Ten is a powerful body in intercollegiate sports, and more so because the committee which drew up the plan was headed by Dr. John Hannah of Michigan State, a Big Ten acceptance would have been a big thing. It may have been what the plan needed to start it rolling through the country.

But the way it looks now, the plan will be stowed away among its rotting predecessors, to die before it gets a chance to start living.

It's a Cold World

Penn State basketball teams have been "refrigerated" — but not beaten—four times by the Pitt-applied "freeze."

Workman Ruled Ineligible By W. Virginia

MORGANTOWN, W. Va., March 21—(P)—West Virginia University reported today that Mark Workman, its All-America basketball center, has been declared ineligible for further intercollegiate sports because he played in a professional basketball game last week.

Normally, playing professionally ends a player's amateur standing in all sports. However, the university refrained from calling him a professional.

The university said it also was cutting off his athletic scholarship for taking part in unauthorized post-season basketball games.

Harry Moore and Jack Shockey, Workman's teammates, also were declared ineligible for further intercollegiate competition, but neither planned to enter any spring athletics.

Workman presumably would have been on the track team. He holds the university's discus-throw record and scored more than 50 points for the Mountaineer track squad last year.

Chairman Clyde L. Colson of the university's athletic council said the action resulted from the three participating in a professional basketball game March 14 at Wheeling.

Houtteman's Return Gives Detroit 1st Division Hopes

LAKELAND, Fla., March 21—(P)—Bolstered by the return of pitcher Art Houtteman, the Detroit Tigers shape up as a first division club in the American League.

Problems at first base and shortstop, plus lack of class in the second line pitchers, probably will leave Red Rolfe's club several steps back of the leaders.

"We ought to be better than last year," said Rolfe. "Getting Houtteman back from the army should add 12 more victories to our staff."

"But we've got to hit. Hoot Evers shows signs of coming back after his horrible season. Johnny Groth never looked better and George Kell, usually a slow starter, has been hot."

Rolfe knows full well the gamble he's taking in trying to make over Wertz into a first baseman. The sturdy right fielder, who usually leads the club in homers and runs batted in, never played the bag.

The Wertz experiment will determine the makeup of the club, unless the Tigers manage a deal for a first baseman. Rolfe would be interested in Chicago's Eddie Robinson but won't give up the players the White Sox want.

Hal Newhouser, out since last July with a sore arm, is the big question mark of the pitching staff. Rolfe likes what he has seen of Hal this spring but the results are inconclusive. The final story on Newhouser probably

won't be known until hot weather comes along.

Houtteman, Trucks (13-8) and Ted Gray (7-14) are the positive starters. Freddie Hutchinson (10-10) will be used in spot jobs and Dizzy Trout (9-14), usually at his best in the spring, probably will take a regular turn. Marlin Stuart (4-6) may elbow his way into the starting routine.

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