

'The Little Man Who Wasn't There'—the Team Manager

By DICK McDOWELL

With the 1952 grid season just around the corner, Penn State students are beginning to get the feel of the "football atmosphere" in the air. In just one more week, Beaver Field will be packed to the brim with screaming students, rooting home Rip Engle's team.

In the excitement, though, nobody will notice a fellow working down at the players bench. He might be called, "the little man who wasn't there," because as far as the public is concerned he doesn't even exist. He's commonly called the manager, but to the coach and his athletes, he's a jack of all trades.

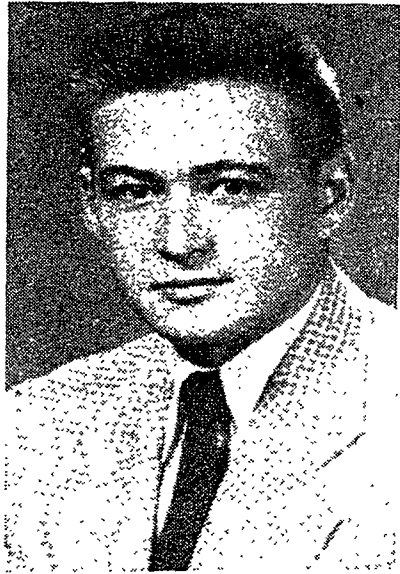
No Glory

From September until June, Penn State students have an opportunity to watch 12 varsity teams perform, and working with each of these teams are at least four managers.

When the glory and praises are given out, the managers are the forgotten men, but when there's work to be done, they are always on hand to take care of it. The manager is a big cog in the wheels of the Penn State athletic program.

Before the teams report for their initial practices, the managers are hard at work getting

Gridmen's Manager



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equipment ready and playing facilities in shape. Throughout the season they are constantly on the move supplying items for the players, lugging equipment around, and running errands for the players and the coaches. Their job is an endless one. When the

players have gone home from practice, the managers are working on.

Soph's Are Eligible

The manager, however, is rewarded for his many efforts. Athletic awards are given to the head manager and associate manager of each sport in the form of a sweater and Penn State "S." But the manager gains something more. He claims the friendship of the athletes he works with, and he has an opportunity to learn the fine points of the game with which he is connected.

All sophomore men are eligible for the post of second assistant manager for fall, winter, and spring sports. At the conclusion of each season, three assistant managers are chosen to serve for the following season. One head manager is chosen from three first assistants, and serves in that capacity the following season. The two remaining assistants, although inactive, serve as associate managers.

The manager might be the forgotten man in sports, but he is far from being the least important man. Next Saturday afternoon at Beaver Field, look behind the scenes, and you'll find another fellow playing the game—the manager.

Phi Delt's Capture IM Fraternity Crown

By TED SOENS

Scoring a grand total of 946 points, the Phi Delta Theta's repeated the previous year's history and again took first place in the fraternity intramural sports for the '51-'52 season.

Some 65 points over their nearest rivals, Sigma Nu with 881, the Phi Delt's took first place in both the singles and doubles of handball and also first in the volleyball tournament.

Much the same as last year, the Phi Delt's picked up most of their points in taking second and third places. Last year they only took the volleyball championship which they repeated again this year.

Phi Delt Ed Hoover, tackle on last year's Penn State football team, was the big "gun" in the handball tourneys. He defeated fraternity brother Art Betts for the singles title, then for the doubles he teamed with Art for that title.

The second place Sigma Nu's moved up one place over last year's standings and replaced the DU's, who dropped down to third with 848 points.

Tau Kappa Epsilon, fourth place last year, went down to seventh place with a total of 573 points. The Tekes lost a considerable number of points by dropping the basketball crown. Favored to repeat their taking of the title, they lost out when they got off to a poor start. Sigma Chi finally took the title by dropping Phi Sigma Delta, 47-38.

In the football battle, Sigma Nu unsuccessfully tried to retake the title which they had held for two years. Alpha Tau Omega was crowned the winners with an impressive, hard-fought 7-0 victory.

Repeating their domination in boxing, the DU's took the crown for the third year in succession. They also were the winners in wrestling, taking the 155-lb. crown with Bob Kecker, and the 135-lb. title with Tom Smith.

Until the final night of boxing, Sigma Nu had an impressive lead but on the final night the DU's took the crown with three champions; and finalist in four fraternity divisions. The three champs were in the 121, 128, and unlimited pound divisions.

The other fraternity winners were ATO in fourth place with 740½ points; Sigma Chi was next with 638; and Beta Theta Pi with 590.

Sports Briefs

NEW YORK, Sept. 11 (AP) — Olympic middleweight champion Floyd Patterson makes his pro debut tomorrow night in a six-rounder that has taken all the play from the main bout at the St. Nicholas Arena.

Slambang Sammy Giuliani of Stamford, Conn., and Johnny Lombardo of Mt. Carmel, Pa., hook up in the ten round middleweight feature which will be telecast by NBC. Giuliani, a colorful, 20-year-old banger, is favored at about 3 to 1 odds.

Patterson, a fast, hard-hitting Negro from Brooklyn, will meet Eddie Goldbold, a rugged fighter with a poor win-loss record. Not yet 18, Patterson is limited to six rounders.

Rocky Earns Holiday

GROSSINGER, N.Y., Sept. 11 (AP) — Rocky Marciano boxed five rounds in the heat today and earned himself a holiday for tomorrow.

After the workout, the heavyweight challenger from Brockton,

Mass., weighed only 184. That's 3½ pounds less than the poundage he carried for his July 28 scrap with Harry Matthews.

"Tomorrow you can eat anything you want," said manager Al Weill. "You gotta get back some of that weight."

Marciano meets heavyweight champion Jersey Joe Walcott in Philadelphia, Sept. 23.

Hoosier Cap't Elect

BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Sept. 11 (AP) — Fullback Eugene "Pat" Gedman, chosen as Indiana University's most valuable player of the 1951 season, was elected today by teammates as captain of the Hoosiers' football team this fall.

High Schools Open Grid Season Today

HARRISBURG, Sept. 11 (AP) — Nearly three-fourths of Pennsylvania's 800 high schools open their 1952 football campaigns this weekend with a battle between two of last year's 13 major eleven's sparking the card.

Tomorrow is the first date permitted for inter-school games by the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Little Turnover

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