

Sports Thru The Lion's Eye

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Maybe you were one of the unfortunates holed up in Red Dog, Montana or Twin Crossroads, Arizona during the summer. Or maybe the summer heat was too hot to even read newspapers. Anyway, on the assumption that somehow there was a failure to keep abreast of Penn State sports happenings during the summer, let's take an inventory of summer sports stock:

ITEM—Penn State takes third place in the NCAA World Series baseball playoff in Omaha, Neb. in its first Series appearance.

COMMENT—After 22 years of coaching Nittany baseball and piling up of all sorts of honors including a preponderance of wins, 243 to 106 losses, Joe Bedenk finally achieved one of his biggest goals—his team made the NCAA playoffs. In 1948 Bedenk had a club sweep past Rutgers and Seton Hall but lost to St. Johns 7-5 in the District II finals. But this year State neatly dodged St. Johns in the District II playoffs on Beaver Field. The Lions blasted Fordham 14-4 and then tripped Villanova, conqueror of St. Johns, 9-6.

Came the Little World Series, June, and Omaha, Jack Bedenk and his Beanstalks assumed the role of giant killers. Behind the brilliant, steady hurling of Keith Vesling—currently a righthalf candidate for Rip Engle's gridders—State knocked off Texas, one of the pre-tourney favorites and twice national champs, 5-3. The next day a bigger giant was toppled as America's No. 1 collegiate ball club, Duke, fell 12-7. State's reliever Jack Krumrine (5-1) put the brakes on a Blue Devil outfit which had won 30 out of 35 regular season games while winning the Southeastern conference and the District III titles.

With Nittany No. 2 hurler, Ace Everson (5-1), unable to make the trip, Vesling (7-3), then only a frosh, came back with only one day's rest to spin a neat 8-hitter. But his mates could only garner two runs from tourney runnerup Missouri and Keith lost 3-2. That State finally ran out of gas and got drubbed by national champion Holy Cross, 15-4, was little consolation to Duke and Texas, the red-hot favorites.

NITTANY DIAMOND DUST: Captain Bill Hopper led the club in slugging with six homers, three triples and two doubles . . . State's elite "300 club" included outfielder Hopper with .325 and two men Bedenk will be glad to have back next spring—third secker Hubie Klein, team leader with .347, and catcher Bill Leonard with .315 . . . Captain-elect for 1953 Sil Cerchie had the best outfielding average with .956 . . . Vesling hung up the lowest ERA with 2.40 per game and led the club in strikeouts with 69.

BROKEN FIELD: The NCAA all-collegiate nine included Dick Groat, current major leaguer with the Pirates, who played brilliantly on defense and hit .371 for Duke . . . Rutgers' football star who picked up eight and ten yards a clip in the 18-14 loss to State's gridders two years ago, outfielder Jim Monahan made the first team with a .404 average . . . Baylor's passing wizard, Larry Isbell, made the team as a catcher with a meal-ticket mark of .386.

ITEM—Duke's baseball Coach Jack Coombs, former Philadelphia Athletics pitching star from 1906 to 1914, retired last month at the age of 70.

COMMENT—The Grand Old Man of college baseball just couldn't keep up with the older Grand Old Man of college football, Amos Alonzo Stagg. Stagg is now a frisky 90 years old and still going strong helping his son coach at Susquehanna.

ITEM—Illinois drops six players from its grid roster because of scholastic deficiency. One of them is first team offensive tackle Jim Baughman and the other Claude Taliaferro, halfback brother of Indiana's former star, George Tally.

COMMENT—The Illini should moan. Engle lost a Dream Backfield which if not Four Horsemen, could have been four terrific ponys. Wouldn't the Nittany backfield look great today with Ted Shattuck, leading ground gainer last year, at lefthalf; plowing Paul Anders at full, Bob Pollard at righthalf and either Bob Szajna or Tony Rados at quarterback? Who could match it in the East, at the least?

Second Lieutenant Ernie Moore, former sports editor of the Collegian and now with the Air Force Public Information in Texas writes his best "for Rip and the boys and hopes to see them all in Dallas come Jan. 1." Good luck to you, Ernie!

4 Teams, 6 Individuals Win '51-'52 Sports Titles

Four championship teams plus six individual titlists established the 1951-52 sports season as one of the best in a decade at Penn State.

Cross-country led the way by duplicating its team victory of the year before in IC4A competition, while Charlie Speidel's wrestlers also repeated in the annual Eastern tournament. The basketball team won a berth in the NCAA play-offs on the strength of its 20 and 4 season record.

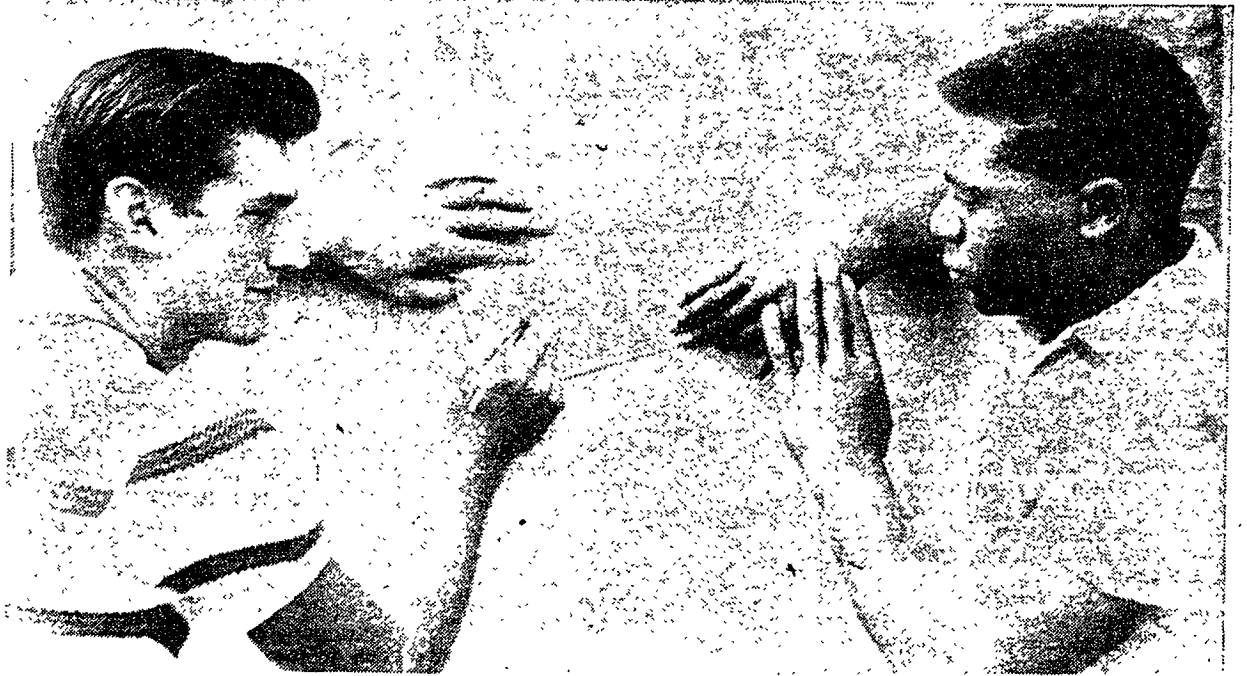
In baseball, Joe Bedenk's Nittany Lion nine went to the "College World Series" for the first time by topping St. John's, Fordham and Villanova in the District Two play-off. The Lion batsmen finished third in an eight-team field at Omaha, Neb.

Wrestling led the way in individual titlists when Joe Lemyre, of Merrick, N.Y., won Eastern and National collegiate honors as

his brother, Dick, and Bob Homan, of Wantagh, N. Y., won Eastern titles.

The title-winners in Eastern boxing competition were John Albarano, of Lilly, and Captain-elect Sam Marino, of Norristown. A Finnish-born freshman, Jean Cronstedt, won horizontal bar and all-around titles in the Eastern gymnastics championships, then took calisthenics honors in National AAU competition.

Masterminding A Touchdown Play?



BOB SZAJNA, left, leading candidate for the starting quarterback position for Rip Engle's gridders, gives his fullback Bob Pollard the straight scoop on some Winged-T strategy. Pollard is a converted right halfback who is re-

covered from a bad shin bruise which has been hampering him during drills the past few weeks. Szajna, a junior, is deadly with short passes, completing 48 per cent last year.

Jeffrey's Soccer Squad Has Enviably Quarter-Century

By TOM SAYLOR

The next time you stroll over the golf course, notice, if traffic, weather, and your date permit, the vast and varied number of athletes.

They're golfers, naturally, and not only that but wrestlers, trackmen, lacrossers, and cross countrymen.

But there's another group, too. They're up at the far end of the field. Look, there to the left. See those men running up and down a field about 100 yards in length?

That's the soccer team. It's won 144, lost 21, and tied 26 over a period of 26 years. Not bad. There's the coach, Bill Jeffrey, standing along the sidelines giving the boys the eagle eye. He usually participates in these scrimmages, but today he's taking it easy.

"Ol' Jeff" has been around in soccer—since 1902 to be exact, the first year he began playing and he came to Penn State in 1926. He's forgotten more about soccer than most people know.

What's State have this year? Just about everyone back from last year's club except inside left Ron Coleman and left fullback Jay Simmons. State lost two more men, temporarily at least, when the freshman rule gobbled up Charlie Helenius and forward Dick Matacio, two men from the vicinity of New York City.

They'll be on the freshman team and Jeffrey is thinking of entering the frosh team in the county league which starts tomorrow a week.

Defensively, State's loaded, or should be, with only the hole left by Simmons to fill up. Jeff indicated he might place Hap Irvin, a former forward, there. Outside of that particular spot, everything seems to be hunky-dory.

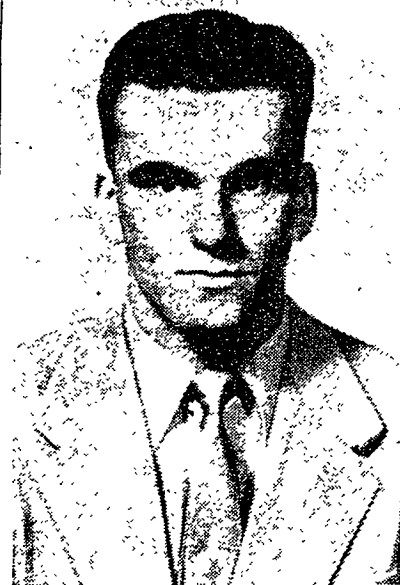
Paul Dierks is the other fullback and what he lacks in experience he makes up in power. He circumnavigates the globe everytime he boots the ball.

The halfbacks—Jack Charlton, Captain Kurt Klaus, and Frank Follmer—more than hold down their end of the bargain. Follmer was an All-American last year and can run like the wind. Klaus always gives a good, consistent game while Charlton, often overlooked, possesses a wicked left foot.

Up front, it might be Jack Pinezich's year. Pinezich had a wrenched back last year that kept him on the bench most of the time. If his hand holds up, look for some great things from the dark haired New Yorker, who will see action at center.

Then there's Bill Norcik and Charlie Snyder at wings and Ellis Kochoer, Don Shirk, baseballman Hubie Kline, Ralph Hoffman, and Gerry Gillispie—all fighting for positions at the inside positions.

Bootin' Halfback



Frank Follmer

Major Leagues

(Standings of the first two teams in both leagues include yesterday's results).

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
New York	83	57	1/2
Cleveland	83	58	8 1/2
Chicago	74	65	10
Boston	72	66	11 1/2
Washington	72	69	12
Philadelphia	72	69	26
St. Louis	57	83	35
Detroit	47	91	

Today's Schedule

New York at Chicago (night)
Washington at St. Louis (night)
Philadelphia at Detroit
Boston at Cleveland (night)

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Brooklyn	88	50	
New York	83	54	3 1/2
St. Louis	80	58	8
Philadelphia	75	63	13
Chicago	68	73	21 1/2
Cincinnati	62	77	26 1/2
Boston	60	78	28
Pittsburgh	39	102	50 1/2

Today's Schedule

Pittsburgh at Boston (2-twi-night)
St. Louis at Brooklyn
Cincinnati at New York (2)
Chicago at Phila., (2 twi-night)

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