

Between the Lions

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Mistakes are made every day and are quickly forgotten by the few people who hear them, but pity the poor sportscaster whose radio voice is heard all over the country by countless numbers of people. Their glaring errors occur in all radio sports coverage and particularly in football where the action is so swift and often time so tricky that the announcer has a difficult time telling who has the ball and who hasn't.

Probably everyone can recall a particularly amusing error that has occurred over the years. One that sticks in our mind as a good example happened during the 1949 football season. Bill Stern, famous commentator, had spent a greater part of the year telling his listeners how great Notre Dames' Emil Sitko was. In a late season game, a forward pass play developed in which a Notre Dame player received the lateral in the flat and took off down the field.

"It's Sitko," Bill yelled. "He's on his own forty-five—he's at midfield—he sidesteps a player—he's past the forty—he's over the thirty—the twenty-five—"

Just then a frantic assistant shouted in Bill's ear who quickly picked up his field glasses and looked at the field. Then, without interrupting his speech he whooped:

"—and Sitko, on a beautiful bit of fast thinking, laterals to Zilly, who takes it across for the Notre Dame touchdown!"

It had been Zilly who had caught the pass instead of Sitko, and it had been Zilly who had run the length of the field. During this spectacular run, and practically for the whole game, Mr. Sitko had been sitting on the bench.



Then on another occasion, Bill solemnly told his listeners during a World War II broadcast, how the former heavyweight boxing champion, Primo Carnera, had been put to death by the Italian Fascists as an Allied Collaborator.

Then the War ended and the so-called dead Mr. Carnera returned to America to enter the sports world as a wrestler. Bill had him on his program but made no reference to the supernatural feat that had occurred. But was his face red!

In another of "was my face red" episodes, a commentator on sports by the name of Ted Husing was telling his audience about a particularly good schoolboy sprinter named Bob Rodenkirchen who Husing thought had the makings of a great runner.

In the Junior National AAU meet of this certain year, Rodenkirchen had won the 200-meter dash, and Husing decided he was unbeatable. Rodenkirchen entered the 100-meters the following day and Husing was at the mike as Bob toed the mark for the qualifying heat. "Rodenkirchen breaks at the top

of the field," Ted told his audience at the gun. "Rodenkirchen leads at the twenty five—it's Rodenkirchen at the fifty—he breaks through the bunched runners—what form that boy has—Rodenkirchen at the seventy-five—Rodenkirchen at the tape—"

A moment of stunned silence followed then in a meek voice, Husing continued, "Ahhh—Metcalfe wins by 10 yards, with Johnson second, Glickman third, Dagle fourth—"

After that meet Husing never again touted another human animal as a sure winner.

On the other hand, is the announcer who has the players all mixed up. Take the Pirate game announcer, Rosey Rosewell. In a rather sunny day at Forbes Field last season, Rosey was describing a hard fought baseball game between the Pirates and Cincinnati. The Pirates were at bat.

"Now Kiner's at the plate—he looks at the first one for a called strike—here comes the next pitch and Kiner swings—and there goes a hard hit ball deep into center field—Kiner is chasing it—he's on his pony—Kiner's going back and grabs it to retire—"

Ralph must have a twin somewhere along the line!

Then we turn to the other part of the State where Ernie Harwell is broadcasting. Ernie's a historian and presupposes that all listeners are ignorant of, but deeply interested in the minor details of sports history.

He announces that Whitey Lockman has hit a double which struck on the left field foul line—so far so good but then he begins his history lesson—for after that he'll go on to relate who the first player was ever to hit a double that struck on the left-field foul line and that was Oswald Stranahan of the old Baltimore Orioles in 1872.

Harwell continues with a biographical sketch, explaining that Oswald had a son who became chief of police in New Mexico, and a daughter who is currently librarian in such and such a place and raises hamsters as a hobby. And so it goes!

Quakers to Host Booters Today

Eleven Nittany Lion booters will roll a log of 6-1-1 onto River Field, Philadelphia, today and attempt to record their fourth straight victory of the campaign against a strong Penn soccer squad. The match, the finale for the Jeffreyemen this season, gets underway at 2 p.m.

Lion Hoopmen Lack Polish in Practices

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By the way the scrimmages and daily practices have been going the Lions' basketball team will have a lot of polishing to do if it hopes to have a successful season. Up to date the Lions played four tilts and although they copped three of them, their playing was anything but satisfactory.

Its superiority in foul shooting and boardwork was the only factor that have kept the scrimmage slate, on the winning side. But more time will have to be spent on the ball handling and defensive work before they can be brought up to par.

Blocker Impressive
Wednesday night's game resulted in a 56-45 win over Lock Haven State Teachers College, the second time the Nittanians have beaten them. The score was tied at half time, 25-25, and only a strong second half pickup saved the game for the Lions.

The teachers put on a fast display of passing, but the advantage in height lay with the Lions and that proved to be the winning factor. Jim Blocker especially looked fine under the boards. He has shown a lot of aggressiveness in the practices and his boardwork and playing have improved tremendously over that of last year.

The Lions also beat Juniata in a practice tilt last week by 25 points. This time, the margin of victory was accurate foul shooting. Making full use of the new foul rule which gives two shots for every offense in the first 37 minutes, the Lions sank 17 of 23 shots while their opponents sank only 11 out of 27.

December 6 Clinic
Big Maurice Stokes and lack of experience in the sliding zone technique were too much of a handicap for the Lions as they dropped a 85-61 contest to St. Francis last Friday. Without the services of their big gun, Jesse Arnette, the Staters didn't have the height to cope with the 6-6 Stokes who, incidentally, Elmer Gross thinks will be one of the top players in the country.

The Lions will get another look at St. Francis on December 6 when Penn State holds a basketball clinic in Rec Hall and St. Francis will provide the opposition.

The sliding zone is a difficult

The Lion booters, hungry for a Soccer Bowl bid, hope their "log" will be a battering ram today for them, for the Quakers are by no means an easy touch. Despite the fact they have lost to Army and Cornell and barely squeezed past weak Haverford, 3-2, the Red and Blue toemen have compiled an impressive 5-2-1 record this year.

The Quakers' forward line includes two highly capable men in center forward Joe Devaney and inside right Chuck Yarnall, both native Philadelphians. At center halfback Penn boasts a fine ball-handler on defense as well as on offense in Bill Anderson.

Thomann or Mijares at OL

Today's tilt with Penn will be the last game in a Penn State uniform, excluding the possibility of a Soccer Bowl bid, for six Nittany booters: Jack Charlton, Don Dutrow, Frank Follmer, Kurt Klaus, Ellis Kocher, and Jack Krumrine.

Jeffrey will stand pat on his usual winning lineup, except Lynn Thomann will start at outside left instead of Joe Mijares if the Philadelphia weather is inclement.

The line again will shape up with Bill Norcik and either Thomann or Mijares at the wings, Kocher and Don Shirk at inside left and inside right, and Jack Pinezich at center forward. The halfbackfield of Charlton, Klaus, and Follmer remains intact.

Paul Dierks, who was a defensive standout in last week's Owl-State clash, will return to his customary right fullback position. Hap Irvin will be his running mate at the left fullback slot.

Pinezich After Record

Red Harris will start at the goalie position, with Krumrine in ready reserve.

Other than the fact that the Jeffreyemen must win today to stay in contention for the Soccer Bowl New Year's Day, today's tilt will also see Pinezich try to break the Penn State seasonal soccer scoring record of 21 goals, set in 1935 by Bill McEwan. The New York City booter needs two goals today to break the mark.

Today's Booters Lineups

Penn State	G	Penn
Harris	RF	Youngblood
Dierks	LF	Bruno
Irvin	RH	Tucker
Follmer	CH	Wilmoth
Klaus	LH	Anderson
Charlton	RO	Hallenbeck
Norcik	RI	Palm
Kocher	LI	Yarnall
Pinezich	CF	Devaney
Shirk	LO	Wardle
Thomann		Alexander
Mijares		

IM Mitt Pairings

All fraternity and independent IM boxing pairings and bout times have been mailed by the Intramural office. Assistant Director Dutch Sykes says that any participants who haven't received the pairings through the mail can pick them up in the Rec Hall office.

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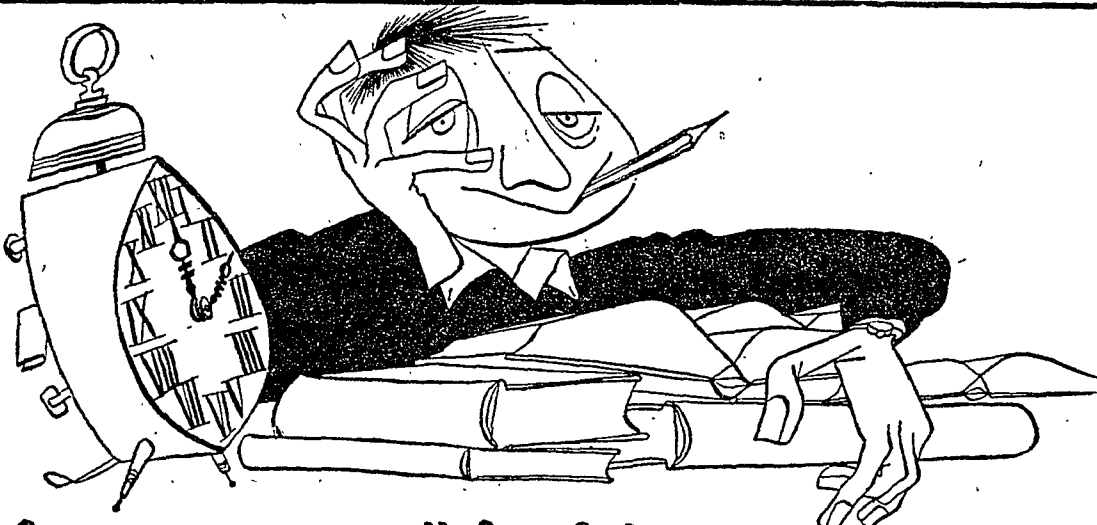
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