

Collegiate Chatter

A review of Michigan State's 1952 varsity squads:

Boxing—George Makris' leather-tossers finished as runner-up to Wisconsin in the NCAA meet, winning seven, losing one, and tying two for the season record. Charles Spieser, in the light heavyweight class, was individual national champion.

Gymnastics — George Szypula's gymnasts turned in their finest season record since the sport became part of the athletic program. They finished sixth in the NCAA meet, second in the Big Ten, and were victorious in all their regular season meets. Best performers were Bob Feldmeier on the side horse and horizontal bar, Carl Rintz on the flying rings, and Al Hannas on the trampoline, all of whom placed in the NCAA meet. Feldmeier won the Big Ten horizontal bar event.

Tennis — Second place in the Big Ten meet went to the Spartan netmen under John Friedrich. They were winners in eight of nine matches in dual play. The doubles team of Stan Drobac and Tom Belton were conference champions.

Wrestling — The Spartans' wrestlers were third in the Big Ten meet and 12th in the NCAA. The season record was five wins, two losses, and two ties. Orris Bender, wrestling at 167 pounds, was the Big Ten title holder, and runner-up in this NCAA division. Bob Hoke was runner-up for the 157-pound Big Ten crown.

Track — In their championship meets, both indoor and outdoor squads gained fifth place. The outdoor crew won three dual meets with no losses, while the indoor team was even at one and one. Leading Spartan point-getters were Jim Kepford in the distances, Charles Roland in the sprints, Henry Gills and John Corbelli in the hurdles, and field eventmen Jim Vrooman, Bob Carey, and Arnold Smith. Carey was second in the Big Ten shot-put out-of-doors.

Basketball — The Spartan cagers under Pete Newell improved their conference standing, gaining a fifth place tie with Ohio State with an overall record of 13 wins and nine losses. The starting five consisted of center Bob Carey, forwards Bill Bower and Keith Stackhouse, and guards Sonny Means and Gordie Stauffer.

Baseball — Coach John Kob's nine won 18 and lost 14, placing fifth in the Big Ten with a 7-6 mark. The Spartans won the First Annual Round-Robin tournament held at the University of North Carolina. The mound staff was led by Don Quayle, Roger Howard, and Tom Lawson. Howard and Lawson are now signed to professional contracts.

Sports Briefs

'Ash' Receives Award
NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (AP)—Horace Ashenfelter, surprise winner of the Olympic steeplechase race at Helsinki, will receive an award for "high principle and achievement" by the B'nai B'rith Sports Lodge, Lodge President Max Kase announced today.

Pirate Rookies Inducted
PITTSBURGH, Jan. 13 (AP)—Two Pittsburgh Pirates rookies reported for induction today into the United States Army. They are first baseman Tony Bartirome and pitcher Ronnie Necciai. Shortstop Dick Groat is slated for induction in February.

Turner Signs as Coach
WACO, Tex., Jan. 13 (AP)—Baylor University today signed Clyde Bulldog Turner, famed center for the professional football Chicago Bears, as an assistant line coach and named Jack Russell line coach.

Kansas State No. 1
NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (AP)—Once-beaten Kansas State continued to stand off pressure from two strong eastern combines today to hold No. 1 place in The Associated Press basketball poll.

Sports Thru

The Lion's Eye

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A touch of Bonny Scotland will enrich the Little Pearl of the Antilles for the next six months with State's soccer master Bill Jeffrey on leave to teach and coach at the University of Puerto Rico. If Bagpiping Bill manages to cart half of his enthusiasm and love for the booting game with him, the entire Puerto Rican population of 2,210,703 will be kicking soccer balls. Or, a worse consequence, they may forcefully keep Jeffrey from returning in the fall to coach the usually winning Nittany booters.

It's amazing that after 27 consecutive years of coaching soccer, Bill still gets a big "kick" out of the game. He scrimmages daily with the team and every once in a while comes up with a day like the one last fall when he kicked a goal against the varsity, no less.

Having preceded veteran wrestling Coach Charlie Speidel by several months, Jeff is the patriarch of the Penn State coaching staff. It was 27 years ago that the late Hugo Bezdek, famous Nittany grid coach, hired Jeffrey with the instructions, "You will teach science and math—oh, yes, you'll coach soccer, too." Oddly enough, today few know that he doubles in brass by teaching in the Industrial Engineering Department.



Bill Jeffrey

Probably one of the greatest satisfactions to Jeffrey in his new job is that Puerto Rico has every sport but football—for which he harbors a fond dislike. Football fans can take it with a grain of Scottish sand, but Jeff says half in earnest and half in jest: "Soccer is a player's game, not a coaches' . . . soccer has eleven quarterbacks, not one . . . The football is a hall out of shape . . . The football full-leg kick is a crime since the only real kick is from the knee. Besides, you never will find a Scotchman using a whole leg when a half a leg will do."

Whenever you talk soccer with Jeffrey, he invariably gets around to the game as played in Europe and South America. Talk about Army-Navy football game crowds of 100,000! South Americans are so rabid that 200,000, including \$2 SRO's, jam gigantic stadia in Brazil. And they talk about Brooklyn fans! Jeff says that in Brazil they have a moat around the playing field to keep the players from getting k'essed "by raving maniacs." What's more, six is the average death per game when the winning goal is scored.

Yet, Jeff can happily say that he has found as much enthusiasm among Penn State booters in 27 years as in his native Scotland. Some of the proof of the booting is found in the 150 or so former players who correspond with Jeff. It is these associations which gives the sometimes hard coaching game much of its lure and prompts Bill to quote the following: (Although not by Bobby Burns, the poet, Anny Mous, could easily have been Scotch.)

It's a comforting thought at the end of the day,
When I'm weary and lonely and sad,
That seems to get hold of my crusty old heart,
And makes me feel merry and glad,
It gets in my soul and drives out the blues,
And finally thrills me through and through,
It's just the sweet memory that chanced to refrain,
I'm glad I touched shoulders with you.

But shucks, why get sentimental. The Jolly Scot will be back next fall.

Sax, Pollard Shine In Washington Meet

Chick Werner's indoor mile relay team, led by anchor man Ollie Sax, came close, but couldn't quite claim victory in the Washington Evening Star Meet in Washington, D.C., Saturday.

Sax finished the race just a split second behind Morgan State's anchorman to give the Nittany baton-bearers second place honors. The difference between the two finishers was so slim that the official time for both teams was set at 3:28.5.

Running along with Sax for the Lions were Skip Slocum, Bill Kilmer, and Dave Leatham.

Lorch Hits 12-6
Freshman Art Pollard finished third in the 70, 80, and 100 yard dashes. Olympic runner Art Bragg won all three of the events.

In the pole vault, Dan Lorch hit 12-6, not enough to place, however, with Bob Richards and Don Laz finishing first and second. The pair also finished in that order in the Olympics. The Flying Parson is regarded as the number one polevaulter in the country and hits 15 feet consistently.

Hollen, Horner Run Well
Jim Herb, high jump winner in 1951, was eliminated after reaching the 6-2 mark in that event. It was the same story here too, as Olympic one-two men Walt Davis and Ken Weisner grabbed first and second places in the event.

Distance runners Red Hollen and Jack Horner fared respectably in their races. Hollen finished sixth in the two-mile run, and Horner placed fifth in the mile. Both were competing against Olympic performers.

Hurdler Bill Youkers was

eliminated in a preliminary heat in his event and did not compete in the running. Here, too, the competition was loaded with Olympians including Harrison Dillard and Milt Campbell.

The Star meet, one of the biggest indoor track meets in the country, was the opening meet of the 1952 indoor season.

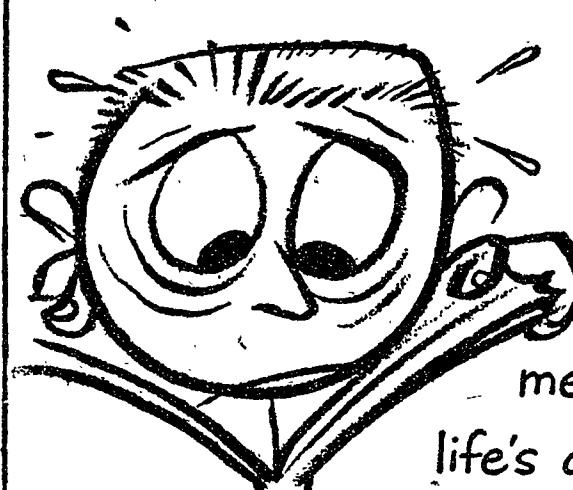
Ex-Bucknell Star Signs Chisox Pact

CHICAGO, Jan. 13 (AP) — "We have acquired the outstanding minor league pitcher of 1952," General Manager Frank Lane of the Chicago White Sox said today in announcing the signing of Bob Keegan.

"He's the 'dark horse' entry for our pitching staff," said Lane. He's not a stranger to me, having played at Binghamton, Newark and Kansas City in the Yankee chain during years I was associated with New York. Keegan definitely figures in the White Sox pennant plans for 1953."

The Sox bought the 31-year-old righthander from Syracuse after the 1952 season. In 1952 he pitched 27 complete games and had a 20-11 record.

Named on the International League all-star team last year, Keegan is a former Bucknell University graduate.



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