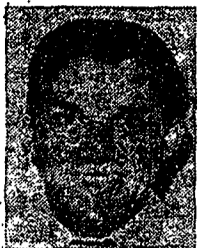


# Sports Thru The Lion's Eye

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A knee could very well become more famous in Penn State sports history than Achilles' heel in Greek literature. Certainly State's football quarterback Tony Rados and his right knee—currently as vulnerable as Homer's hero—has the possibilities for an epic poem of greater proportions than the Iliad.

Look at the background for the Rados saga first. Tossing Tony and his bullseye forward passes during the past two seasons as Rip Engle's field general completely antiquated the Penn State aerial record book. Tony's pass-mastership set a Nittany career record of 118 completions; a new Penn State seasonal high of 93 successful throws; and a single game high of 17 completions. And, if you want to pad the account, Sfeelion Tony threw eight touch-down passes, just one shy of the Nittany season mark.

These deeds immeasurably helped State to its winningest grid season since 1948. But what's more, they caught the eye of the boys who know—the pros. When you pay for play, you have a discerning eye. Such keen eyes on the play-for-pay Philadelphia Eagles have already drafted Rados despite the fact that State's bonanza-pitcher has another year of eligibility.

Furthermore, the Eagle's Coach Joe Trimble spoke of Rados in very certain terms when asked why the Nittany quarterback was a draft choice: "Simply to ice him. We didn't want any other team grabbing him before our choices were exhausted. I believe it was a sane choice because I believe Rados has the potentialities to become one of the best quarterbacks in pro ball." Trimble further said during a Harrisburg banquet last week that "Tony is what the Eagles need. It will take a year or two until he finds his way around, but I'm sure he'll have no trouble nailing down the quarterback spot from the start."

Such accomplishments and accompanying praise came to pass despite the fact that Rados played the entire season with a fractured cartilage in his knee and couldn't hold the dual threat over the opposition of either passing or running.

But a historic event last month brought "the knee" into great prominence. Suddenly and unexpectedly the two-platoon system died—a horrible squirming death to many. Rados could no longer play, as Notre Dame's Frank Leahy neatly expressed the T-quarterback's situation, "in a high silk hat and tuxedo." Rados would have to become a two-way man—a none-too-difficult feat for the rugged, easily adaptable athlete if he has a sound and solid knee.

So last week Tony went under the knife of John Hopkins Baltimore surgeon, Dr. George Bennett. The cartilage was removed successfully as it has been from the knees of major league ball players like Joe DiMaggio, Luke Easter, and Allie Reynolds. Said Bennett, who has successfully treated at least 20 other Nittany athletes, "the boy will be all right now. It was a simple operation I've performed hundreds of times."

Which is all wonderful except you can never tell about operations. Injuries can easily be aggravated and hang on like leeches. If time heals well, all may be well because on Rados' Achilles knee hangs the outcome of events which could be infinitely more important than mere Trojan Wars. It could mean an excellent Nittany season next fall and further, maybe even a bright pro career for the Steelton Slingshot.

### NITTANY GRID TRIBUTE:

Honors continue to fall to State's 1952 gridgers. In addition to Rados, co-captains Stew Scheetz and Joe Gratson, Bob Pollard, Jim Dooley, and Joe Yukica were draft choices of the pros. The Eagles chose fullback Pollard for his size and speed and liked Gratson for linebacking. Mammoth tackle Scheetz was picked by Cleveland a year ago and is expecting an offer from the Browns. Crack offensive center Dooley was nominated by the World Champion Detroit Lions and Yukica, fully recovered from the leg injury which forced him out of the last half of the season, was nominated by the Cards.

### YOU PAYS YOUR MONEY AND TAKES YOUR CHOICE:

Nittany wrestlers Dick Lemyre and Jerry Maurey, two of the quickest, niftiest, and smartest collegians existent, still brandish perfect dual meet records over two seasons. Jerry had five wins last year and with two this season is 7-0. Dick copped nine straight last year and two this campaign, giving him 11-0. . . . Two Nittany gridgers have already exchanged moleskin for khaki. Sophomore guard Dubs Haldeman, in the Army, will be missed next year but fullback Pete Shopa, in the Air Force, has used up eligibility. . . . Two former Lion gridgers are back on campus. Fran "Punchy" Rogel, one of State's all-time greats and now playing for the Pitt Steelers, is enrolled as a special student. Ed Czekaj, member of the 1947 Cotton Bowlers, is taking grad work after discharge from the Marines.

### PARTY REFRESHMENTS OF ALL KINDS

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# Lineup Changes Expected For Navy Mat Match

Charlie Speidel's starting wrestling lineup that will invade Navy at Annapolis Saturday still remains unknown. The Nittany Lion mentor, however, states he will "reinforce in spots."

"Against Lehigh," Speidel said, "we had to put the best against the best. It was all or none. For Navy we will have to make some necessary changes."

Since Navy does not possess Lehigh's wrestling calibre, Speidel is planning to move up his heavier men. These changes will most likely be made in the 130 and 177-pound divisions.

Ironically, Navy's two outstanding men are in the 130 and 177-pound classes. They are Art Jesser and Pete Blair.

Jesser, whose alternate is Ed Crane, wrestles in either 130 or 137 weight divisions. In last year's Penn State-Navy dual meet Jesser tied Captain Don Maurey, brother of Jerry. With this in mind, his Penn State opponent will have "a test" on his hands.

**Capt. Godek Leads Attack**  
Not to be overlooked is John Gattusso. Gattusso, who will tackle Penn State's 167-pound-

e., has shown much promise for the Midshipmen. Co-captain Joe Lemyre, EIWA and NCAA champion, decided Gattusso last year, 14-12.

Leading the Midshipmen's attack will be Captain John Godek, who had a 6-1-1 dual meet competition record last year.

**Lions Ahead in Series**  
Navy will be after its third win of the season, following a recent loss to Maryland. The Midshipmen were edged 13-11. Navy, however, registered impressive victories over Temple, 31-3, and Cornell, 16-11.

The Nittany Lions' 22-5 victory over Navy last year pulled Penn State one meet win in front in the over-all series, dating back to 1910. Since that date, the Lion grapplers have secured 19 dual meets in the win column while the Midshipmen have taken 18. One match ended in a tie.

In this ever-important dual meet six of the eight Lion wrestlers will be endeavoring to remain unbeaten during the 1953 season. They are Co-captains Lemyre and Don Frey, Bob Homan, Dick Lemyre, Jerry Maurey, and Doug Frey.

## Sports Briefs

### 'The Man' Predicts

BOCA RATON, Fla., Feb. 4 (AP)—Stan Musial, St. Louis Cardinals outfielder and National League batting champion, said today he believed Ted Williams could return to baseball and dominate big league batting again.

Williams, former Boston Red Sox star, is a captain in the Marine Corps and arrived in Korea Monday.

"A good hitter can go right on hitting until he's 40 or older," said Musial. "And Williams, in my book is the best in the business."

### All Bums Signed

BROOKLYN, Feb. 4 (AP)—Brooklyn became the first major league club to sign all its players for 1953 today when third baseman Billy Cox and outfielder Bill Sharman agreed to terms.

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## Mat Ducats Price Set

Four-session, series tickets for the National Collegiate wrestling championships at the College on March 27-28 will sell at \$5.50 for reserved seats in the balcony and \$4 for general admission seats in the bleachers on the first floor of Recreation Hall.

H. R. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, said mail orders are being accepted in the Athletic Association offices on the first floor of Old Main. The public is asked to include a 25-cent mailing charge to blanket the order.

"For the fan who wants to attend the four sessions (afternoon and evening of each day)," Gilbert pointed out, "the series ticket represents a real saving." Purchased individually, balcony tickets for the four sessions amount to \$6.60, and bleacher seats \$5.30.

The graduate manager said the buyers of reserved seat series will be given first preference in location. Starting times for the four sessions are 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Friday, 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Saturday.

Individual balcony seats will be priced at \$1.20, \$1.40, \$1.80, and \$2.40, in that order. General admission prices for the same sessions will be 90 cents, 90 cents, \$1.50, and \$2, in that order.

### 3 Matmen Old Chums

Penn State's three Eastern wrestling champions — Bob Homan, Joe and Dick Lemyre—all are products of Wellington C. Mepham High School in Bellmore, L.I.

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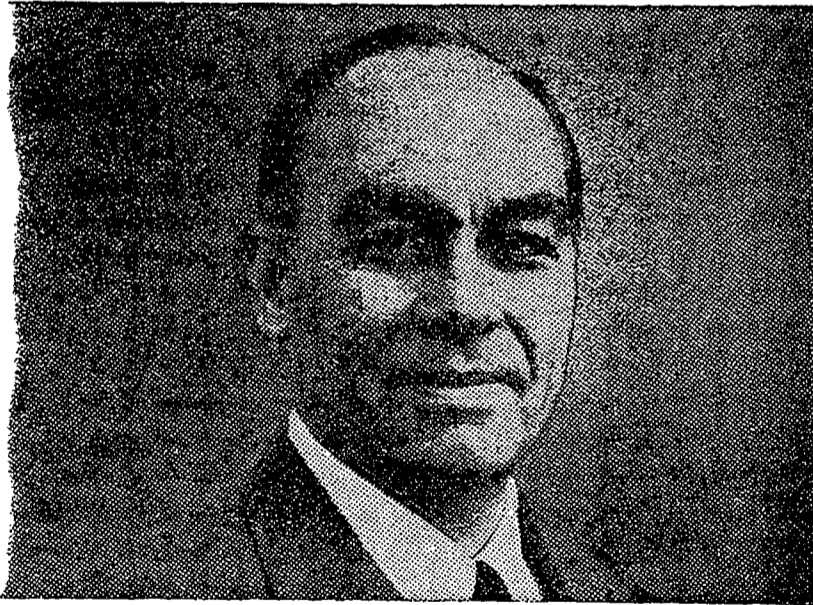
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