

'Freeze' is Frozen . . .

Sam's Song

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There was a time that death and taxes were the only "certains" on this planet. Since Monday night, however, there are officially three. That is, there will be no tactics ever employed on the basketball court by the famed Dr. H. C. (Doc) Carlson, coach of Pitt's quintet. It was Monday night while handing out athletic letters to his proteges that Carlson played his last official role as Pitt's basketball coach.

It was sad when Pittsburgh had only one drawing card among its many sports celebrities; namely the Pirates' home run slugger, Ralph Kiner. It was more sad when Pittsburgh had to have a card dealt among them at Pitt University 31 years ago; namely, Carlson, a comedian, physician-coach, among others.

Many colorful stories enriching Carlson's career and fame have seen Penn State included. One sidelight concerning both colleges which shows the confusion he created with his freeze was at Daniel F. Roy's Roundup Cafe in Laramie, Wyo., where a bunch of boys gathered. Scrutinizing the Western Union ticker for basketball scores they came upon this one: "Penn State 24, Pitt 9."

"Must be the first quarter," someone said.

"Nope," retorted another. "The ticker says final."

For their satisfaction they sent the following telegram to the Nittany Vale: "Dear Sir: Was 24 to 9 the final score of Penn State-Pitt game? Please wire answer collect."

It wasn't the first time that the colorful coach utilized the "freeze" against Penn State. He tried it in 1943 for 20 minutes, gave it the full dose in 1943, and repeated his endeavor again in 1950.

The Panthers came close to winning only once when the final score read 15-12 in Penn State's favor.

Doc commented on his 1950 experiment: "The score was supposed to be 0-0. But Penn State wouldn't cooperate. (Who would?) We did our part. We got the 0."

When Carlson brought his contingent to State College two years ago, many began to alter the statement that "everything happens in Brooklyn" to "anything can happen in State College."

"Everything happens in Brooklyn?" A baseball game never turns out to be some other game except for boxing? In the so-called basketball game between the Panthers and the Lions in 1951, Penn State fans witnessed Elmer Gross' quintet trounce Pitt, 64-44, in a Foot-Track-Base-Basketball game. Besides disagreements between players and referees, the fans booed, hissed, and hollered "fix."

The referee was even mixed in the affair more than usual. After running to break up the boys in the fumble huddle, the whistle blew even when the official tried to catch his breath. Boos after boos, cheers after cheers came from the observant capacity crowd.

A Penn State player would run near a Pitt dribbler, the whistle is blown for a foul; a repetition of boos shook the building. A hook scores two for State and cheers rock the building. Then Carlson enters into the colorful picture. A foul is called on a Pitt player. (This is too much for Doc.) As quick as the whistle sounded, up stands the furious Pitt coach, throwing a varsity jacket high into the air, controlling his temper while he turns red as a red beet.

Doc showed his displeasure at a West Virginia game several years ago. He was certain the officiating was especially bad. Before the final whistle was blown, he scooped up all handy sweat suits, gear, and water bucket and staggered with his load out to the court, dumped the stuff before the amazed officials and cried out: "Here. You've taken everything else from us tonight. You might as well have these, too."

This season, Carlson surprised the basketball world and Rec Hall fans when he failed to put on the "expected" freeze.

Carlson's basketball career had a serious side too. He was named to the Helms Basketball Hall of Fame in 1949. The previous year he was awarded a cup for making the most contributions to basketball and in 1950 he coached the East team in the East-West All-Star game at Madison Square Garden.

Although his colorful antics will be missed, we believe that his self-retirement April 21 not only aided the Panthers and Penn State but the sport itself.

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Mantle at Short?

ST. LOUIS, April 28 (AP)—Manager Casey Stengel of the World Champion New York Yankees, concerned over his mounting in-field problems, said today he might switch Mickey Mantle to shortstop.

The New York World-Telegram and Sun, in a story by Dan Daniel, quoted Stengel as asking:

"Suppose one of these days you found Mickey Mantle playing short for me? Mind this Mantle shift is nothing in the immediate future. I believe it will be another month before all of us know exactly where we stand."

Stengel is worried over the failure of Jim Brideweser to come through as a replacement in case Phil Rizzuto gets injured.

"Suppose Rizzuto failed to hold up and I sent Mickey to short with Irv Noren playing center against righthanded pitching and Bill Renna against southpaws? Wouldn't that lineup give opposition pitchers plenty to worry about?"

Stengel said he was reluctant to take Mantle out of centerfield, but he pointed out that Mantle came to the Yankees as a shortstop.

WRA Results

SOFTBALL

Kappa Kappa Gamma over Chi Omega

Kappa Alpha Zeta over Aye-See Gamma Phi Beta over Alpha Omicron Pi

Thompson will play Women's Building today

Illinois May Lose Big 10 Membership

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., April 28 (AP) A bill introduced Tuesday in the state legislature might force the University of Illinois out of the Big 10 and the NCAA, says Athletic Director Doug Mills.

The bill provides that no state tax-supported educational institution could refuse to televise sports events held in Illinois if such televising could be done without cost to the institution.

Presumably, the legislation, if enacted, would compel the U. of I. to agree to televising of its football games by any sponsor who wanted to put up the cash.

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Optimism Rules Blue-White Game

It's only football weather that Penn State has witnessed during the past weeks.

With it Nittany Lion fans will get their first opportunity not only to observe Coach Rip Engle's 1953 parade of upcoming players but the effectiveness of the discarded two-platoon system when Engle's coaching staff runs off its third annual Blue-White intrasquad game on Beaver Field Saturday.

The game is scheduled for 2 p.m., following the one-day football clinic.

In the intrasquad practice scrimmage game Coaches Bruce, Patrick, and Toretti will endeavor

to bring the Blues their third consecutive victory. Coaching the White squad will be O'Hara, Michaels, and Paterno. Paterno has been on the losing side twice.

Blue Squad Listed

There is considerable disagreement among the "over-optimistic" coaches as to who possesses the stronger and better team. Toretti, however, claimed that the White team "got all the horses."

Players selected to participate with the Blue squad are:

Ends, Jim Garrity, Leo Kwalik, Don Ryan, Otto Kneidinger, Earl Fields, and George Orboch; tackles, Jim Harding, Bill Biever, Ed Spryer, Andy Balakonis, and Walt Wampler; guards, Pete Schoderbek, Stan Prashchunis, Ron Signorino, Norm Melvin, Chuck Beattie, Bill Bucklew, Keith Horn, Chuck Sowers, Paul Halula, John Milson, and Bob Laing.

White Squad Roster

Centers, Frank Reich, Larry Lancaster, Ed Kleist, and Sam Valentine; backs, Len Moore, Allen Moore, Bill Straub, John Thomas, Francis Dellapenna, Jim Hochberg, Don Bailey, Norma Paul, Don O'Brien, Wayne Wolfkeil, Ron Younkens, and Don Bishop.

White squad selections are: ends, Don Malinak, Ed Rudler, Ralph Wagner, Howard Arnold, Jack Sherry, Bob Rohland, Bob Stephens, and George Supplee; tackles, Dan Defalco, Duwayne Martin, Bill Keegan, Gene Danner, Walt Mazur, Tom Kraynyak, and Louis Dorsaneo; guards, Ray Pottios, George O'Bradovich, Bob Urban, Francis Fedor, Ed Pasko, Earl Shoemaker, Paul Shattuck, LeRue Stellfox, and Wayne Brenni; center, Don Balthaser, Pete Petroff, and Eugene Chapman; backs, Buddy Rowell, Fred Burgeson, John Kapral, Norm Hickey, Charles Blockson, Joe Brieder, John Dubinsky, Bob Hoffman, Gerry Malatino, Joe Moore, Dick Eyer, and Bob Allen.

Lion Golf Captain

Hud Samson, of Pittsburgh, who brought Penn State its individual title in the 1953 National Collegiate wrestling championships, is the Lion golf captain.

How to Wrap Up A Date



OR
There's More Than One Way to Skin a Competitor

Once there was a Sophomore fortunate enough to have a Fairy Godmother. Anytime he got into a Dilemma, he'd call on her for Counsel. As he did two weeks before the Big Spring Formal.

"Look, Old Girl," he said, "you remember that Knockout from Miss Witherspoon's Academy who cut such a Swath at Winter Carnival? Well, I want to invite her up for the Forthcoming Festivities—but at least seven other guys are Working on the Same Project. What do you suggest for Beating Out the Competition?"

His F. G. eyed him reprovingly. "Don't be naive," she said. "There's only One Possible Approach. Whip right down to the Western Union office. Put in your bid by Telegram."

"You recommend it?" asked the Sophomore.

"My boy," she said, "a Telegram can do anything." She sighed reminiscently, "I remember a weekend I was invited to by Telegram back in 1913—but that's another story."

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Sports Briefs

Thumper Has Close Call

KOREA, Wednesday, April 29 (AP) — Communist anti-aircraft fire hit the right wing of Capt. Ted Williams' Panther jet Monday but the former Boston Red Sox slugger kissed off his second close call in less than three months.

"It wasn't important," he remarked.

Last February Williams skidded in for a safe landing with his jet afire after being struck by flak. He was hit again on Monday's mission over Channampo on the West coast of North Korea.

Davey Fights Giuliani

DETROIT, (AP) — Chuck Davey hits the comeback trail for the first time in his fistic life tonight and is a 4 to 1 favorite to tee off on Sammy Giuliani, an ex-caddie, in their 10-round bout at the Olympia.

It's be Davey's first appearance since losing to Kid Gavilan in his unsuccessful bid for the welterweight title last February—and there's more than passing interest to see if the school teacher learned any lessons from the champion.

Braves' Fans Hungry

MILWAUKEE, April 28 (AP)—Fans are so hungry for baseball here they're buying Milwaukee Braves' games tickets as fast as the club can supply them at two offices.

"I've never seen anything like it," said ticket manager Pat Rago. "The advance sale yesterday was the largest in Braves' history and it looks like we'll do as well or better today. We're having a tough time keeping up with the demand."

Gymnastics Manager

Richard S. Mailman, Philadelphia, is newly-elected manager of the 1954 Penn State gymnastics team. His assistants will be Lewis C. Wade, Quincy, Mass.; Louis S. Criden, Atlantic City, N.J., and Alan M. Pomeroy, Troy.

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