

How Great is Great ...

Sam's Song

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"Friends, students, and news seekers, lend me your ears and I shall tell you the greatest tale of the year," were the outspoken whispers of many Penn State students.

We, being news seekers, listened contentedly and heard: "Milt Campbell is coming to Penn State next year." Sure, we answered. The Nittany Vale would be and should be interested in a person who has proven his ability in sports such as track and field, football, swimming, and wrestling. So are 56 other colleges.

Then too, only a few weeks ago one popular magazine stated that America's greatest high school athlete (Campbell) lists Indiana at the top of his list among the nation's colleges.

This statement darkened any possibility that he would come to State. Nevertheless, the rumors continued to ricochet.

The U.S. Olympic decathlon star, however, proved the magazine wrong and the rumors correct when he said at Honolulu Airport Thursday he plans to enter Penn State this fall.

"I've finally made up my mind," the 19-year-old giant from Plainfield, N.J., told a reporter.

The College confirmed the statement yesterday saying he applied for admission but will have to undergo an entrance examination before being admitted.

How much can he help Penn State? Track and field? Sportswriters are beginning to say that the Lions have been a breeding grounds for trackmen. The Ashenfelter brothers alone certainly prove this fact. Sporting the Lions now are sophomores Ollie Sax and Don Austin. A bright prospect is freshman Art Pollard—better known as the Coatesville Comet. Add sophomore Lamont Smith to the list and we have a murderer's row. What do we call it should Campbell run aside these speedsters?

Undoubtedly, the six-foot, three-inch, 210-pound star is more outstanding in track and field than any other sport. Milt has only eclipsed seven of Jim Thorpe's best marks. He has run the hurdles in 14.5—2 better than Bob Mathias, the World's greatest athlete. He ran the 100 meters in 10.7, the 440 meters, 50.9, the 1500 meters, 5:07.2. He putted the shot 45 ft. 8.64 in. He threw the discus 132 ft. 10.52 in. and the javelin 178 ft. 11.3 in.

In football? For an all winning high school he tallied only 140 points in nine games, leading all New Jersey school boys in scoring. In the all-state selection Campbell headed the list. And too, he scored four touchdowns in one game.

Wrestling? Charlie Speidel is loaded with talent and Campbell could give the team even more value. However, he has had one and only one experience in this field but the achievement is so fantastic that one would be inclined to believe he mastered this sport, too.

When Abe Smith, football as well as wrestling coach, was in need of a heavyweight grappler to substitute for his regular who had been sick, Campbell volunteered his services.

Although Milt was warned that he was facing an unbeaten and one of the best maimen in the division, the decathlon star still offered his services. He only spent one minute and a half on the mat before he had his opponent sunny-side up. The loser later went on to become state champion.

Swimming? Penn State at the moment is without this sport but is most likely that it will be reinstated by 1955. All Campbell accomplished in this field was to swim on the 200-yard freestyle relay team that won the state championship—as a freshman. In his junior year he was anchor man on the 500-yard medley relay that was named to the All-American high school squad.

One amazing fact about this high school star who is on his way to become America's No. 1 athlete, is that his feats are made with little, if any, practice or participation.

Although he doesn't take part in basketball, golf, boxing, and baseball, he seems to exhibit some natural ability. In basketball, for example, it has been reported that he would pass the gymnasium during a practice session and take several shots with the varsity from the middle of the court. The enigmatic answer is he makes quite a few.

He would have been a boxer had he not gone to high school. Golf? He drives a ball 250 to 300 yards. Observers believe he would make a great baseball pitcher.

Many sports enthusiasts are awaiting the big schedule for 1955 and are looking forward to watching some of the present and upcoming stars in action that year. Campbell, should he succeed in entering the Nittany Vale, will also be the man to watch.

Well, records are made to be broken.

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Lion Thinclads Seek 2d Win Against Pitt Today

PITTSBURGH, May 15—The Lion trackmen arrived here today with that "new look," acquired when they whipped Ohio State earlier in the week. Chick Werner's men will be out to upset the Panthers tomorrow in a meet that will start at 1:30 p.m. in Pitt Stadium.

The Panthers are a well-balanced team, and if the Lions plan to make it two in a row they will have to bear down all the way. Navy, the only common foe, clipped State 73-58, and against Pitt they won 71-56. They also defeated Georgetown in a triangular meet at

Annapolis. Last year Pitt came to the College and handed the Lions a 77-54 setback.

Grier in Shot, Javelin, Discus One of the day's best battles should take place when Lion Red Hollen is pitted against Dan Sommer in the mile run. Another stellar attraction is expected in the 440 when Ollie Sax and Dave Leatham tangles with Pitt's Ray Lee, who ran a 0:49.1 to win against Notre Dame last week.

Rosey Grier's top opponent will be Pasquale Scordo. However, the Nittany star should be able to cop the shot, javelin and discus unless he has an off day.

Favored in 100, 200 yd. Dash The pole vault is a tossup between Nittany Dan Lorch and Pitt's Don Minihan, both of whom can clear 13 feet. Jim Herb should have little trouble beating Dave Christopher and Bill Ruschel.

The Panthers think that they have the 100 and 200 events tucked away with Norm Kutcher as their main claim. Wally Monahan will be hard to whip in the hurdles. His 0:14.4 in the Notre Dame meet beats any Nittany time this season, but his 0:24.5 clocking at South Bend doesn't compare to Gary Seybert's 0:23.8 against Ohio State.

Alan Gunderson in the two-mile and Bill Ruschel in the broad jump will provide some stiff competition for Lamont Smith and Ron Johnson.

In short, Pitt has few weak spots, and it will be the job of the Lions to detect these weaknesses and take advantage of them.

Baseball's Big Leagues

(Continued from page six) Giants went in front in the eighth when home-team defense went sour.

Veteran Preacher Roe, usually "old reliable" for Brooklyn against the St. Louis Cardinals, failed to extend his spell over the Red Birds today as the Dodgers toppled to their third straight defeat, 9-3.

A six-run second inning at the expense of Roe sewed up the ball game for St. Louis, who finished with 13 hits off five Brooklyn pitchers, including three safeties by Solly Hemus, who drove in three runs. Steve Bilko contributed a two-run homer, his fourth.

Cleveland at Boston and Chicago at New York were rained out in the American League.

Lion Lacrosse Men Play Cornell at Ithaca Today

The Nittany Lion lacrosse men of Coach Nick Thiel will engage in their last away joust of the season today when they meet the Big Red of Cornell at Ithaca, N.Y. Starting time is 2 p.m.

This has been a disappointing season for the Lions, and certainly, something could be salvaged with a win today. State has dropped all six games thus far, losing to Swarthmore, Navy, Hobart, Penn, Syracuse and Rutgers.

The Nittanians will be at practically full strength for the Ithacans. Defensemen Jim Dean, who missed last week's tussle with Rutgers, will be back in the starting lineup, while Captain Wayne Hockersmith, whose season-long charley-horse ailment was aggravated slightly against the Scarlet, is in good shape.

Cornell's stick fortunes have not been much better than State's. Coach Jim Smith has only eight seniors on his whole squad, which to date has lost four out of seven. The Ivy leaguers opened their season by dropping a 14-7 fray to the U. of Baltimore, after which they succumbed to Duke and wal-

loped North Carolina on a southern trip. The Cornellians then lost to RPI, and twice to Syracuse, sandwiched around a lone 8-6 win over Hobart.

Spearhead of the Big Red attack this season has been sophomore Dick Shriver, who paces the team in scoring. Connie Jones and Ed Gibson are also considered strong scoring threats, while defensively, Todd Kolb is rated one of the top defensemen in the east.

The Lions will open with a lineup consisting of Hockersmith, Dave Arnold, and Lou Girard at midfield; Dick Klein, Tom Goldsworthy and Ron Youtz on attack; and Dick Schaeffer, Dean, and Jim Hay on defense, with Bill McCollough at his customary goal position.

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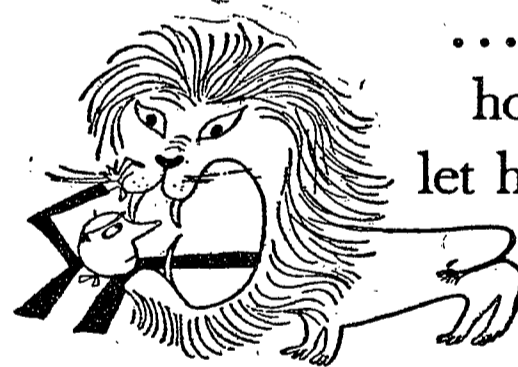
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ONCE upon a time a huge, ferocious lion escaped from a zoo that adjoined a small college. For days and days, this mangy beast terrorized students and faculty members alike by growling at them from dark places. Finally, one afternoon, word reached the Dean that one of the students had killed the lion.

The Dean was delighted, and sent for the brave student. Soon, Charlie Jones, a 112-pound Freshman, was standing in front of him.

"Did you kill the lion?" the Dean asked incredulously.

"Sure did!", said Charlie. "There I was, walking to class. It was pretty hot, but I didn't mind because I was wearing a cool, comfortable Van Heusen Van Dual Shirt with short sleeves. That smart collar looked swell with my school tie. And imagine, I only paid \$3.95 for this swell shirt!"

"But what about the lion?", asked the Dean.

"Well, all of a sudden," continued Charlie, "this fugitive from a circus leaps out from behind a tree and growls at me. This was no spot to be wearing a dress shirt, I decided, so I whipped off my tie, opened my collar, and presto!—my Van Dual became the best-looking, most comfortable sport shirt on campus. Now I was ready for action."

"Yes," said the Dean.

"So I shoved my trusty right arm down his throat, grabbed his tail... and pulled him inside out!"

"My word!", said the Dean.

"Lefty" Jones graduated Cum Laude last term.

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