

"Singing in the Rain"

Sam's Song

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It doesn't pay to gripe about a decision made by football officials or even ones that are not made by them. But when they decide a ball game, we can only feel that the stripes worn by the officials appropriately fit their nature.

Penn State lost a game it won. In fact, the Nittany Lions had everything except someone to hold onto those fumbles. It certainly was the miscues that hurt Penn State, but the blocked kick which set up the winning score should never have been.

Nor should Fred Wyant's quarterback sneak for a TD have been permitted. Movies indicate that Tommy Allman, who blocked Don Eyer's kick, was offside. Wyant was also in motion before the ball was centered and it is questionable whether he crossed the goal line. From where we were seated in the press box, it was apparent he never did reach the goal line. However, the officials claim he did.

Another interesting sidelight came when Al Abrams, sports editor of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, told Art Lewis, coach of West Virginia, that some folks thought the West Virginia schedule didn't measure up to the tough programs other big league schools undertook.

"True," admitted the West Virginia coach, "but they've got to consider that we can't compete with big schools, say like Pitt and Penn State, in handing out scholarships." (What a laugh!)

"We only have so many to give out," he continued "and naturally our personnel is much smaller by comparison. You can't play a suicide schedule without the players. Ours is good enough for the number and type of boys I have on the bench."

Whether or not Lewis was just getting rid of hot steam when he made the statement is not certain. But when he arrived at State College Saturday for the State-West Virginia skirmish, he was confronted with the aforementioned statement.

We heard that a wager was made with him that he had more scholarship aid than Penn State. He was asked to put up or shut up. He shut up, of course.

When Engle heard of Lewis' statement he remarked: "We don't have more aid. It's no criticism to the college. We have a fine institution and it operates according to the NCAA rules."

POWDER BOWL . . .

Every college is aware of the existence of a "Johnny Square," the person who simply isn't sports conscious and could have made the team. Many Johnnies are underweight or simply not equipped by nature for sports. Others are the "scholastic" type, who consider sports as so much wasted effort. Still others just do not understand the mechanics of the major team games.

Well, last Saturday morning we saw a Beaver Field added attraction—the Powder Bowl. Kappa Kappa Gamma defeated the Aye Sees of Pi Beta Phi, 8-0. And we can truthfully say there were no "Johnny Squares."

We saw female football players bring back the two platoon system: We saw over-the-head catches (Garrity type), passes of Rados caliber, line blocking that a truck could pass untouched, and even a well-executed triple reverse.

According to reports made before the game the Kappas were favored to win the first annual bowl classic. Mainly because they had the "heavier line."

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Frosh Prepare for Navy

The next and last destination for the freshman gridders will be Annapolis, Md., Saturday. And if nothing else, Coach Earl Bruce is probably hoping that his charges have better luck with penalties than last year against Navy.

The Lions lost to the Middies, 21-13, in 1952 and in doing so were accosted over 100 yards in penalties. Unlike the pro Chicago Bear teams of old, which used to be penalized 150 yards a game and still win, most college teams can't have that kind of day and still come out on top.

Gone, of course, are stalwarts Lenny Moore and Bob Hoffman, who were virtually a two-man show for the Staters last year against the Middies. But on the basis of last Saturday's game with Pitt, the Lions seem to have come with a pretty good backfield punch.

Anyone of backs Jim Lockerman, Dick McMillen, Johnny Bruno, Ray Alberigi and Don McNally can get up and go with the pigskin. Bruce was particularly elated over the running of Alberigi and McNally against the Panthers.

"Alberigi's running was outstanding," said Bruce, "and he followed his blocking very well. McNally was also a standout on our lone touchdown drive," he added.

Milt Plum, who handled most of the quarterback chores in the Pitt game, and Bill Colangelo, will probably again share the signal-calling duties in the finale.

Jay Livesey, a good looking running back, who missed the

opener, reported to the team Wednesday. Livesey had a bad case of the flu and was hospitalized in the infirmary. About the only serious casualty Saturday was center Dan Radakovich, who suffered some bad cleat cuts, and will be lost for a while.

Smith Sets Record

Penn State defeated Navy and Georgetown in a triangle cross-country meet at Annapolis recently. In the contest, Lamont Smith set a new course record of 26:40.5. The old record was held by Charlie Cappazoli of Georgetown.

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Fireballs, Acacia Are Grid Champs

The Fireballs and Acacia reign as 1953 intra-mural football champions, by virtue of their respective wins over Monkey A.C. and Delta Sigma Phi last night.

The New York Yankees aren't the only team to have a patent on championships these days, as the Fireballs proved when they came from behind in the last two minutes of play to hang up their third straight championship and 17th consecutive victory.

After a deep penetration to the Fireball's 10 yard line, a series of penalties dumped Monkey A.C. back to the 35. Here, with a fourth down situation facing them, Wes Link's pass was batted down by the Fireball's Walt Laska. This decision to pass proved fatal as the Fireballs took over on their own 35.

With Walt Laska planting the pigskin all over the field, the Fireballs marched to the Monkey A.C. 6 yard line, where Laska hit Dick Sutter with the initial score.

With three minutes of play remaining in the second half and a third championship almost in the books for the Fireballs, Doot Weidner, of the Monkey A.C., threw to Wes Link, who connected with John Valentine on the Fireball's 15. On the following play, pandemonium broke loose as Wes Link passed to Dick Gray who stunned the crowd by chucking the remaining yards to Rit Levan for the tying score. Doug Weidner passed to Eskey for the extra point.

With two minutes of play remaining, the Fireballs marched 80 yards, in true championship style for the winning touchdown. Walt Laska culminated this performance by passing to John Pepe for the winning score.

Fur flew in the second contest, as Acacia and Delta Sigma Phi hooked horns in true championship style. After a scoreless first half, the passing combination of Lefty McIntyre to John Johnson gained the margin of victory for Acacia. McIntyre completed three straight passes, completing this performance by throwing to John Johnson for the score which gave Acacia the fraternity championship. Delta Sigma Phi warmed up to their task too late in the contest to capture the coveted crown.

West Virginia Game Films to Be Shown

Students will have opportunity to see the controversial plays preceding two of the touchdowns scored Saturday by West Virginia University in a movie of the Penn State-West Virginia football game at 7:30 tonight in 119 Osmond.

The movie, sponsored by Androcles, junior men's hat society, and the School of Physical Education and Athletics, will be narrated by a member of the coaching squad. Ronald Saffier, vice president of Androcles, will show the film.

Gehrdes at Annapolis

Jim Gehrdes, former track star at the College, is at the Naval Academy and coaching track. Gehrdes set many records at the College.

30,000 See TCU Tilt

The largest crowd since the record breaking Michigan State contest two years ago witnessed the Homecoming football game against Texas Christian. Over 30,000 were in attendance.

Oops! Look What I've Got



BILL NORCIK, Penn State's outside right lineman, didn't have a chance to score here, as Duke's goalie, Pete Hochreiter, grabbed the ball outside of the net. The Lions copped their fourth win of the season in five starts, and handed the Bluedevils their second defeat of the '53 campaign, 5-0 Saturday afternoon in their first home tilt of the season.

Gridders --

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TD pass to Ron Younker. Garrity's conversion was good.

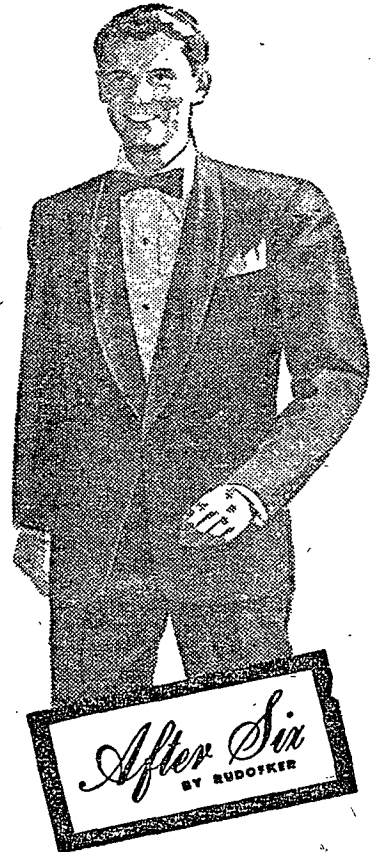
State's defense held the Mountaineers on three plays. Stone then kicked to Lenny Moore who carried the ball 16 yards to State's 36 yard stripe. Charlie "Blockbuster" Blockson broke loose for 21 yards only to fumble. Joe Marconi recovered for W. Virginia.

Penn State had less than 30 seconds remaining to go ahead of the Mountaineers, but before the Lions began their third play from scrimmage the clock had run out.

	PENN STATE	WEST VIRGINIA
Total first downs	16	8
First downs rushing	7	5
First downs passing	8	3
First downs penalties	1	0
Yards gained rushing	151	82
Yards lost rushing	85	19
Net yards rushing	116	67
Passes attempted	30	18
Passes completed	17	9
Yards gained passing	253	139
Passes intercepted by	1	1
Number of punts	5	8
Punting average	21	34.7
Yards punts returned	29	24
Number of kickoffs	4	4
Yards kickoffs returned	64	72
Number of fumbles	3	1
Opponent's fumbles recov.	1	3
Number of penalties	3	2
Yards lost penalties	15	20
West Virginia	6	0
Penn State	0	12
W. Virginia Scoring: Touchdowns—Marker, Wyant, Bosley. Points after touchdown—Stone 2.	14	0-20
Penn State Scoring: Touchdowns—Rados, Jones, Younker. Points after touchdown—Garrity.	7	19

Officials: Referee: Gerald F. Hogan, Arkansas. Umpire: John T. Kosteki, Pittsburgh. Head Linesman: David B. Fawcett, Westminster. Field Judge: Fred R. Wallace, Washington. Clock Operator: Hugh B. Conrad.

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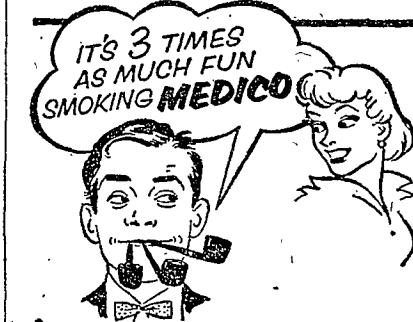
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