

Rumors Are Flying

Sam's Song

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The last rumor that aroused Penn State students came when there was claim that the Nittany Lions were going to play an all-home football schedule in 1955. This would include playing such top-flight teams as Notre Dame, Georgia Tech, Pitt, Penn, SMU, etc. This rumor was spread about like DDT and still is. We just hope these students don't hold their breath until this dream becomes a reality.

Now the students are becoming more excited about a suggested conference. A rumor? Not as far as Bud Dudley, athletic director at Villanova, is concerned. He recently stated to the press that he will make an attempt to organize a new football conference—"the Northeastern Conference."

Included in the conference, according to Dudley, would be such colleges and universities as Boston College, Fordham, Holy Cross, Villanova, Syracuse, Colgate, Rutgers, Temple, Penn State and Boston University.

The question penetrating most minds here at State College is: Should Penn State accept an invitation if and when a new football conference is brought before the College after the season is concluded?

With all the post-season bowl games except the Sugar Bowl and half of the Cotton Bowl being tied up by various conferences, it would certainly help the Eastern independent teams to collaborate.

We do agree with him when he says "I believe that the formation of a conference . . . would double the interest in football at the colleges, double the publicity on their games, eliminate schedule-making difficulties, cut down overhead expenses and create standard rules and eligibility codes."

It sure would be great to have Penn State in a conference. We have heard from reliable sources that Penn State is and would be interested in setting up a possible conference, but only if an appropriate setup is made.

We certainly feel that the conference proposed by Dudley is far from it. In fact, it would lower Penn State's standards which are increasing each year.

Penn State would undoubtedly be interested in a conference should names like Army, Navy, Penn, Pitt, West Virginia, Maryland, Syracuse, Villanova, and Fordham flash across the desks here at the College.

There is one or more drawbacks when these schools are mentioned, however. Army and Navy are understood to be national teams. That is, the aforementioned institutions feel that since they are national teams they should not limit themselves to local colleges. A conference would limit these two schools to an extent.

Penn is supposedly in the Ivy League. But most newswriters and magazines have labeled the Quakers as an independent because it has scheduled only one Ivy League team. Their alumni want the Quakers to belong to the Ivy League.

Maryland and West Virginia are in conferences. But there is that possibility of breaking away because of its low competition.

A conference could start with only six teams. However, an eight team league is much easier for scheduling. Say that a conference of such caliber as we mentioned were feasible. The league would be as strong, if not stronger, than the Big Ten.

Dudley's proposed conference is not strong enough, and also is not the best possible set up.

We agree with Dean Ernest B. McCoy, athletic director who says: "If a group of schools have the same ideals from the education standpoint and athletic viewpoint, in which they are willing to live by, then it's good for intercollegiate activities."

"It isn't necessary," the athletic director told us, "but it is a value."

Caroline Holds Rushing Lead

NEW YORK, Nov. 10 (AP)—J. C. Caroline, Illinois' long-legged successor to Red Grange, is running away with major college football rushing honors while a pair of rubber-armed quarterbacks are throwing all they've got into a bid for the passing crown.

Sophomore Caroline, already the greatest rusher in the history of the Big Ten, has sped 1075 yards from scrimmage in seven games—360 yards ahead of Ohio State's Bobby Watkins and Arizona's Ken Cardella, both with 715 yards.

Bob Garrett of Stanford and Zeke Bratkowski are the passers who are tied with 92 completions each according to official NCAA Service Bureau Statistics released today. Both have played eight games to date but Georgia's Brat is the best bet to connect on the most tosses because he has three games to play to two for Garrett.

Completes 20 Passes
Stanford's sharpshooter hit 20 of 31 passes against Southern California last week for 324 yards and three touchdowns. Garrett's performance in the 23-20 losing cause enabled him to take the lead in yardage gained with 1360, most touchdown passes 13 and the highest completion average 58.2 per cent among those who have attempted 100 or more passes.

Bratkowski, who has thrown the most passes, 174, also has had the most intercepted, 16, and is second in yardage gained through the air with 1178.

Trails Giel
Caroline has carried the ball 155 times, second only to the 158 times posted by Minnesota's Paul Giel.

Garrett, Bratkowski, Caroline and Giel are in the midst of a seven-way battle for the top achievement in total offense with Brooklyn Cowboy Joe Mastrogiovanni of Wyoming still leading the pack.

Mastrogiovanni now has 1302 yards by land and air with Garrett next at 1215.

IM Tennis Tourney Nears Final Round

Intramural tennis is nearing its final round with seven flight winners decided.

Winners are John Cleary, Phi Kappa Tau, flight one; Dick Kuhn, Sigma Phi Sigma, flight two; Fred Zucker, Phi Sigma Delta, flight four; Ed Seiling, Phi Delta Theta, flight five; Jerry Schimmel, Zeta Beta Tau, flight six; Marvin Kleiman, Sigma Delta, flight seven; and Bill Wallis, Sigma Phi, flight eight.

Flight three with Marvin Trimas, Zeta Beta Tau, and Thaver Potter, Phi Delta Theta, has not yet been played.

Balk Rule Revised

Under the new balk rule, the offensive team will have an option of taking the balk called on the pitcher or the result of the batter's swing—possibly a home run.

Irvin --

(Continued from page six) being captain of State's soccer eleven, Irvin said, "This squad is the first athletic team that I have ever seen or played for in which there is such a close bond between all the players. The members of the squad are just like brothers—on and off the playing field. It's not a fly-by-night attitude, either. Everyone is always trying to help the other fellow more and more each day."

He attributed part of his success this season to his fullback teammate, Emil Borra.

"He's really terrific," Irvin stated. "He's a jewel in any soccer lineup. In every play, he reacts as though he were reading my mind. I feel lost when he's not beside me."

Irvin, who is a member of Phi Delta Theta, said that he thought Coach Ken Hosterman was doing a great job after taking over for Bill Jeffrey this season.

"Ken has one tough job," Irvin said. "He's been terrific, particularly in handling the men on the team. If anyone had to replace Bill, I'm glad that Hosterman was given the position."

Considering the very important and equally tough assignment against Temple this week, Irvin said, "We have Navy to face first. This Temple squad is very good, but I think we have the strongest reserve bench in the nation. Boys who are sitting on the bench for Penn State could be playing for nearly any other team in the United States."

"The Temple eleven is more of an individual type ball club. What we lack in finesse, we make up in hustle," Irvin continued.

As a member of Blue Key and Parmis Nous, and one time pledge-master at his fraternity, State's soccer captain has been kept busy. During his freshman year, he appeared in the movie, "This Is Penn State."

Irvin, who is a commerce major, said, "I was picked for the role of student in engineering and in the Naval ROTC program. Why, I don't know!"

Swimming--

(Continued from page six) fell shy by two seconds of the IM record set in 1948 when he swam the free-style in 34 seconds. Smith netted an additional five points by taking the diving event. The Sigma Chi's grabbed two more firsts as Robert Vanner won the breast stroke in 41.2 and the relay team copped its event in 1:04.2. SAE's lone first was earned by William Wismer who swam the back-stroke event in 49.2 seconds.

Ping-Pong Finals Set for Saturday

The final round in the All-College ping pong championships will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday in the TUB.

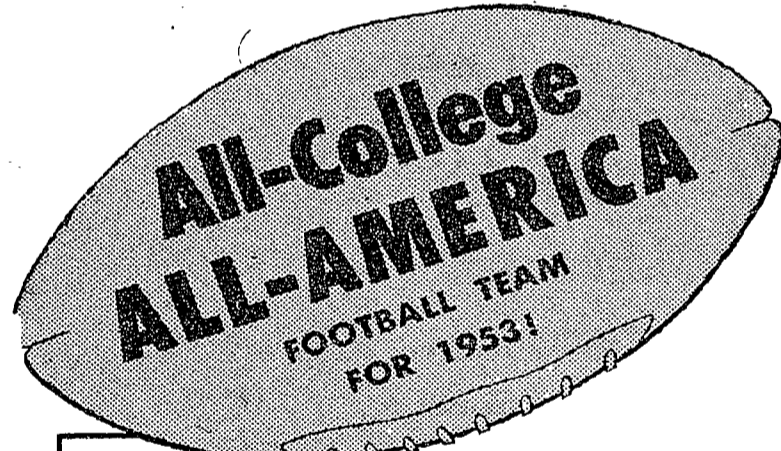
Winners of the fraternity and independent divisions will meet for the all-College title. This match is set for about 3:30 p.m.

Fraternity aspirants still in the running are Paul Lizza, Sigma Phi Sigma; Jack Rautine, Theta Xi; Al Freedman, Sigma Alpha Mu; Mary Daley, Alpha Epsilon Pi; Lou Landon, Sigma Pi; Roy Brunjes, Sigma Chi; Bill Zeigler, Phi Kappa Psi; Jerry Schimmel, Zeta Beta Tau; Hubie Kline, Beta Theta Pi, and Mort Fisher, Alpha Epsilon Pi.

Forecast for '55

Penn State athletic officials contemplate a nine-game football schedule for the 1955 centennial year.

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Ujobai Advances In Scoring Parade

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 10 (AP)—Joe Ujobai of Gettysburg, who added one touchdown to his record Saturday while his closest competitors were snowed out, appears virtually to have clinched the 1953 Pennsylvania college football scoring title.

With only two weeks of the season to go, Ujobai has 10 touchdowns and 17 extra points for a 77 point total, 19 ahead of West Chester's Fred Pender. Both players have two games left to play.

Penn State's 30 games without a defeat in 1919 to 1922 still stands as its longest football win streak.

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