

Sport SPOTLIGHT

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ON ALL STAR SELECTIONS

Mr. Chester Smith, formidable sports editor of the Pittsburgh Press and a well known man around Penn State sports circles, doesn't believe in all-star selections of any kind in football and we side with him one-hundred per cent.

Since the days of the famous Walter Camp All-American selections, everybody has been getting into the act. And as a result each season just about every magazine, news service, and organization connected with sports in the least bit, "proudly announces" its annual "All-something-or-other selections."

We read about All-American teams, All-sectional teams, All-conference teams, All-state teams. And this year they're even selecting an All-American team composed only of football players who smoke pipes. Well it's original anyway.

Mr. Smith points out that since he is a human being and can only be in one place at one time he is able to see only ten to eleven games during the course of a season. Therefore, he feels that he is not qualified to select what he feels to be the eleven best gridders in the country.

Mr. Smith is a sound thinking man. And any writer who feels that he is qualified to submit a selection is talking through his hat. It just can't be done.

GRID THOUGHTS

Our vote for the most underrated gridders of the year: Don Balthaser and Rosey Grier. These two linemen played what is often called "guts football." Grier, at tackle, and Balthaser at the center spot, were two of the finest linemen we witnessed in action all season.

We talked to Dick Manson, Pitt's sophomore left halfback after the Lions had finished their massacre in Pittsburgh. "Jim Garrity was the best end we faced all season," he said. "That guy can fake like the dickens. And he runs like a halfback, too." Agreed Mr. Manson, agreed.

COURT THUMBNAILED

Elmer Gross' basketball team makes its initial appearance of the season Saturday night against Washington and Jefferson College in Rec Hall. Here's a thumbnail look at the Nittany courtmen.

JACK SHERRY: 6-1 junior, 185 pounds . . . great floorman and hard driving ball hawk . . . fine fade away jump shot . . . good on the bankboards . . . captain of the team, he'll be a big factor in Lion success this winter.

JESSE ARNELLE: 6-5 junior, 225 pounds . . . the greatest scoring threat in Penn State history . . . has a total of 900 points in two seasons of play with two to go . . . deadly hook shot artist . . . tops on rebounds . . . does everything well.

RON WEIDENHAMMER: 6-1 junior, 165 pounds . . . Gross' mighty mite . . . excellent dribbler and passer . . . standout playmaker . . . owns one of the most accurate outside set shots in the business . . . the kind of ball player who can step in and take up the slack in the crucial moments.

ED HAAG: 6-3 junior, 178 pounds . . . like Sherry, he's the hard-driving, ball-hawk type player . . . excellent rebound man . . . has shown improvement in his shooting in pre-season practice.

JIM BLOCKER: 6-4 junior, 185 pounds . . . joined the squad at mid-season last year and saw only limited action . . . strongest point is his rebound ability . . . possesses good hook shot.

JIM BREWER: 6-1 senior, 160 pounds . . . the only senior on the squad . . . scored only 32 points in 21 games last season but was a valuable front-line man on the Lion 3-2 zone defense . . . exceptionally fast, he was a fine playmaker, particularly on fast breaks.

DAVE EDWARDS: 6-1 junior, 170 pounds . . . saw limited action last year but was impressive . . . good dribbler and passer . . . quick moving defensive man.

BOB ROHLAND: 6-2 junior, 195 pounds . . . height and ruggedness give him fine rebounding skill . . . dependable floorman . . . good passer.

RUDY MARISA: 6-4 sophomore, 180 pounds . . . one of the brightest prospects up from the freshman ranks . . . a fighter under the bankboards . . . accurate one-hand set shot, deadly from the corners.

CHUCK CHRISTIANSEN: 6-1, 180 pound sophomore . . . fine dribbler and good playmaker . . . tops on driving lay-up shots . . .

BOB HOFFMAN: 5-10 sophomore, 170 pounds . . . lacks height but compensates with speed and accuracy . . . deadly two-handed set shot artist.

Six Lions Receive '53 All-State Grid Honors

Penn State's contributions to the 1953 Associated Press All-Pennsylvania Collegiate football first team were quarterback Tony Rados and his pass snatching end, Jim Garrity. Rosey Grier, tackle, Don Balthaser, center, and Pete Schoderbek, guard, received second team berths, while halfback Lenny Moore won honorable mention.

The return of the one platoon system eliminated specialists and resulted in three of last year's defensive all-state selections winding up with second team berths this season, the Associated Press said. They are Joe Varaitis of Penn, Grier and Schoderbek of Penn State.

Maryland Tops Poll; Lions 24th

NEW YORK, Dec. 1 (AP)—Maryland, rated no better than ninth before the season began, today held its first national collegiate football championship.

The only major eleven to go through the season with a perfect record, the Terrapins from College Park, Md., nosed out unbeaten but once-tied Notre Dame in the final Associated Press ranking poll. The Terps, who finished 13th a year ago in the poll won by Michigan State, wound up with a 10-0 record and a berth in the Orange Bowl against fourth ranked Oklahoma.

Maryland collected 187 first-place votes of a record 376 ballots and 3365 points on the 10, 9, 8, 7,

Penn State's gridders were rated 24th in the nation in the final poll of the season conducted by the Associated Press. Last week the Lions placed 28th.

etc., point basis. Notre Dame 8-0-1 received 141 first place nominations and 3149 points. The Irish had been the pre-season choice to wind up as the No. 1 team.

Behind the first two came: 3—Michigan State, 2576; 4—Oklahoma, 2591; 5—UCLA, 2007; 6—Rice, 3888; 7—Illinois, 1248; 8—Georgia Tech, 839; 9—Iowa, 576; and 10—West Virginia, 452.

The top ranking gave Jim Tatum's club the O'Donnell Trophy, emblem of the college football title. The trophy, donated by the Notre Dame Monogram Club in honor of the late Rev. Hugh O'Donnell, a Notre Dame player who became president of the university, is awarded annually to the No. 1 team in the AP poll.

In sweeping the straight games, Maryland piled up 298 points and held its opposition to 31, the lowest total scored against a major team since Penn State yielded 27 in nine games in 1947.

The second ten: 11. Texas 375; 12. Texas Tech 264; 13. Alabama 257; 14. Army 226; 15. Wisconsin 203; 16. Kentucky 155; 17. Auburn 119; 18. Duke 102; 19. Stanford 41; 20. Michigan 35.

Penn State, Pittsburgh, and Gettysburg dominated the AP's first team selections. The Nittany Lions and Gettysburg each listed two players, while the Panthers of Pitt showed three gridders named.

The only repeaters from the 1952 team were Rados and Kraemer.

The Associated Press' 1953 All-Pennsylvania collegiate football first team:

Coach Rip Engle announced yesterday that varsity and freshman football players are to meet at 1:30 p.m. Sunday in front of the Recreation Hall building to leave for the Nittany Lions' grid banquet. The banquet will be held at the "Hate-To-Leave-It" camp.

Ends—Richard Deitrick, Pitt; and James Garrity, Penn State.

Tackles—Jack Shanafelt, Penn; and Eldred Kraemer, Pitt.

Center—Roy Eckstrom, Westminster.

Guards—Robert Adams, Shippensburg; and Ronald Miller, Gettysburg.

Quarterback—Tony Rados, Penn State.

Halfbacks—Joseph Ujobai, Gettysburg; and Fred Prender, West Chester.

Fullback—Robert Epps, Pitt.

Cigar Bowl Set

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 1 (AP)—The Missouri Valley Vikings, runners-up in the Missouri College Athletic Union, have accepted a bid to play La Crosse State of Wisconsin in the Cigar Bowl football game here Jan. 1.

1954 Schedule Is Major Task For Rip Engle

Although Coach Rip Engle intends to wait until next year to commit himself on his 1954 football schedule, he will find it almost as frightening as this year's.

Once again Engle's gridders start off against a Big Ten co-champion. This time it is Illinois, Sept. 25. His 1954 first two games are listed away, compared to the three that were played away this year.

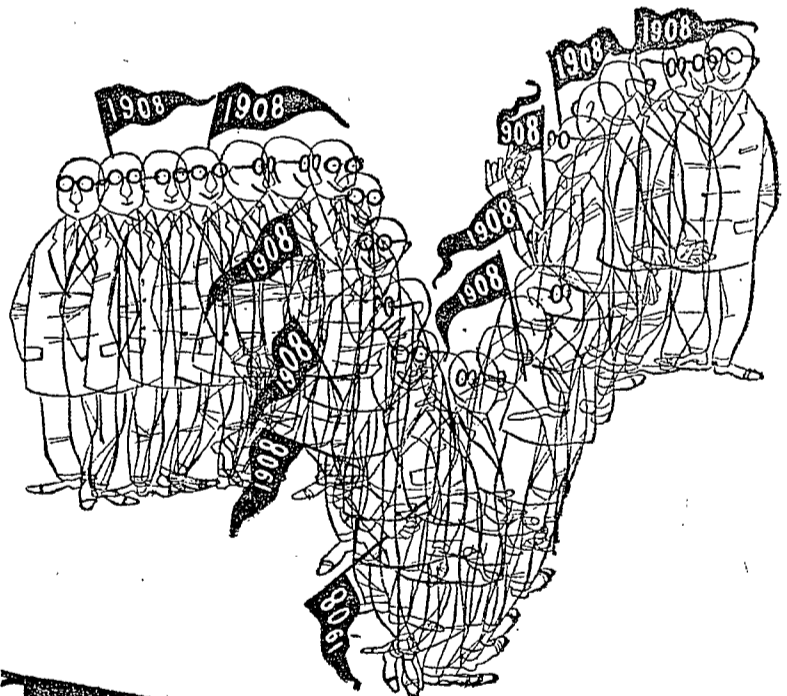
Unlike this year, the Nittany Lions will face Penn Oct. 30, their sixth scheduled contest.

Home games are Virginia, West Virginia, Holy Cross, and Rutgers. The schedule:

- Sept. 25 at Illinois
- Oct. 2 at Syracuse
- Oct. 9 Virginia
- Oct. 16 West Virginia
- Oct. 23 at Texas Christian
- Oct. 30 at Penn
- Nov. 6 Holy Cross
- Nov. 13 Rutgers
- Nov. 20 at Pitt

WRA Results

- Basketball**
- Gamma Phi Beta over Alpha Epsilon Phi, 43-14
 - Kappa Alpha Theta over Alpha Kappa Alpha, 44-17
 - Kappa Delta over Co-op, 26-16
 - Zeta Tau Alpha over Theta Phi Alpha, 34-5
- Table Tennis**
- Kappa Kappa Gamma over Delta Gamma
 - Alpha Xi Delta over Delta Zeta
 - Phi Mu over Alpha Omicron Pi
 - Beta Sigma Omicron over Theta Phi Alpha



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