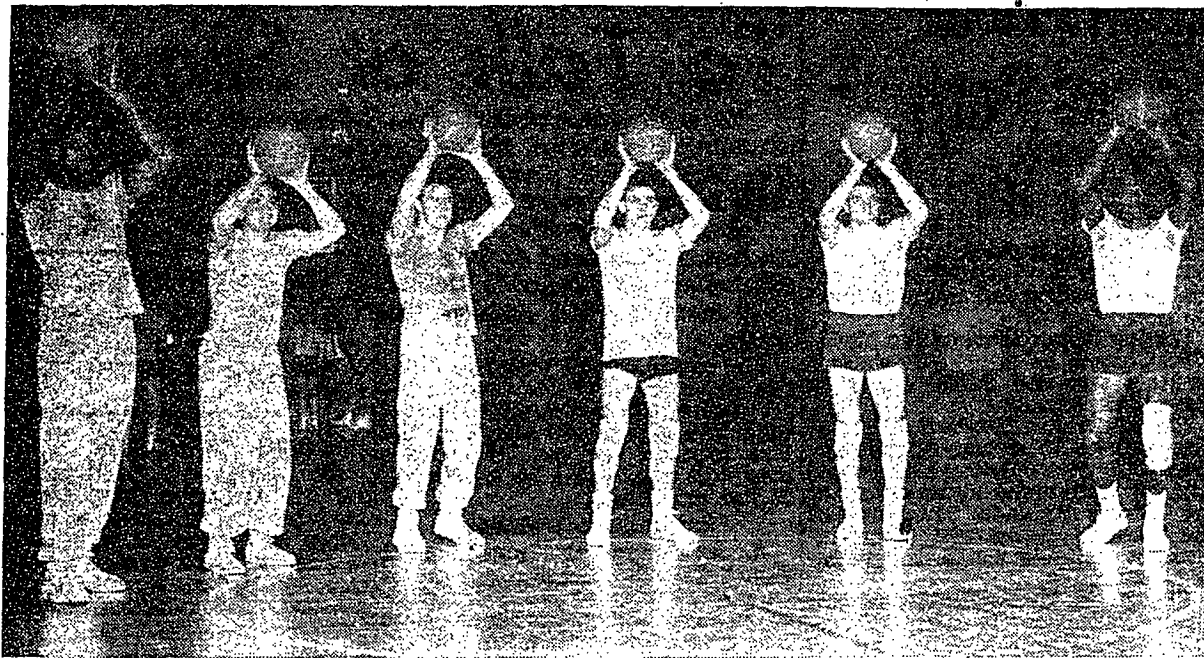


## Top Six Lion Cagers . . .



THESE SIX Lion basketball players will probably see most of the action in the coming basketball campaign. Left to right, Jesse Arnelle, Ron Weidenhammer, Jack Sherry (cap-

tain), Ed Haag, Rudy Marisa, and Jim Blocker eye one of the Rec Hall baskets they'll be aiming for tomorrow when the Lions open a 19-game season against Washington and Jefferson.

# Lion Cagers to Open '53 Season Tomorrow

By DICK McDOWELL

A strong Penn State basketball team opens the winter sports schedule tomorrow night at Rec Hall when it meets Washington and Jefferson in the kick-off tilt of a 19-game slate.

The Lions will be out to match or better the 62-50 win they gained against the Presidents last year when they won 15 and lost nine games over the season.

With eight lettermen, four of them veteran regulars, and several promising sophomores brightening the roster, the Lions should be ready for the Washington, Pa. squad which won only half its games last year.

However, it was the Presidents who two years ago upset a highly rated Nittany quintet in the last seconds of play. That year the Lions went on to receive a bid in the NCAA district playoffs.

### Top Scorers

Gross' main scoring punch will probably lie in the hands of captain Jack Sherry and rangy center Jesse Arnelle, although the pair has not been practicing long. Both played football this fall and reported to the squad late.

Arnelle has been the top scorer for the past two seasons, totaling 900 points. Last year he scored 408 markers for a 17 point per game average. Sherry was the number three man in the scoring department last year trailing behind Arnelle and Herm Sledzik who was graduated in June. Sherry scored 248 points in the 1952-53 campaign for a 10.3 point average.

### Scoring Records Set

Should the pattern of the past two seasons follow true to form, Nittany cage fans can expect new team and individual scoring records to fall. The 1951-52 team set a new single game scoring record when it tallied 94 points. Then last year the Nittanians poured 105 tallies through the Rec Hall nets, swamping Ithaca.

The 1951-52 club also set a new Penn State record for average points per game only to have it erased by last year's team. Last season Gross' quintet scored an average of 67.3 points per game to top the old mark of 65.7.

Of course one individual record

is certain to fall. Every time Arnelle scores he will better his career total, a record set in two years of play. He topped Lou Lammie's (1949-51) 666 points last year when he hit the 900 mark.

### Three Games on Road

Gross will naturally be hoping for a fast start in this campaign. After Washington and Jefferson the Lions take the road to meet Penn, American University, and North Carolina State in succession, three of the toughest opponents on the schedule.

Last season the Lions opened strongly, winning their first three contests, and then dropped three of their next eight. After plastering Ithaca they slumped badly when they hit an overload of road contests. They regained their composure, however, and finished strong with wins over West Virginia and Pitt to revenge earlier setbacks.

### Leonard Top '52 Scorer

In 1952, Penn State's leading scorer in football did not score one touchdown. Bill Leonard booted two field goals and 21 of 23 extra points to lead with 27 points.

## AP Names All American Gridders

NEW YORK, Dec. 3 (AP)—Two great Midwestern backs, John Lattner of Notre Dame and Paul Giel of Minnesota, occupy the spotlight on The Associated Press 1953 All-America football team announced today.

They are the only repeaters from the 1952 team. Paul Cameron of U.C.L.A. and David Kosse Johnson of Rice, round out the first team backfield.

### The team:

- E.—Don Dohoney, Michigan State, Ann Arbor, Mich.
- T.—Stanley Jones, Maryland, Lemoine, Pa.
- G.—J. D. Roberts, Oklahoma, Dallas, Tex.
- C.—Larry Morris, Georgia Tech, Decatur, Ga.
- G.—Crawford Mims, Mississippi, Greenwood, Miss.
- T.—Jack Shanafelt, Penn., Akron, Ohio.
- E.—Sam Morley, Stanford, San Marino, Calif.
- E.—Paul Giel, Minnesota, Winona, Minn.
- B.—John Lattner, Notre Dame, Chicago, Ill.
- B.—Paul Cameron, UCLA, Burbank, Calif.
- B.—David Kosse Johnson, Rice, Baytown, Tex.

## Former Stars Warn Players

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 3 (AP)—The major league's first player representatives today charged the current delegates with violating the trust of their fellow athletes but this feeling was not reflected in first comments from the present day players.

Former player representatives Fred Dixie Walker and Johnny Murphy, now serving big league organizations as manager and farm director, respectively, accused the current 16 player representatives of jeopardizing the pension plan by yesterday's defying of Commissioner Ford Frick.

Murphy appealed to all active American League players to send wires to Commissioner Frick, throwing their full support behind an effort towards a peaceful solution.

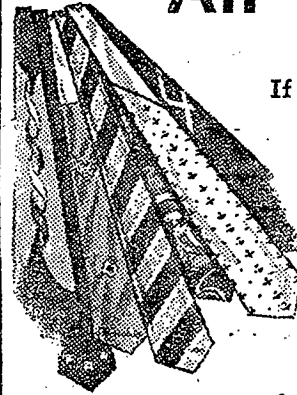
## Tom Fool Cited As No. 1 Horse

NEW YORK, Dec. 3 (AP)—Tom Fool, winner of 10 straight races and \$256,355 for the Greentree Stable, this year, was named tonight as the American champion race horse of 1953 by the Thoroughbred Racing Association.

The election, made by a board of 18 racing secretaries, was announced at the annual TRA dinner. At the same time awards were presented for the champion horses in various divisions.

Tom Fool gathered 34 of a possible 37 votes in the secretaries' poll, with the other three going to the champion 3-year-old colt, Native Dancer. Tom Fool was the unanimous choice in his own division—colts and horses four years and older.

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