

"Why Don't You Believe Me"

Sam's Song

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Sports enthusiasts are often questioned whether wrestling is good or bad. But when they are confronted with such a naughty word, these persons quickly holler "fake." That's true, but it depends on which wrestling the person talks about. The person answering may even include college wrestling simply because it's called "wrestling."

Like there is quite a difference between a basketball and a football, there is a distinct difference between professional wrestling and college wrestling. And we don't mean getting paid. In fact, we wonder why some executives have never promoted college wrestling in place of the pros for television.

Professional wrestling is worth while for those who prefer to view acrobats, fakers, and a good act. However, like Coach Charlie Speidel, Penn State's wrestling coach, says: "Keep the sport but change the name."

The Associated Press recently released an interesting article which read:

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—What does the avid wrestling (professional) fan do after a hard night at the television set?

He writes letters, friend—yes notes of compassion, respect, and affection to wrestlers and the governmental powers that regulate the "sport."

"Abscond, you bum" . . . "Be gone . . . You'll be missed like a skunk"—these are samples of the tender words that go to the current armed favorite—with a copy to Joe Genshlea, secretary of the State Athletic Commission.

One reading the hundreds of letters Genshlea receives on the subject of wrestling might get the idea people are opposed to it.

"The only ones who win are the dirty rats who rip a nose, stretch a mouth, or gouge an eye," one viewer indignantly told Genshlea. Another writes "the match is over. They broke Leo's nose and used the atomic drop to win. I ask you is that wrestling?"

"Yes," says Genshlea, "it is." He informed the protestants they view and "exhibition of showmanship" where much latitude is granted the performers. And Genshlea adds it can't be as bad as it looks, because many of the wrestlers work five or six nights a week.

Every wrestler, mean or meek, star or beginner, must by law be licensed by the state. They must take physical examinations, and adds Genshlea, the 230 now licensed "almost never get hurt."

That's hard for the folks to believe.

We grant this AP writer that it is difficult for most people to believe, but for the many Penn State students who have witnessed Speidel's Eastern and National champions on the mat, college wrestling is "tops."

This scribe came in contact with the Bethlehem Globe Times sports editor last year at the Eastern's and he told us: "Penn State is the only team that actually wrestles." And how true. If there are any "Doubting Thomases", we would like to see them at Rec Hall Jan. 9, when the Nittany Lions open their wrestling season. They will not only see and believe, but become an avid "college wrestling fan."

Coaches To Describe Cage, Mat Techniques

Wrestling and Basketball coaches and directors will describe the fundamentals and techniques of their sports today at a wrestling clinic in the armory and a basketball clinic in Rec Hall.

Elmer Gross, coach of the Penn State courtmen, is the basketball clinic chairman, and Charles Speidel, mat mentor, is the wrestling clinic chairman.

Mark Funk, executive director of the P.I.A.A. will speak to the matmen in the morning and the cagers in the afternoon. Admission is free.

WRESTLING CLINIC PROGRAM

Registration Free
MORNING
10:00-10:30—Registration—Old Armory; Clinic Chairman - CHARLES SPEIDEL, Wrestling Coach, Penn State.
10:30-10:40—Welcome to Penn State—ERNEST B. MCCOY, Dean, School of Physical Education & Athletics, Penn State.
10:40-11:00—Development of Wrestling in the P.I.A.A.—MARK FUNK, Executive Director, P.I.A.A.
11:00-11:30—Officiating Demonstration—HENRY "RED" CAMPBELL, Wrestling Coach, Philipsburg High School.
11:30-12:15—Wrestling Movies: Comments by the Chairman.
AFTERNOON
2:00-2:20—How a High School Developed Wrestling—JOHN B. MILLER, Director of Athletics, Bellefonte High School.
2:20-3:00—Wrestling Drills — ART WEISS, Wrestling Coach, Clearfield High School.
3:00-3:40—Getting Out of Difficulty—JAMES MAUREY, Wrestling Coach, Stevens Trade School, Lancaster.
3:40-4:20—Cardinal Principles and Strategy in Wrestling—CHARLES SPEIDEL.
4:30-5:15—Training Skills, Techniques and Equipment in the College Training Room—CHUCK MEDLAR, Trainer, Penn State.

BASKETBALL CLINIC PROGRAM

Registration Free
AFTERNOON
1:00-1:30—Registration—Lobby of Recreation Hall; Clinic Chairman - ELMER GROSS, Basketball Coach, Penn State.
1:30-1:45—Welcome to Penn State—ERNEST B. MCCOY, Dean, School of Physical Education and Athletics, Penn State.
1:45-2:15—Functional Drills Used in Teaching Basketball Fundamentals—JOHN LAWYER, Assistant Dean, School of Physical Education and Athletics, Penn State; Shooting, Passing, Dribbling, Rebounding, Screening, Footwork.
2:15-2:45—Formations Used in Teaching a Zone Defense—ELMER GROSS: "2 against 1"; "3 against 2"; "4 against 5".
2:45-3:00—Purpose and Organization of P.I.A.A.—MARK FUNK, Executive Director, P.I.A.A.
3:00-3:30—Zone Press — JOHN LAWYER.
3:30-4:00—Set Offenses Against Man-for-Man—ELMER GROSS: 2 Out - 3 In, Oklahoma's Drake Shuffle, Figure Eight.
4:00-4:15—Jump Ball Formations—JOHN EGLI, Freshman Basketball Coach, Penn State; Center Jump Situation, Offensive Foul Circle Situation, Defensive Foul Circle Situation.
4:15-4:30—Rules Interpretation—W. R. "YIP" BOLTON, Faculty Manager, State College High School.
4:30-5:15—Demonstration of Treatment for Common Types of Basketball Injuries—CHUCK MEDLAR, Trainer, Penn State.

Lions Can Clinch Pro Championship

NEW YORK, Dec. 4 (AP)—This could be the pennant-clinching weekend for the Detroit Lions who go after their fifth straight victory in the National Football League on Sunday.

A Detroit victory over the awakened Chicago Bears and San Francisco and Los Angeles defeats would mathematically end the pursuit race in the NFL's Western Division. Cleveland's all-conquering Browns wrapped up the Eastern title for the fourth straight year last Sunday.

IM Results

IM Basketball
Wednesday Night
Joe's Boys 27, Helenic Society 7
Model A's 25, Fadads 19
Five Roses 32, Knights 18
Highlanders 32, Panthers 14
Whiz Kids 36, Sleepers 21
Engineers 18, Falcons 16
Tanks 21, Alpha Watts 9
Epars 20, Snipers 19

Four Home Games

Virginia, West Virginia, Holy Cross, and Rutgers are the 1954 football home games for Penn State.

Holds on to Bowl Ban

Notre Dame, perennially one of the top football teams in the nation, refuses to lift its ban on post-season bowl contests.

Varsity Records

Howie Dallmar's University of Pennsylvania five halted Penn State's basketball win streak at 15 games in February of 1952.

Navy and Pitt for '55

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NEW YORK, Dec. 4 (AP)—The majority of the 1953 All-America football players like the limited substitution rule.

"I like the one platoon game and I think the team, feels the same way," said affable Crawford Mims, a 205-pound guard from Greenwood, Miss., today. "It's more interesting football and it keeps you from getting stale on the bench because you're always active."

Penn tackle Jack Shanafelt said his team had taken an informal poll after the season on the question of one vs. two platoons and that 80 per cent voted for limited substitutions.

Maryland's huge Stan Jones, a 235-pound tackle, Minnesota's brilliant halfback, Paul Giel, and Alan Ameche, a third team choice as fullback from Wisconsin, joined in approval of the one platoon game but admitted it took awhile to get used to it.

Aussie Double Platoon

MELBOURNE, Dec. 4 (AP)—The Australians may try to double platoon the Americans in the Davis Cup challenge round here Dec. 28-30.

This possibility grew stronger today after Rex Hartwig and Mervyn Rose beat the kid wonders, Ken Rosewall and Lewis Hoad, for the Victorian doubles championship, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4.

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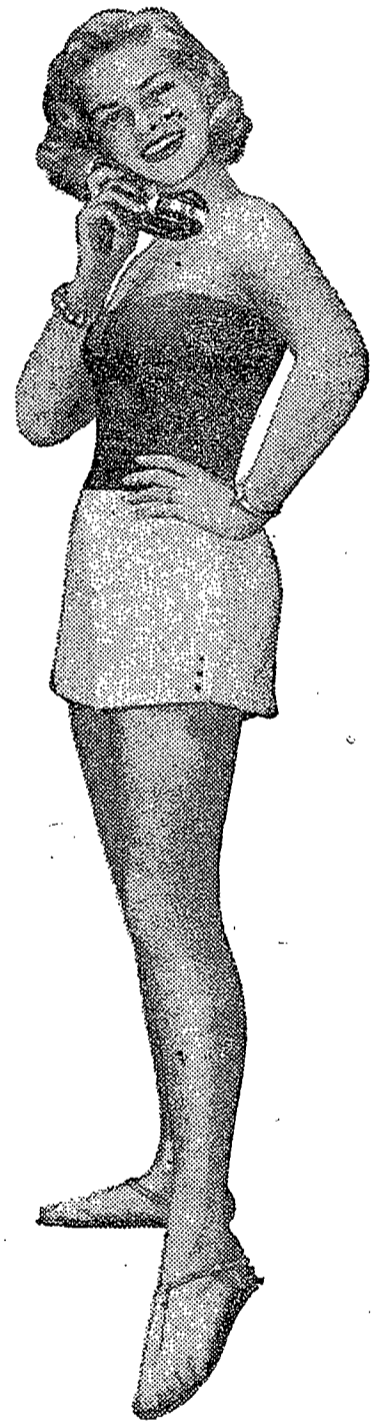
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