

"New Sun in the Sky"

# Sam's Song

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The surest way not to win friends and influence people is to go out on a limb and name an all-American team. Wherever the game is played on a big time basis, the fans have their pet and No. 1 player. Naming football's all-team brings upon the shoulder of any person a burden of arguments.

Striving to collaborate a satisfactory team is no problem; the crisis, more or less, is agreeing with the sport fan.

During the last few years, many so-called experts have picked their respective all-American teams. There have been teams by the United Press, Associated Press, NEA, INS, Look, and Colliers. There are others like the all-America Pipe Smokers, the all-America Endurance squad, the all-Lithuanian; the all-Catholic; the all-Chemical Engineering (with a 2 or better all-college average), and the all-Star Academic squad.

Now there is a new one. The College Sports Editors all-America football team, sponsored by two Pitt sportswriters—Russ Franke and Carroll Cook. Last year we received in the mail a letter from these promoters which stated:

"News services, daily papers, and outstanding magazines decide who the best players in the country are year after year. However, there is one group of experts, probably the best informed, who never receive the opportunity to state an opinion. They are the college sports editors. This group is more equipped to pick such a team since nearly every writer on every college paper in the country goes to a football game every Saturday during the fall, regardless of whether his team is playing at home or away.

"The Pitt News, representing every college publication in the country, will try for the first time to pick an all-American team based on the opinion of college sports editors throughout the country," the letter said.

One fine point these promoters bring out is having the editors select their team after the regular season and bowl games have been played. All news services, papers, and magazines select their teams early to scoop one another. Then too, magazines pick their teams before the season is half completed in order to meet their deadlines. Is this fair to all players?

Newspapers make their selections from pre-season nominations. How are these pre-seasonal nominees created? A college is located near a large city with several newspapers in that city and surrounding areas which have a big circulation. Before the season is actually underway, the publicity received from these papers has a possible star who becomes an artificial all-American.

It is one of the toughest problems to cite an all-American team since we never actually watched every team in the country play. But since we are asked to make such a selection, we solved the dilemma (nicely, we think) by just choosing those teams that we have observed in action, including through the medium of television.

The following ballot is our top-flight 1953 gridiron team, which individually, has supplanted—either by a great or narrow margin—all others we have seen:

- Left End..... JIM GARRITY..... Penn State
- Left Tackle..... ROSEY GRIER..... Penn State
- Left Guard..... BOB FLECK..... Syracuse
- Center..... TED KUKOWSKI..... Syracuse
- Right Guard... MORGAN WILLIAMS... Texas Christian
- Right Tackle..... ART HUNTER..... Notre Dame
- Right End..... DICK DEITRICK..... Pittsburgh
- Quarterback..... TONY RADOS..... Penn State
- Left Halfback..... LEROY BOLDEN..... Michigan State
- Right Halfback..... JOHN LATTNER..... Notre Dame
- Fullback..... ALAN AMECHE..... Wisconsin

\*Selected as the Player of the Year.

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# Lions, Pitt Key To Grid Leagues

Hugh Fullerton Jr., Associated Press sportswriter, calls Penn State and Pitt the key institutions in at least three proposed college athletic conferences that are being discussed in Cincinnati this week. And, writes Fullerton, "Penn State and Pitt are acting very cagey about the matter, waiting to see whether anything develops that is promising enough to interest them."

The whole business of re-aligning the colleges into new, tighter groups still is in the

## Ling Began Sweden's Gym Fame

According to a recent article prepared and edited by Gene Wettstone, Penn State gymnastic coach and secretary of the NAA-GC, Swedish gymnastics enjoys a world-wide reputation.

In his article, Wettstone gave a brief history of the Swedish gymnasts, beginning with the founding of the Royal Institute of Gymnastics by Henrick Ling. Ling originated the gym sport in Sweden. The institute, founded in 1813, soon became the Mecca of gymnasts to which the whole world flocked.

Ling's basic principles still hold, but many have carried his work further and modern gymnastics is today an instrument of many tones. Gymnastics, combined with games and sports, is an essential part of the educational program of all Swedish schools, and the voluntary gymnastic movement continues on the ground thus laid.

Over a quarter of a million Swedes of both sexes and of all ages have regular gymnastic programs in over 5000 sections covering the whole country. This activity has also made its entry into factories and offices where it is an important and stimulating counteraction to the uniformity of modern forms of work.

Gymnastics for the housewives is one of the most notable features in the latest development of Swedish voluntary gymnastics. It was introduced in 1942 in Stockholm on a small scale and can now count over 30,000 regular members from 20 to 70 years of age. Gymnastics are held for youngsters too, and many start long before school age. At many large offices a period of simple gymnastics provides a welcome and healthy interval in the world.

In Olympic competition the Swedish women's team won the 1948 Olympics and in 1952 placed behind the Russians although winning the team calisthenics event. Sweden's men's teams were winners of the 1908, 1912, and 1920 Olympic Games and in recent years have been displaced by the Germans, Finns, and last year by the Russians.

discussion stages, but there is enough talk to indicate that a trend has started in that direction.

One proposed lineup would include Penn State, Pitt, Army, Navy, Penn, Notre Dame, Duke, and North Carolina, while an alternate would substitute Oklahoma for one of these eight colleges. Either way it could be a conference that would make the Big Ten seem small, the writer said.

None of these reports can be confirmed, and if the changes take place, it won't be for a year or two. Reports from reliable sources at the Cincinnati meeting say the East's Ivy group colleges have agreed to inaugurate a round-robin football schedule in 1956. This would virtually freeze out Army and Navy from the Eastern football program.

Other unconfirmed reports say that presidents of the eight Ivy colleges met Dec. 18 and agreed to play one another as soon as present commitments are cleared. With a nine-game schedule limit, this would leave only two dates open for other schools.

When, and if this takes place Army athletic director Red Blaik admits his team and Navy may be forced to seek some conference tie-up to get the kind of schedules they like.

Pitt, frozen out in an effort to join the Big Ten, still hasn't been accepted by the old eastern colleges. Pitt has a huge, expensive stadium which must be filled regularly. Penn State faces the same situation in a lesser way.

Penn reportedly isn't too happy in the de-emphasized Ivy league setup. Dartmouth recently called off its scheduled games with Army; Harvard did the same thing a couple of years ago.

Several factors besides natural rivalries are involved in setting up any Army or Navy football schedule. They have to play teams from every section of the United States.

For that reason, the service schools are reluctant to say anything more than that they have been "approached" with various proposals.

### Three Newcomers

Illinois, Virginia, and Holy Cross are the newcomers to Penn State's 1954 football schedule. The Nittany Lions have again booked a nine-game card.

## Lions Topple Syracuse

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Walt Scott began to hit from around the key-hole.

Haag, scoring consistently on driving lay-ups and fade shots, kept the Lions alive. They held a deflated 50-42 lead at the end of the period.

Scott cut the nets on a set shot to open the fourth quarter and the Lions led by six. Dave Edwards' jump shot and foul conversion increased it to nine and then the Orange cut loose again. When Manny Breland, and Scott scored on successive steals, Besdin added a two-pointer and foul point and the Nittanies hung dangerously, 53-51.

At this point the Lions suddenly found themselves again and began to widen the gap once more, with Arnelle, Edwards, Jim Blocker, and Jack Sherry sinking successive foul shots. Sherry's eight points in the final minutes of play provided the boost that carried them away from the red-hot Orange. The final score read 77-63.

### Summaries

Penn State	fg	f	Syracuse	fg	f
Weid'g	1	1-1	Besdin,f	2	3-6
Fields,g	0	0-0	Castellini,f	4	0-2
Haag,g	5	5-7	Kilpatrick,f	3	2-4
Brewer,g	2	1-1	Cegella,f	0	0-0
Arnelle,c	6	9-11	Nelson,f	0	1-1
Sherry,f	4	6-8	Gillespie,c	1	1-1
Edwards,f	2	5-5	Larned,g	3	2-3
Blocker,f	2	4-8	Scott,g	6	0-12
Marisa,f	0	2-2	Zimmick,g	1	0-0
Rohland,f	0	0-0	Breland,g	2	2-4
			Murrock,g	0	0-0
			Jaskot,g	3	2-3
Totals	22	33-41	Totals	25	15-26
Penn State	77		Syracuse	63	
				18	15
				17	27
				9	10
				23	21

### WRA Results

#### Table Tennis

Kappa Alpha Theta over Alpha Epsilon Phi, forfeit.  
Kappa Delta over Gamma Phi Beta.  
Phi Sigma Sigma over Tri Delta.  
Zeta Tau Alpha over Pi Beta Phi, forfeit.

#### Basketball

Alpha Gamma Delta 35, Alpha Omicron Pi 12.  
Delta Gamma forfeit winners, Chi Omega.  
Leonides 35, Tri Vi 13.  
Kappa Kappa Gamma forfeit winners, Phi Mu.

### Lions Host Swedes

Penn State's National championship gymnastics team, originally scheduled to open its 1954 campaign against Michigan State Jan. 30, will face a touring Swedish team in an international duel Jan. 16 at State College.

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