

"In The Mood"

Sam's Song

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There was plenty of eyebrow lifting when Penn State's unheralded basketball team won its games last weekend. Although only a few have recuperated from the shock, practically everyone is still asking the \$64 question. How did the Lions do it?

We don't have the answer either. We did, however, come across the following story.

"I was busy answering questions by sports writers and told Captain Jack Sherry to put the team through its paces until I was free," Coach Elmer Gross of Penn State said.

"A few minutes later Sherry came over and obtained my permission for a fast-break workout.

"Then I happened to notice the team out of the corner of my eye while talking to the writers. I became embarrassed. My boys were tripping over each other in the fast break.

"I excused myself and walked over to the team. I told them I was ashamed of the fast-break performance."

After the interview the Lion coach walked into the locker room where he was greeted by a message written on a blackboard.

The note read: "To Coach Gross—You have a damn fine team. Signed—The Squad."

Gross pondered the message and then scribbled on the board: "To the squad—We'll see. Signed—The Coach."

The challenge was accepted and accomplished.

Now there is another. A reporter questioned Gross as to how he believed his team would fare against LaSalle tomorrow. Gross replied: "I'll let the boys answer it—at Kansas City."

CAN YOU EXPLAIN THIS? It occurred this year in basketball. Notre Dame beat Holy Cross. Holy Cross defeated Duquesne. Duquesne beat Pitt. Pitt defeated Penn State. Penn State beat Notre Dame.

FAMOUS LAST WORDS! Officials are too often blamed for mistakes of players and coaches," says Jocko Collins, veteran basketball referee. "If officials made as many mistakes as players and coaches during a game, the officials would be hung before half-time."

IT SAYS HERE: It's more than one month now since Terry Brennan has been named as Notre

Dame's new football coach. It was quite an honor for Brennan. But did you know that his nomination started a controversy? Writers began writing to the effect that he was the youngest ever to be named for a top job in that field. He is 25 years old.

Then came the stories. Frank Carideo was 24 when he became coach at Missouri. Penn State record-keepers noted that former Penn All-American Bill Hollenback took command of Penn State football in 1909 at the age of 23. (He produced three unbeaten teams in four years, and his unbeaten, untied eleven of 1912 was rated among the best in the nation.)

Max Kase, New York sports scribe, followed that Ted Coy was only 22 when he took over at Yale in 1910.

Bridge anyone?

REACTION? It was brought to our attention that we once went on record (Jan. 5, 1954) as saying "There's no justice in polls—basketball, football, or whatever sport it may be."

Well, what it adds up to simply is that we still are inclined to believe there's no justice in polls—barring none.

IT HAPPENED! During the Lehigh-Penn State dual meet at Bethlehem, there was some confusion following the Ed Eichelberger-Jerry Maurey match. Maurey was leading 3-0 with less than one half minute remaining. Eichelberger escaped, took down Maurey and then had the Penn Stater in a near fall position. The buzzer rang. The referee did not hear it. Eichelberger had Maurey practically pinned. But just before the ref tapped off a fall, Coach Charlie Speidel slid across the mat on his stomach to notify the referee that time had run out.

12 Score Wins In Intramural V-ball Contests

Three independent and nine fraternity teams posted wins Tuesday night as intramural volleyball action continued at Rec Hall.

The Sixty-Niners overpowered the Penn State Club, 15-6, 15-11. The Sexy Six took a close one from the Mighty Termites, 15-11, 13-15, 15-9, while the McElwain Men beat Nittany Co-op-B, 15-8, 8-15, 15-11.

Beta Sigma Rho eliminated Phi Kappa Sigma, 15-4, 15-7. Phi Sigma Delta smashed Theta Chi, 15-5, 15-11, while Beta Theta Pi whipped Delta Theta Sigma, 15-8, 15-11. Sigma Nu was too much for Kappa Delta Rho, 15-10, 15-8, and Alpha Epsilon Pi walked all over Pi Kappa Phi, 15-8, 15-3.

Delta Sigma Phi beat Acacia, 6-15, 15-7, 15-13. Kappa Delta Rho won out over Sigma Chi in a close one, 15-2, 13-15, 15-8, while Alpha Sigma Phi defeated Delta Upsilon, 15-10, 11-15, 15-4. Zeta Beta Tau then closed out the night with a forfeit win over Delta Tau Delta.

WRA Results

BADMINTON

Zeta Tau Alpha over Sigma Delta Tau

Delta Delta Delta over Alpha Chi Omega

Kappa Alpha Theta over Alpha Omicron Pi

Alpha Xi Delta over Thompson 1 & 2

Kappa Kappa Gamma over Kappa Delta

Gamma Phi Beta over Atherton Leonides over Phi Sigma Sigma

Delta Zeta over Alpha Epsilon Phi

BOWLING

TriVi over Beta Sigma Omicron Phi Mu over Mac Hall

Little Lions' over Alpha G. Delta

Crickets' chirps have surprising carrying power. One cricket barely an inch long sounds a note audible for almost a mile.

Returning Veterans Lift Lacrosse Hopes

Penn State lacrosse coach 'Nick' Thiel is looking forward to a good season in 1954. The Lions won their last game of the '53 season, and Thiel is planning to continue from there.

This year's more experienced team is getting a lift from three returning servicemen: middlefielder Al Fulton, who was high scorer the last season he played, attacker Jim Reed, and goalie Dan Grove. Grove will probably start at defense if Don Bell, 1952 goalie, bests his injuries.

Juniors Dick Klein and Ron Youtz will round out the attack, while Lion Captain Dave Arnold and Grale Bickelhaupt will help handle middlefield. Here, Thiel has his biggest problem. He lacks depth in the middle position.

Defensively, Thiel can rely on James Hay, the only regular returning, Herb Horikawa, and Dub Weidner. Noticeable losses to the team resulted from the graduation of Butch Hockersmith, a tremendous scorer, and Thomas Goldsworthy.

With the fact that so few high schools have lacrosse teams, the Lions must start from scratch each season. Thiel gives the players most of their knowledge of the game. But even so, a promising group of sophomores are competing for this year's positions, and the outlook for 1955 is very bright.

The 1954 season opens at home with Kenyon, the defending Ohio champions. All the home events will take place on New Beaver Field and will begin at 2 p.m.

The lacrosse schedule for '54 includes:

April 10—Kenyon (home)
April 14—Navy (away)
April 15—Loyola (away)
April 24—Penn (away)
April 30—Hobart (away)
May 1—Syracuse (away)
May 8—Rutgers (home)
May 15—Swarthmore (home)
May 22—Cornell (home)

Seven Advance In H-ball Tourney

Seven fraternities advanced entrants in the intramural handball singles tournament in action Tuesday night.

Ben Lentz, Sigma Phi Epsilon, had the easiest game as he defeated Bob Seibel, Phi Sigma Kappa, in two sets 21-0, 21-1.

In other games played, Claude Proffitt, Delta Upsilon, beat Lewis Landon, Sigma Pi, 21-4, 21-11. Tony Procopio, Tau Phi Delta, whipped Marvin Goldberg, Sigma Alpha Mu, 21-17 and 21-12. Frank DeSalle, Phi Delta Theta, defeated John Cooper, Chi Phi, 21-6, 21-10.

Bob Biggs, Kappa Sigma, won in two sets from Paul Ebert, Alpha Zeta, 21-6 and 21-14. Herb Hollowell, Delta Tau Delta, defeated Claude Boni, Alpha Epsilon Pi, 21-7 and 21-18.

George Canaga, Sigma Chi, eliminated Claude Glou, Beta Sigma Rho, 21-5 and 21-0.

Yanks' Carey Injured As Jinx Continues

ST. PETERSBURG, March 17 (P)—A player was injured at Al Lang field for the fifth straight day today when Andy Carey, third baseman of the New York Yankees, was cut on the face in a freak accident.

Carey was standing behind the batting cage when a foul tip broke the netting and hit him on the cheek. No stitches were required to close the wound.

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