

# Sport SPOTLIGHT

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## I SAY, CHAPS, CRICKET'S HERE

The age old English sport of cricket, the grandfather of American baseball, will make its debut in State College tomorrow when a team of Penn State grad students and faculty members battle a Cornell aggregation on the State College baseball field.

I first heard about the game in a letter from an unidentified source, suspected to be one of the players, yesterday afternoon.

He wrote: "Cricket is perhaps the last tie that links the disintegrating Empire of England with the bonds of friendly rivalry. It is greeted with perhaps more enthusiasm and higher esteem than is accorded the ruling sovereign."

According to my friend's report, this Penn State team already has played two games. Last week the squad played the Embassies in Washington, D.C., losing to the diplomats, in one contest 120-97 (basketball was never like this). The Australian Ambassador, Sir Percy Spender "opened the game by bowling the first ball." I don't know what that means but it certainly has aroused some curiosity.

Anyway my informer mentioned that Penn State captain, Dr. Rustum Roy, "remained unbeaten with 17 runs." Now things are getting complicated—but interesting. The real shock came when I read that the International Test matches have a, get this, "time limit of five days." However, since tomorrow's match is just a local game the boys are only going to play for five hours.

The whole affair sounded interesting so I did a little checking. Seems cricket had its origin back in the 12th century. Sketchy records show that a game called "cricks" was played then, and some drawings have been found.

The first match was played between West Kent and Catham in 1705—bettering Abner Doubleday by well over 100 years.

And Leo Durocher isn't the only guy that ever got into trouble on the field. A game played in 1719 ended in court after a squabble on the field. Probably the bookies had a hand in this one. According to the records betting was heavy in those days. Even King Fredrick and The Prince of Wales, both of whom played the game, wagered their six pence.

King Fredrick is reputed to have been killed when he was struck on the head by a cricket ball.

From history I moved into the rules and terms, and after one look, was ready to forget about cricket. The laws and details of the game cover over 100 pages of printed matter, containing some words that would put Rosey Roswell's "dipsy-doodle" to shame.

For instance, the game employs a "popping crease," the umpire can call a "leg bye," and if you're an exceptional fielder you'll probably be playing at the "long-leg" position or at "first slip."

I did find this much out, the pitcher, known as the "bowler" gets a running start before he delivers the pitch, and as far as can be determined he's only 22 yards from the batter. Considering that in baseball the pitcher delivers from a stationary position and from a point a little farther away from the batter, it's easy to see that the batter is going to have a tough time hitting the ball. Bobby Feller used to fire his fast ball 90-miles an hour.

All I could get, however, was a blurry idea of how the game is played. Guess the only solution is to venture out to the State College baseball field tomorrow and get a first hand look at this game. From all indications there should be plenty of action—five hours of it.

Blimey! Sounds interesting, eh whot?

## 3 IM Soccer Victories Posted by Fraternities

Two close games and one rather easy victory featured the second night of intramural soccer on the golf course Thursday. The games were featured by some unusually fine playing for this early in the season. The competing teams seemed to be well drilled and prepared for the initial encounter.

In the first game, Delta Upsilon was a trifle too strong for a rugged but outclassed Sigma Phi Sigma. The winners took an early lead and were never headed as they won 4-0. The second game found Alpha Chi Rho and Delta Tau Delta playing to a 2-2 tie. Delta Tau Delta had two more corner kicks, however, to take the game. In the final game of the evening, Triangle defeated Lambda Chi Alpha, 1-0.

PHILADELPHIA, May 7 (P)—The Philadelphia Athletics announced today righthander Carl Scheib has been sold to the St. Louis Cardinals on a "conditional basis."

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## Letter Club Elects Balthaser President

Donald Balthaser, sixth semester business administration major, was elected president of the S-club, University letter organization last night.

Other officers are Rex Bradley, vice president; Robert Rohland, corresponding secretary; Karl Schwenzfeier, recording secretary; and Keith Horn, treasurer.

## Pitt Thinclads To Visit Lion Frosh Today

Penn State's freshman track team will battle the Pitt yearlings at 1 p.m. today on the Beaver Field cinders.

The meet will coincide with the varsity battle with the Panthers. Last week the team was defeated by Navy at Annapolis in a triangular meet in which Penn was third.

Dick Winston, who set a new freshman 120-yard high hurdles record last week at Annapolis, will make his first home appearance. His new mark of 0:15.1 broke the former record of 0:15.8 set in 1940 by Harry Conger. Winston will also enter the 220 low hurdles and the broad jump.

Herb Hollowell, 175-pound high school decathlon star from Woodbridge, N.J., will compete in five field events in the sprints, the high jump, and the broad jump.

Harry Fuehrer will be aiming for the freshman pole vault record of 12' 6" set in 1937 by Bob Clark. Last week Fuehrer cleared the bar at 12'.

In the distance events Paul Roberts, Don Woodrow, Dick Thier, and Don Mowry are the top contenders. Perry Burdon, all-state high school track star, will be entered in the sprints and the middle distance events along with Dave Nash, Dick Mohler, Dick Wolford, and Ron Lewis.

Ted Simon, Jack Calderone, and Gus Mercurio, who will vie for honors in the field events, round out the squad.

## Thinclads --

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come of the mile relay run in the last event of the contest. Last week the Nittany quartet—Sax, Pollard, Brunjes, and Dave Leah-then, whipped around the oval in 3:17, setting a new Penn State record while it broke a 63-63 tie with the Middies.

The feeling is running strong in some corners that it could happen again today. The Panthers are strong in the hurdles, broad jump, high jump, and pole vault. And with the prospective individual performances lining up in such similarity to the Navy meet, the mile relay could very well be the deciding factor again today.

If that should be the case the Lions should, and probably will, have a decided edge. Pitt's winning time in the relay last week was an unimpressive 3:30, 13 seconds slower than the Lion clocking.

In other events Werner will have Dan Lorch in the pole vault, Bill Youkers in the hurdles, Dan Hutchinson in the javelin, Ron Johnson, and Bob Pearlstein, and Joe VanTassle and Alex Ayers in the broad jump. Hutchinson will also be competing in the pole vault.

Lorch tied for first in the vault last week. He hit 13 feet. However, he has done better and could capture another Lion blue ribbon today.

The Lions will finish off their three-meet home stand next Saturday with powerful Michigan State.

## Stickmen Meet Rutgers Today

Penn State lacrosse fans will get their second taste of Beaver Field lacrosse tomorrow following the track meet with Pitt. Rutgers will provide the opposition as the Nittanjes try for their second win of the campaign. The Lions opened their season with a 12-7 win over Kenyon College April 10, but since then have encountered rough sledding. Road losses to Navy, Loyola, Penn, Hobart, and Syracuse in that order followed the opening win against Kenyon.

The visitors will be well-fortified at midfield as four of their eight returning lettermen hold down midfield posts. Maurice Landemare, Tom Moffett, Monte Montgomery, and Bob Mosher should provide adequate backing for an attack that boasts two lettermen—Henry Thomas and Gus Gabriel. Jack Kennedy is the third man on attack. Duane Ekedahl will be in goal for the Scarlet.

Rutgers has gained victories over Dartmouth, 9-5; Lehigh, 12-7; and Penn, 13-11. They dropped a 12-9 decision to Maryland, and the closeness of the score attests to the fine calibre of play shown by Rutgers as Maryland is re-

garded among the tops in the nation.

Dave Arnold, Lion captain, has been hospitalized with an attack of appendicitis, no doubt forcing coach Nick Thiel to revert back to the Al Fulton-Bob Hamel-George Bickelhaupt midfield. Bickelhaupt had been moved up to the attack replacing Ronnie Youtz prior to the Hobart-Syracuse weekend.

Fulton Has 15 Goals  
Fulton and Hamel bear close watching for the remainder of the season. Fulton with 15 goals, and Hamel with 14, each stand an excellent chance to shatter the Penn State individual scoring mark for one season. Wayne Hockersmith set the current record last year when he scored 21 times. Hamel and Fulton need only to maintain their present pace to set a new mark. Three games are left to play.

## Major League Baseball

NEW YORK, May 7 (P)—Mickey Mantle and Yogi Berra ruined Morrie Martin's one-hit shutout bid with successive home runs in the seventh inning today while Tom Morgan blanked the Philadelphia A's with five hits for a 2-0 New York Yankee victory.

A first inning double by Hank Bauer was the only hit off the

A's lefthander until Mantle hit a 415-foot home run into the left field stands, his third of the season. Mantle had been benched recently against righthanded pitching but he was in the lineup, batting righthand, against a south-

paw. Berra followed by smashing his fourth homer into the right field bull pen. That was the last Yankee hit and all they needed although the A's gave Morgan a few anxious moments in the ninth.

LOS ANGELES, May 7 (P)—Transfer of the Philadelphia Athletics franchise in the American League to Los Angeles can be expected by the start of next season, the Herald & Express said today.

John B. Old, in a copyright story said "the die is cast." "From authoritative sources, it was exclusively learned Bill Veeck and associates are engineering the transfer of the Philadelphia Athletics to Wrigley Field, Los Angeles, for the opening of the 1955 American League season," Old wrote.

Veeck, who formerly headed the Cleveland Indians and later the St. Louis Browns of the American League, has been in Los Angeles since last fall to expedite the establishment of big league baseball here. He has been the representative of P. K. Wrigley, owner of the Chicago Cubs of the National League and the Los An-

geles Angels of the Pacific Coast League.

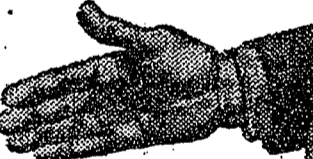
NEW YORK, May 7 (P)—Baseball Commissioner Ford Frick said today he has sent out a bulletin to all major league club owners and general managers calling on them to stop all loose talk about moving franchises.

"I told them any comment of that type was detrimental to the minor league involved and harmful to the game," said Frick. "I said I would consider all comment of that type detrimental to baseball."

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