

# Sport SPOTLIGHT

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## TOP SPORTS MOMENTS

One more baseball game and the finals of the Intercollegiate AAAA track and field championships are all that remain today of what could be Penn State's all-time great athletic year. If it isn't tops, it certainly ranks with the best.

Winning records in ten of 12 varsity sports, one national champion, two third place finishers, an eastern winner, and two eastern third places (plus the possibility of an intercollegiate champ in track today) crammed into a nine-month period is enough to give even the most unconcerned fan a dizzy head.

And through the smoke (probably generated from overheated typewriters) came individual plays and performances that even the most fluent linguist would find difficult to describe.

Most of them were so outstanding that they still stand very vividly in this mind. And so with a hundred starting points in mind I'm going to try and select what I consider the five biggest sports thrills of the 1953-54 school year. Here goes:

1. Lenny Moore's brilliant 78-yard touchdown run in Penn State's 17-0 rout of Pitt. After turning the ends on the sluggish Panthers for most of the afternoon, the sophomore speedster switched his tactics and cracked over guard on his well known trap-play.

While Pitt's secondary defenders began to close in, the Lion tailback poured on the speed and sliced between all four men, helmet for the distant goal line. His touchdown virtually broke Pitt's already weakened back.

2. Jesse Arnelle stepped to the free throw line against Pitt in the first of two basketball games played against the Panthers last season. Ordinarily a routine situation. But this time it was different. The Panthers had come from behind late in the game to tie the score and send it into overtime. Then as the extra period drew to a close, they spurted ahead of the Lions, 71-69. With seconds remaining, Arnelle was fouled in a field goal attempt and was awarded two free tosses.

He had to make them both if the Nittanians were to stay alive. While fans sat tight and his teammates closed their eyes, the big center cut both shots through the hoops. Penn State finally won the game in the third overtime, 91-85.

3. This one you can't contribute to one man, although he did play the biggest role. Penn State's sweeping win in the National Collegiate Gymnastics championships has to be included in this list. While phenomenal Jan Cronstedt, probably the best college gymnast in the nation, was gathering in four individual titles and Bobby Lawrence and Tony Procopio knocked down one each, the Lions scored an unprecedented 137 points, bettering their own record of 91½ set the year before.

4. Boxer Frank Della Penna's victory over heavily-favored Bruce Yancey of Syracuse can't go overlooked. Della Penna, fighting his second collegiate bout, stood toe-to-toe with the powerful heavy-weight and whipped him in the third round to win the "big one" as the underdog Lions tied the Orange, 4-4. Yancey, two years eastern runner-up to Adam Kois in the light-heavyweight division, had been picked as a shoe-in. But a determined fury of hard lefts and sledge-hammer rights changed the picture in the final round.

5. Penn State's unprecedented surge to third place in the NCAA basketball playoffs will probably never be forgotten. Every over-worked cliché or adjective will never begin to describe the fabulous rise of the unknown Lions against the nation's best college teams. Scooped at when they entered the eastern regional playoffs, they soon became the most talked about team in the nation when they rose to the finals in the tourney, leaving top-notch clubs like Louisiana State and Notre Dame behind.

These then, are my top sports thrills of the year. There were more, many more, but there just isn't room for all of them. In fact, there probably isn't a typewriter made than can handle that much work.

## Rymsza, Buerk Cop Laurels In IM Tennis

In the finals of the independent men's intramurals tennis doubles matches, Ed Rymsza and Andy Buerk won without much trouble over Joe Eberly and Dick Norton, 6-4, 6-2. The finalists entered the final match by virtue of a win over John Helmers and Mike Popowniak, 7-9, 6-3, 6-1. Eberly and Norton entered the finals after beating Grey and Rey, 6-4, 6-4.

Five more matches were played in the fraternity bracket of intramural doubles, including one third-round match and four quarter-final matches.

Jim Stuhmer and George Walker, Alpha Sigma Phi, won their third round match by beating Roger Beidler and Dick Kuhn, Theta Delta Chi, 7-5, 6-2. Their win was all in vain though, as they were defeated in their attempt to make the semi-finals by Kotzen and Solomon, Beta Sigma Rho, 7-5, 4-6, 6-2.

Other pairs making the semi-finals were: Bob Raunch and Quinn, Delta Tau Delta, over Paul Brobst and Myers, Triangle, 6-1, 3-6, 6-3; Marve Trimas and George Schimmel, Zeta Beta Tau, over Bruce Williams and Roger Dietz, Pi Kappa Alpha, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1; and John Millen and Thayer Potter, Phi Delta Theta, winning over Rolfe Ross and Merick, Sigma Pi, 6-0, 6-2.

## Varsity 'S' Club Initiates 51

Fifty-one athletes, and managers including fifteen seniors, have been initiated into the newly organized Varsity "S" Club. New members include Dick Lemayre, Jerry Maurey, Keith Vesling, Frank Wick, Art Cohen, Ron Lench, Richard Bruce, Bob Hollen, Jack Sherry, James Hamill, Richard Gordon, Bob Rohland, Garry Gillespie, John Pinezich, William Youkers, and Ronald Johnson.

Jim Garrity, Rudy Marisa, Bill Oberly, Joe Krufka, Alan Pomeroy, Paul Heim, Rex Bradley, John Moore, Angelo Kallura, Ron Weidenhammer, Bill Straub, Ted Garrett, Pat Kennedy, Doug Moorhead, Dick Parker, Alan Lechard, Warren Gittlen, Frank Locotas, Don Balthaser, Keith Horn, Ed Jones, Richard Crafton, Horace Mitchell, Frank Reich, Paul Dierks, Galen Robbins, Richard Matacia, Dante DeFalco, Bob Hamel, Bob Homan, Hubie Kline, Doug Frey, Kenneth Packer, and Robert Harris.

## Phi Kappa Wins Title

John Kunda and Joe Pitoniak gave Phi Kappa the intramural horseshoe title yesterday when they defeated Robert Smith and Lawrence Ecklund, defending champs from Alpha Gamma Rho, 13-21, 21-17, 21-16.

Penn State will draw the University of Pennsylvania as its opening football opponent in 1956. The two teams, opponents since 1890, also will meet at Franklin Field in 1954 and 1955.

# University Decides To Drop Ring Sport

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the imagination, a reflection on him or on his teams."

Sulkowski, who guided his 1954 team to third place in both the eastern and national championships said he was completely surprised when he was informed of the move.

"I was dumfounded," he said, "particularly since everybody appeared to be satisfied with the final outcome of last season. However, we have qualified people here to make the decisions on matters like this and I just have to accept it."

"I feel sorry for the kids though," he added. "I know they could have proved themselves next year. You know, for the first time since I've been coaching here I would have had a strong nucleus to work with. Six of last season's regulars were due to return along with six good, and experienced freshmen."

Penn State has long been a leader in the sport. The University,

in fact, pioneered boxing in the East and it's believed that a match between the Lions and Penn in 1919 was the nation's first dual meet.

In its 36 years of participation Penn State has produced seven national individual champions and one team champion. The team championship came in the first tournament in 1932. Penn State has also been host school for three national tournaments. The University served as host to the first national tourney and the first Eastern tournament in 1924.

## Cronstedt Returns Home

Penn State's ace gymnast, Jan Cronstedt, already has returned to his native Finland to seek a place on the team which will represent his home country in the world's championships at Rome, Italy, June 28 to July 1. Before his departure, Cronstedt was named captain of the 1955 team.

# Major League Baseball

CHICAGO, May 28 (AP)—Ted Kluszewski smashed his twelfth home run and Wally Post his eighth as the Cincinnati Redlegs defeated the Chicago Cubs 6-3 today in the opener of a four game series.

Art Fowler, 30-year-old rookie righthander, was lifted with one out in the Chicago ninth.

Frank Smith inherited a bases full situation. After Ernie Banks' single scored the final two Chicago runs, Smith ended the game on Gene Baker's long liner to Jim Greengrass.

Kluszewski's homer gave the Redlegs a 2-0 lead in the first inning. The drive into the right field seats followed a leadoff walk to Bobby Adams.

Losing pitcher Jim Davis' balk paved the way for the winners' third run in the second. Wally Post beat out an infield scratch, and was safe at second when Baker booted Andy Seminick's high fly on the edge of the outfield grass.

Fowler nudged both runners along with a sacrifice, and then Davis balked.

In the fifth, the Redlegs got to Davis for a two out walk to Roy McMillan, who scored when Hank Sauer fumbled the recovery of Gus Bell's single.

Johnny Temple blasted a one out double off the left field wall, and scored on Fowler's single over Ralph Kiner's head in the sixth.

CINCINNATI, May 28 (AP)—Warren C. Giles, president of the National League, today disallowed

the protest of the St. Louis Cardinals of the game they lost to Chicago last Tuesday night.

The Cubs won 6-2. Eddie Stanky, Cardinal manager, filed a protest as a result of conflicting decisions by two umpires on a play in the fifth inning.

The disputed play was made after St. Louis had scored one run with four hits off pitcher Jim Davis. With one out and the bags filled, Wally Moon hit a bloop to leftfield.

Ralph Kiner ran in to try for a shoestring catch. Stanky said umpire Hal Dixon at third base waved his arms, indicating a trapped ball, or fair hit.

Umpire Tom Gorman, at second base, ruled Kiner had caught the ball. Kiner threw to second, doubling the runner. That decision stood with the backing of Plate Umpire Larry Goetz.

"That there are conflicting decisions is not denied," Giles said in his decision. "Conflicting decisions by umpires have occurred before and will no doubt occur in the future, particularly where there is no fine line of territorial jurisdiction."

"That the conflicting decisions in this case may have influenced base running by Del Rice which results in an 'out' that otherwise might not have occurred is recognized and is regrettable. However, to allow a protest there must be substantial evidence that the outcome of the game would have been different had the basis for the protest not occurred. In this case we find no such evidence and the protest is therefore disallowed."

# Hamey Denies Dissension

PITTSBURGH, May 28 (AP)—General Manager Roy Hamey of the Philadelphia Phillies said tonight there is no dissension on the club and there is no thought of firing Manager Steve O'Neill.

Hamey, here to watch the Phillies play the Pittsburgh Pirates, issued a statement after saying he had heard such reports. Declaring they are "utterly ridiculous," he added:

"We have never considered such a thing firing O'Neill and after winning two games in Brooklyn I don't believe there can be much dissension after all we are only

three games out of first place and maybe Steve has something to do with that.

"We are not thinking of firing him. It seems that some outside source is trying to cause trouble in the club. To my knowledge there is certainly no dissension as far as the club is concerned."

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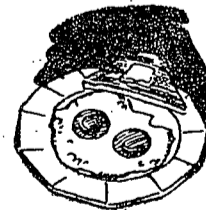
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