

From This Angle...

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GUS CALLS THE SHOTS

Penn State's own wizard of the gridiron (among other sports), Gus Fan made one of his frequent appearances in the dungeons of Carnegie Hall the other day just to say hello. He cleared himself a place among the jumbled pieces of copy at the sports desk and sat down.

"See the game Saturday?"

"Yes."

"Good ball game, huh?"

"Yes."

"Like to see a team play that kind of football?"

"What do you mean by that?" I asked him.

"Well, discounting those fumbles, that was one helluva football team we had at Syracuse Saturday. It wasn't one of those fly-by-night teams. Penn State won it with sheer power and as far as I'm concerned it was beautiful to watch. Except for a five-yard penalty, Penn State never faltered on that first touchdown drive. Just ran and ran—and gained with every play.

"I enjoy that kind of football. It's good to see your team just grind away and never stop moving. And that defensive line sure was terrific. If they play ball like that every week, nobody will move them."

"How are you picking us this week, Gus," I inquired.

"Well that's hard to say. We should win it easily—say four touchdowns. But, despite a mediocre record this Virginia outfit could be tough. But that's hard to guess. They might be higher than a kite and we'd have trouble. Then again, this defensive play of ours has been tops and the running game is murderous. And watch out for Bailey. He had some bad breaks with his passing last week and that's not going to keep up. Bailey is a darn good passer and one of these fine Saturday afternoons he's going to cut loose. Might be Saturday, who knows?"

"By the way, how do you figure this poll business? We beat Illinois and they make us 10th in the nation. Then we beat Syracuse and they make us 12th. It doesn't make sense."

"Well, Gus, you have to remember that those votes are sent in from all over the nation. With hundreds of newspapermen voting, you can count on some strange changes. Most of them probably figured they had to make room for Ohio State and Purdue so somebody had to go. Nobody was going to throw Notre Dame out just because they lost a game."

"This football is tough to figure. Army was the power of the East they said. But South Carolina whipped them in their opener. Then they turn around and lose to West Virginia while Army takes Michigan. You figure it out."

"That win against Syracuse Saturday was really a big one. A writer out on the west coast doesn't realize how hard Penn State has to work to beat that club. They always play their best game against us, but you have to see it to appreciate it. A few breaks and that score might have read 34-0. Then those guys would sit up and take notice."

"Virginia doesn't carry too much weight nationally although they are ranked 19th. But they'll be tough. If we look impressive against them, we'll probably move up again. Then we face West Virginia, a team that reawakened everybody when they beat South Carolina Saturday."

"Well, I guess I can't complain," said Gus. "We've got two great wins behind us and there should be more to come. That sure is a fine football team. See ya Saturday, huh?"

"Yeah, Gus, see you."

Al Lopez Gets Welcome From Hometown Folks

TAMPA, Fla., Oct. 6 (AP)—Home town folks hollering "We'll get them next year" put on a big hero's welcome party today for Al Lopez, the Tampa sandlotter who went on in baseball to manage the Cleveland Indians.

You'd have thought Lopez had managed the winner of the World Series instead of the club that lost to the New York Giants in four straight games.

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NBA Calls Valdes Lone Contender

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 6 (AP)—Nino Valdes of Cuba is the lone logical contender for Rocky Marciano's world heavyweight boxing title, the National Boxing Association said today.

Valdes, the Cuban champion, is the first heavyweight to earn the logical contender distinction since last spring. Former champion Ezzard Charles, now named at the top of the list of outstanding heavyweights, was designated the only contender before his first bout with Marciano last June.

The only champion left without a logical contender in his division in the NBA's fall ratings was light heavyweight Archie Moore.

The ratings:
Heavyweight—Champion, Rocky Marciano, Massachusetts; logical contender, Nino Valdes, Cuba.

Light heavyweight—Champion, Archie Moore, Missouri; logical contender, none available.

Middleweight—Champion, Carl (Bobo) Olson, Hawaii; logical contender, Joey Giardello, Pennsylvania.

Welterweight—Champion, Kid Gavilan, Cuba; logical contenders, Carmen Basilio, New York; Del Flanagan, Minnesota; Johnny Saxton, New York.

Lightweight—Champion, Paddy De Marco, New York; logical contender, Jimmy Carter, New York.

Featherweight—Champion, Sandy Saddler, New York; logical contenders, Percy Bassett, Pennsylvania; Redtop Davis, Connecticut.

Bantamweight—Champion, Robert Cohen, French Algiers; logical contender, Raton Marcias, Mexico.

Flyweight—Champion, Yoshio Shirai, Japan; logical contenders, Leo Espinosa, Philippine Islands; Tanny Campo, Philippine Islands.

Cards Make Bid To Boost Pitching

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 6 (AP)—The St. Louis Cardinals have made their bid to improve pitching, the prime weakness which dropped them into sixth place for the first time since 1938.

General Manager Dick Meyer said today even prize rookie Wally Moon is on the trading block if it means the Redbirds can get a really topnotch hurler.

"We've got talent, a lot of it," said Meyer, "and we're willing to trade for first-rate pitching. Everybody in baseball knows that because we've talked to everybody. Now we'll see what happens."

Meyer said the talking was done during the World Series. He said the Redbirds aren't interested in secondary or minor league trades.

"We're not as alarmed as that sixth-place finish would indicate," Meyer continued. "We're not far from having the tools to go all the way and through our own farm acquisitions this fall we'll have a very flexible club, one we do not intend to weaken unless we definitely can strengthen our pitching."

Lion Booters Idle, Prep for Maryland

This weekend will be a breather for Penn State's undefeated soccer team as the usual trend of having a Saturday ball game will be broken.

Although the Lions are idle this Saturday they will have the customary practice drills in preparation for their Wednesday contest at Maryland.

Because heavy rains have halted practice scrimmages since the Lions drubbed Bucknell, 14-1, in their opening win, Penn State would have been at a disadvantage had it been slated for a game this weekend.

Concentrate on Kinks

Coach Ken Hosterman remarked after the Bucknell win that he wanted to concentrate on working the kinks out of his defensive pattern.

Penn State definitely had very little opportunity to test its defensive depth against a weak Bucknell squad. The Maryland contest will be a different story. The Terps are expected to boast their usual high caliber of soccer play.

Last year the Lions had to rely on two last period goals by Dick Packer to come from behind and eke out their third straight win, 4-3. The Lions trailed Maryland in the third quarter, 3-2, although they held a slim, 2-1 lead in the first stanza.

Maryland Bounces Back

Despite the fact that Penn State jumped to a 2-0 lead in the first quarter, Maryland bounced back to score twice and completely outplayed the Lions during the remainder of the first half. Only a second-half improvement in positional play and all-around team cooperation enabled the Lions to win.

This year Hosterman has a powerful line, but will have to use the remaining few days of practice to make sure his defense can do a comparable job.

Even Bright Sunshine Foretells More Rain

To answer the amazed speculation on campus yesterday afternoon: that was sun.

The meteorology department forecast late yesterday that today will again be partly cloudy and cool. It was expected that the temperature would go no higher than 56 degrees today.

Fisherman Will Run Realization

NEW YORK, Oct. 6 (AP)—C. V. Whitney's Fisherman, one of the year's ranking three-year-olds, will attempt to add the 62nd running of the Lawrence Realization to his list of stakes victories tomorrow at Belmont Park.

The Realization, a rugged test of one mile and five-eighths, drew a field of six three-year-olds and carries \$25,000 in added money.

There was some surprise when the King Ranch failed to enter High Gun, winner of the mile and a half Belmont Stakes.

Fisherman and the Wheatley Stable's Full Flight are top weighted with 122 pounds tomorrow. Full Flight will have a running mate, Ogden Phipps' Privacy, 110.

Devore, 1914 Brave, Dies After Illness

CHILLICOTHE, Ohio, Oct. 6 (AP)—Joshua Devore, 67, a member of the 1914 Boston Braves "miracle" baseball team, died in a hospital last night after a long illness.

Devore broke into organized baseball in Meridian, Miss., as an outfielder in 1906. The Giants under John McGraw called him up from Newark at the tail end of the 1908 season and he was a fielder for them from 1908 through part of the 1914 season.

He was sold to the Braves in 1914 the year that club was in last place on July 4, but came back to win the National League pennant and the World Series in four straight games.



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