

The Scorebook

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U.S. OLYMPIC TRACK HOPES

The recent veil of pessimism that has prevailed lately in connection with the United States' Olympic track and field hopes for 1956 was pushed aside on Tuesday by Jesse Owens. Russia's plan of developing individual stars during the past few years has led to a "cold war" in sports. Record smashing performances by Russian athletes has become sort of a habit, and the prestige of American stars has taken a proportionate dip. Many American track and field experts have expressed concern about the continued success of Russian performers. Early boasts by the Russians were laughed off. Now, however, the attitude has changed. Stop watches and tape measurements don't lie, the experts now cry.

Owens, secretary of the Illinois Athletic Commission, based his hopes for continued American supremacy on the fact U.S. performers have consistently been able to come through when the pressure is at its toughest. "You're just trying to beat those other guys," Owens said, "and the pressure is terrific. That's when we do our best in this country . . . Germany had the best army in the world and we started out as a broomsick army twice. But when the chips were down, our kids were the best in the world. You train so much—then you've got to fight."

Don Canham, Michigan track coach, recently wrote an article for Sports Illustrated entitled "Russia Will Win the 1956 Olympics." In the article it was pointed out that under Russia's new program Nikolai Romanov, head of the Committee on Sport, was given cabinet status in the government. Russia is really serious about winning the 1956 Olympic honors. It fits in with the desire of the Kremlin to show Russian superiority in all fields.

Russian athletes made a wholesale assault on the record books earlier this year in meets at Bern, Switzerland, and London, England. Athletics in Russia has assumed the proportions of a business. Canham reported that Russian sports training institutes have been granted a great deal of financial support and that there is a conscription system for top athletes. Cash awards, property, and even pensions have been given to those who have performed well, Canham wrote.

With this sort of incentive, plus the rigid year-round training program, Russians have a decided advantage—if it can be called that—over U.S. athletes. But one thing the Kremlin can't compete with is the attitude of American Olympians. Although strict rules on eligibility are carried out by the U.S. Olympic Committee, it is a sound policy based on pure amateurism. Soviet athletes work only part of the week and just prior to competition they do nothing but train. Camps for training Russian performers are presided over by huge groups of coaches who have mastered the tricks of the "profession."

Moore Will Be Honored

Lenny Moore, Penn State's flashy record-smashing halfback, has been named by the Pigskin Club of Washington as the winner of its 1954 National Player award.

The award, which is made annually to the nation's top Negro collegiate football player, will be presented to Moore at the club's banquet on Dec. 10 in Washington, D.C.

Some of the nation's top dignitaries will be among the 600 persons who will attend the dinner.

Moore broke on Penn State mark and tied another this season. In nine games this year Moore ripped off 1082 yards to eclipse E. E. "Shorty" Miller's long-standing record of yards gained from scrimmage. Moore's 13 touchdowns equaled another Nittany mark.

Altogether, Moore gained 1486 yards. The Ghost added 159 yards on kickoff returns, 44 on pass receiving, 105 on punt returns, and 96 on interceptions. Moore averaged 8 yards per carry from scrimmage in 136 attempts.

Eight Decisions Dominate IM Boxing Card

Ten bouts were featured last night in IM boxing although six forfeits again marred the card. There were eight decisions and two TKO's registered.

Bill Frengle, Lambda Chi Alpha, easily defeated Dave Walker of Phi Mu Delta in the 155-pound class as his punching power proved to be the deciding factor. In the second fight John Beideman, Sigma Phi Alpha, won a split decision over Fred Owlett, Delta Upsilon, in the 145 division.

Norton Freedman, 145, Alpha Epsilon Pi, beat Phi Beard of Phi Kappa Psi in a fast-moving encounter which saw both boys gasping for breath at the final bell.

Using a terrific left jab and a good right cross, Cookie Tirabassi, 155, Phi Kappa Psi, scored a technical knockout over Len McNeal in the third round of what proved to be the best fight of the evening.

In the fifth bout of the night, Bob Rachman, Beta Sigma Rho, defeated Rick Sofia, 165 pounds, of Alpha Tau Omega in another wild swinging encounter. In the 155 class Bob Schrader, Sigma Nu, won a decision over Don Dowden of Sigma Phi Epsilon. The contestants looked exceptionally well matched.

In the unlimited division, Jim Burkhardt of Kappa Sigma won a decision over Frank Tussey of Phi Gamma Delta. Using a good left hand and fast footwork, Ray Alberigi, 175, of Kappa Delta Rho, won a unanimous decision over Andy Stavres, of DU.

In the ninth match Art Marks, 128, defeated Dan Land, of Sigma Nu in a closely fought battle. In the final match of the night, Bill Remy won on a TKO over Bob Stein, 145, of Alpha Gamma Rho, when Stein injured his hand and could not continue.

Allison Is Second In Grain Judging

John Allison, seventh semester agronomy major, placed second in the entire intercollegiate hay and grains judging contests conducted last weekend in connection with the International Livestock Exposition at Chicago.

The University's crops judging team placed ninth out of eleven universities and colleges competing. Other team members are Anthony Schreiber, Richard Bailey, and Donald R. Miller.

Ends, Garrity, Sherry Selected for Bowls

Two more Penn State football players have accepted bids to participate in post-season all-star bowl games. End Jack Sherry will play in the Blue-Grey game Dec. 25 at Birmingham, Ala., and end Jim Garrity will play in both the East-West shrine game and the North-South Senior Bowl game.

Sherry, who up until last week had anticipated a semester of varsity basketball, is the second Penn State senior to be selected for the Blue Grey game. He and tackle Gene Danser will represent the Lions.

Garrity joined quarterback Don Bailey in the shrine benefit contest scheduled for Jan. 1, and then will go to Mobile, Ala. on Jan. 8 for the Senior Bowl classic in Miami, Fla., on Dec. 25.

Garrity, Lion co-captain this season, was plagued with an injured leg through most of the campaign, but still snagged 11 passes for 160 yards and kicked 13 extra points. Last year he led Penn State ends with 30 receptions.

Sherry was declared ineligible to participate in basketball this week as he prepared to begin practice, giving him an opening for the bid. He caught 11 passes this season, and one of them gave the Lions their first touchdown in the all-important Pitt victory.

The two additions brings the total to five Penn State players participating in post-season games. The other is halfback Rbn Younker, who will play in the annual North-South Shrine Game in Miami, Fla., on Dec. 2.

Lion head coach Rip Engle will also have a hand in the winter festivities. Engle, who declined his fourth head coaching job for the Blue-Grey battle, will serve as an assistant coach in the game this year.

Moore, Grier Make UP All-East Team

Lenny Moore and Roosevelt Grier added one more laurel to their collection when they were named to the first team on the United Press all-East football team, released Wednesday.

Co-captain Jim Garrity won an end position on the second team and Jesse Arnelle gained honorable mention.

On the first team all-East as selected by the United Press, Army claimed four positions, Penn State had two, and Navy two. Pitt's Eldred Kremer, Ed Bose and Henry Ford were named on the second team.

3 Win 4 Grid Letters

Three Penn State football players who qualified for varsity letters in 1954 represent the first trio of modern times to win four straight letters in a non-war era. The trio is composed of tackle Rosey Grier, Linden, N.J.; end Jesse Arnelle, New Rochelle, N.Y.; and halfback Buddy Rowell, Erie.

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SCH. OF MUSIC REP.: Definitely not in harmony with our standards.

JOURNALISM REP.: To corn a phrase, they ain't on the ball team.

SCH. OF LOGIC REP.: Why not shoot 'em?

MED. SCHOOL REP.: Great idea! I'll work up a "Good Taste" serum, refined from some Van Heusen Oxfordian shirts. We'll inoculate 'em all!

PHILOSOPHY REP.: Who cares!

LAW SCHOOL REP.: (Happily) Yeah, inoculate 'em. Then maybe some of 'em will get sick, and I . . .

JOURNALISM REP.: Now let's don't go all around Red Robin Hood's barn . . . what we need is a campaign to tell 'em about the Oxfordian . . . the silky, smooth oxford shirts with the smart, modern collar styles.

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JOURNALISM REP.: I think we got the gem of an idea here somewhere . . . but first off the bag, we gotta . . .

MED. SCHOOL REP.: Inoculate 'em.

LOGIC REP.: Yeah, shoot 'em.

CHAIRMAN: All in favor of mass inoculation say Aye. (MOTION CARRIES.)

JOURNALISM REP.: Maybe some of 'em already wear Van Heusen Oxfordians. Don't shoot 'til you see the whites of their shirts . . .

ART SCHOOL REP.: . . . and the colors! Don't forget Oxfordians come in the smartest colors this side of a Bonnard or a Klee.

PHILOSOPHY REP.: (eating Tootsie-roll) Who cares!



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