

A Coach's Dream ...

Blockson, Grier 'Push' Each Other

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Charlie "Blockbuster" Blockson and Rosey Grier get a lot of competition from shot-putters on other teams, but they also give each other plenty to "shoot" at.

This competition between Blockson and Grier has turned into a coach's dream for Nittany mentor Chick Werner. Werner's two top weightmen have pushed each other to greater heights through their friendly rivalry.

In last season's IC4A indoor championships Blockson eclipsed the Penn State shot put mark to place third with a 51' 3 1/2" heave. Grier, who had set the Nittany indoor record a year earlier with a toss of 51' 1 1/2", finished fourth in the IC4A title battle with a 50' 10 3/4" heave.

During the 1954 outdoor campaign Blockson and Grier kept up their record-wrecking habits to help pace the thinclads to an undefeated season. Blockson erased another of Grier's standards when he flipped the discus 157' 10" against Navy. The longest previous toss by a Nittany Lion performer had been 151' 4".

But Blockson, a junior, was not the only one to cause revisions in the record books. Grier shattered his outdoor shot put mark of 52' 9 1/2" in the meet with the Midshipmen from Annapolis. His

with the Lions. The giant senior is from Linden, N.J., and like Blockson, has seen a lot of action on the gridiron.

Although Werner will be unable to use his two weight stars in several of this season's indoor meets due to the fact that most of the action is held on an invitational basis, he will definitely put them into action in a quadrangular meet at Michigan State and in the IC4A championships.

When the time does come for Werner to insert Blockson and Grier into the lineup he will once again be unveiling two of the top competitors in the sport—two athletes who have been competing against each other so they will be better able to compete against others.

Grid Coaching Ethics Cited

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (AP)—College football coaches have made "substantial progress" toward improving coaching ethics but still have to reckon with some abuses, Bill Murray of Duke said today.

Murray, chairman of the ethics committee of the American Football Coaches Assn., made his report to the association meeting today. Since the committee was formed two years ago, he said, such practices as selection of weekly game winners by coaches, faking injuries, scouting opponents' practice sessions and listing false weights have virtually been eliminated.

Big Ten Threatens NCAA TV Boycott

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (AP)—The Big Ten swung the big club of a threatened boycott or secession over the NCAA today in an effort to bring about a change in the system of controlling football television.

In the strongest statement yet to come from this powerful conference, H. O. Fritz Crisler, Big Ten spokesman at a NCAA round table discussion of TV, said the conference could not accept another control plan similar to the one in effect during 1954.

May Reject Plan He indicated that if the 1955 NCAA TV Committee should present another national game-a-week plan, the Big Ten would reject it and then likely would be forced to adopt a conference TV program of its own.

This threat, partly implied and partly spelled out in Crisler's lengthy speech, resulted largely from the pressure put on the conference colleges by state legislatures.

Leaders Jittery While Crisler left a number of loopholes through which the Big Ten could continue to participate in a national program, the threat sent a wave of jitters over the college athletic leaders gathered for the 49th annual NCAA convention.

Crisler's vigorous presentation of the Big Ten case for regional TV was the high spot of a busy day in which members of the

American Football Coaches Assn. voted informally by a 3-1 margin in favor of the 1954 type of TV controls and in which assorted committees cleaned up the preliminaries to tomorrow's convention meeting.

Unless there is a successful move to bring up the TV subject on the convention floor tomorrow, no further action will be taken, other than a vote on a resolution calling for continued TV controls and the appointment of a committee to formulate a 1955 plan.

Rookie Sensation

NEW YORK, Jan. 6 (AP)—Bob Grim, who came out of the Marines last year to gain a starting job with the New York Yankees and proceeded to win 20 games in his freshman year, signed his 1955 contract today.

The 24-year-old righthander received an estimated \$12,000 salary.



Charlie Blockson

sensational 55' 8 1/4" effort far surpassed any earlier Penn State showing, and led the way in the Lions' 68-63 victory over the Midies.

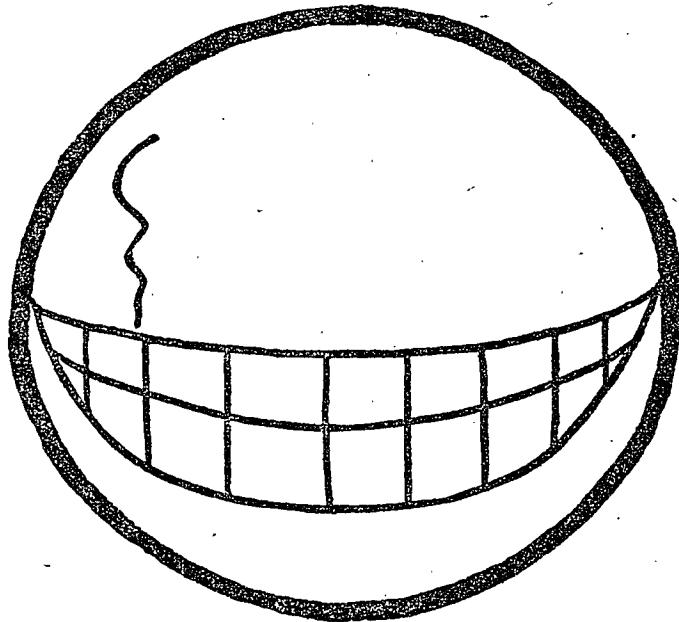
Crouching Stance

Grier consistently heaved the shot past the 50 foot mark and earned for himself a rating as one of the best shot putters in the collegiate ranks. Instead of facing toward the front of the shot put circle as do most competitors in this event, Grier has adopted a crouching stance with his back to the toe board. When he is set to heave the 16 pound iron ball, Grier whirls, shoots his right arm out at an elevated angle and lets go with all the strength in his powerful 6' 4" 240-pound frame. This is similar to the method employed by Olympic champion Parry O'Brien. It demands a sudden burst of explosive power and perfect balance.

This will be Grier's final season

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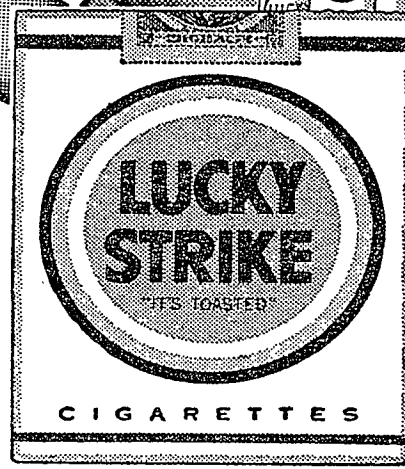
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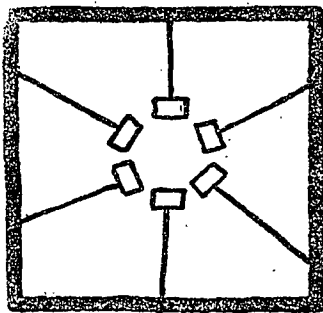
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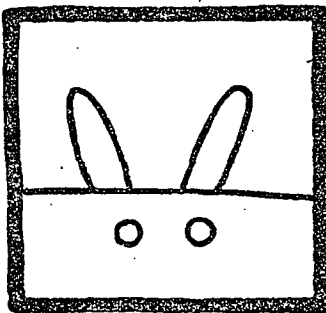
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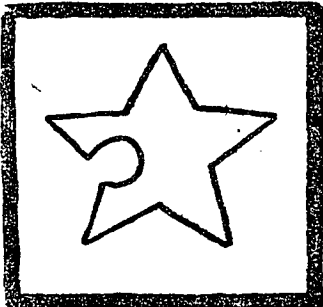
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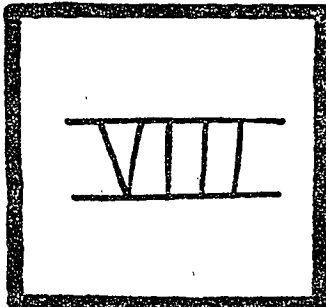
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