

Fifty-Three All-Americans



THIS PLAQUE, which hangs in the lobby of Rec Hall tells a story that few people know. The plaque honors 38 Penn State soccer players who have accounted for an amazing total of 53 All-American selections. Erected as a monument to the Penn State soccer players who died in World War II, the plaque pictures former coach Bill Jeffrey. The first Penn State All-American came in 1926 when left forward G. F. Lippincott made the select team, and the list has been swelling constantly since. The latest are a pair of super stars from the 1954 national championship team, center forward Dick Packer and outside left Jack Pinexich. The two linemen were named to the first team and fullback Paul Dierks was selected for the second team. Their names had not yet been added to the plaque when the picture was taken.

Bezdek--Man Of Talents -- Once in a Century-- Woman on Varsity

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go, where he starred as a 5-7 full-back. He also was a top-notch second baseman on the University's baseball squad.

From there he went to the University of Arkansas as head football coach. Bezdek's next stop was at the University of Oregon, once again as top grid mentor.

His 1917 team at Oregon met and defeated Penn in the Rose Bowl.

The stage was then set for his reign in the Centre County hills for almost two decades.

Refused to Retire
Instead of going into retirement upon coaching his last Penn State grid team in 1929, Bez took another step up the ladder of success.

In 1930 he became the first dean of Physical Education and Athletics at Penn State, a position he held until 1936.

He then left Penn State to coach the Cleveland Rams for a year.

In his only other contact with coaching the pros, from 1917 to 1919, Bezdek managed the Pittsburgh Pirates and brought them out of the cellar and into the first division.

When he decided to leave the world of sports in 1936, Bez bought a poultry farm near Doylestown where he spent from 12-14 hours a day watching a crop of White Leghorns of 200 increase to over 4000.

Moved to New Jersey
Bezdek spent his last days along with his wife and daughter in their New Jersey cottage.

Almost a carbon-copy of the great Knute Rockne as a psychologist, the granddaddy of Nittany Lion coaches believed the teams who worked the hardest throughout the week had the most success Saturday. He also was against what he termed "headline praise" which Bez claimed tended to raise a player's ego and become a "definite hinderance."

By JOE CHEDDAR
Penn State has had some very unique happenings in the first hundred years of its existence, but probably the most startling was having a woman play for one of its varsity teams. And she was good, too.

The woman was Miss Dorothy Louise Anderson. Miss Anderson was a tennis standout in 1935 when she won six out of seven matches—all against men who were reputed to be among the best college tennis players in the East.

Dorothy came to Penn State from Los Angeles where she received her early tennis instruction.

She was ineligible her first year here, but as soon as it was possible for her to play she was on the team. She was a tall, graceful woman who could use her height to a decided advantage.

She could hit hard, and covered the court like a tent. Her first varsity match was against Carnegie Tech. She lost the first set 4-6, but then shook off the jitters and settled down, and promptly proceeded to blast her male opponent off the court by winning the last two sets 8-6, 6-0.

She moved, all winningly, through Bucknell, Gettysburg, John Hopkins, and Syracuse before being spragged at Cornell. However, most of the team lost, so there was some solace for our heroine.

The athletic miss might have been a coaches dream on the tennis courts, but most assuredly she was nothing but a headache to her coach H. W. "Dink" Stover when it came time to make traveling accommodations for the team. Miss Anderson was quartered in sorority houses and women's dorms whenever possible, but more often than not she would be housed in a hotel or some similar shelter.

In 1934, before coming to State, Dorothy, along with her partner, Mrs. Jean Artzberber, found time to cop the women's doubles championship of Western Pennsylvania.

Before that in 1931 to 33, she was singles champion of Northwestern Pennsylvania.

After graduation, Dorothy taught school at Butler (Pa.) High School for a few years. In 1940 she married and moved to Milwaukee where she immediately became the scourge of women's tennis, copping all the championships in sight. Since then, however, Dorothy has retired to more leisurely pursuits. At present she is engrossed in reporting and raising children. She has three: Linda, 10; Evelyn, 8; and Andrew, 6.

White Hall Opened Way For Women's Athletics

With the completion of the Mary Beaver White Recreation Hall in 1939, women's athletics at the University entered a new era of progress.

The Women's Recreation Association was soon organized, along with eleven organized clubs whose purpose it was to develop interest and skill in a particular sport or activity for each member. The clubs included archery, bowling, badminton, dancing, fencing, golf, rifle, swimming, tennis, and riding.

Oldest coach, in years of service, on the Penn State coaching staff, is wrestling mentor Charlie Speidel.

Links Opened in 1931

Penn State's 18-hole golf course, part of an intense recreational development program in the 1920's, was completed in 1931. Designed primarily for student use, it was free to all students and faculty members until 1954 when operation expenses required a 50-cent fee installment.

Football Card Intact

With the substitution of Boston University for Fordham, Penn State's 1955 centennial year football schedule remains intact. Boston U., Syracuse, Navy, and Pitt will be played at home; Army, Virginia, West Virginia, Penn, and Rutgers on the road. The Virginia game will be played at Richmond.

From F.H.S. to P.S.U.

These last 100 years have brought many changes to our campus—changes that have developed a small college for agricultural students, into the large modern physical plant that we know today.

As enrollment grew, new buildings sprang up. Coeds were admitted. More schools and curriculums were added. This expansion increased until this was no longer a college, but a university.

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