

Penn State Sports—

ON the LINE

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With Christmas only eight days away, and a chubby gentleman with a round nose, bushy white beard, and flashing bright eyes probably just getting his red suit out of the dry cleaners in preparation for his annual world-wide visits, we thought we'd get out the paper, pen and ink and, like so many others, drop the old chap a few suggestions of what he might put in our blue and white stocking come the Yule a.m.

This is how our letter that was shipped to the North Pole along with thousands of others read:

Dear Santa Claus:

We haven't seen you for a year, but, oh, how you helped us in '55 with those things you left last Dec. 25.

You should have seen the sparkling eyes of Gym Coach Gene Wettstone when you left him such talent to take the Eastern Championships. And Charlie Speidel? Well our long-time, successful mat coach told us to tell you, "Thanks, Doc," for those two runnerup spots in the Easterns and Nationals last year.

Soccer Coach Ken Hosterman had all his requests answered, and he took care of his gifts until this fall when his boys went out to win nine out of nine, and do all sorts of successful things with that new soccer ball that you left under the tree in '54.

Joe Bedenk, your old friend, said thanks for Ronnie Weidenhammer, as did Bob Rutherford, who saw his men go on a golfing rampage to push their winning streak to 12. Another old friend, Chick Werner, leaned over our shoulder and reminded us not to forget his thanks for Art Pollard and Rosey Grier, who helped pace the '55 outdoor track team.

We've had a good year here at Penn State, and the new one is just about upon us, St. Nick, so we thought it was time to put in our '56 order:

How about an individual championship for wrestler Joe Krufka? He's been knocking at the door so often he deserves one; and don't forget Charlie, his coach. After last year's "almost" results, it's his turn this year.

And while we're on the subject of it's "our turn," how about an NCAA title for Rutherford and his linksmen this spring.

And for Coach Wettstone, make the visit of the Swiss gym team even more successful than the Swedes' visits. He's put a lot of work into it as usual.

We'd also like to order a bushel full of points for basketball coach John Egli. Leave him and his cagers a few extra gifts to keep up the pre-Christmas spirit that helped them roll over the 100 mark last week.

And please don't forget Chick Werner. Our highly successful track mentor had rough sledding this year in cross country; perhaps he needed a little more snow, but please, Santa, leave no icy spots to slide on this winter in indoor track; oh, a few distance or middle distance men would help, too.

Hosterman could use a couple of boys to replace Dick Packer, Dick Maticia, George Geczy and Ihor Stelnyk, too, on the soccer field.

To Rip Engle, how about a left half to replace Lenny Moore, a quarterback that can and will run and pass, a dual win over the Mountaineers and Pitt, and a few linemen over the 240 mark.

Don't forget Coach Bedenk on replacements. He needs a whole new infield to back up Guy Tirabassi at short; an outfielder sprinkled here or there would help, too, Santa.

For Lacrosse mentor Nick Thiel, help his team over that 500 mark again as this year, and bring a satchel load of talent for tennis head Sperm Fogg.

Dean McCoy could always use a money belt stashed full with crisp greenbacks to help along the athletic and recreation programs, and, of course, for Ike Gilbert, put 33,000 fans in our oval every game next year.

And a couple from our side, again, Santa: the continuation of Penn State's winning performances, and the continuation of athletes with the right attitude of knowing how to lose.

Also, the continued success of the IM program handled by Gene Bischoff, Dutch Sykes, Doc Griess, and Ed Sulkowski.

One note of thanks to go along with our gifts of last year, Santa. Thanks for Penn State's wonderful sports fans who have backed the 'Lions' athletic ventures.

And, in closing, until this time next year, there's one thing we wanted to remind you NOT to leave. Forget the cigarettes for our trainer Chuck Medlar, he's quit smoking.

Sincerely,
Roy Williams

And so ended our letter to Santa for 1955. Merry Christmas and happy New Year to all.

\$1¼ Million Buys Nashua

NEW YORK, Dec. 15 (AP)—Nashua, the Belair Stud's big American champion race horse of 1955, was sold today for \$1,251,200—the greatest amount ever paid for a race horse.

The successful bidder was Leslie Combs II of Spendthrift Farm, Lexington, Ky.

Combs told the executors of the estate of the late William Wood-

ward Jr. that if he could get Sunny Jim Fitzsimmons, who trained Nashua for Woodward, to take the colt again, he would "send him to Florida as fast as I can get him there." Nashua would be pointed for the \$100,000 added Widener Handicap at Hialeah in February.

The entire Belair stable was sold to three interests after the executors received sealed bids.

The total realized for all 62 horses, including Nashua, was \$1,886,200.

The previous record for a thoroughbred was \$700,000 for Tulyar, Irish colt who was undefeated in 1952 when he won the Epsom Derby. The Irish National Stud bought Tulyar from the Aga Khan.

Nashua, in two years of racing, has won a total of \$945,145 and stands second only to Citation in money winnings. Citation earned \$1,085,760.

Nashua eclipsed Citation's record for single year earnings when he piled up \$752,550 in winning virtually all of the classics for 3-year-olds.

The bank said 11 bids were received for Nashua, five exceeding one million dollars.

Charles Mapes, Hanover vice president, said he had received one bid of \$1.10 for Nashua. He said the executors regarded this and three other bids as jokes.

There were two bids of \$500 each and one of \$200 for Nashua. Mapes said there were only two legitimate bids below a million dollars for the horse.

Coed Keglers Place Second In Tournament

While Penn State's basketball team was hopping on and off trains from State College to North Carolina and Illinois the past two weeks, Penn State's women bowlers were competing telegraphically with collegiate bowlers all over the United States and gaining second place in the nation.

The seventeenth annual National Intercollegiate Telegraphic American Ten Pin Tournament ended Saturday with Penn State placing second in total tournament team play and taking third and fourth slots in individual scoring. All results were sent to the University, the center of the tournament.

Penn State's team total of 1540 was only nine points short of the national title which was copped by Wisconsin State College. Wisconsin netted 1549 points.

Drum Third

Barbara Drum, rolling 198, placed third in the standings among the top ten individual single game scorers for Penn State.

Pat Farrell won the individual two-game series for Penn State when she netted 345 pins for fourth place.

Interpreting the score by points, Penn State again was second to Wisconsin, getting 25 marks to the leader's 37.

PSU Second

The top ten competitors for the two-week period in the five-man two-game series were, following Wisconsin and Penn State, Syracuse University, University of Kansas, Cortland State Teachers College, University of Texas, Indiana University, Bowling Green State University, State College of Washington, and Temple University.

Kappa Delta Is 13-12 Winner

Kappa Delta exploded in the fading minutes of the only woman's intramural basketball game Thursday night to slip over Delta Delta, 13-12.

Tri Delt held the winners scoreless in the first half, took a slight 7-6 lead at half time, and were ahead 10-8 at the end of the third quarter before the KD's let loose.

Barbara Peck and Pat Barr shared eight points for the victors, with Peck hitting on two field goals and two fouls and Barr flipping in four fouls.

Jane Mort and Nancy Seaman sank three and two points for the KD's total.

Tri Delta's Jean Bodman was high scorer for the night when she anchored nine of her team's 12 points.

IM Bowling—

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fors copped the three game individual honors with 538 points.

In League D, Howard Reich of KDR won the high single by bowling a 193. His teammate, Blaine Barron, walked off with the high triple, knocking over 517 pins.

On the strength of its 4-0 win over Acacia Wednesday night, Theta Delta Chi emerged Intramural first-half champion of fraternity bowling League B. Theta Delt, which had been in second place for the past three weeks, ended with a 27-9 card while its nearest opponent, Phi Kappa, finished with a 26-10 slate.

Phi Kappa also won its match with Delta Sigma Lambda, 4-0.

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JAMES DEAN
in John Steinbeck's
"EAST OF EDEN"
with Julie Harris
Begins 2 P.M. Sunday
Audience Awards Winner
"Most Promising Male Personality"
TAB HUNTER
"BATTLE CRY"
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Today: 2:05, 3:55, 5:45, 7:45, 9:35
"TOP OF THE WORLD"
—Starring—
Dale Robertson
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