

# Improved Aerial Babe Didrikson Zaharias Dies After 3-Year Fight with Cancer

Penn Coach Steve Sebo will uncerk a much improved aerial game along with his multiple offense when the Quakers meet the Lion football team tomorrow at Franklin Field, Philadelphia. Game time is 1:30 p.m. (EDT).

Penn, who has chucked its powerhouse opponents for a round robin Ivy League schedule this year, is reputed to be on the upswing after dropping its last 18 games. And with this more lenient schedule the Red and Blue should snap this infamous streak in the next few weeks.

SEBO, who learned the multiple offense as a backfield coach at Michigan State, will throw Rich Ross in at quarterback to run the complicated system. Ross, a junior, has shown splendid improvement over last year and can definitely be counted on to fill the air lanes with passes against the Lions.

Ross will seek to avenge last year's performance against the Lions, when he was thwarted on all five passing attempts by the Nittany defenders.

IF ANYTHING will handicap Penn's running attack tomorrow it will be lack of speed, an essential ingredient in the multiple offense.

The Red and Blue backfield will feature, besides Ross, Frank Riepl at left halfback. Riepl gained a varsity berth after his fine performance against the Lions last year. He gained 46 yards on 11 carries to lead the Quaker ball carriers.

He also returned two punts 18 yards and brought back a pair of kickoffs 48 yards. He is an elusive runner but not exceptionally fast as are all the Penn ball-toters.

NEIL HYLAND is slated to open at right half for Charley McKinney, who will sit this one out because of an injury.

Sebo's fullback will be the only non-letterman in the Penn backfield. Dave Sikarskie, sophomore, has been given the edge over another sophomore, Bill Raser. Penn's regular fullback, Bill Young, is sidelined with a knee injury, but should be able to play in a few weeks.

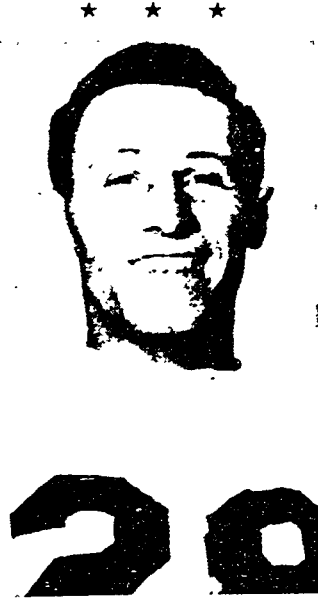
Sikarskie is one of the fastest and quickest backs on the squad, while Raser has shown most of his ability on defense on the basis

## Outing Club Plans Exchange at Cornell

There will be an exchange outing with the University of Cornell this weekend at Cornell. It was announced today that the Penn State club will leave Saturday noon rather than noon today, as was originally planned. Members are requested to meet at Recreation Hall.

Outdoor activities and an overnight cabin party are planned.

The next exchange outing will be the weekend of Oct. 6 and 7 with the University of Pennsylvania. An overnight party at the Forestry Cabin is planned.



Rich Ross  
Quaker Passer

of his fine work with the freshmen last year.

PENN has been running against Lion offensive formations in an effort to curb the running attack built around Billy Kane, Ray Alberigi, and Babe Caprara. The famed Kane Scissors Play, a "long gainer" for the Lions, has been under intensive scrutiny by the Penn coaching staff.

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GALVESTON, Tex., Sept. 27 (P)—The world's greatest woman athlete, Babe Didrikson Zaharias, died while sleeping today in her quiet hospital room overlooking the Gulf of Mexico on whose shores she was born.

The superb body whose athletic feats in her 42 years amazed and thrilled sports fans wasted away to 80 pounds as cancer eroded her physique during a three-year illness.

IT NEVER eroded her spirit. Her last words to husband George Zaharias were, "I ain't gonna die, honey."

That was in the early morning hours. Shortly thereafter, George said, "She's had enough agony, sadness and pain. And so I'm losing my wife, partner and love. God's will be done. I know she'll live forever in the hearts of millions."

GEORGE, the ex-wrestler known as "The Weeping Greek From Cripple Creek"—now a wealthy promoter and real estate operator—paced the corridor of John Sealy Hospital all night—the pattern of his life for weeks. He stepped into the Babe's room frequently.

He told of her death this way: "She died in her sleep. It was real nice and peaceful, as peaceful as a baby. She just floated away. It's been a long battle and the Babe fought it the way she knows how to fight, giving ground reluctantly all the way and an inch at a time."

FUNERAL SERVICES will be conducted at 4 p.m. CST tomorrow

at the Bethlehem Lutheran church in Beaumont, Tex., the city she always called home. Officiating will be the Rev. C. A. Woytek, the church's pastor. Burial will be in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Beaumont.

Her last few months were relatively free of pain. Surgeons severed a nerve to relieve sensation. Cancer was widespread in her body.

SPORTS EDITORS named her "Woman Athlete of the Year" six times in the annual Associated Press poll. On the 1950 ballot, the sports writers named her the woman athlete of the half-century.

At 1 a.m. today, all members of the family who were in Galveston filed into her room. She nodded to each of them, then she had a few words with George and then she went to sleep.

There was an immediate outpouring of condolences and eulogies from sports and governmental figures.

PRESIDENT EISENHOWER led off today's news conference

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with a statement lauding her, particularly what he called her gallant fight against the disease.

Her illness was discovered in 1953. She underwent surgery at that time but came back to win seven golf tournaments—she won 90 in her lifetime.

**IM Football Correction**  
Phi Kappa Psi defeated Acacia, 2-0, in intramural football Tuesday night at Beaver Field. The Daily Collegian regrets having reported this score incorrectly in yesterday's paper.

Penn State owns a won-and-lost edge over six of the nine football teams it will oppose in 1956.

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