



Scanning SPORTS

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WETTSTONE PRAISES RUSSIAN DISCIPLINE!

Penn State's genial ambassador of good will and the 1956 Olympic Gymnastic Coach Gene Wettstone had a multitude of favorable comments concerning the Russian Olympic athletes, who beat out the U.S. for the team title in Melbourne.

Wettstone, who returned from Australia last weekend, praised the Reds for what he called "unparalleled condition and strict discipline."

"The Russians were there solely to win," he said, "and that's just what they did. I never saw athletes in better physical condition or under stricter training rules than those athletes were. To explain the discipline under which they were kept I'll cite this one example:

During Russian gymnastic practice one night a young woman gymnast messed up on her routine. The coach promptly came to her, slapped her in the face, and had her sit on the bench for an hour. The girl did not shed a tear."

Wettstone said that Russian officials were sent to Melbourne weeks in advance to choose the site where their athletes would stay and, he added, "they picked a spot isolated from the noise of the town and the sightseers and where they could keep a close vigil on them.

"We were located nearer to town and consequently our boys were more prone to venture out and have a good time once in a while."

Elaborating more on the condition of Russia's athletes, Wettstone said: "In every single sport they had performers who were in better physical condition than the opposition. Even in basketball they were the best conditioned. They would use only five or six men throughout the game and still be as fresh as when they started. The only thing was that their ball-handling wasn't exceptional and they were consequently outclassed when they met us."

Wettstone said he could find nothing wrong with the Red Athletes, especially the younger set. "Their attitudes toward the Americans were excellent," he explained, "and they continually tried to make friends. The only thing was that if they were caught talking to anybody their coach would rudely interrupt and sometimes shove an American out of the way."

But, the Lion coach said that the Red coaches were not necessarily doing this because of dislike toward the Americans. "Their strategy is terrific," he said. "They know that to have their boys sharp at all times they must keep them from mingling with outsiders, and so they kept them under wraps at all times. It's the same method a football coach uses before an important game and I think we should have used those techniques a little more ourselves."

Wettstone said the young Russians would sneak out of their camp and come to the U.S. camp in order to have a general bull session with the Americans. He added, also, that this was prevalent only among the young crowd and that the older Red athletes were more reserved in their socializing.

Discussing his favorite subject, gymnastics, Wettstone stated emphatically that he thought the Japanese had clearly won the title over the Russians.

"The Japs went through their routines at 8 a.m.," he pointed out, "and the Russians at 8 p.m. The judges were too conservative in their scoring in the morning and when it was time to judge the Russians they appeared to forget how they scored the Japs and thus scored the Russians too high. Everyone, including the judges, knew that the Japanese were the better team."

Wettstone cited his own Armando Vega as one of the most improved performers on the team. "He definitely won the calisthenics event over the Russian performer, and when he wasn't announced the winner everybody just groaned," he said. Wettstone's reasons for this was the fact that the Russian team was so well thought of that anything they did was thought to be the best.

"It seemed to be strictly psychological, he said, "Vega was the best in that event but because he was on a weaker team he was apparently overlooked. The judges were honest, but they were affected subconsciously by this Russian buildup."

Wettstone said that the Russians were booed unmercifully by the fans. "Everything they did was booed. They never played dirty or did they cheat. All they did was play good, strong games.

"In the water polo eliminations with Hungary a picture was taken of a Hungarian player bleeding and publicized in all the papers, which I think was definitely uncalled for. Water polo is a rough game and anybody is liable to be injured at any time accidentally."

Wettstone said that the Russians are getting everything possible from their athletes. He said that they are trained for years and their potential is brought out to the fullest degree.

"We haven't even begun to explore our athletes' potential, except maybe in football, basketball and baseball," he said, "and believe me results can be unbelievable from a team that's been trained to its full potential."



Gene Wettstone

Schmoo's Boys Win, Grab IM Cage Lead

By BOB GULLO

Schmoo's Boys took over the Intramural basketball League C lead Monday night, when they downed McKee Five 31-23. The Deuces Wild dropped into second place when they were upset by the Dippers, 24-22.

Joe Washko led the Schmoo attack with 11 points. Gerry Duckett and Vince Marino helped the cause when they accounted for 14 more Schmoo tallies between them. Jim Molinari led the scoring for McKee 5 with 8 points.

The Deuces Wild, who were tied for first place with Schmoo's Boy's prior to gametime, slid into the number two slot when the Dippers, supported by Earl Kohlhaas' 13 points, triumphed, 24-22. John Van Vechten and Paul Frederick combined for 17 of the Deuces' 22 points.

Bearcats Score Upset

The Kreams lost their first, 27-15 game of the season to a strong Bearcat quintet but remained in possession of the league B lead. Fedele Mendicino sank 11 points for the Bearcats.

In the only other independent contest of the evening, Pollock 4 handed the Nittany Supporters their fourth straight loss, marching to an easy victory, 33-13. Larry Snodgrass, of Pollock 4, was high scorer with 15 points.

3 Hold Leads

In the fraternity action, three teams kept perfect records intact for leadership of their leagues: Alpha Tau Omega, League B; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, League C, and Delta Chi, League D.

Alpha Tau Omega breezed past Phi Epsilon Pi, 41-15, as Larry Bavar dropped 21 points through the hoops. John Chaffetz contributed nine points to the losing cause.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon came back after trailing by one point at the half to beat Tau Kappa Epsilon, 19-13. Russ Mandeville accounted for 8 SAE tallies.

Delta Chi set back Phi Sigma Kappa, 37-12. The winners' Frank Ulrich led the way with 8 points, followed by teammates Bob Benson with 6 points and Fred Evans with 5.

Beta Wins Easily

Beta Theta Pi encountered no opposition in humiliating Sigma Alpha Mu, 45-11. Beta held a halftime lead of 23-0. Al Jacks was high scorer with 12 points, backed up by teammate Bill Hess who had 10.

Delta Upsilon scored 18 points in the second half to take a 29-23 verdict from Alpha Zeta in a game that was tied, 11-11, at halftime. Jim Lockerman of DU paced the scorers with 15 points.

G Phi Beta Leads Coed Table Tennis

Gamma Phi Beta leads the coed intramural table tennis league with an 11-1 record. Its only loss game at the hands of the Little Lions.

Following close behind the leaders are Kappa Kappa Gamma, with a 15-3 record; Alpha Xi Delta, 12-3; Delta Delta Delta, 11-3; and Chi Omega, 10-2.

Alpha Epsilon Phi has 9 wins and 3 losses while Kappa Delta, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Pi Beta Phi each hold 10 wins with 5 to 7 losses.

Plum OK's Senior Bowl Invitation

Milt Plum, one of the instrumental figures in Penn State's successful football season, accepted an invitation to play in the North-South Senior Bowl game Saturday, Jan. 5 at Mobile, Ala.

Plum was reached at Chicago on Monday where he was en route to San Francisco for the East-West Shrine game. Plum will travel directly to Mobile following the East-West game Dec. 29. Plum's teammate, tackle Walt Mazur, had previously accepted an invitation to the Senior Bowl.

Plum's acceptance made him the third Lion who will participate in a post-New Year's game. Sam Valentine, All-America guard, will fly to Hawaii for the Hula Bowl game Jan. 6, after playing in the East-West game.

Mazur is slated to play in the Blue-Grey game Dec. 29 at Montgomery, Ala. Center Dan Radakovich will accompany Mazur to Montgomery for the Blue-Grey game.

Three other Lions will participate in post-season games. Halfback Billy Kane and tackle Jack Calderone start the ball rolling on Dec. 26, at Miami, where they will play for the North in the North-South game. Halfback Ray Alberigi will also play in the East-West game.

Shrine Children Welcome Plum

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18 (AP) — The Shrine's Crippled Children Hospital today sounded like a Saturday in Kezar Stadium with "one-two-three-four who are we for?" booming all over the place.

The kids welcomed the East-West football teams, here for the Dec. 29 annual benefit classic. It was hard to tell who had the most fun—the players, or their youthful mascots—one to a man.

A quick look around for a name on a bed, an introduction "I'm John Brodie" or maybe "Hi Sheeran, I'm Milt Plum" and conversations began.

When they could, buddies went for a stroll like Ricky, the 10½-year-old cheerleader, and Southern California's Jon Arnett. The smiling players just grabbed a tiny mitt and kept pace.

Proof Said Lacking In Layne Slugging

DETROIT, Dec. 18 (AP) — Two Detroit sportswriters said today that Detroit Lions' movies don't show that Bobby Layne was slugged during Sunday's National Football League game between Detroit and the Chicago Bears.

Edwin J. Anderson, president of the Lions, sent a three page protest to NFL Commissioner Bert Bell last night in which he claimed that Layne, star quarterback of the Lions, was deliberately slugged by Ed Meadows, defensive end of the Bears. Layne was out for the rest of the game. The Lions lost 38-21.

Washington U Coach Named to Texas Post

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 18 (AP) — Darrell Royal, coach at the University of Washington, today was named head coach of the University of Texas, and Ed Olle was made athletic director.

Penn State's ace passer, Milt Plum, was forced to "eat" the ball only five times, twice intentionally, during the 1956 campaign.

Barbell Club Defeats Penn Weightlifters

The Penn State Barbell Club set two club weightlifting marks in defeating the University of Pennsylvania, 2181-2118, in a meet at Philadelphia last Saturday.

Bob Smith in the 180-pound class and Claude Wallick in the heavyweight class scored identical 630 point totals for the military press, snatch and clean and jerk. Smith lifted 195 pounds in the military press, 185 pounds in the snatch and 250 pounds in the clean and jerk. Wallick lifted 200 pounds in the military press, 185 pounds in the snatch and 245 pounds in the clean and jerk.

The scoring was computed by the Hoffman formula on the basis of the five best lifters on each team. Under the Hoffman formula, scoring is calculated quantitatively by comparing the lifts of men at different weight classes.

Chuck Gilver, president of the Penn State weightlifting aggregation, was top man by 1.5 pounds under the Hoffman scoring system. He lifted 595 pounds at a body weight of 140.75 pounds.

Marty Scolnick of the University of Pennsylvania took second by lifting 735 pounds with a body weight of 200.25 pounds.

Valentine-Dunn to Meet

Sam Valentine, all-America guard, hopes to meet Penn State's first all-America player while in Honolulu for the Hula Bowl, Jan. 6. W. T. "Mother" Dunn, retired medico and all-America center in 1906, lives in Hawaii.

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