

# A Glance at . . . SPORTS

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## PENN STATE FANS—WISHY-WASHY?

Are Penn State fans real fans? Or are they the wishy-washy type? From what we've gathered in our 2½ years at the University, we would have to classify them in the latter bracket—or as close to it as possible.

The real fan is the supporter who backs his team at all times, win or lose. Does this description apply to Penn State fans? We don't think so.

The fans' actions at the Lion-Colgate basketball game last weekend only strengthened our belief that Penn State fans are the wishy-washy fans—the fans who back a team when it wins but are quick to jump off the bandwagon when it loses, or looks poor in winning.

Despite a winning effort by the cagers, it was clearly evident that the fans were disappointed with the Lion showing. To ease their disappointment somewhat, they began to ride the Lion players, particularly center Bob Ramsay.

Each time Ramsay grabbed a rebound or a pass, the fans would let out with a roar, not in praise of the center for his efforts, but in criticism for failing to do this more often.

Did they stop to notice that Colgate had three men on Ramsay each time he took his assigned post? If they did, they didn't show it. When Ramsay finally scored, the fans yelled again—but the same critical tone was evident.

Why does this happen? Why do the Lion "fans" continue to ride their players when they have an off-night? We've been trying to find the answer for sometime now, but, as yet, haven't been successful.

Coach John Egli's cage squad doesn't have any "Hot Rod" Hundleys or Wilt Chamberlains. But, it does have a group of hustling, spirited basketball players who have a keen desire to win. They deserve the student-body's support, win, lose, or draw.

Students do not realize the lift a team can get if its fans back it to the limb. West Virginia and North Carolina State both have strong student-body support. That could be a big reason why they have been so successful in recent years. Championship material does not guarantee a championship team.

To quote one of the Lion cagers, "When North Carolina State hits the floor, 12,000 stompin' fans let out with a rebel yell and keep yelling for the rest of the game. It sure helps to know you have someone behind you."

Another cager said "Hundley could throw the ball 17 rows behind the basket and the fans would still cheer him. They (the players) can't do anything wrong there (Morgantown)."

Why don't Penn State fans display the same kind of team support? Must they have an undefeated team which makes no mistakes to back it to the hilt? Apparently so or they never would have reacted to the Lions' performance against Colgate as they did.

Until the fans can prove us wrong, we'll always consider them to be wishy-washy supporters. The real test of a fan's calibre comes when his team loses or has an off night. So far, Penn State fans have failed the "exam".

A word of advice to the student fans: Let Egli do the coaching—that's his job. From now on, concern yourselves with only supporting the team—that's your duty. No matter what the outcome, let the team know you're behind them. Then you'll be real fans.

## CAGE TID-BITS:

Kansas, the top-rated cage team in the country, had a tough time defeating California Tuesday night, despite the presence of "Wilt the Stilt". The Jayhawks won, 66-56, but had to come from behind to do it.

Chamberlain was held to a "mere" 23 points, quite a drop from his 36 point average. However, the Bears had two men guarding him constantly and at times used as much as three. If nothing else, the victory proves that there are four more Jayhawks on the floor with Chamberlain. For a while, we were wondering about this.

Incidentally, the Berkley rooting section let Chamberlain know they had respect for his cage prowess. While he was taking his warmup drills, they yelled this short tribute:

"On the highways,  
"In the air,  
"Wilt the Stilt  
"Is everywhere!"

# Nittany Gridders Tops In Completion Percentage

Miami of Florida won two defensive championships in a college football season of low resistance and Villanova took one. But Georgia Tech captured the minor title that pays off with championships and bowl games.

Final NCAA Service Bureau defense statistics today showed the Tech Engineers on top of the "scoreboard defense" column for the second straight year. Georgia Tech allowed its opponents only 33 points in ten games, an average of 3.3 per game, as compared to 5.1 scored against runnerup Oklahoma and 5.3 against Miami. Miami established new records

highs in both departments. The Hurricanes allowed 106.9 yards a game on the ground and 189.4 overall. Villanova, 59th in pass defense a year ago, allowed only 35 of 113 opposition passes to be completed for a .310 percentage and gave up only 43.8 yards per game by the air route. But the Wildcats were not so successful in ground defense and only placed 11th in the overall standings. Dartmouth was second in pass defense with a 45.3 yards per game yield while Penn State had the low completion percentage of .248.

# KDR Takes First Place In Bowling

Kappa Delta Rho moved into first place in the fraternity "A" Bowling League Tuesday night by virtue of its 4-0 shutout over last place Tau Phi Delta.

Blaine Barron rolled a 545 triple to lead KDR to victory. Dave Steward bowled a 424 series for the losers. KDR took over top reins with an up-to-date point total of 32.

A 2-2 split with fourth place Theta Xi was all that second place Theta Delta Chi could do, blowing its big chance for the lead. John Fracalossi scored 479 points in three games for Theta Delt; Dick Kohler led Theta Xi with 492.

## Lockerman Rolls 593

Delta Upsilon, the third place house with 30 points, whitewashed Alpha Tau Omega, 4-0. Varsity football and baseball player Jim Lockerman was high man for DU with a series of 543. A 470 triple by Lou Gomlick was tops for ATO.

A 564 point splurge by Sigma Alpha Mu's Al Rose blazed the trail for Sammy's shutout of Phi Sigma Delta, 4-0. Harry Yaverbaum led the way for Phi Sig with a 500 triple including a 223 single game. Rose and Yaverbaum led the scoring for all league bowlers for the evening in the triple and high single games respectively.

## Phi Delt Wins

Phi Delta Theta, led by Bob Waddell's 479 three-game total, outbowled Phi Gamma Delta, 3-1. Dale Sypherd was the high man for Phi Gam with 449.

Fifth place Tau Kappa Epsilon, led by Bob Campbell's 497 series—including a 202 game—split with Alpha Zeta, 2-2. The big gun for AZ was Jack Paules with an evening's total of 468.

# Indies, Fraternities Spark Cage Play

Five independent and four scheduled fraternity games highlighted the intramural basketball card for Tuesday night.

The Newmanites came back from a 14-13 halftime deficit to defeat the Atherton Men, 34-24. Ted Perry who scored 13 and Tom Serafin with 12 paced the Newmanites. Bob McLaughlin scored 14 points to lead the losers.

In the closest game of the night, Pollock 10 defeated the Drunks 21-18. Tom Wutka with 11 markers led the Pollockmen from a 13-13 halftime tie to victory. Karl Mazzon scored 10 for the Drunks.

Lew Chillot was the high scorer for the evening as he bucketed 17 counters to pace Nittany 31 to a 35-22 thrashing of the Shantytown Nine. Hendrik Tillema was high for Shantytown with a total of six points.

Jim Anderson bucketed 11 tallies in leading the Ramblers to a 30-16 rout of the Pollock 6 Dinks. Hart Langer dropped seven counters through the hoop for Pollock.

The Twenty-Five Fives threw the cagers from Nittany 43 for a 23-11 loss. Grabosky sent nine points in the basket for the Five while Don Davis led his team with the amazing total of three.

In fraternity action Alpha Sigma Phi lashed Zeta Beta Tau, 45-15. Mike Rohrbach and Dick Ferrari shared the Alpha Sig scoring honors with seven buckets apiece. Julius Falk was the leading ZBT point producer with five.

Sigma Phi Alpha defeated Kappa Alpha Psi, 29-21. Gene Snyder paced SPA with eight points and teammate Bill Forbes was right behind him with seven; however, Kappa Alpha Psi's Herb Hayes was high man as he bucketed 10 counters.

Hal Pellow and Stan Goldstein scored eight points apiece to lead Phi Kappa Sigma to a 28-17 win over the basketballers from Sigma Nu. Dave Arrowsmith paced the SN attack with five buckets.

# Redskin Official Denies Quote

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19 (AP)—Norb Hecker of the Washington Redskins denied today a report quoting him as saying some National Football League teams in the past rewarded the player who "got" Detroit quarterback Bobby Layne.

A Washington newspaper said Hecker related that while he was with the Los Angeles Rams a few years ago the players themselves "put up the money and it went to the man who got Layne."

"That's not so," Hecker told a reporter later. "Any football team tries to hit the key men hard. But I never said anything about dirty football."

The newspaper account quoted Hecker as saying the "idea was to see that Bobby got hit, but good."

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