

A Glance at . . . SPORTS

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BASKETBALL SPOT SHOTS—

Now that the 1956-57 season has entered its final stages, readers will find many sports writers picking their "all" squads—All-America, All-East, All-Conference, and whatever else there may be.

Being somewhat of a conformist to the sports-writing tradition, we now present our choices for the 1956-57 All-America team. Differences of opinion are expected, and welcomed.

Here's our star array for this season:

- Wilt Chamberlain—Kansas—forward
- Charlie Tyra—Louisville—forward
- Lennie Rosenbluth—North Carolina—center
- Rod Hundley—West Virginia—guard
- Guy Rodgers—Temple—guard

In selecting a team such as this, one naturally omits some of the stars in the game today. We do not pretend to be different. It may seem ridiculous to omit such stars as South Carolina's Grady Wallace, SMU's Jim Krebs, and Columbia's Chet Forte.

But, in selecting this club, we took all-round ability into consideration. As far as we're concerned, these are the best all-round players in collegiate basketball today. There's no question about their ability; it would be even tougher to omit one of them for someone else, even though not one of them leads the nation in scoring.

So there it is; that's our All-America team for this year. May the sparks fly where they will.

Incidentally, Ron Rainey's 33 straight foul conversions is probably a modern University record. However, according to Jim Coogan, University Sports Publicity Director, it is doubtful that it is an all-time school mark. Although no official record is available, Jim said that it is safe to venture that it was not the best in the school's history.

WHAT I'D LIKE TO SEE:

A basketball game scheduled between St. Joseph's of Philadelphia and Penn State. St. Joe's is consistently among the powerhouses of the East—Penn State has an up and coming quintet.

The game would be a real test of Lion strength. One of the biggest difficulties in arranging the game would probably be in determining the home court. Both teams are powerhouses on their home courts and would have a decided advantage at home.

OUR PERSONAL AWARD:

Chuck Medlar, the Lion trainer, wins our award as the most valuable individual in the Penn State intercollegiate sports program. Besides being an invaluable aid to most of the Lion coaches with his training ability, Chuck is a great moral builder with his liberal sense of humor. Win or lose, Chuck almost always keeps the players in the proper frame of mind—and the Lion coaches and players rate him as the best trainer in the East, if not in the country.

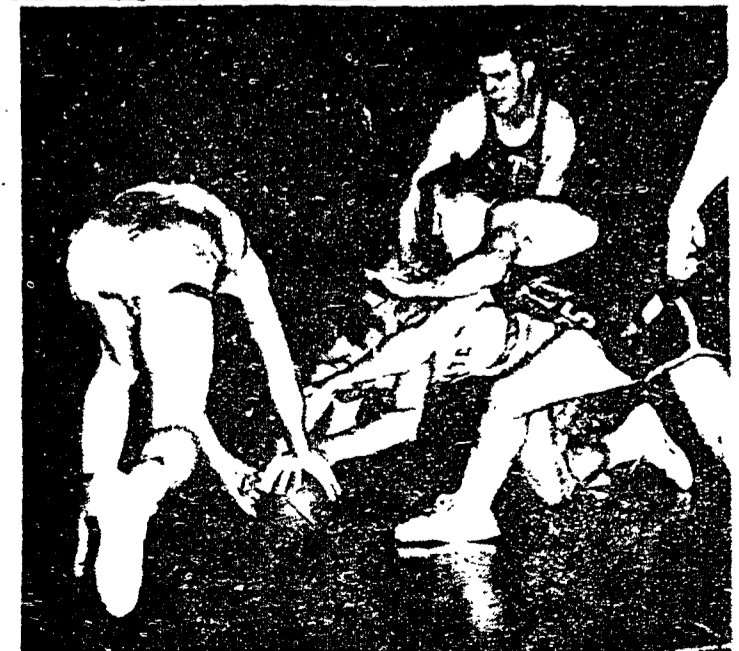
BASEBALL PREVIEW:

Although it's still early in the year, Coach Joe Bedenk and his assistant, Chuck Medlar, are sending their club through preliminary workouts in preparation for the coming season.

Look for the Lions to be rated among the top five teams in the nation. With pitcher Ed Drapcho, outfielder Jim Lockerman and catcher Don Stickler leading the list of returning veterans, Penn State figures to be a top contender for national collegiate honors.

ODDITY:

A story in a recent issue of the University of Pennsylvania campus newspaper said that the Penn mermen were hosting the Penn State swimming team in a dual meet. One question: Since when does Penn State have a swimming team? The only swimming activity we knew of was the Intramural swimming tourney. Either we're behind the time or the Penn publication made a mistake.



—Daily Collegian Photo by George Harrison
TOM HANCOCK and Bob Edwards fight Pitt's Don Hennon for a loose ball as an unidentified Pitt player looks on. Hennon led the Panthers to an 80-65 win over the Lions.

From IM's to Horse Racing, Versatile Gilkey Gets Around

By LES POWELL

Basketball referee, boxing judge, track and horserace starter, PIAA official, and adviser to four activities. These are but a few of the occupations of Ed Gilkey, who in his "spare time" is an instructor in speech.

Ed, one of Penn State's most versatile figures, has done just about everything in sports, from announcing college grid games to minding the finish line at harness races.

His intense interest in athletics was born during his high school days at Newcastle. "I became interested from an official's viewpoint because a heart condition kept me from the competitive side," he says.

While in the Navy from 1944 to 1946, he broke into the playing ledger as a softball pitcher and second-baseman. In 1947 he began officiating high school and freshman college basketball games, and the following year added football to his repertoire.

"I even refereed a game in which Bob Mathias played," Ed relates proudly. Questioned about the grid ability of the boy who went on to win the Olympic Decathlon title, he said, "Bob was a slow starter, but a very good ball-carrier once he got under way."

Harness racing jobs became a treasured part of the Gilkey collection in 1948. He was an announcer, timer, and associate judge for harness races at county fairs. "I got my licenses for those positions in 1953 and, at that time, was the youngest horse-racing official in the country."

As an undergraduate at Slippery Rock State Teachers College, Ed handled the announcing chores at home football games. Since earning his M.A. at the University in 1953, he has held numerous officiating posts, including intramural basketball ref, boxing judge, and softball umpire, starter for Penn State and high school track meets, and official for the Lions' scrimmage and intra-squad football games.

Asked which sport he enjoys most, Ed answered, "I guess I get more of a kick out of harness racing than anything else, but I'd hate to single it out as



Ed Gilkey
Sport's jack of all trades

the one I like best. I enjoy them all."

"There is the most pressure as a track starter," he added. "You're completely on your own, and every second counts. Art Pollard claims that I cost him a second

(and a possible record) last year because of a start. He still won the race, however."

Ed has been one of three faculty advisors to the Varsity "S" Club since the club's formation in 1954. "I'm very happy with the way the club has been developing," he says. "It has advanced beyond the growing-pain stage to the point where it's going to serve the University well."

Commenting on Penn State's intramural program, the likeable Gilkey says, "Our IM program is, in total, tremendous. In my opinion, it can't be beaten anywhere. Dutch (Sykes) and Gene (Bisch-off) do a great job, especially considering their limited facilities."

Concerning the calibre of intramural play, he states, "The competition is better than could be expected of intramurals, particularly in boxing, which has had exceptionally good bouts. I think last year's finals were the best we've ever had."

In praising the varsity sports program, Ed says, "We are fortunate in all sports to have a good coaching staff. We've had real good records. Also, one of the best things that ever happened at Penn State was Dean (of Phys Ed College) McCoy's appointment as athletic director."

Pitt Claws—

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a remarkable 48 percentage in the first half, went completely berserk in the second period. The cagers finished with a 30.1 average.

For the Panthers, it was just the opposite. Held to a 34 per cent mark in the first period, the Pitt club finished with a strong 44 per cent average. Most of the Panther scores came on the fast break.

Individually, Hennon, Hursh, Riser and Pegues stood out for the Panthers. Hursh and Riser, besides scoring 20 and 15 points, controlled the boards in the second half to send Pitt off and running on the break.

Hennon and Pegues were the key men in the break once Pitt controlled the ball. Both were credited with numerous assists to their scoring teammates.

For the Lions, Steve Baidy, Bob Edwards and Captain Bob Leisher were the standouts. Baidy was the top Lion scorer with 20 points, while Edwards followed with 16. Leisher was again the Lion offensive floor leader with his field generalship.

The game was nip and tuck all the way in the first period, with the lead changing hands 10 times.

Pitt took an early 5-2 lead only to have the Lions go out front, 8-5. After trading a basket and a foul each, Hennon hit with a hook and Riser two fouls to give the Panthers a 12-11 lead.

With action staying almost the same—only the players involved changing—for the next three minutes, Baidy took personal command of the Lion offense to push the Lions into a 27-25 advantage.

During the spurt, Baidy hit for 10 of the next 11 Lion points while the cagers held Pitt to six tallies. The teams traded three baskets when the half ended.

The loss gave the Lions a 15-10 record for the season. Pitt finished with a 14-9 mark. According to Bob Drum, Pittsburgh Press sportswriter, the win should put the Panthers into the NCAA tourney.

PENN STATE				PITTSBURGH			
FG	F	TP		FG	F	TP	
Rainey	3	3-4	9	Pegues	1	0-0	2
Hancock	2	3-3	7	Riser	5	5-7	15
Edwards	4	8-13	16	Lazor	3	2-4	8
Baidy	7	6-6	20	Hursh	5	10-13	20
Leisher	2	4-4	8	Hennon	8	4-7	20
Ramsay	1	2-6	4	Brautigan	3	2-5	9
Schwend'n	0	0-0	0	Dorman	0	0-0	0
Kubista	0	1-2	1	Markovich	0	0-0	0
				Sawyer	1	4-4	6
Totals	19	27-38	65	Totals	26	28-40	80

the final event. Not only because he finished with another undefeated season and EIGL Champion but also because of Leu's brilliant performance. Wettstone is counting on Leu and Weissend to give him balance in the NCAA all-round—necessary to win the nationals this year.

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Gymnasts—

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Vega, 212, Leu, 246, and Bob Foht, 235, nearly slammed the parallel bars out anchorman Mulvihill, 214. Pitt, came through with a 246, good enough for second place. The score favored the Lions going into the last event, 55-25.

Then the Panthers swept their specialty—the flying rings. 1956 Eastern, NCAA and AAU runner-up Tom Darling took the event with highest total of the event, 279.

The Panther ace, who has been troubled with a bad arm, received a standing ovation from the Lion bench as he completed his s; arklng routine. Sophomore Hirst, 265, was second, junior Hammond, 259, was third followed by Vega with 252, Jack Donahue, 233, and Ed Sidwell, 212.

After the meet Coach Neiger, who loses only three low-scoring Panthers, said: "You probably had your best night of the year. But we'll improve next year if I can find someone for the sidehorse and parallel bars."

Wettstone was beaming during

Sport Shorts

Versatile Athletes

Football players Bruce Gilmore, at 167 pounds, and Les Walters, at 177 pounds, will bolster Penn State's bid for Eastern title honors in the second half of the wrestling campaign. Both are former standouts in Pennsylvania schoolboy wrestling.

Bedenk Beckons

Baseball season can't be too far away. Joe Bedenk, veteran Penn State coach, has issued his first call for pitching and catching candidates.

Spring Football Practice

Coach Rip Engle today set Monday, March 18, as the starting date for Penn State's Spring football drills. Barring bad weather, the Lion mentor hopes to wind up the 20-day practice period permitted by NCAA before the Easter holidays.

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