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RELATED BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP—

It seems the NCAA likes to schedule its College World Series in Omaha, Neb. after the regular college season ends. And it just so happens that our regular college schedule ends on the last week of classes, when The Daily Collegian terminates its publication for the year.

Since, therefore, we were not able to cover either the Eastern District playoffs at Ebbets Field, Brooklyn, or the World Series in Omaha, we will report one player's account of those championship games. The athlete doing the speaking is 6'4", 210-pound junior pitcher, Cal Emery, whom we just "happened" to overhear recounting the tale to a group of freshmen:

"We had an undefeated season last year, we got through 19 games unscathed, but WE WERE LUCKY. You see, we had what you MIGHT call a two-man pitching staff.

"Well, anyway, little Eddie Drapcho and I—pitched all the games. And one week we had three away games with Colgate (a single game on Friday) and a doubleheader with Syracuse (on a Saturday). But they were rained out.

"I guess I was real lucky in one of the midseason games against Navy. They laced me all over the place and before you knew it, they had a 4-2 lead and reliable Eddie comes in and bails me out (in the sixth).

"Well, WE WERE LUCKY and got a couple of hits and tied up the ball game for Eddie in our half of the last inning. But Navy came back and, before you know it, they had the bases loaded on Eddie and nobody out.

"Eddie drew back here and WE GOT LUCKY, again. The next guy hits one down to Steve Baidy at third and we got the guy at home. The next batter smashes one toward short and Guy Tirabassi makes a great play and throws the second guy out at home. All this time the coach (veteran Joe Bedenk), is just about given up and ready to head for the locker room.

"Well, Eddie, the great clutch pitcher that he is, decides to do the job and strikes out the third guy, leaving the bases loaded in sudden death. We scored four runs in extra innings. WE WERE LUCKY again, 'cause Navy came back for one in their half of the inning, but we won, 8-5. Eddie really bailed me out.

"We wound up the season undefeated and went up to Brooklyn for the District 2 playoffs.

"Eddie got the assignment to pitch the first game. It was against Manhattan in sudden death, and those guys were rated high. I wouldn't say they were cocky, just real confident.

"Before you knew it, they scored a run on us in the first inning and that's the way the game went until the last inning. Ron Rainey (who played leftfield and was the leading hitter on the team, batting .350) gets a single and although it was a bunting situation, Joe lets me hit away. (At the time, Emery was playing first base and was the second leading hitter on the squad at .342).

"The pitcher gets two fast strikes over on me, and I just couldn't let the team down and strike out, so I just wanted to meet the next ball and it lands out on Bedford Avenue and we won, 2-1. I guess this was my most exciting moment in baseball. Me, hittin' a home run to win a playoff game in the last inning in Ebbets Field yet.

"The next day I was on the mound against St. Johns and we won the Eastern playoffs, 5-0. And then on to Omaha. to get back there.

"There was this one "whoppee boy," old "horrah" alumni type, and he said that if we win our first two games, he's going to give us a free meal.

"Eddie knocked off Florida State, 7-0, for the first one and Emery got a 4-1 win against Texas. But before the guy could arrange for the meal, we had to play California and Notre Dame.

"We had to go with (sophomore) Ron Reise, who's got good stuff but only 2 innings of experience all season. California gets a couple of runs off him real fast, but it didn't matter cause their boy shut us out, 8-0.

"Then we had to play Notre Dame the day we got the free meal from this guy: Eddie got the pitching nod. He's a little guy, and with only two days rest, he was just pitching on guts and gives up six or seven walks and they shell him for 14 or 15 hits (actually 12) but we won the sloppiest game we ever played, 5-4.

"Old 'horrah' gives us that meal and he looks like the saddest guy in the world, and I thought it was because he was handing out that dough. Later I found out why he was really sad—he was a grad from Notre Dame!

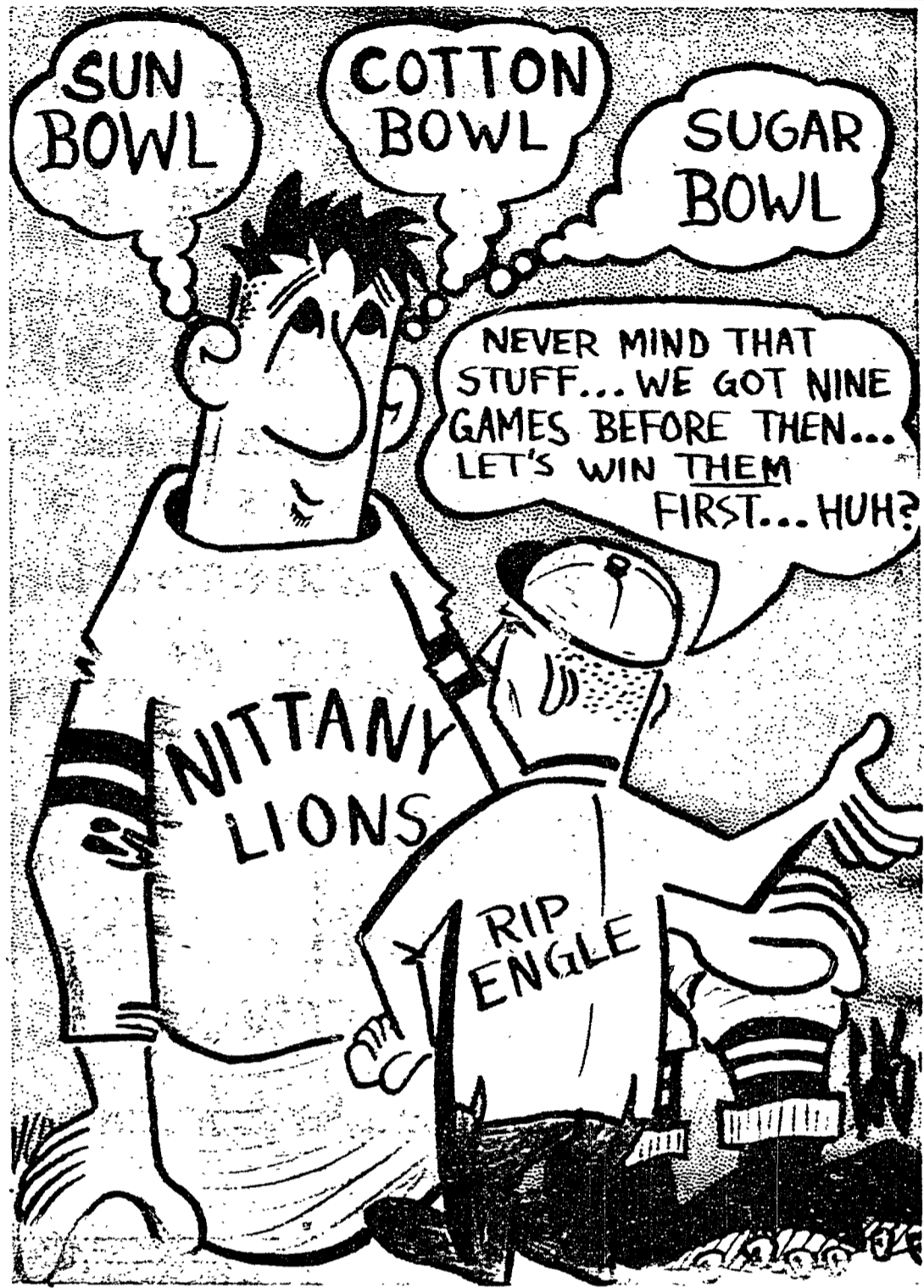
"Everybody was eliminated from the double-elimination tournament except California and us. With only two days rest, I pitched the game and for some reason, I had the greatest stuff in the world that day. Everything went great until this little guy draws a walk from me and before you know it, he steals second and third.

"But the pitcher's up and there's two outs, so I worked on him and had a 2-0 count when he hits a sharp liner to left-center. Our centerfielder and captain, Jim Lockerman, wasn't used to playing baseball under the lights and he goes running to his right and the ball shoots over his left shoulder for a triple. Cal won the game and we finish second.

"After the game they chose the Most Valuable Player in the tournament and I heard this announcer say something like 'Emery,' and all the guys start jumping around me. Well, I made some kind of motions with my mouth and the guy hands me this beautiful trophy.

"Funny thing about that trophy. The alumni held a banquet for us and they took it from me—to have it inscribed, they said. I haven't seen it since. Maybe they burned it," concluded MVP Emery jokingly.

O.K. alumni, where's Cal's trophy?



Taylor, 3 Others Enter Amateur Golf Semifinals

BROOKLINE, Mass., Sept. 13 (AP)—Dr. Frank "Bud" Taylor, the Pomona, Calif., dentist who plays the game with a surgeon's sensitive skill, and three brash young teammates today made it an all-Walker Cup semifinal in the 57th National Amateur Golf Championship.

Other survivors in the bitterest and closest waged quarter-final in modern times were Rex Baxter, 21, a University of Houston junior from Amarillo, Tex., who was carried to the 21st hole; Mason Rudolph, 23, an Army private from Clarksville, Tenn., who went 19, and Hillman Robbins, 25, a lieutenant from Memphis—the only player not carried the full route.

Baxter fought off a scrambling college teammate, Phil Rodgers of LaJolla, Calif., to win on the third extra hole. Rudolph beat Dick Yost of Portland, Ore., a former Walker Cupper, on the 19th, while Robbins won 3 and 1 over Dick Chapman, the 44-year-old ex-champion making a golf comeback.

Taylor, a pug-nosed 40-year-old, who has been picked as heir apparent to Harvie Ward's undefended title, scored a 2-up victory over Gene Andrews, hard-fighting 44-year-old insurance man from Los Angeles, sinking an 18-foot sidehill putt on the final hole.

Band Day Oct. 12

Penn State will observe its non-traditional Band Day earlier than usual in 1957. Thousands of high school bandmen will converge on the campus for the William and Mary football game on Saturday, Oct. 12.

Drazenovich MVP

Charles (Chuck) Drazenovich, a member of Penn State's Cotton Bowl football team ten years ago, is still picking them up and knocking them down on the gridiron. He was an overwhelming choice of sports writers as the Most Valuable Player on the 1956 edition of the professional Washington Redskins.

Vega Fourth Lion Champ

Olympian Armando Vega is the fourth Penn State gymnast to win National Collegiate all-around honors. His predecessors were Ray Sorenson, Jean Cronstedt and Karl Schwenzfeier.

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