

# Rainey Sprains Finger But Will Play Tomorrow

What proved to be a satisfying victory over Syracuse Wednesday night at Recreation Hall almost had a disastrous outcome for Coach John Egli and his Penn State basketballers.

The disaster—a near broken finger. The victim—ace scorer and co-captain Ron Rainey. Rainey injured the third finger on his left hand in a fall early in the second half Wednesday night. He played the remainder of the game, however.

Although Rainey had his finger x-rayed for a possible break, team trainer Chuck Medlar diagnosed the injury as a severe sprain. Medlar said that injury would not keep Rainey from playing, but that he would have to have the finger taped tightly.

Rainey practiced last night with his third and little finger taped together and showed no noticeable evidence of a severe handicap because of it. He did admit to a lack of full ball control with the hand, however.

Fortunately, Rainey does most of his shooting with his right

hand. The injury does not figure to decrease his efficiency in that department. However, he may have to change his foul-shooting style.

He normally shoots his fouls underhand. Last night he practiced on a one-handed foul shot.

Other than Rainey's injury, the Lions escaped the Orange game in good straits. Tom Hancock bruised his elbow on the backboard in a rebound attempt but the bump is of very minor proportions.

And with West Virginia, the number two team in the nation at present, here tomorrow night, the Lions must be in top physical shape to have any hopes for an upset.

Egli called West Virginia the best team and the fastest on the Lion schedule. No one refuses the Mountaineers that honor. However, he refused to concede West Virginia anything else.

Although he admits that the Lions will be decided underdogs come game time, Egli said that they were going all out for the upset. "They (the Lion players) would like nothing more than to upset them," he said. "They're

working hard for the game . . . they're getting themselves ready."

Because West Virginia plays a jet-like running game, Egli said that the Lions must slow down the Mountaineer attack if they were to have any hopes of an upset.

West Virginia uses a free-lance fast break with 8-10 center Lloyd Sharrar clearing the rebound and passing out to an open teammate. Once the Mounties start the break, the object is to get the score in the fastest, cleanest way possible. It has been most successful in the past.

The Mounties have what is considered the best well-balanced scoring punch in the collegiate game today. Anyone of the Mountie starters—Sharrar, Jerry West, Joey Gardner, Don Vincent or Bob Smith—is capable of breaking the 20-point mark on a given night. Therein lies the key to the West Virginia success.

Should the Mounties hit an off-night, Penn State upset hopes will be enhanced. Another sharp performance by the Mounties would lay upset hopes on the improbability level. But the round ball takes some funny bounces—it happened last year.



# The Sportseer

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Terrence Patrick Brennan, that 29-year-old elder statesman of Notre Dame football, is one of the most impressive persons I have ever met. I talked to the astute Mr. Brennan Wednesday night at a high school football banquet in Western Pennsylvania and I must confess to my instant liking for the gentleman from South Bend, Ind.

He was the guest speaker at the festivities which included among other illuminaries, Penn State's own J. T. White, Steve Garban and Richie Lucas; Pitt's Vic Fusia and Bill Kaliden; and Joe L. Brown of the Pirates.

I first gained high regard for Brennan during his after-dinner speech, but after the affair I caught him relaxing at the local country club.

"I read where you spoke against the new two-point conversion rule instituted in college football," I said quite auspiciously. "Why do you feel that way?"

"I don't think there was any reason to change the rule," Brennan replied. "If they have a problem, they should modify a rule or throw it out altogether. But there was no problem in this case. The change was so fast it was made before we knew it. I think they could have moved the goal posts up to the goal line. That would have been just as good and it would have kept kicking in the game."

"I think they're getting the game all mixed up now, with high schools, colleges and professional teams playing under different rules. Almost every coach I've talked to feels the same way I do, including Art Parseghian, of Northwestern, Jack Mollenkopf of Purdue and the Pitt coaches."

"Well, Terry," I said, "now that I know your opinion on the new rule, I'd like to know how you felt about the past season. How did you feel after beating Oklahoma?"

"That was one of my greatest thrills," the cooperative gentleman answered. "That was a prestige win, but I don't think it was the best game we played. Our best games were the last two—against SMU and Southern Cal. It was in those two that we played outstanding football both defensive and offensive. In the Oklahoma game we did a good job on offense but not defense."

"Actually," Brennan continued without any interruption from this corner, "our key game was the opener against Purdue. We could win; and we did. Army made us. We proved then that we had a team that could come back with the odds against us."

"How do you think you'll do this year?" I queried.

"I have a lot of veterans back," Brennan said very calmly, "but we'll have to be very fortunate to do as well as last year. Last year we had to go out and prove that the 1956 season was just a mistake. Everyone was mad including the coaches. After all, we had been highly criticized after that losing season."

"But this year, the people will expect us to win. However, to be a great team, you need speed; and we don't have it."

Just like Pitt last year, we'll have the strength and manpower but not the speed. And we have basically the same schedule (i.e. a suicide one, I must add) with Indiana, SMU, Army, Duke, North Carolina, Navy, Iowa, USC, Pitt and Purdue. But all I'm worrying about now is spring practice."

"What about sophomores?" I said, "the one's who are freshmen now."

"We had a good crop of freshmen and we're expecting a lot out of them, including three Pennsylvania boys, Myron Pottios, Tom Pantz and Red Mack. However, you can't put much faith in a freshman. They have to learn too much in too little time before the season starts. But I will say this: we feel that, before they graduate, Pottios, Pantz, and Mack will be three of the greatest football players in Notre Dame history if they play the way we feel they can."

"This brings up a subject," I said, "How do you compare Pennsylvania High School football with the rest of the country?"

"High school football runs in cycles," Brennan replied. "But the high school football played around here is a good as anywhere in the country and that includes such strongholds as Ohio, New England and Texas. Pennsylvania is second to none."

"Who do you think is or was the best player you've ever coached either in high school or at Notre Dame?"

"I've been coaching for 10 (Continued from page six)

# Experienced Syracuse Matmen Not Living up to Expectations

Experience may be the best teacher, but don't bet on it. Just ask Syracuse's dynamic wrestling mentor Joe Scandura what we mean.

Scandura has about all the "experience" he could want at Syracuse this year—what with seven two-year veterans composing most of his team. And yet the Orange grapplers have managed to compile only a 2-3 record.

Because of all their veterans, EIWA observers expected a lot of the Syracuse matmen this season. But thus far they have been very disappointing.

The New York school's only victories have come against rather weak opposition—Ithaca College (26-10) and Army (23-5). However, its defeats have been to the three strongest teams in the EIWA—Lehigh (25-12), Pitt (20-5) and Cornell (17-10).

The win over Army last Saturday night may be an indication that the Orange are on the upgrade.

There's only one unbeaten man on the Syracuse squad and, odd as it may seem, he is a newcomer. Les Austin, who wrestles at 137, has a 4-0 record to his credit, including three falls. The only man he has been unable to flatten was Pitt's terror, Vic DeFelice, whom he decimated, 8-7. Austin has never been beaten while wearing the Orange colors, having whipped through an unbeaten season last winter as a freshman.

The next best record belongs to that able letterman, 177-pound



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Bill White. White, the third place 167-pound finisher in last year's EIWA tournament, has lost only one match in three appearances. And that was to the defending NCAA 177-pound champ, Tom Alberts of Pitt, 3-2.

Two other vets have lost only one match but each has a draw on his ledger. Ed Carlin's lone defeat at 123 was to Cornell's unbeaten sophomore, Dave Auble, 9-4. His stalemate was against another unscathed grappler, Paul Powell of Pitt, 6-6.

Gordon Carberry's non-winning efforts also came against top-flight competition. He was

beaten by Cornell's undefeated captain Dick Vincent, 6-1, and held Lehigh's Bob Gunst to a 2-2 tie.

Two other Syracuse "old men" and their records are: 136-pound George Creason, 2-2; 147-pound Bill Waples, 2-2; 167-pound Bill Murphy, 2-2; and utility man Marty Lavanhar, 1-2-1.

Heavyweight Al Benecik is the only other yearling outside of Austin. He has an 0-3 record.

# Alpha Sig Paces Bowling

Alpha Sigma Phi and Phi Epsilon Pi scored 3-1 victories over Phi Kappa and Delta Chi, respectively Wednesday night, to remain tied for the top spot in intramural bowling Fraternity League B.

Alpha Gamma Rho scored the only shutout for the night by defeating Sigma Chi, 4-0. AGR was led to its win by Charlie Rine's high series for the evening of 566.

Dick Grob, Alpha Sigma Phi, helped his team stay in first place by bowling the high singles of 232.

The 3-1 defeat of Delta Tau Delta by Tau Kappa Epsilon, and two matches ending in deadlocks completed the action at Recreation Hall. The Delta Theta Sigma-Alpha Epsilon Pi and Theta Chi-Phi Kappa Psi matches both resulted in 2-2 scores.

# Keg Entries Due Monday at Rec Hall

Entries for the second annual University handicap bowling tournament will close Monday. The tournament will be held from Feb. 24 through March 2 at the Recreation Hall alleys.

The event, according to tournament director Jordan Love, is open to all University personnel active in local bowling leagues.

The team fee is \$7.50 and the doubles fee is \$3.00.

Ken Hosterman's soccer team set a new scoring high at Penn State in 1957-56 goals in 10 games. The previous high was 46.

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