

The Sportseer



Xmas Spirit Hits the Barber

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"I thought you'd come in this week," my sometimes tempestuous friend Joe, the barber, said when I entered his shop yesterday afternoon.

"Well, I had to wish you a Merry Christmas, didn't I?" I said with a tone of mockery in my voice.

"Yeah, and you're probably going to wish me a Happy New Year too," Joe said. "But I'm not falling for any of your soft soap. I'm glad you came in. I want to tell you a thing or two about those basketball and wrestling teams."

"Oh, no," I drawled, as I sat down in his chair. "Don't tell me you're going to start on those teams already. Why, you just finished with the football team. Can't you take a rest?"

"Man, I never rest when I'm mad about something."

"Well, what in the world could you be mad at? I mean, the wrestling team won its first match and the basketball team beat Gettysburg. And surely you're not mad because the basketball team lost to West Virginia and North Carolina State. They're out of our class."

"Yeah, I know those two teams were way ahead of us. But I can see why after watching Penn State play Tuesday night. I wasn't impressed at all with our victory over Gettysburg. They're worse than us and we're terrible."

"Now, Joe, why not give the team a chance? The season has just begun. Why not wait awhile before you start crucifying the boys?"

"Oh, you sound just like you did during football season—always covering up. Man, you better get on the stick or I'm going to quit buying the Collegian."

"You don't pay for it," I said. "Well... ah... that's beside the point. Anyhow, I didn't think much of our team. Oh, sure, that (Mark) DuMars kid looked good and so did (Wally) Colender. But I wasn't too impressed with the rest of them—especially that (Bob) Edwards guy. Man, is he terrible."

"I suppose you were one of the people who booed Edwards last night," I said.

"You're darn tootin' I was. He deserved it. Why he was

dropping the ball all over the place and shooting like an old woman. Even I could do better than that."

"I doubt that very much, Joe. Maybe Edwards isn't such a great shakes as a basketball player, but that doesn't give you any right to boo. He's doing his best."

"And it's not too good," Joe interrupted.

"Ok, Joe, say what you want, but how would you like to stand out there and get booed all the time? I don't think I could take it and I know you couldn't."

"Oh, baloney," the barber said. "You're just as bad as he is."

"Ouch," I shrieked as a sharp pain went through my neck.

"Just because you're mad at me you don't have to stab me with your scissors."

"Sorry," Joe grumbled.

"There was silence around Joe's chair for the next minute or two. Finally, I broke the ice."

"I hope you're cooled off by now, buddy. You better keep control of yourself. Remember your heart."

"I'm all right," Joe said as he began sharpening his razor. "Only don't say another word to me about that basketball team. By the way, how's that Oberly boy? He looked like he was badly hurt Saturday night."

"He'll be all right," I answered, "but he won't be wrestling for a couple of meets and maybe not for the whole year."

"That's too bad, man. He really looked good for the short time he wrestled. Man, he sure is fast. And

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Kasperian All-Catholic Selection

Diminutive Dave Kasperian, Penn State's leading ground gainer and scorer for the past two seasons, has been named to Extension Magazine's 1958 All-Catholic All-American football team.

In receiving the honor, Kasperian joins an elite group of college stars from the top universities in the country. Included in the backfield with Kasperian are quarterback Tommy Greene of Holy Cross, fullback Nick Pietrosante of Notre Dame and halfback Joe Matlavage of Navy.

Comprising the line are Monty Stickles, Notre Dame, and Marlin McKeever, Southern California at the ends; Ed Bagdonas and Bob Novogratz, both of Army, at the tackles; Al Ecuyer, Notre Dame, and John Guzik, Pittsburgh at the guards; and Jim Andreotti, Northwestern, at center.

Stickles, Ecuyer, Guzik, Novogratz and Pietrosante have been duly honored with selections on various other national All-American teams.

During the past season Kasperian was the workhorse of the Penn State backfield, scoring 46 points on seven touchdowns and four extra points and gained 381 yards on 98 rushes.

His average gain for carry was 3.9 yards and he received 9 passes for 197 yards and two touchdowns.



Kasperian

Cagers Reward Egli For Being Patient

John Egli, Penn State's basketball coach, is a very patient man. After his team lost the opening game to North Carolina State Dec. 1, he said to give his boys some time. Then, after the Lions lost their second in a row—to West Virginia Dec. 6—he said the same thing.

But Tuesday in the Lions' 71-60 win over Gettysburg, the Cagers proved that Egli was right. It was only a matter of time before the team could put together a good all-around performance.

Egli said that the key to the Lion fortunes was whether he could get good games from the big men and outside men at the same time. "When the big boys—Bob Edwards, Tom Hancock, and Ted Kubista—combine good games with the outside men—Wally Colender and Mark DuMars—we'll be tough to beat," he said.

Tuesday night against Gettysburg, the Lions finally put together a balanced attack and the result was a 71-60 victory.

Colender and DuMars thrilled Lion fans with their fast-breaks while Hancock, Kubista and Edwards controlled the backboards.

In addition to leading the team in rebounds, Hancock scored 20 points to lead the Nittany scorers. According to Egli this was one of

Hancock's best games.

Hancock turned in a tremendous performance but it was the fast-breaking of DuMars and Colender that seemed to catch the crowd's fancy. This was the first time that the home fans had a chance to see DuMars in action and they seemed pleased with the 5-10 sophomore.

Whenever Gettysburg got within striking distance of their basket, either DuMars or Colender started a fast break which ruined the Bullets. Colender was hitting consistently from the outside, too. He wound up with 16 points while DuMars had 18.

Penn State now has a record of 1-2. The next game is a home affair against the Red Raiders of Colgate Saturday night. Last year the Lions bumped the Red Raiders twice but this year Colgate will be looking to reverse those decisions.

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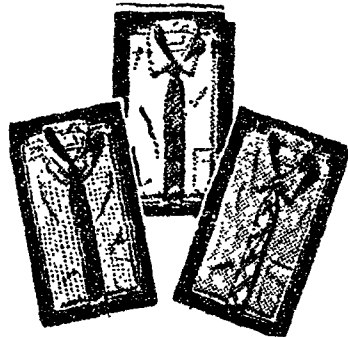
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