

The Sportseer



Irish Mentor Talks at Banquet

By Lou Prato
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The most scrutinized football team in the nation next fall will undoubtedly be Notre Dame where ex-Washington Redskin tutor Joe Kuharich takes over for the recently-fired Terry Brennan. The dismissal, you probably recall, caused almost as much furor in the country as the launching of Russia's Sputnik I.

We talked to the Irish's new mentor last week while attending an all-sports banquet in our home town of Indiana. Kuharich was the main speaker on the program which included such luminaries as West Virginia's grid Coach Pappy Lewis and his assistant Chick Donaldson, Penn State's end coach J. T. White and captain-elect Pat Botula, Pitt's backfield coach Vic Fusia and sophomore fullback Jim Cunningham, football scribe Pat Livingstone of the Pittsburgh Press and Charlie Welsh, head of the Associated Press news bureau in Pittsburgh.

"How do you feel stepping into such a controversial coaching position?" we asked the brawny Kuharich when we cornered him at the local country club before the banquet.

"To be honest with you, I've never given it much of a thought," he said very sincerely. "We have other more important problems to consider. And I don't personally feel that the controversy will have any bearing on my procedure of coaching the team."

"I know the boys will have to learn different play patterns, but my biggest problem will be to replace many of the graduates. We lost 23 lettermen from last year's team and have only 12 coming back. Primarily, tackle, end and fullback seem to be hit the hardest."

"What do you think your team will be like next fall?" we asked.

"I couldn't say, because we haven't had a chance to analyze it. I'll know better, after spring practice, which starts on the 10th of April. Of course, we do have all the vets that are popular like (George) Iso,

(Monty) Stickle, (Red) Macky and (Myron) Pottios."

"What made you take the coaching job at Notre Dame, giving up a 4-year contract with the Redskins?"

"I always wanted to coach at Notre Dame," Kuharich said quickly. "It has been my ambition since I was a kid around South Bend. It was not a hard decision . . . simple as A-B-C."

We switched the subject and inquired about a couple of ex-Penn State stars now playing with the Redskins — Chuck Drazenovich and Les Walters.

"Chuck is a tremendous guy; real high class," the ex-Irish griddier said. "He's very intelligent and I personally think he's a great guy."

"He's going to make an excellent coach if he ever goes into the field," Kuharich added as if he had seen a vision of Drazenovich someday joining the Notre Dame staff.

We had Les in the senior bowl two years ago and he did fine. We got him a little late this season after he was released by the Colts—but he did a good job. With a year under his belt, he should do much better. He'll be a real fine football player before he's through.

"We also had Don Baily with us for a little while," Kuharich said, talking about the Lion quarterback of 1954. "He was a pretty good boy but we had too many other good quarterbacks then, such as Eddie Le-Baron and Ralph Gugliemi."

"I also had Maury Schleicher at the senior bowl this year—and Chuck Ruslavage, too. Both of them played real well. Schleicher should make out in the pros. He's strong and big. All the boys we

Penn State Protesting IC4A Meet

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK—Penn State yesterday officially protested a reversal of a decision in a race that gave Manhattan College a fraction of a point victory over the Nittany Lions in the IC4A indoor track and field championships at Madison Square Garden last Saturday night.

Asa Bushnell, secretary-treasurer of the IC4A, said he has received the protest addressed to the executive committee of the organization. The protest, which will be acted on by a nine-man committee, was made by Ernie McCoy, Penn State's athletic director.

Bushnell said he will call a special meeting of the committee as soon as possible to hear the protest. Ironically, the nine-man executive committee includes McCoy and George Eastment, the Manhattan track coach.

The team title will hinge on whether Judge Dave Levy, one of the third place coaches, was acting correctly when he changed the positions of the third and fourth place finishers in the 60-yard hurdles.

He originally had Mike Herman of New York University third and Henry White of Manhattan fourth. After a review of the judging slips, Levy said he thought White had beaten Herman.

As a result White was upped to third place. The change gave Manhattan an extra point and the team title. The Jaspers won with 21 points to Penn State's 20 17/36.

get from Penn State have been good. We know they get fine drills from Rip (Engle) and his staff. They do a real good job."

"What is the difference between college ball and professional?" we asked.

"Actually there's no difference except experience," he answered. "They're the same players, the same type of boys—just better because of experience. The training rules are the same and the drills are the same."

"Something else about pro ball," Kuharich said, "you can't play in the pros just for the love of money. First, you have to love to play football. The money boys are weeded out early. They find out that money isn't everything."

Sportswriters Favoring Lions' Side of Dispute

(Continued from page one) visionment—the conclusion of the race—the only moment at which his vision and observation can be accurate. It is impossible to reconstruct from memory the scene—one hour or even five minutes after the completion of the event.

"... In this case it is clear that the judges did not or could not change their decision, which was based on observation, but rather changed their minds, as a result of memory, and subsequent mental operations."

"... If sports decisions are to be subject to the subsequent pleadings and persuasions of others—there would never be a finality. The public would soon lose interest in the sport."

At a track writers luncheon meeting attended by most of the coaches and officials as well as the scribes in New York Monday, Penn State received the support of the majority in its stand.

Athletic Director Ernest B. McCoy expressed his view of the situation by stating, "If we are going to get into disputes because decisions of judgment are reversed, intercollegiate sports are on dangerous grounds."

Werner has specifically refrained from making any charges against Manhattan, its coach, or the officials, and regrets the fact that "I have been pictured as a charging bull, acting in anger over this affair."

The actions of both Werner

and Manhattan Coach George Eastment have been misrepresented to a large degree.

The games committee, to which Werner and McCoy first petitioned for review, said it lacked jurisdiction to rule on the incident and the matter would have to be decided by the IC4-A Executive Committee upon filing of a formal protest.

NYU, whose runner was relegated from third to fourth place by the reversed decision, may also protest, thus strengthening the case.

To sum up the Penn State view the letter reads, "Again the rules state—the judges decisions are final and without appeal. Our stand is that by the rules the decision of the judges could not be altered."

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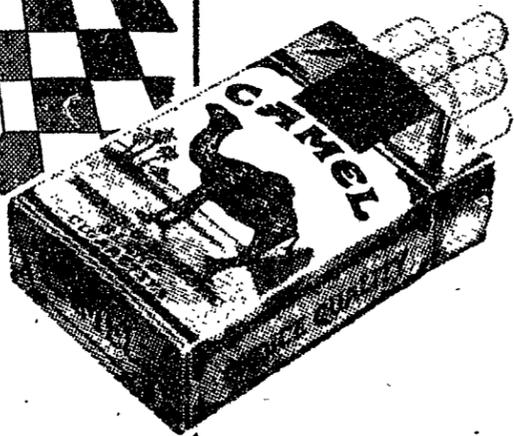
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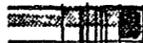
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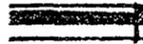


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