

# Opperman Named Grid Captain

## Junior End Succeeds Botula As Leader of Lion Eleven

End Henry Opperman was elected captain of the 1960 Penn State football team last night at the annual football banquet sponsored by the State College Quarterback Club. He succeeds fullback Pat Botula.

Opperman, from Connelsville, Pa., was one of the main-

stays on Rip Engle's squad which finished with a 9-2 record including a 7-0 win over Alabama in the inaugural Liberty Bowl game in Philadelphia last month.

The 6-2, 201-pounder was the favorite target of All-American quarterback Richie Lucas, snarling 11 passes good for 212 yards.

Engle, recently elected president of the Football Coaches Association, is in Miami, Fla. attending the NCAA rules meeting and was not available for comment.

However, backfield coach Joe Paterno expressed the sentiments of the whole squad and coaching staff in a few words: "Henry's a real hard worker and did a good job for us all year. We all feel that he is going to make an excellent captain."

In a letter to the squad and the Quarterback Club, Engle thanked everyone for their support during the past season and called the 1959 team one of the finest groups he ever worked with.

Shorty Miller, one of Penn State's all-time greats, was the main speaker. University President Eric A. Walker and Athletic Director Ernest B. McCoy also spoke. WMAJ sportscaster Mickey Bergstein was toastmaster.

John Irvine, junior in forestry, from Brecksville, Ohio, was named head manager for the 1960 season, and 29 letters were awarded to members of the squad.



HENRY OPPERMAN  
... new grid captain

## 2 Eagles to Lead Eastern Pros

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The East squad in Sunday's 10th annual Pro Bowl football game will be led by a pair of Eagles—Norm Van Brocklin and Tommy McDonald.

The two stars from the Philadelphia team in the National Football League's Eastern Division have been looking sharp in drills for the annual free-for-all of football's finest.

The strong arm of Van Brocklin has been tossing some sizzling passes to the fleet McDonald during practice at the University of Southern California's Bovard Field.

Also in the East's backfield are Frank Gifford of the New York Giants, last year's "Player of the Game," and Jim Brown, Cleveland's rip-roaring fullback.

## NCAA May Check Dirty Play Charge

GUNNISON, Colo. (AP) — The 18 members of the National Collegiate Athletic Assn. Council are being polled by mail to determine if the NCAA will investigate charges that Texas played dirty football in the Cotton Bowl game. Texas lost to Syracuse 23-14.

The president of the NCAA said he was acting on a request of Dr. Logan Wilson, president of the University of Texas, for an investigation of the charges.

Texas was accused of dirty play in reports by various news media. Wilson termed the accusations "irresponsible, false and slanderous."

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## Confidential Tip Lead NCAA To Sooner Probe

KANSAS CITY (AP) — The National Collegiate Athletic Assn. said yesterday a confidential source not connected with any NCAA institution had provided the information which led to a football probation for the University of Oklahoma.

Walter Byers, executive director of the NCAA, said in a statement the source was "identified as John Doe," and "Mr. Doe is responsible for opening this particular case."

Earlier in the day the Lincoln, Neb., Journal in a copyrighted story had quoted Byers as saying it was someone in west Texas who provided the tip. The Journal said Byers' report had exonerated a football coach of any charges he had tattered on Oklahoma, where he formerly served as assistant coach.

The Topeka, Kan., Daily Capital in an earlier story had reported the tip came from a west Texas man.

Byers said the information regarding "Mr. Doe" was presented at a press conference in New York, Jan. 6, at the time Oklahoma was placed on probation.

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## Musial Is Confident Of Comeback

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Stan Musial, anxious to atone for the only poor season of his career, said yesterday his daily training grind "makes me feel confident I'll be ready this time—already I feel stronger."

The seven-time batting champion is 39. In baseball it means you're getting old, but Stan is the first to admit it.

"When you get older, you have to work much harder to be ready to play," Stan said. "I just wasn't ready last year. Once the season starts, it's too late." He batted only .255 after 16 straight .300-plus seasons.

Musial admits he was dead tired after the St. Louis Cardinals' 1958 post-season tour of Japan. He took it easy in spring training last season.

"I took it easy in past springs, too, but I was younger then and could more easily round into shape," he said.

For the past 10 days, Musial has been huffing and puffing through a rugged set of exercises outlined by Card trainer Bob Bauman. He has six weeks of the same before spring training.

Musial again scoffed at the idea the 1959 season proves his legs are almost gone and he is washed up. Stan put it this way:

"My reflexes were still good—I could still get around on the fast ball. But I wasn't ready, my timing was off nearly all season and they got me with change-ups and junk pitches."

## Delta Chi, Hi Five Lead IM Bowling

The Intramural bowling leagues rolled past the half way mark with Delta Chi and Hi Five leading the fraternity and independent leagues.

Larry Hoke of Hi Five and Les Boyer of Theta Xi pace the individual scorers with an average of 169.

Delta Chi in fraternity League B is far in front of all teams, posting a 37-3 mark with a team average of 789. Hi Five of independent League B holds the top indie record, 30-10, with a team average of 811.

Leading their respective leagues in the fraternity competition are Alpha Tau Omega of League A, Alpha Chi Rho of League C and Sigma Phi Epsilon and Sigma Tau Gamma tied in League D.

The other independent leaders are Nittany 27 of League D, Dawson Scholars of League A and Lefty's Larchmen of League C.

## State to Host Gymnasts

More than 30 gymnastics powers will battle for the intercollegiate championship March 18-19 when Penn State hosts the 1960 NCAA tournament. State is defending champion.

## Gym Meet Will Pit Teacher with Pupil

By DICK GOLDBERG

It will be teacher against student when the Nittany Lion gymnastics team, coached by Gene Wettstone, meets the Mountaineers of West Virginia, under the tutelage of Bill Bonsall, tomorrow afternoon in Morgantown.

Bonsall attended Penn State from 1945 to 1948 and was twice runner-up for the NCAA all-around gymnastics crown with Wettstone as his mentor. He competed in the 1948 Olympic games again coached by Wettstone.

Bonsall went to West Virginia in 1949 and was instrumental in starting the first gymnastics team in 1953. He has been coach ever since.

The Mountie mentor has had an uphill battle since he formed the team and has carded a 10-28 record over the seven years.

Bonsall, with six of 11 lettermen returning from a squad with a mediocre 1-5 record, does not think his team will be any better than last year.

The Mounties lost their top man, Bob Griffith, along with half of their better scorers. But they have returning Captain Don Crigger, who Bonsall classifies as "the best all-around performer we have had in seven years of varsity competition."

Crigger will perform on the side horse, flying rings and parallel bars against the Nittanians. Last year in the State-West Virginia meet he placed first on the p-bars, beating out Jay Werner.

Another proficient all-around gymnast for the Mountaineers is Bob Jones. His best events are the rings and the horizontal bar. Against Penn State last year, he placed fourth on the rings and fifth on the high bar.

Jones will also see action either on the mats or on the p-bars. Top tumbler is sophomore Al Long. Coach Bonsall says he will

## McCovey Signs Contract

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Power hitting Willie McCovey, the National League's Rookie of the Year for 1959, yesterday signed his San Francisco Giants contract for 1960.

Terms weren't announced but Willie's big grin indicated a substantial pay boost.

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be an adequate replacement for Bill Castle, second to Dave Dulaney in last year's meet.

Bernie Kuhn will go on the rope climb for the Mountaineers. Kuhn has been steadily improving since last year when he took fourth place against the Lions, scaling the 20 foot height in 4.8 seconds.

Bill Schweiker, Tom Trozzi, Tom Young, Bob Snyder, and Phil Mesenheimer provide the depth for the Mountie G-Men.

**JYM JOTTINGS**—Coach Wettstone calls the Mountie meet, along with the Temple fray, a tune-up for the bread and butter meets ahead—Army, Navy and the EIGL's . . . Armando Vega, all-time great in Lion gym circles, is prepping for the Olympic trials, from which he hopes to earn a berth on the U.S. Olympic gymnastics squad.

## Atherton Wins Crown

In a close and thrilling match, Atherton Hall beat Thompson Hall in the Women's Recreation Association volleyball intramural championships last night. Atherton won two of the three games played. Thompson defeated Alpha Chi Omega Wednesday.

## Olympic Tryouts

NEW YORK (AP) — The National AAU Outdoor Track and Field Championships will be held at Bakersfield, Calif., June 24-25, and the Olympic track and field tryouts at Stanford University, Palo Alto, Calif., July 1-2, it was announced.

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