

# Hall Rates 'Most Underrated' Label LSU Releases Dietzel; To Sign as Army Coach

Galen Hall, hero of Penn State's 30-15 Gator Bowl victory over Georgia Tech, was college football's most underrated quarterback in 1961.

So says Joe Paterno, Penn State's offensive backfield coach, and he should know. In addition to Hall, Paterno has produced some brilliant field generals, including Milt Plum, Tony Rados, Al Jacks, Richie Lucas, and Dick Hoak.

"Hall is underrated because too many people judge college players by what possible professional future they might have, and this is wrong," Paterno said. "College and professional are two entirely different games. Hall wasn't draft-

ed by any of the pro teams, but he was a great college quarterback.

"Hall was as valuable and important to our team as any quarterback we've had," Paterno said. "He was a fine passer, a capable runner, an excellent ball handler and faker, but most important of all, he was a brilliant field general. He was a leader who inspired confidence in our other players. He proved in the Gator Bowl, where he called every play, what Rip Engle meant when he said that 'having Hall at quarterback was like having another coach on the field.'"

Hall's bowl record furnishes further proof of his value to the Lions. In Liberty Bowl victories over Alabama and Oregon and the Gator Bowl victory over Georgia Tech, Hall completed 17 of 35 passes for 240 yards and four touchdowns and rushed for 48 yards in six carries.

His one pass completion in six attempts was good for 17 yards and the game's only TD in the '59 win over Alabama. In that one he was subbing for All-American Lucas. In the '60 Liberty win over Oregon, Hall, alternating with Hoak, completed four of seven passes for 47 yards. He saved his

best effort for the Gator Bowl win, completing 12 of 22 passes for 175 yards and three touchdowns.

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While Penn State's football losses through graduation will be light numerically, they'll be severe in terms of key players.

Included among the nine players who'll depart are ends Bob Mitinger, named to the Coaches All-American team and to every All-East squad, and Jim Schwab, State's leading pass receiver in '61; tackle Jim Smith, a two-year starter; centers Jay Huffman and Bill Saul, called by Rip Engle, the two best centers on any one team in the East; and quarterback Hall, hero of Penn State's 30-15 Gator Bowl victory over Georgia Tech.

Graduation also will take halfbacks Don Jonas, the team's field goal and extra point specialist, and Tony Wayne, and guard Dick Wilson, a starter since the middle of his senior year.

These players led the Nittany Lions into three post-season bowl games in as many years and victories in each one. During their three-year varsity careers, Penn State compiled a regular-season record of 21 victories and only eight defeats.

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — Coach Paul Dietzel, Louisiana State's "golden boy" who said he'd never leave for another coaching post, got his release yesterday to accept Army's glamorous top football job.

The 37-year-old Dietzel, whose Tigers roared to pinnacles of success for the past few seasons, had been the center of a smouldering sports controversy for a week.

It ended yesterday when the LSU Board of Supervisors unanimously voted to let Dietzel out of a five-year \$18,500 contract. It had four years to go.

Earlier, the board, in a four-hour closed session, defeated 8-5 a move to reject Dietzel's application for a release. Some quarters in Louisiana felt the board should hold him to his contract.

Dietzel told an alumni banquet a few months ago:

"I love LSU, and I'll never leave for another coaching job."

LSU signed Dietzel seven years ago when he was an assistant coach at Army.

At West Point, Col. Emory S.

Adams, Army athletic director, said he was "elated" at the news.

Adams said he expected Dietzel to come to West Point today or tomorrow.

Army, which fired Coach Dale Hall after the 1961 season, told Dietzel he'd have to get his walking papers from LSU before it took him on.

Dietzel's Bayou Bengals copped the national championship in 1958 and won the 1962 Orange Bowl game after a 9-1 season.

Athletic Director Jim Corbett said finding a replacement for Dietzel might take some time.

Dietzel, who gave the name "Chinese Bandits" — his defensive squad — to football, took the Tigers to three bowls — the Sugar in 1959 and 1960, and the Orange in 1962. His over-all record was 48-24-3.

## Lion Riflemen Seek Seventh Victory Today

By FRANK QUIGLEY

The Penn State rifle team hopes to continue its undefeated ways today when it entertains the Villanova and West Point rifle teams. The Lion shooters have built their 6-0 record on the strength of single match victories over Pitt and Lehigh and a first place finish in a five-team meet with Cornell, St. Lawrence University, Canisius College, and Clarkson College.

The sharpshooters are paced by five lettermen returning from last year's squad—captain Richard Gogolkiewicz, Charles Hutchison, Bill Shaffer, Dennis Brumbach, and Bill Kipple. Gogolkiewicz broke both the Penn State and Pitt rifle range record in the match fired at Pitt earlier this year.

Army has a 2-1 record, losing to Yale and defeating Canisius and Providence. The Cadets will provide one of the stiffest tests of the year for the Lion marksmen. Sgt. Oscar Gallmen, coach of the Army team, is confident of a victory although he said "the long Christmas vacation may have hurt us."

Nittany rifle coach Sgt. Joe Watson also was hopeful of a triumph. "The boys would like to win this match because of the rivalry built up between the two schools and because Penn State has yet to defeat Army in varsity rifle competition," he said.

Villanova is not expected to be as strong as either Army or Penn State.

The match will be held at 1 p.m. on the Rec Hall rifle range.

## Gymnasts to Open Against Springfield

Six dual meets are slated for Penn State's gymnastics team. The Nittany Lions, defending national champions, will open Jan. 20 with a home meet against Springfield.

Coach Gene Wettstone's team will be headed by Greg Weiss, who last year won the national and Eastern all-around titles and Eastern championships in parallel bars, still rings, and long horse vault, and by Tom Seward, who captured the Eastern free exercise title.

The schedule: Jan. 20, Springfield; 27, at Temple; Feb. 3, Navy; 10, at Army; 17, Syracuse; 24 at Pittsburgh; March 2-3, Eastern Championships at West Point; 29-30-31 National Championships at Albuquerque, N.M.

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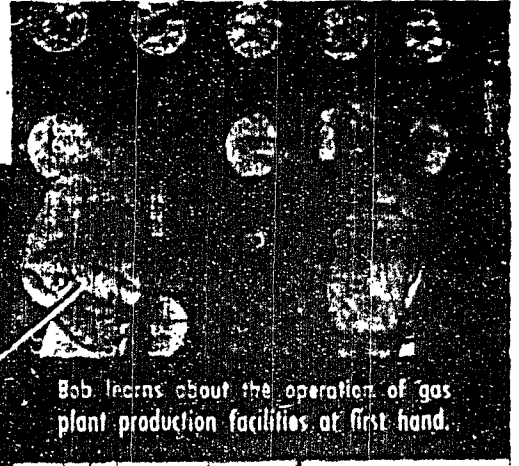


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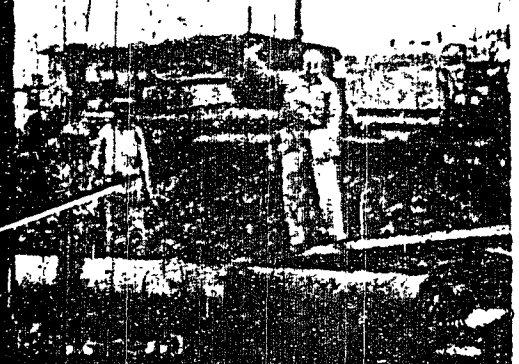


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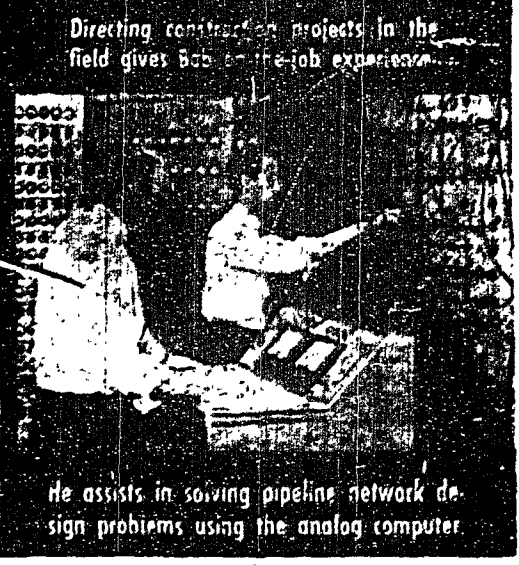
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