

a dean's view



Lion Basketball Going Big Time

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The telephone rings in 235 Rec. Hall and John Egli puts down the basketball book he is writing and picks up the phone as it buzzes for the third time.

"Hello," a deep, husky voice says on the other end of the line. "This is Tom Smith from Ridersville."

"Oh, hello Tom. We've been waiting to hear from you. How's school going?"

"Pretty good Mr. Egli. I called to tell you and Mr. Simpson that I've decided to come to Penn State next year. Mr. Simpson talked to my parents last week and after I discussed the situation with them and my high school basketball coach, I've decided I'd like to play ball for State."

A smile came over Egli's face and he winks at his assistant coach 'Snowy' Simpson.

"Smith has decided to come," he says to Snowy as he hangs up the phone. "We're going to have a hell of a freshman club."

Snowy leans back in his chair and looks at Egli.

"We'll show them John," he says in a firm voice. "We'll show them basketball can be big."



SNOWY SIMPSON

JOHN EGLI

Yes, basketball can be big and this column is to confirm the rumors circulating around the Penn State campus that State is going big time. The rumors are at long last true.

Signs that the administration was finally giving the roundball sport a chance came last year when Simpson was hired as assistant basketball coach. He is Egli's first full time assistant coach since the Lion mentor took over his job here eight years ago. Then to make things brighter, Egli was told to go out and get a good ball club. In other words, Egli finally had some full grant-in-aids to offer top high school stars.

THIS YEAR, however, the administration showed in earnest that it is anxious to get a top notch basketball team to go along with its powerful football teams. Egli was given additional scholarships and administrative cooperation.

And Egli and Simpson have taken advantage of it. The two have covered the state from Erie to Philadelphia on one diagonal and Washington to Bethlehem on the other. So far 111 top flight high school stars have been contacted about coming to State and over 30 schools have been visited. And their work hasn't gone for naught. Here are the results so far. Five boys have already said they are coming to State and at least two more are ready to ink a 'gentleman's agreement'. All they need are the qualifying scores from the college board tests.

The credentials of the five that are coming are enough to scare one into thinking that Penn State will have to take a back seat to no one. In fact, under the A-No. 1 recruiting techniques of Simpson, the Lions have been taking boys away from such basketball powerhouses as Ohio State, West Virginia, Louisville, Duquesne, Cincinnati, Maryland, Tennessee A.&I., Indiana, Purdue, and others.

The first boy to sign was Pennsylvania's leading high school scorer this year. He scored 709 points in 24 games the past season and his 2100 points in four years made him the fourth highest scorer in the state's history — behind only Wilt Chamberlain, Don Hennon and Ron Krick.

THE LIONS then grabbed their second player, who also ripped the nets at a pretty good clip last season. His 644 points put him among the state's leading scorers.

But Pennsylvania isn't the only state that plays basketball and Egli and Simpson are well aware of this. The Lions, in fact, should have a boy from Alabama and one from Indiana playing for the frosh squad next season if all goes well.

Egli and Simpson have never seen the prospect from Alabama play, but from all indications he could be a great one.

"I've had such high recommendations on him that it really scares me," Simpson said in his office this week. "One person who has seen him play told me that he could be one

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Colts Will Wear Western Outfits On Road Trips

HOUSTON (AP) — The Houston Colts have received a mandate to wear their blue western hats and boots on road trips.

There has been a bit of grumbling about rodeos ever since owners of the new National League club purchased the \$200 outfits for travel wear at the start of the season.

ABOUT 10 PLAYERS failed to wear the western garb on a Monday trip from Cincinnati to Chicago.

Western garb was the subject under discussion Thursday in Chicago as Manager Harry Craft held a closed door session with his players.

Craft refused to discuss what took place but he did say:

"They voted 100 per cent for the western suit before the start of the season."

"We will wear the suits," said Hal Smith, catcher and player representative. "We voted to wear them. That's all there is to it."

FROM ALL REPORTS, the players, in effect, were advised: "You voted for the western outfits; now wear them."

Some players had said they were a bit sensitive to such airport and stadium remarks as "Where is the rodeo?" and "Where's your horse?"

Several had said they thought the suits and the blue hats and boots gave the ball club a circus-like appearance.

Player Shoots 66 For Memphis Lead

MEMPHIS (AP) — South Africa's Gary Player peeled off a 4-under-par 66 yesterday to take the lead in the \$40,000 Memphis Open Golf Tournament.

The 35-31 over the 6,501-yard, 34-36-70 Colonial Country Club course gave the Johannesburg flash a 36-hole score of 131, a total of 9 under par.

Favored Arnold Palmer, trying for his fourth straight tournament victory, faded further back in the pack by adding 35-36-71 to his first round 71 for 142.

Consistent Don January finished a stroke behind Player, adding a 35-32-67 to his first round 65 for 132.

Australia's Bruce Crampton leaped into contention at 133 by racking up a 33-30-63, equalling the course competitive record.

With Crampton at 133 were Tommy Jacobs (68-65), National Open champion Gene Littler (66-67), Don Whitt (67-66) and Jay Hebert (68-65).

Falcons Here Band Day

Penn State will hold its 13th annual Band Day next Sept. 29 in connection with the Nittany Lion-Air Force Academy football game.

Cicada 1-2 Favorite In Belmont Feature

By The Associated Press

With one notable exception, sprinters race for the big money on the American turf today.

The major exception is Belmont Park's \$75,000-added Mother Goose in which eight 3-year-old fillies, headed by the highly regarded Cicada, tangle at 1 1/2 miles. Suffolk Downs also features a distance race in the 1 1/2 miles of the Bayard Tuckerman Jr., Handicap on the grass but it is only a \$15,000-added event.

All of the other top races are for speed horses. They include the \$25,000-added Hollywood Express at Hollywood Park, the \$25,000-added Clang Handicap at Washington Park, the \$20,000-added Polly Drummond for 2-year-old fillies at Delaware Park and the \$15,000-added Oceanport Handicap at Monmouth Park.

Cicada, 1961 two-year-old filly champ from C. T. Chenery's Meadow Stable, is the world's leading money winning filly with earnings of \$494,163. And she is the 1-2 favorite to pick up the major share of today's purse of \$87,675. It'll be \$56,989 with eight starters.

The Meadow Stable star has bowed only twice in seven starts this year, losing to Smashing Gail, an older mare, and Ridan, high ranking 3-year-old colt. Her most recent triumph was an easy score in the mile of the Acorn, first leg in New York's triple crown for 3-year-old fillies. The Mother Goose and the \$100,000-added Coaching Club American Oaks at Belmont Park June 23 complete the series.

Hogan Withdraws From U.S. Open

FORT WORTH, Tex. (AP) — Four-time U.S. Open golf champion Ben Hogan withdrew yesterday from the 1962 U.S. Open qualifying field.

Hogan was scheduled to make his first qualifying test since 1940 in Pittsburgh Monday but reported from his hometown here that he had lost a week's struggle against burstitis.

"Naturally, I'm sorry I can't play," he said. "The only year I missed was the year of the wreck. But these things happen. The only thing I can say is that I'll try again next year."

Hogan said he first was bothered by pains in his left shoulder during the Colonial National Invitation here two weeks ago.

"I didn't do anything for it," he said, "just tried to work it out. But it wouldn't work out."

He said he tried to practice Thursday and decided then that his arm wouldn't allow him to compete.

MAJOR LEAGUES

AMERICAN LEAGUE					NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pct.	G.R.		W.	L.	Pct.	G.R.
a-Cleveland	26	17	.605		a-San Francisco	35	15	.700	
b-New York	25	18	.581	1	b-Los Angeles	34	15	.694	1/2
d-Minnesota	27	21	.562	1 1/2	c-Cincinnati	28	17	.622	4 1/2
a-Detroit	24	19	.558	2	e-Pittsburgh	26	18	.591	6
b-Los Angeles	24	20	.545	2 1/2	d-St. Louis	24	21	.533	8 1/2
c-Baltimore	22	23	.489	5	d-Milwaukee	21	27	.438	13
c-Chicago	23	24	.489	5	c-Houston	19	27	.413	14
e-Kansas City	23	25	.469	6	b-Philadelphia	17	28	.378	15 1/2
e-Boston	18	26	.409	8 1/2	Chicago	15	33	.312	19
d-Washington	13	31	.295	13 1/2	a-New York	12	30	.286	19

a, b, c, d, e—Played night games

Today's Games
Washington, Burnside (4-3) at Minnesota, Bonikowski (3-4)
Cleveland, Donovan (8-1) at Detroit, Bunning (5-2)
Chicago, Wynn (3-3) and Pizarro (2-4) at Baltimore, Fisher (0-1) and Barber (4-2), (2, day-night)
New York, Ford (3-3) at Los Angeles, McBride (3-3) (N)
Boston, Wilson (2-1) at Kansas City, Wyatt (3-3) (N)

Yesterday's Result
Cincinnati 5, Chicago 2
Today's Games
San Francisco, Perry (2-1) and McCormick (2-2) at New York, Moorhead (0-0) and Anderson (3-4) (2)
Houston, Johnson (2-6) at Pittsburgh, Law (2-1)
St. Louis, Gibson (6-3) at Milwaukee, Spahn (5-5)
Cincinnati, Klipstein (1-0) at Chicago, Hobbie (1-6)
Los Angeles, Ortega (0-0) at Philadelphia, Bennett (0-1) (N)

Cincinnati Stays Hot; Defeats Chicago, 5-2

CHICAGO (AP) — The Cincinnati Reds, winners of 19 of 25 games during May, launched June with a 5-2 conquest of the Chicago Cubs yesterday.

The Reds, making their 1962 Chicago debut, lost little time fashioning a 4-0 lead in the first inning to send big Joey Jay on his way to his eighth victory. Jay, who has lost four, gave up seven hits in his 13th start and sixth route-going performance.

'62 Grid Schedule

- Sept. 22 Navy, home
- 29 Air Force, home
- Oct. 6 At Rice (night)
- 13 At Army
- 20 Syracuse, home
- 27 At California
- Nov. 3 Maryland
- 10 West Virginia
- 17 At Holy Cross
- 24 At Pittsburgh

Lions on TV

The State-Army game at West Point Oct. 13 has been named as an Eastern regional game on the NCAA-CBS college TV series.

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