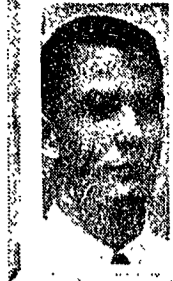


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Why No Bowl?

By JOHN LOTT
Collegian Sports Editor

Penn State's "no-bowl" decision, announced last night after a closed meeting of the players, came as a stunning surprise to some observers. Why, they say, would a team give up a chance to enhance school, squad and individual prestige by playing in a bowl game?

For Penn State, the reason is relatively simple. The Nittany Lions, whose late-season surge put them on top of the world (and the East), decided to quit while they were right there: at the top.

It was a long season. The team performed what some would call a miracle, winning six of its last seven and the last five in a row. The same team that got off to the worst start in Penn State history finished up as the best team in the East. The Lions have the Lambert Trophy to prove it, and although some (notably from Princeton and Syracuse) would dissent, there's no question about it. They are the best.

Players Need Challenge to Get "Up"

The three bowls which expressed interest in Penn State (Liberty, Sun and Gator) offered little incentive to a team that had just knocked off such outfits as Ohio State and Pitt. To get themselves "up" for a ball game, players need a challenge, especially if they have to practice a whole month for it. This team has been drilling daily for three months. Why risk losing everything for one game—a game against a team inferior to those on the regular schedule?

No one expected the Lions to finish with a winning record, but they did. No one expected them to beat Ohio State, and they blew the Buckeyes out of the stadium. No one expected them to win the Lambert Trophy, but they did that too. A team that did that kind of job has a right to be tired and a right to be satisfied. The Lions are both.

Students who pack up after exams and spend the term break at home and watch the bowl games on television may find all this difficult to believe. But football players are students and human beings too. It's nice to say "Go out there and get 'em for the glory of old State." The Nittany Lions have done it plenty of times this year. But there comes a time when a guy has to think if himself, and in this case it means rejecting a hectic, travel-filled December for a return to normality.

Team Realized Weight of Decision

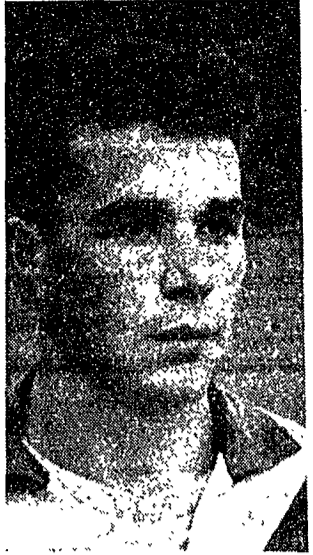
The move was no snap decision. The players all knew it's "the thing to do" for a team to go to a bowl if the invitation comes. They knew a lot of criticism might come their way if they decided in the negative. But they also realized that a whole season could go down the drain if they went to a bowl just out of responsibility to Penn State. In a decision such as this, a player's responsibility is to himself and to himself alone.

To be sure, the players owe a lot to Penn State. For many of them, a football scholarship is the only way they could ever make it through college. But this outfit has more than paid its debt to Penn State. It never gave up, even when it lost four of its first five games. It came back for a miraculous finish. It kept a 26-year winning tradition alive.

And after all this, Penn State's players decided to think of themselves and not to worry what the public thinks. They deserve our respect, not our disdain.

Ressler Makes All-East for 4th Week

NITTANY NOTES: Glenn Ressler was named to the weekly Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference team for the fourth time this season yesterday. He joins Princeton's Cosmo Iacavazzi as the lone four-time choice. . . Tom Urbanik, who finished the season only two yards shy of the all-time State fullback rushing record, was selected to United Press International's Backfield of the Week. Fran Rogel set the mark with 627 yards in 1948, but long-time fans have expressed agreement that Urbanik is the better all-around player. . . Classic quote from Lion center Bob Andronici, as he placed an arm around Ressler after the Pitt game: "My All-American substitute" . . . Princeton (9-0 in the Ivy League) was only a half point behind State in the final Lambert ratings. Syracuse, already in the Sugar Bowl, was third.



JOE CORREIA



TOM FLANAGAN



MIKE KIRSCHNER

At Annual Banquet

Booters Tab Correia MVP; Elect Flanagan As Captain

By ALEX WARD

Little Joe Correia, Penn State's leading scorer and most consistent performer, was chosen the most valuable player on the soccer team.

The 5-5 sophomore who accounted for seven goals was selected by his teammates at the annual banquet held by the players at the end of the season.

Tom Flanagan, who performed admirably for the booters at both left wing and at halfback, was chosen captain of next year's squad.

In a season when the team was up and down, Correia and Flanagan always seemed to draw praise from coach Ken Hosterman. Correia seemed to get better with

Cardinals' Ken Boyer Wins MVP

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Third baseman Ken Boyer of the champion St. Louis Cardinals savored with pride and humility yesterday the National League's 1964 Most Valuable Player award.

But, he said graciously, it also belonged to his teammates.

"This is an honor every baseball player dreams of winning," said the big, quiet slugger. "To get it, you have to get a lot of breaks and have a fairly consistent year. But most important, you have to have teammates like I had—and they should feel they share it."

Boyer was named first on 14 of the 20 ballots cast by the Selection Committee of the Baseball Writers Association of America. He drew a total of 343 points, with ballots counted on the basis of 14 points for first place, nine for second, eight for third, etc.

Johnny Callison, the Philadelphia Phillies' outfield star, was second with 187 points and Boyer's teammates, first baseman Bill White, was third with 106 1/2. Last year, Sandy Koufax, the left-handed pitching star of the Los Angeles Dodgers, won the award.

Last week, Brooks Robinson of the Baltimore Orioles won the American League's 1964 MVP award. Coupled with Boyer's award, this gave third basemen a sweep of the coveted honor this year.

Sports Staff Meeting

A meeting of all members of the Daily Collegian Sports staff will be held at 7 p.m. tonight in the Collegian office, basement of Sackett Building. Winter term assignments will be given at this time.

Bowling Schedule

The new bowling lanes will be available for open bowling tomorrow, Thanksgiving Day, in the afternoon from 2 to 5 p.m. and in the evening from 6 till 11 p.m.

each game and his four-goal performance against Gettysburg was called by Hosterman "The finest of the year by any of our players."

The Lion mentor called Flanagan a team leader and a real hustler and had commented prior to the banquet that the 23-year-old veteran would be an outstanding choice for captain.

The banquet marked the last get-together of this year's team and as it looked back on a 4-5 record it was probably with considerable frustration.

As every good Monday morning quarterback would say, it was a matter of inches. In this case, there's no doubt about it. Three of the five losses were by one goal. The Lions lost to undefeated Navy, 1-0, and to once-beaten (at the time) Army, 2-1, in overtime. The booters also lost their last game to Pitt, 2-1.

The Lion front line, which started the year with a bang, tapered off in mid-season and didn't get started again until the next-to-last game. The soccer men racked up 16 goals in their first four games to run up a 3-1 mark. Someone turned the heat off, however, as they were able to score but once in their next three outings, all losses.

Except for a lapse against Maryland, when it had seven goals scored on it, the defense was superb. Led by halfback Stan Wardle, Ray Dacey and goalie Mike Kirschner, the Lions allowed opponents only 19 goals while scoring 25.

Kirschner, a junior with two more years of eligibility, was a big factor in the Lions' opening win against highly-rated West Chester, making a total of 23 saves. Against Navy and Army, teams averaging four goals a game, Kirschner was equally as stingy, giving up only three scores in the two games.

Next year, the junior from Merion Station might find one of the family vying for his spot. Brother Fred was a goalie on the freshman team.

Dacey, this year's captain and other seniors John Katona, Nizar Al-Talib and Andy Collins helped to give State one of its most explosive attacks in recent years. It is ironic to note that it was this explosiveness which may have caused a couple of the losses. After pulverizing two opponents by one-sided scores (Bucknell, 8-0, and Gettysburg, 7-1) the offense suffered from that old disease, liddown-itis and were untracked in its next outings.

Irish QB: Year's Top Performer

NEW YORK (AP) — John Huarte, the Notre Dame quarterback whose deft skills converted a two-game winner into the apparent national champion in one year, was named the Heisman Trophy winner as college football's outstanding player of 1964 yesterday.

The Anaheim, Calif., senior overcame a history of injuries to take command of the unbeaten Irish and edge Tulsa quarterback Jerry Rhome in an extremely close vote. Huarte finished with 1,026 points to Rhome's 952. Illinois center-linebacker Dick Butkus compiled 505 points for third.

"Without Huarte, we would have been a three-yards-and-a-cloud-of-dust type of team," says his coach, Ara Parseghian. "We built our whole offense around him. I lived in constant dread of what we would do if anything happened to him."

The 180-pounder played virtually no time as a sophomore due to injuries and failed to win a monogram again last year when he was able to get in only 45 minutes of game action. Parseghian liked what he saw in film clips, installed Huarte as his regular in spring drill—then saw his key man suffer a shoulder injury.

"They almost operated on Huarte," adds Parseghian with a wince. "Fortunately they didn't and the shoulder came around."

"I'm very happy and surprised too," said Huarte, caught on the Notre Dame campus hurrying between classes. He is a business administration major thinking in terms of a law career.

"I know it is a great tribute to me but it's also one for the team. I was lucky and that I had good receivers, great pass blocking and the Notre Dame team as a whole put out a great effort both on offense and defense."

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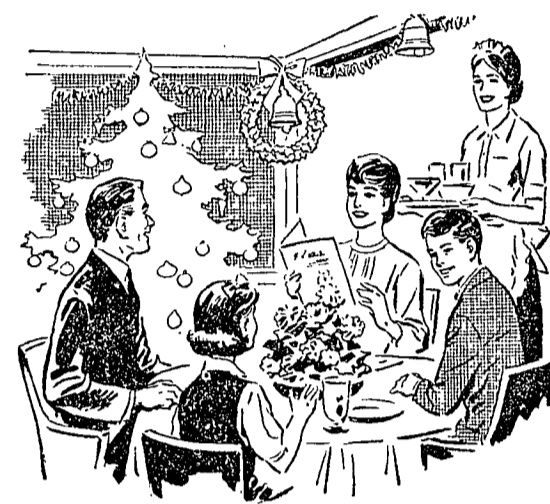
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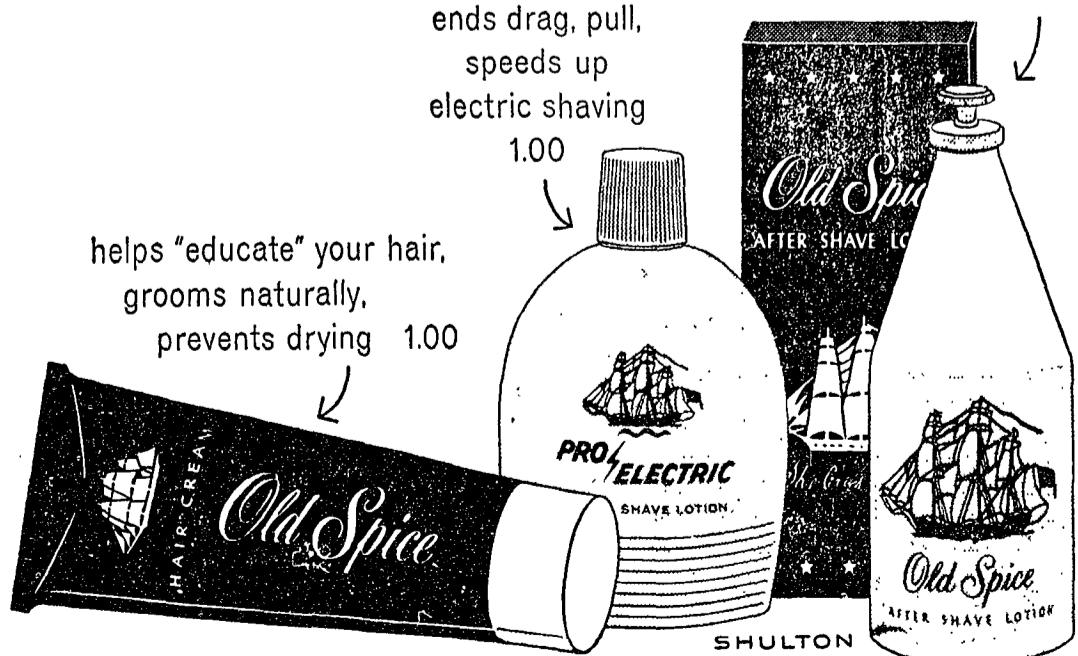
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