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AAU Suspension: Col. Hull Replies

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It has often been suggested that an objective analysis of any controversy present both sides of the argument. However, some problems don't lend themselves so easily to such a dissection.

The late Henry Luce once questioned the logic in trying to voice "both" sides of an issue. If there are two sides, he mused, why not three, four or one hundred sides to any argument.

The recent suspensions of five Penn State gymnasts from international competition by the Amateur Athletic Union is an excellent example of a multi-sided poly-problem. The incident by itself appears to have a singular meaning but when taken in perspective with the entire dilemma of American amateur sports, a confusing web of contradictions clouds the issue.

More is involved than merely banning five Penn State gymnasts from international competition. More is involved than the United States' chances in the Pan-American and Olympic Games.

The significance of the suspensions is hidden in an infinity of organizations, abbreviations and red tape. Problems arise in trying to find one guilty party to blame. The overlapping and sometimes questionable activities of the AAU, NCAA, FIG and IAAF merely tend to cloud the issue.

Yesterday, in a telephone conversation with The Daily Collegian, Col. Donald Hull, executive director of the AAU, explained his side of the controversy.

Hull would not accept the Penn State contention that the suspensions were unjustified because the Cologne meet was merely an intercollegiate match between "sister" institutions.

"Not only were there competitors from three different countries on the German team, but it's questionable whether either Storhaug the Norwegian and one of the Japanese gymnasts are even students at the University," Hull said. "Besides that, the Cologne contingent was a touring international team and whenever a foreign team is involved, it represents international competition whether the participants are students, the military, boy scouts, or whatever."

Col. Hull responded to allegations that the AAU is simply interested in the money involved in amateur sports:

"A careful search of the facts will never show the AAU as a money-grabber." The AAU collects only two and a half per cent of the net income of its sanctioned events — barely enough to cover organizational costs."

Questioned about the exact function of the AAU, Hull provided an analogy and a pun.

"The AAU acts as an inspector," he said. "Much in the same way the government inspects and stamps meat, the AAU will inspect and sanction meets."

Hull had praise for one of Penn State's suspended gymnasts, two-time NCAA all-around champion Steve Cohen, but couldn't agree with Cohen's reasoning concerning his retirement from competition. After learning of the suspensions, Cohen had expressed his discouragement with the AAU.

"Even if I were not going to medical school, I would be reluctant to try out for the Olympic team because of the small-minded way in which the AAU treats our best athletes," Cohen had said.

"Steve Cohen is a fine gymnast and a fine young man; but he reminds me of someone who won't drive a car because the police won't let him drive through red lights," Hull said. "Of course, in due time, he could be reinstated if he would apply to the AAU and would show that he can follow the rules."

Concerning the entire NCAA-AAU conflict, Hull expressed hope that the NCAA would step forward with a constructive plan.

"All we ever hear is how much power we have and how the NCAA wants an equal voice," Hull said. "If they would simply ask for specific duties, we would turn the power over to them."

Colgate, Orange Host Lion Nine

By DON MCKEE
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Let's go, live in a row! That cry will hopefully spur on the Penn State baseball team today as it takes the road for the first time in 11 games. The Lions last played away from Beaver Field in the season opener April 1, an 8-7 extra-inning loss at Gettysburg.

State travels to Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y. today to play a single contest with the Red Raiders.

Colgate has had troubles all season, mainly with that scourge of early spring baseball, the weather. The Red Raiders have had six contests cancelled for a variety of reasons, ranging from cold to rain to six inches of snow. Happily for both teams, however, the weatherman has given the "go ahead" for today's game.

Colgate Inconsistent
Inconsistent play has also troubled Colgate coach "Red" O'Hara. In a game against Hobart the Raiders pounded out 19 hits, winning 17-0. Against a weak Ithaca nine O'Hara's crew held an 8-2 going to the last inning, but allowed six runs after two were out in the bottom of the ninth, tying the contest. Ithaca won the whole shebang in the tenth.

Starting for Colgate today will be Ted Deekman—2b, the leading hitter at .377; Ray He—catcher, an All-East linebacker last fall, who is hitting .318; Tom Wilson—1b; Ed Ryan—3b; Paul Bradley—ss; John Reid—lf; Ron Burton—cf, and Charley Cipolli—rf. The likely starting pitcher is Larry Chase, a right hander with an 0-1 record.

This line-up has compiled a .282 team batting average while winning five games and dropping six. Colgate counts a 3-2 victory over Buffalo, and split double-headers with Lafayette and Notre Dame in some earlier action this season. The Buffalo game was high-lighted by the first Colgate triple play in O'Hara's 25 years of coaching.

Medlar OK's Lineup
Penn State coach Chuck Medlar will go with the same lineup he has used since the winning streak began last Thursday against Indiana. Medlar is confident that the team can win today but notes cautiously, "We always have trouble in New York."

Slated to start on the mound today is Denny Lingenfelter. The junior righty has a record of 2-2, beating Temple 1-0 on a three hitter, and getting his second win in the 10-2 romp over Rutgers last Saturday. Lingenfelter was touched for a

loss in the Gettysburg game, where he relieved for Jim Allger, and also took a defeat against Rider by a 4-2 margin. The Lion hitters have broken out of a prolonged slump in the last week and the team now has three men above the .300 mark.

Gary Kanaskie leads the way with a .355 average. He is followed by Dave Fore at .314 and Shorty Stoner who is hitting exactly .300. Kanaskie leads all hitters with seven RBIs.

Twin Bill At Syracuse
Following today's game the Lions move to Syracuse for a Saturday twin-bill against the Orangemen. Allger will start the first game with Frank Spaziani going in the second tilt.

Allger holds a 1-1 record, losing to Temple and downing Rutgers 4-2 in his last starting assignment. Allger got off to a very bad start but has rounded into form and is now showing the stuff that made him a six game winner as a sophomore last year.

Spaziani held Rider, top team in the district, to two runs but took an undeserved loss when the Lions scored only once. He is a strong, fast pitcher, and with any support at the plate he poses a definite threat.



Frank Spaziani . . . two sport Lion

Face Syracuse Today, Colgate Tomorrow

State Linksmen Aiming To Repeat In Easterns

By CLIFF FIRESTONE
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The Penn State golf team has been an enigma this year. After winning the Eastern championship last season and recording an undefeated season, they began 1967 with the same lineup to the man.

Speculation among Eastern golf followers was not whether the Lions would win or lose but rather the margin of victory. Everything was in their favor — seven returning veterans, fine early season weather which put the Penn State course in beautiful shape, a pre-season Southern practice trip, and a spirit of confidence.

The season began in expected form when the State linksmen posted shutout victories over Brown and Bucknell. Then what happened nobody can explain. Travelling to Villanova, the Lions suffered an upset loss to the Wildcats.

The next match was a triangular affair with Indiana State (Pa.) and Georgetown. That day the State golfers were in their element — the ever-present local wind was in its usual form and they were playing the home course on which no Lion team had lost in eight years. The score that day was Indiana and Georgetown 4 — Penn State 3. The impossible had occurred — the whole world now knew Coach Boyle's men were human.

Lions Regained Form
Whatever Boyle said to his charges after that match must have worked. The Lions have regained their championship form in consecutively downing Echigh, Prince-

ton, and West Virginia. The lineup has also changed due to a series of intra-squad challenge matches. Number seven man Dick Johnson is now number five. Number six man Rusty Washburn has slipped to the seventh position. A sophomore, Frank Guise, has squeezed captain Sam Wray right out of the starting lineup, and is presently holding down the number six slot.

As the season has progressed the individual golfers' games have shown considerable improvement. The wind has continued as a factor this year, but in the West Virginia match, the Lions gave proof that they know how to cope with it, gauging their clubs to adapt to the fickle gusts. A marked change can also be seen on the greens considering the Lions have retained the putting touch that had eluded them at the out-set of the season.

Scott Yard Paced Linksmen
As Easterns approach (May 6-8 on the Penn State course), the Lions strongest man appears to be Scott Yard, the medalist in the first five contests, although team pacesetter Dave Hamby has played well lately (shooting a 72 in the wind tunnel last Saturday). Jim Geiger has been consistently in the low to middle 70's all season. Colorful Ernie Saniga, number four, has shown spurts of top-notch golf, especially when he's been behind.

Coach Boyle and his team will not play another home match until the Easterns. Today they are in Syracuse and tomorrow travel to Colgate. Boyle said he has little information on the two upstate New York teams and does not know what to expect from them.



JIM GEIGER



SCOTT YARD

AP Sport Shorts: Golf, Boxing and Basketball

PINEHURST, N.C. (AP) — Wake Forest sophomore Leonard Thompson upset former national champion and Walker Cup player Bob Murphy Thursday to join three Bills—Campbell, Hyndman and Harvey—in semifinals of the North and South Amateur Golf Tournament.

Each won a pair of matches. Thompson, 20, plays Campbell, 43-year-old former national and three time North and South champion from Huntington, W.Va., in Friday's first 18 hole semifinal match.

The other pairs Hyndman, 51-year-old insurance agent from Huntington Valley, Pa., and also a former winner here, against Harvey, 36, from Greensboro, N.C., winner of 26 tournaments in the last two years.

Terrell Wants In

NEW YORK (AP) — Ernie Terrell said yesterday he hopes Cassius Clay reconsiders his stated plans and takes the oath of induction. "So I can fight him again."

"My left eye is well again and my doctors have said I can fight again immediately," said the 28-year-old, 6 foot 6 heavyweight contender in an interview with The Associated Press.

"I still maintain that Clay fouled me and injured my eye in our fight," said Terrell. "I feel more confident than ever that I can beat him and I hope I can get the chance. I don't know what's going to happen to

him or what will happen to the heavyweight championship after Friday. However, as the most recent holder of that title I want to go on record with all official bodies that I am fit and available to clear up any doubts."

Terrell recognized as champion by the World Boxing Association at the time, was beaten in 15 rounds by Clay at Houston, Tex., last Feb. 6.

Clay is scheduled to appear for induction into the Army at Houston today. He has said he will not enter the Army.

A bachelor, Terrell still has his original 1-Y draft classification for being too tall for service.

'Kolff' To Coach Lakers

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Basketball Coach Willem H. (Bill) van Breda Kolff, who guided Princeton for five successful seasons, officially became the coach of the Los Angeles Lakers yesterday.

He takes over the National Basketball Association team under a three year contract.

Confirming reports that leaked out all over the nation Wednesday, Jack Kent Cooke, owner of the Lakers, presented the new coach at a packed news conference.

At the same time Cooke confirmed that Fred Schaus, head coach for all of the seven years the Lakers have been in Los Angeles, has been named general manager.

Professional Athletes Forming Laobr Union

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A drive to organize all professional athletes into an independent labor union is rapidly reaching the stage where it will be presented to the National Labor Relations Board for certification. The Associated Press learned yesterday.

The union probably to be identified as the National Players Association would include players from major league baseball, the National Football League, the National Basketball Association and possibly the National Hockey League. The embryonic American Basketball League would be included if it gets off the ground.

The movement to gather all athletes into one group is being spearheaded by Bernie Parrish, a former defensive star with the Cleveland Browns and once the head of the NFL Players Association.

Parrish has been quietly moving about the country enlisting athletes from all walks of sports. A reliable source told The Associated Press that many major league baseball players felt it was a good step, and that the NBA was ready to come into the fold.

The idea is so well thought of among labor sources that several major unions, including the International Teamsters, have offered to finance the organizing drive. One union offered between \$50,000 and \$100,000 merely to be allowed to talk to the men planning the movement.

The source said all labor unions have been turned down however, because the athletes believe they have the brainpower within their own ranks—accountants and lawyers—to run the players' union.

Negro athletes, who in many instances feel they have not as yet attained their full status in the athletic world have expressed great interest in the idea. Jimmy Brown, the retired great fullback of the Cleveland Browns, reportedly is in back of the plan.

Football Club Sets Dinner

The State College Quarter-back Club will hold its banquet to honor the 1966 Penn State football squad on May 6. Ray Eliot, former Illinois head coach, will be the main speaker.

Highlights of the affair, which will follow the Blue-White game ending State's spring football drills, will be the presentation of the Quarter-back's Club Certificate of Recognition to an outstanding member of the 1966 team, and the presentation of the 10th annual Red Worrell Award to the most improved player in this spring's football practice.

Past recipients of the Quarter-back Club certificate were Ed Stuckrath, Junior Powell, Joe Blasenstein, Jay Huffman and Chuck Ehinger.

Past winners of the Worrell trophy were Jim McCormick, Ed Lenda, Ehinger, Tom Urbanik, Ralph Baker, Joe Galaridi, Bill Popp, Frank Korbinj and Andy Stynchula.

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