

Bannon on Kodak team

Penn State defensive end Bruce Bannon was named to the 1972 Kodak All-American team by the American Football Coaches Association yesterday.

Other All-Americans in alphabetical order: Defensive back Cullen Bryant (Colo.), Defensive tackle Dave Butz (Purdue), fullback Sam Cunningham (USC), middle guard Rich Glover (Neb.), linebacker Randy Gradishar (Ohio St.), offensive guard John Hannah (Ala.), linebacker Wille Harper (Neb.), halfback Dick Jauron (Yale), quarterback

Bert Jones (LSU), center Jim Krats (Ala.), defensive tackle John LeHeup (S. Car.), defensive back Randy Logan (Mich.), defensive end Greg Marx (Notre Dame), linebacker John Mitchell (Ala.), halfback Greg Bruitt (Okla.), flanker Johnny Rodgers (Neb.), linebacker Jamie Rotella (Tenn.), offensive guard Ron Rusnak (N. Car.), offensive tackle Paul Seymour (Tex.), offensive end Barry Smith (Fla. St.), defensive back Brad Van Pelt (Mich. St.), and offensive end Charles Young (USC)

Sugar Bowl sweeter than Orange

For some reason, a large amount of people on this campus seem to think Penn State is going to a second-rate bowl New Year's Eve. A popular opinion is that the Lions were slighted by the Orange Bowl, supposedly the more glamorous of the three major bowls available to Penn State, and therefore anything else doesn't quite make it. Namely, the Sugar Bowl.

True, Penn State was not the Orange Bowl Committee's choice. But if meeting Greg Pruitt-powered Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl is second-rate, then any bowl committee that wants a first-rate matchup is in for quite a search. First of all, it is rumored that the Lions missed a Miami trip by no more than one vote, not exactly a slight when you consider the competition. Secondly, maybe the Orange Bowl is a little higher up there on your holiday splendor list, but football-wise the Florida people are coming up short in the credibility department this time.

Here for the N.C. State game two weeks ago, Orange scout Nick Crane said his bowl, since the national championship was shaping up in the Rose Bowl, was looking for the "two highest-ranked teams available." One would have been Alabama had they not leaned toward a cozy visit to the Cotton Bowl. The other would have been Penn State had the Notre Dame officials not wooed the Orange Bowl people for three weeks. Obviously, in a year of hard campaigning, 10th ranked the Fighting Irish did as well as George McGovern, if not better since they won.

On this campus, prior to the Sugar Bowl rumor last week, athletic department officials were sitting around Rec Hall about Tuesday morning with the highest offer an interested group from the Gator Bowl committee. The call came from New Orleans shortly after and Penn State's eyes lit up — for the honor and the \$420,000 that accompanies it.

Second-rate? Barring any upsets, the Rose Bowl will own the biggest show with Number One USC and Big Ten winner Ohio State or Michigan squaring off in Pasadena.

The Orange Bowl will resemble its selection tactics — poor. Notre Dame, which also faces USC Dec. 2, will make out worse with Nebraska than coach Ara Parsigian's complimentary Ford in a head-on collision. The Cornhuskers, win or lose against Oklahoma Thanksgiving Day, should surely prevail.

That leaves the Penn State-Oklahoma tussle in the spotlight all alone on New Year's Eve. Should Oklahoma knock off Nebraska, it will be even better. Incidentally, the Lions are getting off a telegram to the Sooners some time soon, a good luck wish for the Husker fray.

So if Penn State-Oklahoma in the Sugar Bowl in New

town."

Last year, the Cotton Bowl game on New Year's Day left little whooping it up for the Penn State players with a 9 p.m. bed check.

As far as the rumored Orange Bowl bid goes, Ducatte speculated that perhaps the Miami committee offered Oklahoma a bid even before Nebraska.

"I heard they took the two highest-ranked teams left," he said. "Maybe Oklahoma turned down the Orange Bowl (with Notre Dame) to play the highest-ranked team available (Penn State)."

What does a bowl trip mean?

"It's a reward for a lot of hard work," Ducatte said. "It's an incentive for national recognition and a chance to enjoy yourself. They always show you a nice time."

It's an even sweeter reward this season for a Penn State team that lost its opening game and had to eek out wins in the next two. This team is not like last year's, one that coasted then fell to Tennessee in an 11th game with a bowl bid already two weeks old.

If you really want to go overboard, you could say something trite like this year's Lions "came back from adversity." But they did. They've gotten over 1,000 yards rushing from tailback John Cappelletti, who never played the position as a varsity player, and strong week-in, week-out quarterbacking from John Hufnagel, a Heisman Trophy candidate at that.

What it comes down to is this. In the beginning of the season fans up here were groaning that THEY lost to Tennessee. Eight weeks and eight wins later it was WE are going to the Orange Bowl. The bandwagon was jammed packed.

Now it's Sugar Bowl time, less chance to use all that suntan lotion and, "I thought WE were going to the Orange Bowl." is a common sound.

Well, WE aren't going anywhere. PENN STATE is going to the Sugar Bowl, but you're welcome to come along.



by Glenn Sheeley
sports editor

Orleans on New Year's Eve on national teevee is second-rate, then Mike Reid has no jump off the ball, Joe Paterno doesn't know how to win and John Hufnagel won't make the All-East squad.

Lion co-captain Gregg Ducatte was commenting on that very issue on the team plane from Boston Saturday night.

"Nobody on this team figures it's a letdown," he said. "We figure we are playing one of the best teams in the country and we'll have one of the best bowls."

"I loved the Sugar Bowl bid," Ducatte said. "We've been to the two other major bowls. And this way we can win the ball game and go out and have a night on the

Lion harriers 11th in NCAA's

By BILL GUTHLEIN
Collegian Senior Reporter

Penn State could have used Mark Spitz on the Glenbrook Country Club in Houston yesterday. The Lions splashed out an eleventh-place finish in the NCAA cross-country championships on the flat six-mile course.

"The course was flooded yesterday (Sunday)," Lion coach Harry Groves said. "To say it was wet today would be an understatement."

Junior Charlie Maguire literally slipped himself out of All-American status, Groves claimed. Maguire got up

again to lead the Lions finishing 38th at 29:38. Runners finishing in the top 25 receive All-American recognition.

East Tennessee's Neil Cusack proved he was the best adverse condition runner leading 290 others with a 28:30. Thirty yards behind Cusack was Doug Brown of Tennessee.

Brown's teammates placed 11th, 25th, 35th, and 56th for a team victory with 134 points.

Despite Cusack's and Ed Leddy's third place finish the Vol's eastern state counterparts could only muster a

runner-up spot with 134 points.

Oregon, the defending champion finished third at 158 with Washington State in fourth at 167.

Penn State collected 327 points in their bid to top last season's eighth spot. Groves was pleased with his squad's performance although he had visions of a better one.

"We did pretty well, considering. A rank of 11th or 12th in the nation is good. It was due to mishaps that we didn't finish higher," he said.

Matt Chadwick fell twice during the contest which put him behind four of his teammates. The senior co-

captain placed 192nd with a time of 31:55 in his last collegiate run.

Gary Gittings finished four seconds and nine positions behind Maguire. Freshman Ron Secord proved he deserved a starting berth with upperclassmen as he slid his way to a 96th slot with a 30:19. Senior co-captain Jim Allahand claimed fourth place among the Lions with a 30:32 that earned the Trevoze senior a 113th spot.

Twenty-seven schools competed for the team championship yesterday in the first NCAA cross-country competition held in the South-west.

Fisk AL's top rook

NEW YORK (AP) — Boston Red Sox catcher Carlton Fisk became the first American League in history yesterday to be unanimously selected Rookie of the Year by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

Fisk, who batted .293, eighth best in the league in 1972, hit 22 home runs and drove in 61 runs, garnered all 24 BBWA votes.

He joined Frank Robinson and Willie McCovey of the National League as the only major league players unanimously selected since the award was given annually to a player in each league in 1949. Robinson won it in 1956 with Cincinnati and McCovey in 1959 with San Francisco.

In addition, Fisk is only the second catcher to win American League rookie honors. Thurman Munson of the New York Yankees was selected in 1970.

Fisk is the Red Sox' third Rookie of the Year. First baseman Walt Dropo was

chosen in 1950 and pitcher Don Schwall received the honor in 1961.

Fisk's batting average and home run and RBI output were tops among American League catchers. He recently was voted to receive the Gold Glove award of managers and coaches as the league's best defensive catcher and was named to the 1972 American League All-Star team by Manager Earl Weaver of Baltimore.

The 24-year-old native of Bellows Falls, Vt., had brief trials with the Red Sox in 1969 and 1971. The first time he failed to get a hit in five at-bats, the second time he hit .313 with 15 hits-including two doubles, a triple and two homers — and six RBIs in 48 at-bats.

But at the start of the 1972 season, Fisk was the third-string catcher behind Duane Josephson and Bob Montgomery.

He played only occasionally until Josephson pulled a groin muscle and was sidelined for several games. Then Fisk alternated with Montgomery while Josephson, in order to avoid aggravating the injury, played first base.

But on May 18 in Detroit, the Red Sox, looking for stronger defensive play behind the plate, gave Fisk the fulltime job — and he never relinquished it.

Court restrains Hull from WHA

CHICAGO (AP) — Bobby Hull, former Chicago Black Hawk star and currently a player-coach with the Winnipeg Jets, was restrained yesterday from playing in the World Hockey Association by a Circuit Court order.

Judge Francis T. Delaney signed the order following failure of the WHA to post a \$2.5 million bond with the federal court in Philadelphia.

The action was the result of a suit by the Black Hawks of the National Hockey League to keep Hull from playing for the Jets.

The Nov. 20 date was set by Philadelphia Judge A. Leon Higginbotham for the WHA to post the bond to insure against damages to the NHL "if my ruling is wrong or is reversed by an appellate court."

A week ago, attorney Seymour Scheier of the Black Hawks attempted to get a restraining order against Hull's playing for the Jets.

But Judge Delaney said he wouldn't do anything until he learned if the WHA bond was posted. "If the bond is posted, then there is no further case in Chicago," he said.

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