

Track trials move to Beaver Stadium

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Marty Liquori won't be coming to Penn State to compete in the University Games track trials. Scratch Steve Prefontaine and Doug Brown off the list, too.

Despite the absence of three top trackmen, Penn State coach Harry Groves figures the competition will be keen when the trials are held Aug. 4 and 5 at Beaver Stadium.

"Just about all the top people will be there," he observed yesterday. Groves, Willie Williams of Arizona and Ross Black of New Mexico Junior College are assisting head coach Joe Vigil of Adams State. The Games are set for Aug. 15-25 and are open to both university and graduate students.

Unexpected financial difficulties at the University of Massachusetts shifted the trials from Amherst to the Penn State campus.

Liquori, now doing graduate work in broadcasting at Florida, has been given a berth on the team. The same goes for Brown, a former NCAA steeplechase champion from Tennessee. Prefontaine rejected a trip to the Games because of a job commitment.

At the trials there will be four competitors in each of the 18 events, with the top two earning a ticket to Moscow.

The field for the trials, Groves said, was drawn up quickly because the entries were due in Moscow in early July. "They used the rankings in Track and Field News and then looked at who beat who to pick the people for the trials," Groves said.

"In order to get the best, we had to obligate places (on the team) to certain people," he said, referring to Liquori and Brown.

The Lion coach said he favored giving berths to athletes who are consistently at the top of their event. A bad day at the Olympic trials, such as shot putter Randy Matson had at Eugene, Ore. last summer, can be costly.

"We're constantly leaving good people home," Groves commented.

The U.S. squad will be getting a preview of Russia's entry for the 1976 Olympics at Montreal. The team, Groves said, has been picked already, and will train together for three years.

Two Penn Staters have a chance to join their coach on tour of Red Square. Charlie Maguire, the NCAA six-mile champ, and Al Jackson, a fifth placer in the NCAA hammer throw, return to the familiar surroundings of Beaver Stadium. Groves said there is no "home field advantage" in track.

Maguire, moving up to the 10,000 meters, will be challenged by Indiana's Pat Madera, whom he beat at the Nationals.

Sophomore Jackson is currently touring Europe with a U.S. track contingent.

Lion sophomore Mitch Lukevics, who entertained pro scouts everytime he pitched in high school, has been living up to all the good notices he received. Drafted out of Liberty High in Bethlehem by the Detroit Tigers, Lukevics opted for Penn State where he finished seventh in the country in strike outs per game.

In 66 innings, the righthander fanned 86 batters for 11.2 strike outs per game.

Arizona State was one of the most honored teams, according to statistics released by the National Collegiate Sports Service. The Sun Devils finished with an amazing 808 base hits and a .333 team batting average. Oklahoma was second, hitting at a .320 clip. Penn State lost to both schools in the NCAA College World Series last month.

Arizona State, which lost to Southern Cal in the Series final, had the two winningest pitchers in the country in Jim Otten and Eddie Bane. Both hurlers compiled 15-1 records. Bane, who led the nation in strike outs with 192 and was fourth in strike outs per game with 12.3, is now chucking for the Minnesota Twins.

Sigel gains 5th amateur golf title

FLOURTOWN, Pa. (AP) — Jay Sigel, a 29-year-old insurance executive, came from four strokes off the pace in the final two rounds yesterday to win an unprecedented fifth Pennsylvania State Amateur Golf Championship.

Sigel shot 74-75 in the 36-hole final play of the 59th annual tournament for a 13-over-par 297 to beat Gordon Brewer of Huntingdon Valley, Pa., and Penn State junior Fred Von Barga of Clarks Summit, Pa., by three strokes.

Jim Sykes of Huntingdon Valley and Philadelphia's Gary Hardin tied for fourth in the 72-hole test at the Philadelphia Cricket Club.

The 36-year-old Brewer had 71-80 and a total 300, while Von Barga carded 77-79-300; Sykes 76-80-302, and Hardin, son of Temple football coach Wayne Hardin, 79-73-302.

"It was a struggle," said the 6-1 Sigel, who won this title last year by a record 18 strokes and also took home the silver trophy in 1962, 1966 and 1968. He was tied with W.C. Fownes 1910, 1912, 1913, 1916 as the only golfer to win the state crown four times.



Photo by H.R. Begley II

Putts weren't dropping for Von Barga

Von Barga, a marketing major at Penn State, where he was number two man on the golf team, led starting the final day by two strokes over Sykes, with Sigel four behind

and Brewer five. After the morning round, Brewer held a one-stroke edge over Von Barga and two on Sykes and Sigel. Sigel bogeyed two of the

first five holes on the afternoon round, but got even at the par-five seventh when he rolled in a 25-foot eagle putt. He went bogey, bogey, however, on the eighth and ninth and made the turn in two-over 38. He played opposite Sykes, who turned in 37 for a one-stroke lead.

Both Brewer and Von Barga, playing together, struggled over the front side of the first round.

When Sykes, a 39-year-old advertising novelty company executive, bogeyed ten and 11, Sigel picked up pars, and took the lead to stay. Sykes fell apart in the hot sun, taking two double bogeys and four bogeys. Brewer, however, regained his touch and had a chance for a tie if he birdied 18, but he took double bogey.

Sigel, who last month won the Philadelphia amateur championship, said he was tense and felt he never really got his game going. He attributed it to the pressure of trying to become the first to win the title five times.

"I was tense," he said. "I wanted to win this one badly. And I don't think I ever played a golf course more difficult."

Cubs maintain slim lead over Cards

CHICAGO (AP) — Jose Cardenal's three-run double and solo homer helped the Chicago Cubs erase a 4-0 deficit and snap a six-game losing streak yesterday with a 12-5 victory over the San Diego Padres.

Five unearned runs in the sixth also helped the Cubs maintain their slim National League East lead over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Cardenal's double in the third cleared the bases and then he led off the fifth with a homer, tying the score at 4-4.

The Cub go-ahead run also came in the fifth on singles by Carmen Fanzone and Randy Hundley and a run-producing infield out by pinch-hitter Gene Hizer.

The Padres scored four runs in the first, three on Clarence Gaston's homer.

Reds 3, Expos 2
CINCINNATI (AP) — Pete Rose put Cincinnati in front with a two-run single in the second inning and Dan Driessen singled home what proved to be the winning run in the third as the Reds went on to defeat the Montreal Expos 3-2 last night.

Ross Grimsley, 10-5, survived home runs

by Montreal's Bob Bailey in the fourth inning and Bob Stinson in the fifth to post his fifth consecutive victory, although he needed help from Pedro Borbon in the ninth.

Rose's two-run single off loser Bill Stoneman, 4-6, scored Bobby Tolan, who singled, and Cesar Geronimo, who was hit with a pitch. Grimsley's sacrifice moved both runners into scoring position.

Joe Morgan led off the Cincinnati third with a double. Driessen followed with a single.

Twins 6, Red Sox 2
BOSTON (AP) — Rod Carew doubled home the tie-breaking run with two out in the eighth inning and Bobby Darwin added a bases-loaded triple following an intentional walk to pace the Minnesota Twins to a 6-2 victory over the Boston Red Sox last night.

Jim Holt and Larry Hise started the uprising with singles off Luis Tiant, 12-9, and, after Jerry Terrell struck out, Carew doubled off the left field wall for one run.

Darwin spoiled Boston's strategy of walking Tony Oliva by slashing a triple into the right field corner, chasing Tiant.

Lilly indecisive

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. (AP) — An indecisive, unhappy Bob Lilly arrived at the Dallas Cowboy training camp here yesterday, and immediately began asking teammates whether he should quit professional football.

The 12-year veteran defensive tackle arrived in camp last night, a club spokesman said, after having been retrieved from Dallas.

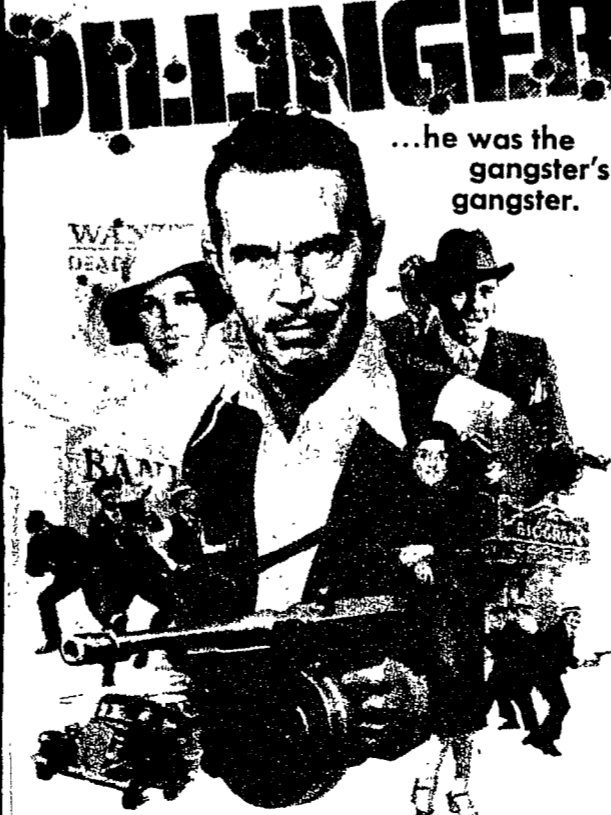
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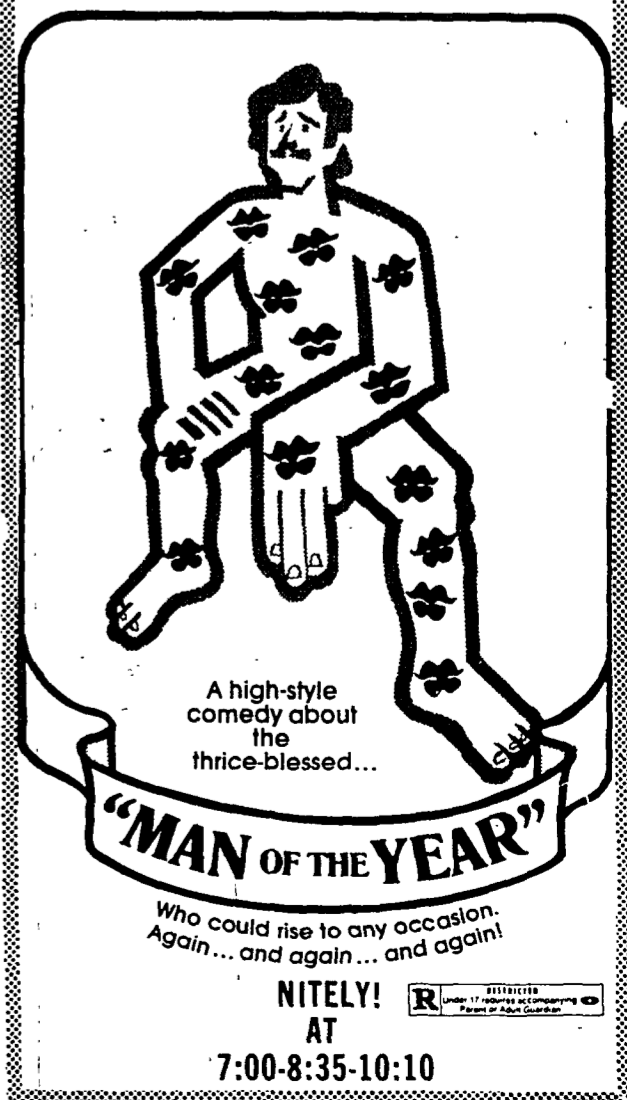
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