

Fine madness — Phyrst Rugby tomorrow



Rugby, besides being rough can be quite hard-nosed at times. And players at right seemingly enjoy it. The look of determination is apparent as the rugby player above speeds toward the unknown.

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A little bit of fine madness will take place in University Park this weekend. Penn State's rugby club has invited seven of the better teams in the Northeast to play in the 1974 Phyrst Cup Rugby Tourney. Play begins on the East Hall rugby pitches (behind the flower gardens) at 11:30 Saturday morning.

President Theodore Roosevelt ordered colleges to civilize football or forget it, but no one has ever had the audacity to interfere with the rules of rugby so it remains the rough sport it always was — very similar to 19th cen-

ture football.

The resemblance doesn't end with the similarity of the uniforms and game rules, but continues with the camaraderie shown after the game. One may hear cries of "get that bastard" during the game, but once its over, opponents shake hands and together they commence the beer party.

The party is usually simple. The ruggers drink beer, eat sandwiches and sing ditties about love and motherhood late into the night.

One of the slogans on the rugby pins that'll be seen at the tourney reads, "It takes balls to play rugby." Before

the veterans waste time teaching a prospect the finer points of the game they have to find out if he has the balls for the game so they subject him to the torture of a "C" squad game.

If you've ever seen the last few hectic minutes of a lopsided Junior high basketball game you have some idea what a "C" squad game is like. But don't forget these are full grown men and the action lasts for about an hour.

In some ways a "C" game is more dangerous than a regular game, because most of the players know only one thing — follow the ball. So when there is a pileup

everyone is there. Have you ever been on the bottom of a 30-man pile?

If the rookie shows some semblance of rugby talent he's promoted to the "B" squad.

Many players never advance into the "A" squad, because like any other sport it takes more than just the willingness to practice to make the first team. A certain amount of dexterity, strength and endurance are also needed. Being a little masochistic wouldn't hurt either.

The most difficult phase of the game to learn is offense especially where to be without possession of the ball, just like basketball. Therefore the more experienced teams such as Cleveland, George Washington and Richmond should be watched for scoring punch. Those three teams are favored to win the trophy with Penn State and West Chester State filling the role of darkhorses.

Navy should have a good physical team, but the Middies aren't expected to win it all. Any victories chalked up by either Pennsylvania or the Barbarians (West Shore) will be considered upsets.

The winning team will succeed the Old Blue (Columbia) and be the fifth team to get its name on the Phyrst trophy. Each member

from the winning team also has to drink beer from the championship spitoon. Ernie Oelbermann, one of the founders of the tournament said, "drinking from that spitoon amounts to taking a bath. There isn't any neat way you can drink out of a spitoon."

2:45	Penn State vs. Penn	#1
3:00	Cleveland vs. Richmond	#2
Sunday April 28		
11:00	Barbarians vs. West Chester	#1
12:00	Cleveland vs. George Washington	#2
1:15	Penn vs. Barbarians	#1
1:30	West Chester vs. Richmond	#2
2:30	Penn State vs. George Washington	#1
2:45	Navy vs. Cleveland	#2
Scoring		
Win	— two points	
Tie	— one point	
Total offensive points minus defensive points	will be used to settle ties.	



Penn Relays come alive today

By RICK STARR
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The grandpap of track and field extravaganzas, the Penn Relays, will turn loose 7800 athletes today.

Penn's Franklin Field is the site again for what truly is the world's most exasperating track and field spectacle.

Runners circle the track, vaulters vault and shot putters put and hundreds of schoolboy athletes wait in the runway to be led on and off the field. At the same time the

inaudible echoes of the PA announcer reverberate around the stadium, creating the overall illusion of a mild riot.

The meet is described as a carnival, but with so many events and so many athletes, it looks like a circus.

The field this year is not only big, it's loaded.

Here is a brief look at some of the expected highlights of the meet:

— A challenge in the distance medley from Manhattan and Tennessee to

Villanova's eight year ownership of that event.

— The invitational mile, which was reinstated this year and which includes indoor mile killer Tony Waldorp.

— The entrance of 41 new colleges competing for the first time.

— For Penn State fans, the running of several Penn Staters, who range from longshots (Mike Sands in the 100-yard dash) to good bets (Charlie Maguire in the three-mile).

— A 100-yard dash field that is out of sight. For the college heats, all a 9.5 will get you is a seat on the sidelines with all the other spectators.

— The College Championship of America Relays featuring Olympic runners (as do many of the other events) and the usual strong gang from North Carolina Central.

— A mighty field event including these favorites: Jeff Bolin (Purdue) long jump; Hans Hoglund (Texas-El Paso) shotput; Jacques Accambay (Kent State) hammer throw.

Here is an idea of what the meet schedule looks like. On Friday, trials in the 440, 880, mile, shuttle hurdles, sprint

medley relays, 120-yard high hurdles, and 100-yard dash. On Saturday, almost all finals, and the invitational mile, which may turn out to be the downfall of the Penn Relay record in that event.

One Lion trackman that might be worth wading through the miles of statistics for is hurdler Mike Shine. Look under the 440 intermediate hurdles. Shine has this to say of his possibilities: "I've got a chance, and I'll need some luck too." Last year Shine was so ready he false started twice.

"I was too psyched up for the race," he said. "I'll be calmer this time."

Shine's best time is 13.9 at the Nittany Lion Relays, but Charles Foster (North Carolina Central) will be against him. Foster has a 13.7 streak to his credit.

Park sticks Flyers

NEW YORK (AP) — Third-period goals by Brad Park and Rod Gilbert broke a tie and lifted the New York Rangers to a 5-3 National Hockey League playoff victory over the Philadelphia Flyers last night.

The loss was the first after six straight Stanley Cup victories for the West Division champion Flyers, who still lead the best-of-seven semifinals against New York 2-1. Game 4 will be played Sunday afternoon in New York.

Gilbert also assisted on two Ranger goals as New York swarmed from behind after trailing 3-1 midway through the second period.

The Flyers had opened a two-goal edge 11½ minutes into the second period on a goal credited to Gary Dornhoefer which deflected into the Ranger net off New York defenseman Rod Seiling's stick. It marked the third time during the playoffs that Seiling has deflected a shot into his own net.

A little more than two minutes later, the Rangers got the goal back when Steve Vickers converted a power-play opportunity on a perfect pass from Billy Fairbairn.

Then, with only 1:16 left in the middle period, New York tied it on Vic Hadfield's first goal of the playoffs.

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