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#### Memories of Namath still linger

I can hear already Howard Cosell's masal twang piercing with excitement.
There you have it, the end of pro football's most charismatic figure — Joe Willie 'White Shoes' Namath has called

Yesterday, The Daily Collegian ran a small wire story on Namath's retirement, but the rather inconsequential mention of it doesn't do Namath's career any justice.

Let's face it, the name of Joe Namath evokes the same type of response that the name Joe Paterno gets on a good day in State College.

Remember when Joe shaved his famed Fu Manchu moustache on the tube for a tidy sum of cash? That's right, the same old Joe who displayed his shapely legs while donning a pair of panty hose a couple of years later. And doesn't the sight of popcorn from a Hamilton Beach Joe Namath Butterup popcorn popper make you want to reach or a glass of chocolate Ovaltine? Yes, Joe Namath drips with class, charm and sex appeal, those qualities which make his image so marketable.



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Whether Joe is dazzling a blonde with the wink of his deep sea-green eyes, or maintaining a Daniel-in-the-lions-den coolness when pressure situations arise, he has a magnetic personality that rcaptivates people.

The quarterback who served his college apprenticeship under a man in Alabama they call "Bear," came into the old American Football League as a prima donna, a flamboyant and confident kid. "Broadway Joe," as he would become known to millions, signed a contract for \$427,000 and would go on to prove he was worth every penny of it. Muring his playing days (and perhaps for all-time) the fabled New York sports scene has never witnessed a more renowned athlete, and that includes Frazier, Jackson, Seaver, Gilbert, et al. Ultimately; when you think of Namath, you think of the biggest upset in Super Bowl history, and possibly of the

decade: Joe led the underdog Jets to a 16-7 victory in Super Bowl III. Remember how Broadway guaranteed the fans in the Big Apple he would take care of those ponies from Baltimore? Namath dissected the Colt secondary that Januray afternoon, completing 17-of-28 passes for 208 yards. When he walked off the field holding his index finger to the sky in a victory salute, chills went up my 10-year-old

Namath never really won another important game after that Sunday, nor did he have the supporting cast to help him. Rather, it seemed like every time I read the sports pages Joe was either entering the hospital for knee surgery or holding a press conference afterwards.

But the gimpy-kneed leader never complained. Instead he would begin the slow, agonizing task of rehabilitating the scarred knees, which looked more like road maps.

Joe Namath had all the physical and mental skills a quarterback could dream for, and more: The quick Namath setup, and an even quicker, lightening release pf the football; an uncanny ability to inspire and lead his outmanned team to victory; and a superior knowledge of the game, with a knack for reading a defense and beating it with the pass.

After Namath joined the Los Angeles Rams last year, he continued to work on strengthening his knees for a shot at the starting quarterback position.

...But all the publicity hype and brouhaha on the West Coast could not bring back what Namath had lost, except a new nickname, "Hollywood Joe." The magic, as they say, was gone. After quarterbacking Los Angeles to a less than spectacular start, two wins in four games, Namath rode the bench in favor of Pat Hayden.

The famous figure of Joe Namath guickly stepping back to throw, hands poised at his side, ready to snap the arm forward, was lost forever. Joe Namath never played another down for the Rams, or for anyone.

Above all else Joe Namath is a candid man. His frankness lets him call a spade a spade, no matter if he was talking to a sportswriter or his mother. New York Times sportswriter Dave Andreson related this story of a young Namath's honesty in a column recently:

"Do you think that some day you'll succeed Johnny Unitas as the king of the quarterbacks?

'No," he said quickly.

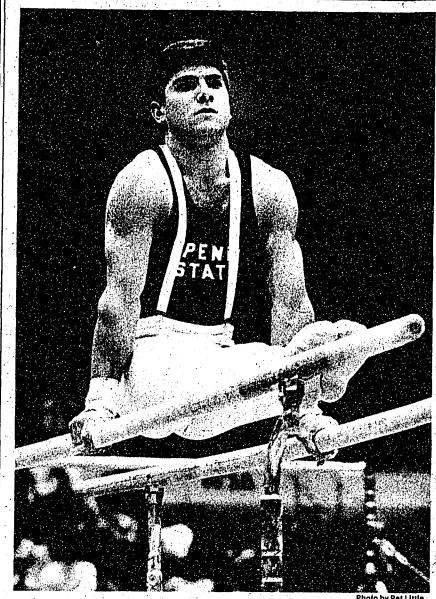
'Why not?'' he was asked. 'Because," he said with a grin, "I feel

I'm there now.' Namath never attempted to hide his

booze-and-broads image from the public, unlike so many athletes who display a holier-than-thou act. Namath is an example of football revealing a person's character, and not, as many think, building it.

Upon retiring, Namath said football had been good to him. He was right. But Joe neglected saying something else

more important. Joe Willie Namath has been even better for football.



Paul Simon will be among what coach Karl Schwenzfeier calls his healthiest lineup of all-arounds this season. The team hosts York University, which is the training ground for the Canadian National team.

## Gymnasts to host York in 'Battle of North America'

By GARY SILVERS Daily Collegian Sports Writer

The men's gymnastics team (4-0) will get its first taste of international competition tonight when the Lions host York University at Rec Hall.

The York team features some of the biggest names in Canada, for the ool itself is the Olympic training site of our northern neighbor. Any Canadian, 27 years or younger, affiliated with the university, is eligible to compete in an international event.

"I wouldn't be surprised to see a few high school kids performing," Lions' coach Karl Schwenzfeier speculated. "They can bring almost anyone they choose to.'

And the Lions will counter with their six healthiest all-arounders senior Bob Desiderio, junior Paul Simon, sophomores Dan Desiderio and Kurt Weissend and freshmen Pat Besong and Tom Forster.

"I'm a little worried about that lineup," Schwenzfeier said, "because we're not completely healthy. (Joe) Stallone, who should be in there, won't be competing at all. He's still got the knee injurry from the Pittsburgh meet and won't see action again until we face Southern Connecticut " (February 4).

Another Lion gymnast who for some unknown reason is also nursing an injury, is Dan Desiderio; however, he will perform tonight. "Dan woke up one morning this weekend and his ankle was swelled," Schwenzfeier said. "We still can't figure out why."

The team also can't figure out why it's best hit ratio, thus far is a mere 22 of 36. And now, with a two-week layoff, it may be even worse.

"I don't think we're out of shape," Schwenzfeier said, "so we shouldn't

be any shakier than before. What we

did in those couple weeks off was add routines. That's the only reason they might still have a few problems." But just like a bottle of red wine, a gymnast gets better with age. "With hardly a senior on the team," Sch-

wenzfeier siad, "I don't want to squelch them too early. Next year they should get off to a real fast start - maybe a 215.' A 215 right now would rank the

Lions second in the country. However, they're still trying to find a way to break 211. And if they don't find the answer soon, the NCAA's may only be a dream. "We're not the favorites right

now," Schwenzfeier admitted. "First we must make the Top Eight by winning the Mideast regionals. And that means knocking off LSU (sixth at nationals last year).'

But first the Lions will be focusing on York in what could be termed The Battle of North America.'

'It's an honor to compete internationally," Schwenzfeier said, 'and carry an American flag. Athletes dream of competing for their country.'

And tonight those dreams will come

# Winning streak 'stalls' as wrestlers fall 24-15

By GEORGE BERMAN

Daily Collegian Sports Writer Both Penn State and 126-pound Scott DeAugustino Thursday night tasted the bitterness of dual watch defeat for the first time as the Clarion Golden Eagles preyed upon the Penn State lineup for a 24-15 win and along with it, the right to proclaim themselves the best in the East at this point in the season.

The outcome of the match was decided fast and early. After Mike DeAugustino decisioned Jan Clark by a 6-2 score and a 3-0 Penn State lead, the Clarion Eagles swooped to two consecutive pins at the 126 and 134 weight classes.

Tom Diamond's pin of Scott DeAugustino at 126 shocked everyone including Diamond himself. DeAugustino, who might be the best 126-pounder in the East, found Diamond, the flu, the referee and the crowd too much to

"Scott was sick this past week," Koll said about his outstanding freshman, "but he thought he was okay before the

"He is only a freshman," Koll added, "and you can't expect him to have the consistency of a (Dave) Becker, (Bill) Vollrath, or a (Sam) Sallitt.''

While the referee was dealing out penalty points for stalling like Phil Ford deals assists for his North Carolina basketball team, the Lions - including Scott — had very few come their way. With the crowd behind him, the referee kept Lion coaches Bill Koll and Andy Matter constantly on their feet.

"I don't even want to talk about it." a frustrated Koll said afterwards. "I think he (the official) swallowed the damn whistle. Every time I turned around he was calling stalling points. I think he might have taken the match out of the kids' hands.'

When asked if this was the referee's first Penn State match, Koll snapped, 'Yeah . . . and the last!'

The match marked Dan Baum's initial appearance of the year for the Lions at 134 and he found himself flat on his back for the first time under the grasps of highly regarded Eagle Randy Miller.

At 142, Geoff Brodhead halted the string of pins but also lost, finding himself on the short end of a 13-11 score. Both participants took turns taking down and letting up their opponent in the seesaw battle. And, of course, Brodhead also lost the penalty points battle.

Penn State promptly got back into the match by taking four of the next five bouts - all by decisions.

"We won five bouts and they won five bouts," Koll said, "but the falls they got

made the difference." So entering the heavyweight bout trailing 18-15, Koll decided to save the miracles of Ashley Swift for some other night and entered 205-pound Larry Fath

to tangle with Jack Campbell. "I was going to use Ashley if we were leading going into the heavyweight,"
Koll said. "Since the match was out of hand, I didn't want to take a chance of injuring Ashley.'

Penn State will try to get back on the winning track tomorrow when they tangle with Bloomsburg on the road.

118 — M. DeAugustino (PS) dec. Clark, 6-2. 126 — Diamond (C) pinned S. DeAugustino, 5:50. 134 — Miller (C) pinned Baum, 4:40. 142 — Merriam (C) dec. Brodhead, 13-11. 150 — Vollrath (PS) dec. Coleman, 7-4. 158 — Becker (PS) dec. Gilbert, 8-4. 167 — Herbert (C) dec. Snyder, 7-3.

167 — Herbert (C) dec. Snyder, 7-2. 177 — Pfautz (PS) dec. Hockenbroch, 4-3. 190 — Sallitt (PS) dec. Booth, 8-2. Hwt. — Campbell pinned Fath, 5:36.

#### Blood tests may stop horseplay

MIAMI (AP) — Blood testing is the key to a comprehensive system of identifying horses, a staggering job which has been spotlighted by the Belmont Park ringer case, it was noted Thursday at the Thoroughbred Racing Associations con-

"Since 1970 we've had approximately 40 wrong horses that have raced," said Cal Rainey, executive secretary of the Jockey Club. "Some have been ringers. Some have been honest mistakes. People don't believe that honest mistakes can happen. But believe me it can."

James B. Moseley, chairman of a Jockey Club committee named two years ago to study horse identification, agreed with Rainey, noting that several unintentional mixups of horses occur long before the horses got to the track, and added, "You've got to know who the horse is before you can iden-

The Moseley committee suggested blood testing of horses to establish positive parentage and to establish their correct identity soon after they are born. Moseley pointed out that

there have been cases of hospital mixups of human babies. The Jockey Club working with the University of California at Davis, began a blood testing program last year and it underscores what Rainey called "a problem of logistics.

Blood samples have been taken from half of the 8,000 stallions standing in the United States and Rainey said the other half will be completed by the end of this year. But that is just the tip of the iceberg — 60,000 horses, some of them imported, race each year in the United States; there are 60,000active broodmares and about 30,000 foals a year.

In order to get a unified horse identification system, which the Jockey Club is pointing for, tracks will have to cooperate, be willing to spend money and, Rainey said, "hire competent people who do not have two or three jobs to do at the track but can concentrate on identification.'

The most common identification used in the Unites States is lip tatooing and while Rainey and Mosley said they weren't against it they also felt it fell far short of the mark.

### Lady cagers on the 'short' end, host Scarlet Knight's invasion

By DARLENE HROBAK **Daily Collegian Sports Writer** 

It's a shame that none of the women's basketball players ever knew Mary Beaver White: if she were anything like the structure that was named after her, they probably would have liked her.

The Lady Lions have compiled a 10-1 record in White Building's North Gym during the past two seasons. Tuesday night they added another tally to the win column by defeating Pittsburgh, 81-

The Rutgers Scarlet Knights, 9-5, will be the next potential victim to enter the Lady Lion's favorite den Saturday at 2 p.m. It will be the second contest in Penn State's four-game homestand.

"I think it (playing at home) has a very positive effect," Lady Lion coach Pat Meiser said. "Our home court really is our home. We are there praticing every day.'

And that practice is paying off. The Penn Staters sport a 10-3 record and a No. 14 national ranking. But sandwiched in between those 10 wins are losses to top-ranked teams such as Queens, Maryland and Texas.

"I think we were playing well at the beginning of the season and ran into a

little bit of a slump," Meiser said. "I saw some things Tuesday night that I haven't seen since mid-December.

"We're about back now where we were then. I feel like we are really going

Meiser's Lady Lions have been giving her every reason to feel that way. Balance, momentum, quickness and an improving defense are all blending together for her charges on the court. But there is a problem.

"Height-wise we're at a disadvantage," Meiser said. "We go into just about every game we play short." And the contest against Rutgers will

be no exception. Their tentative starting line-up reveals that no one has been teasing the Scarlet Knights about the recent hit song directed at "short people.

Center Sandy Tupurins, 6-2, is grabbing 13.1 rebounds per game. The Scarlet Knights leading scorer, 5-11 forward Kathey Glutz, is averaging 15.1 ppg. Forward Patti Sikorski is 5-10. guards Denise Kinney and Erika Sauer are 5-7 and 5-8.

And the Lady Lions' 6-0 center, Mag Strittmatter (10.7 rebounds per game), who faced Pitt's 6-3 Wanda Randloph

Tuesday, will again be giving away a couple of inches when she meets Tupurins.

"I have to be more aware of a taller person's size," Strittmatter said. I know she'll get the ball more.

"It takes a lot of mental preparation on my part. It (being out-sized) doesn't seem to bother me anymore. I don't like anyone else to out-psyche me."

And all of the Scarlet Knights, not just Tupurins, may be trying to do a psyche job. They were once ranked as high as 14th and have beaten quality teams such as Kansas and Southern Connecticut.

"Rutgers is a very fine team," Meiser said. "They just dropped out of the top twenty. But they have to be characterized as an up and down team; they're inconsistent.

Jen Bednarek is leading the Lady Lion attack (17.8 ppg), followed by Sue Martin (11.9 ppg), Nancy Kuhl (10.8 ppg), Strittmatter (9.3 ppg) and Betty McGuire (8.9 ppg). And they will all be trying to continue their love affair with White Building Saturday.

"It's sure a nice feeling playing in White Building again," Strittmatter

#### Pitt cagers improved

## Favorite's role reversed

**Daily Collegian Sports Writer** 

The last time the Penn State cagers faced Pitt, the Panthers apparently left a definite impression on coach John Bach's crew. Reason: Tony Dorsett's alma mater

last season recorded a futile 6-21 mark, not much worse than what the Lion hoopsters appear to be headed for this year. There's no way around it — Bach's club is hurting. They've dropped seven straight

games, are still unsettled on a definite starting lineup and have played with the same consistency as Pitt did a year ago.

"They (Pitt) went through quite an ordeal last year," Bach, said sizing up Saturday night's game with the Panthers at Rec Hall. "They learned from a horrible experience. We're going through that now.' The Lions certainly are. They've had

major problems containing opponents' frontlines; in Wednesday's loss to Villanova, the winners forecourt accounted for 67 of 98 points. And Pitt's frontline, much improved in

a year, will be by no means a letup. Coach Tim Grgurich's club, 9-6, has both scoring punch and rebounding strength in forwards Larry Harris and freshman soon-to-be-sensation, Sam Clancy. "Larry Harris is one of the best

players in the nation," Bach said. "And

Sam Clancy is the type of player who has bothered us all year.

Both bring impressive credentials to wind chill country.

Student tickets for next Thursday's Penn State basketball game against defending national champion Marquette will be distributed beginning at 8:30 a.m. today at the ticket office in 237 Rec Hall. The tickets, which are free, may be

picked up upon presentation of the student's ID card. There is a limit of one ticket per person, and students may use only their ID cards in picking up tickets. The ticket office will remain open until 4:30 today, and will reopen at 8:15 a.m. Saturday until 11:45 a.m. Tickets

will Not be distributed during Saturday

night's game against Pitt.

Harris tickled the twine for 30 points in the Panthers jolting of Syracuse and Clancy, don't tell him he's a rookie, pumped in a career high 24 points and grabbed 12 rebounds when Pitt bowed to the Cincinnati Bearcats in overtime Sunday.

But Pitt has more than Harris, who averaged 22 points per outing last season, and the bruising Clancy who as a senior in high school last year almost led Brashear to a victory over West Philadelphia, the nation's number one team, with Eugene do-everything-butsell-popcorn Banks.

Rounding out the Pitt starting lineup will be Williams, Ed Schueuerman and Terry Knight — Billy's brother. "They have a good, deep team," Bach

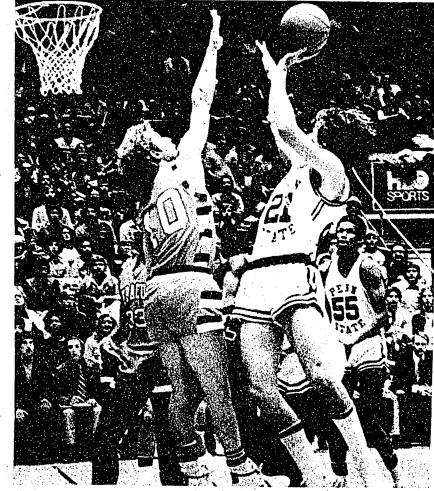
said. "That's what concerns me. Pitt's whole team went through bad times last year and you get to be very positive after situations like that." On the Penn State side, however things have been grim. Bach said he'll start Frank Brickowski at center, for at least the next couple of games, in place

Walter Young, a regular again, and Steve Kuhn at forwards plus Jeff Miller and Tom Wilkinson in the backcourt. State will have to win five of its eight remaining games for Bach to avoid his

of Carvin Jefferson. Brickowski will join

worst season here. CLOSE-CALLS: Wilkinson surpassed the 100 assist mark in Villanova game . Injured Lions Gary "Corky" Korkowski and Rob O'Conor, Bach said, may play but on limited duty only ... Bach on Young: "He looks like he's breaking out of the slump" . . . Young

has scored 28 points in last two games . Bach said Kuhn will watch Clancy, and Young Harris . . . Flashy Pitt soph Sonny Lewis hasn't been in box scores lately and he was Panthers second leading scorer last season ... Game time 7:30.



Sophomore guard Tom Wilkinson is one of only three Penn State cagers to collect 100 assists in a season. Wilkinson and the Lions hope to halt a sevengame losing streak Saturday night against Pitt.