

Penn State has rich Olympic history

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Remember Jesse Owens' amazing triple in the 1936 Games in Berlin, Mark Spitz's seven gold medal summer in Munich in 1972 and the U.S. hockey team in Lake Placid in 1980? Like these great athletes, over the years Penn State players and coaches have also compiled many great moments in Olympic competition.

Since the first Olympic Games in Athens, Greece in 1896, people associated with Penn State have won 18 medals in Olympic competition, with the first two coming in St. Louis in the summer of 1904.

Nate Cartmell, who served as Lion track and field and cross country coach from 1923-33, was a student at the University of Pennsylvania at the time of the St. Louis Games.

Cartmell, a sprinter, won silver medals in the 100- and 200-meter dashes that year, but his Olympic career was far from over.

In 1908 he went to the London Games where he captured two more medals. He took the bronze medal in the 200-meters and won his only gold medal in the medley mile relay.

It would be a long 12 years until someone from Penn State would be on the victory stand again.

Harold Barron and Larry Shields (both 1922 graduates) added to the track medals won by Cartmell by combining for a gold, silver and bronze in the 1920 Olympics in Antwerp, Belgium.

Penn State had continued success through the 1920s as it won four more medals in the 1924 games in Paris and added another during the 1928 games in Amsterdam.

It wasn't until after World War II that Penn State emerged again on the Olympic scene. But it did so in dramatic style.

In the 1948 Games in London, Barney Ewell, at age 42, won silver medals in the 100- and 200-yard dashes and earned a gold in the 400-meter relay.

Those same London Games also marked the first appearance of Gene Weststone.

Weststone, Penn State's men's gymnastics coach from 1946-76, took part in five Olympiads as a coach,



manager and judge. He said when the Olympics are held in the United States, they are by and large the fairest.

"When the Games are in the U.S., I have more confidence they will be conducted in a manner that is fair to everybody," Weststone said. "But when they are held somewhere else, you have your doubts."

Perhaps the most famous Penn State athlete to compete in the Games was Horace Ashenfelter.

Ashenfelter, a 1949 graduate, became the only American to ever win the 3,000-meter steeplechase in the 1952 Summer Games at Helsinki.

He said that a lot has changed with the Olympics since that time, mainly in the area of professionalism.

"Helsinki was the last of the truly amateur Olympics," Ashenfelter said. "The Finnish people went out of their way to be helpful and they were not out to make money. But things have changed drastically since then. Professionalism has taken over the Olympics, and the Games now are completely different."

Although all the Lion medal winners mentioned above competed in the Summer Olympics, one man, Kurt Oppelt, succeeded in winning a gold medal during the Winter Games.

Oppelt, a former physical education faculty member at Penn State, took the gold medal in pairs figure skating as he represented Austria in the 1956 Games in Cortina, Italy.

The Summer Games of that year, held in Melbourne, Australia, told the tragic tale of gymnast Karl Schier.

Schier, who is the men's gymnastics coach, went into the 1956 Olympic trials as the top American gymnast, but although he made the team, he was hampered with leg injuries and wasn't able to compete in Melbourne.

"I had been training hardcore for the Olympics for nine years, and it was a grave disappointment for me not to be able to compete," Schier said. "And after the eighth hurdle, when I was still with the leaders, I knew I could run with them to the finish."

In Moscow in 1980, no American even got a chance to start, much less finish. This was the year President Jimmy Carter decided that the United States would boycott the Summer Games.

Although the Games were never held, four Penn State athletes had qualified to make the trip to Moscow.

Field hockey players Charlene Morett and Chris Larson-Mason, along with fencer Jana Angelakis and 10,000-meter runner Greg Fredericks were all training hard in preparation for the Moscow Games, and Morett said the boycott was hard to take.

"I was in great shape and ready to go, and the (field hockey) team was ranked third at the time of the boycott," Morett said. "I was just devastated when I heard the news, because I thought all along we were going to go."

Guidry receives honor, wary of bullpen job

By BRUCE LOWITT
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Ron Guidry is inclined toward volunteering for the Special Olympics in general and the Special Olympics in particular as much a part of him as the fastball he throws for the New York Yankees.

But he's not so inclined to volunteer to leave the starting rotation and go to the bullpen, the way he did a few years back.

Guidry was in New York yesterday, five days before the opening of the team's advance training camp, to receive the Roberto Clemente Award from Commissioner Bowie Kuhn, given annually to the major league baseball player who best exemplifies the game both on and off the field.

Off it, the 33-year-old Guidry is involved in the Special Olympics for handicapped youngsters. Not coincidentally, his kid brother, Travis, who turned 16 yesterday, is retarded.

"I'd trade every significant achievement I've ever had to see Travis continue to progress and be able to lead a reasonably normal life," he said. "He's the one who has made the truly significant achievements."

Not insignificant among Guidry's on-field accomplishments was his volunteering in 1979 to make himself a relief pitcher to shore up the Yankees' relief corps. He saved two games in his three relief appearances. A year later he relieved eight times, one ending in a save.

But 1984, with Goose Gosage having taken the free-agent route to San Diego and George Frazier traded to Cleveland, is a different matter.

"I did it already — twice — and I never even got a thank you. Nothing," Guidry said. "So I don't know about leaning toward going back. I don't know if I'm at the point in my career where going into the bullpen would be better for me than staying as a starting pitcher. If I wasn't doing a good job as a starter, I'd go... but in the last seven years, maybe two or three guys have won more games than me."

By STACY NOONAN
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The women's fencing team topped its season record to 12-2 Saturday in Baltimore by defeating Johns Hopkins 15-1, Goucher College 15-1 and William and Mary 14-2.

Hope Meyer, Sue Hill and Alyson Frost each posted 10-0 records for the meet. Lady Lions' Sue Page, 7-3, and Michelle Tarpley, 3-1, also led the team along with Cindy Watts and Wendy Miller, who each contributed 2-0 records to the team effort.

William and Mary was supposed to give the Lady Lions their toughest competition in the meet because the coach Beth Alphin said the score of the match did not show how close the competition actually was.

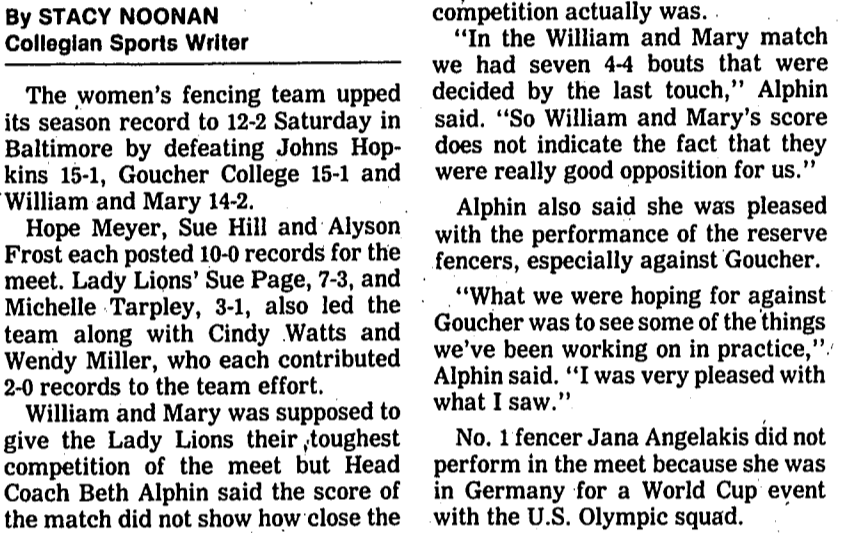
"In the William and Mary match we had seven 4-4 bouts that were decided by the last touch," Alphin said. "So William and Mary's score does not indicate the fact that they were really good opposition for us."

Alphin also said she was pleased with the performance of the reserve fencers, especially against Goucher.

"What we were hoping for against Goucher was to see some of the things we've been working on in practice," Alphin said. "I was very pleased with what I saw."

No. 1 fencer Jana Angelakis did not perform in the meet because she was in Germany for a World Cup event with the U.S. Olympic squad.

Lady fencers record win



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Mike,
You're the greatest!
Love, Carrie

Pipp!
Roses are red, Violets are blue, I wouldn't be there, Cheryl, if it wasn't for you!!
Happy Valentine's Day!
Love, Mike

Beta Sig,
To the Best Brothers a girl could wish for.
We love you.
Love, Your Little Sisters

Francis,
Too engineerish, huh? AEs are unique in every way. We have been through so much in so little time yet our feelings have gotten stronger. Must be love, huh? Believe me, it is.
I love you, Baby Feet

John, Mark, Sue,
Happy Valentine's Day to three of my best roommates. I'm glad we're here together and sharing our experiences.
Love, Kim

John Papp!
A toast (of Baileys, of course) to the happiest and most call spirited couple I know — us! Let's keep sharing forever, OK?
Your best friend and future wife, Sharon (R.Y.W.)

To my favorite Boulder Wagon:
I feel so incredible since we met. Looking forward to the real thing in Margaritaville. I might be your valentine, but it's hard to tell.
Lots of love from your little Jop

To the Brothers of Delta Theta Sigma,
You're the biggest buffoons we know, yet we really do love you so!!!
Love, Your Little Sisters

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A toast (of Baileys, of course) to the happiest and most call spirited couple I know — us! Let's keep sharing forever, OK?
Your best friend and future wife, Sharon (R.Y.W.)

Peaches,
To a beautiful year together. Don't worry I'll take you out to dinner before our next anniversary.
Love, Matt

ALLISON: To the best little valentine a daddy could ask for. I'll bump your head, but I won't bounce ya. Love, Daddy.

ANGELIC MULTI HODIE se amantes profinture; tibi soli scribo Latine multi autem deipunt, fidem servabo

BARB: TO MY endless love, all that I am is yours, for you are the treasure of my heart. Completely and ever yours. David

ANGELS LOVE YA, Jim, and always will! Have a great Valentine's Day (and whatever else...)

CATH, THANKS FOR all the great times! Fourteen months worth Happy Anniversary and Happy Valentines Day, too! Love you always, Ken

CHUCK, THE SPECIAL touch of your love gives me unending happiness. I love you. Laura

BOOGIE- THIS OLD man would like a "little girl" to hold forever! Interested? Please say yes. I love you. -Pooper

BOOPER, I'LL BE "wrapped around your finger" - You've captured me with your devil-may-care attitude. Pshaw. Love always, Smubba

BUDDY, THE DAYS of 306 and C's are gone. Now we have pizza and Don Perignon! Happy Valentines Day! -MB

Jeanne (C. M.)
To the greatest instructor around: form a great day! You mean the world to me and I'm so thankful that you are mine.
I love you Rick

To my Pretty baby on Valentines day, You are the perfect combination of provocative beauty, and insatiable passion.
I'm yours, Be mine A. D. S.

Georgous,
I wuu you a whole mess.
Jeorgeous

Chrisie
These are the best times I've ever had!
I love you!
Don

GARE, HAPPY VALENTINES DAY Babe. Thanks for the greatest anniversary! Four years and many more to come. I love you! Always and forever, Marc

ELWOOD, TO MY favorite guy form Yoderville, I love you! Happy Valentine's Day and Anniversary too! Love Always, Kimmee

GGL, THE COMPUTER knows what it's talking about! Kenny, I love sharing Valentine's Day with you! You are the best! Call Grandmom Clara, tonight Please! Love always, Q86

Miss M

I A V F O U

Mr. H.

Dear Carrie,
Happy Valentine's Day to the one I love now and forever!
Love, Bob

Dear P.I. Lam brothers,
You're #1 in our hearts!
Happy Valentine's Day
Your little sisters

To the brothers of KAP
You're #1 in our hearts!
Happy Valentine's Day!
Love, S.
Your little sister pledges

Terri -
As each day goes by I realize how much you mean to me. Every day gets better for us. I love you, sweetheart.
Happy Valentine's.
Phil

To the brothers and little sisters of Phi Tau
We love you!
Happy Valentine's Day
Love you, LSPs

Happy Valentine's Day,
Sweeteeeee
Peanut and your old Poop

DOMINIC, REMEMBER OUR first wonderful weekend, Sheraton entertainment, sun-daises on the roof, the awesome 25 minutes, the Core, the Messiah sing-in, Victorian Manon munchies and all the terror and madness. I love you sweetheart. Susan

DEBBIE, YOU'VE BEEN close to my heart for the last year + Europe or not, I still love you - Specially, Billy

GINNY T. HAPPY Valentine's Day you fiend! Love Woody

DELTS, IT'S FUN being fun with you! Happy Hearts Day. We love you! Karen & Lori

EMILY, EM, EMMERS, Bobbly, Voluptuous Muffin, Ravishing Beauty, My Love. I do love you. John

FEDDIE, I LOVE you! C. Waawaa

DONNA HAPPY ANNIVER-SARY! Thanks for a great two years. Happy Valentine's Day! Love I.D.

DONUTWOMEN OF H.V., hope the donutman of your dreams rolls your way. Love Party Central

GARY - AREN'T you glad you read the personals? Happy Valentine's Day. I love you!! Amy