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Sport Sparks



Tennis Season Starts With Net Loss Of 3 Good Frosh

By Philip Minoff

They told me it couldn't be done. They told me I would be violating every canon of sports writing. They told me that every managing editor on every paper in the country would learn about it and that I would be black-balled from journalism forever. But we O'Minoffs are a strange tribe. So today you are reading a column that shatters precedent into itsy-bitsy pieces. What you have before you is a 700-word piece on tennis in which there is not a single solitary pun on the word "racquet."

It is not that I have reformed. Frank Nugent and I still get together every Sunday night to plan our verbal contortions for the week. But there is a time and a place for everything, and an article on the present College tennis team is hardly the place in which to get funny. About the only happy thing that has happened to the boys so far was the meet against Columbia, which did not happen. Rain was the deus ex machina which rescued the Beavers from a very sound thrashing from the Lions on Saturday. It is hardly to be hoped for that it will rain each time the netmen are supposed to play. Things do not happen that way. The only one who ever kept rain going that long was Jeanne Eagels. So it looks as if the lads will have to play some tennis and make the best of it.

Coach Daniel Bronstein outwardly shows no signs of being perturbed by the state of affairs that his charges are in. Maybe the young philosophy instructor is a Spinozan who believes in the pre-determination of all phenomena including tennis teams that can't play tennis. Maybe he is one of those people who feels deeply down inside without letting others know how troubled he really is. But I hope that he's worried. Someone should take the situation to heart. We would gladly provide the towel if Dr. Bronstein would promise to cry into it. It's done in the best of colleges. Lou Little breaks into print regularly before each season in that way, and Dr. Bronstein has infinitely more to wail about.

Last year there was a trio of players on the Freshman team that would warm any coach's heart. Harold Schiffman, Seymour Ornstein and Sam Durst were all destined for positions on this season's varsity. But two of the men were lured away by scholarship offers from other schools. Durst went to Michigan State and Ornstein migrated to Mississippi. Schiffman can't play because he's in poor health. So Dr. Bronstein finds himself with two men remaining from last year's varsity and a host of unknown quantities who, at the moment, are busy trying to eliminate each other in a bitter struggle for existence.

The two survivors are Captain Morty Hellman and Julie Myers, who will probably play in the first and second slots. Hellman is a steady man with a good net game and a devastating overhand shot. His service is only fair, but he plays very crafty tennis. Against men in his own class he should fare very well, but when he plays men like Chauncey Steele of Columbia and Joe Fischback of St. John's he will have little more than hope to bank on. Myers is a player of another type, playing a more aggressive game, but he has none of Hellman's consistency. Neither of the men is the fellow who steps onto the court and tears his opponent to shreds. There is no man on the team who can do that.

With all these considerations it is almost humorous to learn that potential tennis stars at the Commerce Center are claiming discrimination against them in choosing men for the varsity this year. I have taken part in a number of practice sessions and have never seen one of Commerce hopefuls refused the chance to show what he could do. Naturally, when two of the men got on the court for fifteen minutes and demonstrated that they didn't have a shot in their system there was no prerogative other than to call a halt to the proceedings and continue with the other eliminations. But any charge that anyone has been refused a chance to play is obviously ridiculous. The team is in no position to do anything of the sort. The St. John's match is only four days away, and it may not rain.

Sport Slants

Lou Haneles, catcher and co-captain of the 1937 Beaver baseball team is trying to teach Al Soupios, first baseman on the current nine, how to pitch . . . and just a little while ago A. Valentine and Louis were not exactly on speaking terms . . . It seems that Soup "stole" Lou's girl. The little sweetheart then proceeded to give big Soup the double X . . . Now both boys have decided to drown their sorrows in baseball . . . Ever since the oldest inhabitants can remember, the College team rosters have listed "High forehead" Soupios as being nineteen years old . . . and this year they've done it again . . .

Dick Cohen, manager of the '38 boxing team has had his last name legally changed to Carter . . . now the boy will no doubt take to writing detective stories . . . Handsome Milt Titler, manager of the football team could probably make the varsity football, baseball, and track teams, if he went out for them . . . at least that's what his SAM fraters say . . . "And why, pray tell, hasn't he gone out?" . . . answer

echo, "He doesn't like competition." . . . Speaking of fraters, the SAMites have the gridiron managerial situation well in hand . . . last year it was frater Ralph Green, this year it's frater Milt Titler, next year it will probably be frater Ira Rosenthal . . . and still they call for enterprising young men for the position of junior assistant managers . . . any afternoon in the Stadium . . .

You just can't keep Jerry Horne out of the news . . . the boy who knows he's a good pitcher has been called for a tryout with the Boston Red Sox . . . But Jerry modestly admits that he will probably wind up with Little Rock for the current season . . . The Intramural track meet takes place this Thursday in Lewisohn Stadium, while the road race is postponed until some time after Easter . . . During the vacation the College baseballers play NYU at Ohio Field on April 21 and Providence at home on April 22 . . . And of course Manhattan tomorrow in the Stadium . . .

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Rain Doesn't Help Soupios Groove Them

NYU Tilt Postponed, Batmen to Face Jasper Nine

By Irving Gellis

There was no baseball game Saturday. It rained. So, all the Beavers gathered in the Main Gym and had a snappy game of catch. That is, all but Big Al Soupios. He was painfully going through all the motions of a pitcher toiling on the mound in a hot sun with bases loaded and the clean-up man at bat. At the other end of the gym a teammate was offering a huge mitt as a target and bawling, "Cinon, Soup, in the groove." After an elaborate wind-up, "Soup" let go the ball—and nearly sent seven Beavers to a horrible death.

First Baseman in Youth

Later, he admitted that he was only trying to see what this pitching business was like and thought maybe Coach Sam Winograd could use his talent. But he wasn't so sure now.

Ever since he played for the "Senecas" in his boyhood days in Central Park at 66th Street he had been a first baseman. Not because he had wanted to be one, but because his coach, Joe Staub, ex-Pittsburgh outfielder, thought Al would grow up to be a very big boy some day. "Soup" says that all he is and knows in baseball he owes to his old coach.

Three Ambitious

At the moment "Soup" has three ambitions: to be a CPA, to own a Greek restaurant (coffee pot), and to play in organized baseball. He is also a bit of a philosopher and reminisces fondly of his steady climb in life from membership in the Central Park Rats to the College Beavers.

Al is surprised at his own versatility. He used to play football too, but he says, "I got smart." And so he took up basketball. Now that Bernie Fliegel won't be back, Al, who used to be Nat Holman's right hand man—on the bench—definitely predicts an NYU defeat. Even if he has to do it himself. And that goes for the baseball game with Manhattan tomorrow in Lewisohn Stadium.

JV Baseball Game Called Off in Rain

There was no JV baseball game Saturday. It rained. In spite of the Commerce H. S. game being washed away, the Junior Beavers remain. This was the first game they didn't lose this season. Besides, there was a good chance of winning, as it was rumored that the Commerce pitcher and third baseman couldn't swim a stroke.

This would have been the second game of the season, practice games included. The general sentiment on the washout was neatly expressed by Mac Truck, veteran bench standby, who said, "Anyway we almost played, which is something when you think of the Library of Congress."

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Rain La-crosses College Stickmen

There was no lacrosse game Saturday. It rained. But unless the weather man goes on another bender next Saturday, Chief Leon Miller will lead his charges down to New Brunswick to lock horns with Rutgers' crack twelve. The Scarlet club already has two victories under its belt and looks like one of the outstanding teams in the East.

Chief Miller, however, is somewhat optimistic as to the outcome and has scheduled several scrimmages to whip the team into shape.

A week from this Saturday the stickman will meet NYU's unofficial squad, the Palisades Lacrosse Club, in Lewisohn Stadium.

It Didn't Rain

There was a fencing meet Saturday. It didn't rain in the Columbia gym. Neither did the Beavers or the Lions reign, for the thrilling meet wound up in a 13½-13½ tie despite the sterling performance of co-captain Danny Bunkantz and his mates.

And neither rain nor storm nor sleet nor snow will keep the swordsmen from their appointed rounds this Friday and Saturday in the Intercollegiate fencing championships to be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Hotel Astor.

No Tennis Match Last Saturday, Right, You Gussed It—It Rained

There was no tennis match on Saturday. It rained. Old Jupiter Pluvius, who had played havoc with the team's practice last week, also prevented the College team from opening up its schedule against Columbia at the latter's courts.

The team has had very little practice this season. Definite positions have not yet been assigned. The doubles teams have not yet been picked, and as a good doubles team must practice together the boys are weak in

that field. As Columbia is probably the strongest team in the metropolitan area, the College netmen would have done very poorly against them.

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Faculty Requires Advisers For Student Publications

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Journal belongs not to a minority or small group but to all students; it is their common medium of expression. But since all students cannot participate in running it, they delegate the work to a select number, called the staff. The staff acts in lieu of all the students and is responsible to the students. The whole Faculty shares a common interest in the character and well being of student publications, and shares the common duty to cooperate with staffs, by way of educational influence, in their journalistic work. But since all members of the Faculty cannot engage in this service, they must of necessity entrust this duty to a member. He serves in lieu of all the Faculty and is responsible to the Faculty.

'Personal Contact'

(2) In the interest of cordial relations between student publications and Faculty, there must be clear understanding, a free and fair exchange of opinions, a continuous personal contact between staffs and Faculty. It is the duty of the Adviser to be informed and to inform students of Faculty policy and regulations as regards publications; to gather up student opinion on Faculty regulations and convey the same, with suggestions, to the Faculty; to be readily accessible, and to sit in conference with the staff of his publication.

(3) Student personnel is forever changing, with the result that continuous and safe financing is hard to guarantee. It is the duty of the Adviser of each publication to assist the staff in its accounts. In the avoidance of bad accounts and the creation of obligations that may embarrass future staffs, the Adviser should more nearly exercise direct authority than in any other aspect of his work, but even here his control is by influence.

(4) Finally, the duties of an Adviser are so numerous and varied as to be difficult to summarize, yet the happy phrase "government by influence" embraces them all. A competent Adviser who grasps the issue and functions of a college paper should have a powerful influence within the small group he directs. This influence will show in the form of good sentiment, in the improvement of his editorial staff, in the character and quality of his publication. A Faculty Adviser whose counsel is not heeded may resign, giving his reasons, and then, under the provisions of the new by-law of the Board of Higher Education, the matter will be taken under advisement by the Faculty Committee on Student Activities.

Types of Groups

The Committee recognizes three types of student organizations:

1. Teams and publications;
2. A large group of clubs and associations connected with particular divisions or departments of the College;

3. General student organizations not affiliated with divisions or departments of the College.

Regarding the first type, your Committee recommends that the charters of existing teams and publications be continued, and that the Faculty authorize the Committee on Student Activities to charter or authorize future teams and publications. It is further recommended that teams shall operate only under the complete control of the divisions or department to which they are related; thus, the Debating Team under the Public Speaking Department, etc., but all athletic teams shall be under the supervision and control of the Faculty Athletic Committee.

The Committee recognizes two classes of publications; those connected with particular divisions and departments and those not affiliated with particular divisions or departments of the College.

Departmental Publications

Regarding those publications affiliated with particular divisions or departments, your Committee recommends, as above stated, the continuation of the charters of existing publications, and that the Faculty authorize the Committee on Student Activities to charter or authorize future publications of this class. It is further recommended that this class of publications operate for routine purposes under the supervision of the division or department to which they are related; thus, the engineering journal, *Vector*, shall operate only under the supervision of the School of Engineering; *Baskerville Journal*, under the Department of Chemistry.

Regarding those publications not affiliated with particular divisions or departments of the College, such as *The Campus*, *Mercury*, *Main Events*, etc., it is the recommendation of your Committee, as above stated, that the charters of existing publications be continued and that the Faculty empower the Committee on Student Activities to charter or authorize future publications of this class.

In order to prevent the recurrence of distasteful material in publications and to improve the standards of undergraduate journalism, the Committee disapproves the negative approach of censorship and recommends that a system

of control by influence be established. Specifically, the Committee in consultation with the editorial staffs of all our publications recommends the system following:

Machinery of Organization

1. For each publication there shall be selected by the Faculty Committee on Student Activities an Adviser from the teaching staff of the College;

2. That there shall be Round Table meetings, at least once a month, of the Advisers with the Editors and one or more members of each of the staffs;

3. That to give continuity, coordination and direction to this educative process there shall be appointed from the teaching staff a permanent Secretary whose duties shall be to call the meetings, to keep the minutes, to be easily available for consultation, and to work in close cooperation with the Dean of Men.

Regarding those clubs and associa-

tions which are affiliated with particular departments, such as the Chemical Society, Biological Societies, History Society, Language associations, etc., it is the recommendation of your Committee that they operate under the control of the Department to which they are related.


Unaffiliated Associations

Regarding those other clubs and associations which are not affiliated with any particular division or department, such as the Douglass Society, Newman Club, YMCA, Menorah-Avukah, American Student Union, Chess Club, Dance

Group, etc., it is the recommendation of your Committee that the Faculty empower the Committee on Student Activities, within the premises of the new by-law, to make such regulations and to appoint such Advisers as their judgment and experience warrant.

It is further recommended that the

Faculty empower the Committee on Student Activities to appoint, in its discretion, Advisers from the teaching staff for any and all student activities, and that the duties and responsibilities of such Advisers shall be in keeping with those outlined for Advisers of student publications above mentioned.



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