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SPORTSWHIRLED—In recent weeks Penn State has bolted up the national collegiate football ratings. Much of the Nittany Lions' success can be attributed to quarterback Chuck Fusina, who has broken virtually every Penn State passing record. State's lofty position makes Fusina an obvious choice for the Heisman Trophy but the stellar Lion performer downplays the award-hype. "I don't worry about statistics. I worry about how the team does. We are most concerned about being the best football team we can possibly be. I am just trying to do my part to reach that goal," Fusina said... Colorado U's punting game is handled by Steve Doolittle. His namesake, though, doesn't do his athletic prowess justice, as he has averaged 44.6

yards a punt for the Buffaloes... The best punter in pro football maintains his address in East Rutherford, N.J., with the Giants. **Dave Jennings** has consistently done the job for the surging NFL club. Without him, the Giants would be in deep trouble. The secret to his success? "During the early part of my career I didn't have the experience and I started to sit on my success. Now I work harder. I probably punt 75 to 100 balls a day. I do a lot of situation punting. I practice coffin-corner punts and punting out of the end zone. I even have a bad-snap drill. The whole idea is to simulate game-type situations," Jennings claimed... A year ago **Bob Elliott** was playing basketball in the financially-rewarding Italian basketball circuit. But Bob wanted a shot at the NBA and signed a contract with the Jersey Nets. Elliott, to date, has been one of the NBA's biggest surprises at the center position, shooting over 50 percent from the floor and far better than that at the foul line. Coach **Kevin Loughery** has found another miracle in Piscataway...

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