

«« Between The Lions »»

By BOB GRUBB

Strike Three! In a few minutes a new team of sports writers will take the field. Having completed its deliberation, the present managing board is about to turn this rag over to an inspired and ambitious bunch of juniors who will be at bat for the next year.

always be remembered. We shall not soon forget, for instance, Harry Harrison's brilliant 94-yard run on Franklin Field in the Penn game last fall. . . or Billy Soose's decisive knockout of Syracuse's McGivern—only one of many salient victories in the Houckmen's undefeated season. . . or the Lion five's 24-21 triumph over Pitt in an exciting brand of basketball that has been seen on the Rec Hall court in many moons. . . or the Nittany wrestlers' sweep of the Eastern Intercollegiate with five champions.

Those are only a few of the significant events, however. The year 1936-'37 will always be remembered, of course, as the year of the demise of Hugo Bezdek from the Penn State athletic picture—one of a chain of revolutionary changes that was to bring about a healthier athletic picture. One of Bezdek's last official acts, however, brought good fortune to Penn State in the person of Johnny Lawther, whom Bez weaned from Westminster to bolster the basketball coaching situation.

And Lawther proved that he could be just as successful anywhere else as he was at Westminster—if given time. He indicated this by whipping together a Lion five that won over fifty percent of its conference games and ended up third in the Eastern Loop. Compared with the previous year's standing—no conference games won—his achievement was considered remarkable.

Taking a final look at the Penn State sports picture, we pause a moment and doff chapeaux to the man who has just been voted the school's Outstanding Athlete for the year—Frank Smith. The award of this honor to Smith came as no surprise; for when we consider the part that Frank Smith has played in Penn State athletics for the past four years, such an award should be taken for granted.

There have been very few days in the last four years that Frank Smith has not seen the locker rooms in Rec Hall. He has been donning football, basketball and baseball uniforms there almost every afternoon of his college career. Frank's career began quite unceremoniously in his freshman year when he reported for football for nearly a week before he was given a uniform. His prowess in the three sports has been outstanding in different years, it seems. In his sophomore year, he was hailed as a great pitcher. In his junior year, he displayed his best form on the basketball floor as a leading scorer. In his senior year he performed a

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Tossers Face Dickinson at 4 Tomorrow

Simoncelli, Smith Lead Lions to 2 Wins Over W. Va.

Back on the winning track again, Penn State's diamond performers will face another stiff test here at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, when they meet Dickinson's Red Devils at New Beaver field in the third home game of the year.

Dickinson will come here with a veteran array featuring eight lettermen from last year's squad. Only Pitcher Carl Sivess, who has been tagged by the Philadelphia Phillies, will be absent. The Red Devils have developed tremendous scoring punch this season. They blasted Bucknell, 19-1, in their season opener last week, and crushed the Bisons again, 10-5, in a return game Saturday.

Tomorrow's tussle will be the forty-fourth of a series that began in 1887. Dickinson has won only nine times, and has not defeated the Lions in the last thirty years.

Either Co-captain Frank Smith or Joe Didingler will face the Red Devils. Coach Joe Bedenk is striving to develop an experienced hurler to be paired with Benny Simoncelli on next year's pitching staff. Smith will be graduated in June. The rest of the starting line-up will remain the same, with either Ray Brake or Don Crossin in right field, depending upon the Dickinson mound choice.

Masterful hurling by both Simoncelli and Smith enabled State to sweep the annual two-game series from West Virginia Friday and Saturday. Simoncelli, after a shaky start, settled down in the third frame and held the Mountaineers to four safeties to best Jack Goeke, 3-1, in a pitchers' battle Friday. Only twenty-two men faced the State southpaw in the last seven innings. Not a single Mountaineer reached first base after the fourth frame.

Relieving Didingler with none out and two on in the third stanza of the second game, Smith repeatedly pulled the Lions out of trouble and yielded only three singles in seven innings to lead State's 4-3 victory drive Saturday.

Wear Decides Opener A triple by left fielder Lorenz and a scratch hit by Goeke put West Virginia out front in the second inning of the opener. State knotted the count in the fourth on singles by Windy Wear and Co-captain Mike Kornick, sandwiched by Joe Adessa's sacrifice. The Lions finally iced the decision in the eighth. Johnny Waters walked, advanced to second on Simoncelli's bunt, and crossed the plate when Wear punched his second single into left field. Wear stole second and scored the final run when Lorenz dropped Adessa's skier.

The Mountaineers again took an early lead in the second tussle, scoring three markers in the first frame. A walk, a sacrifice hit, a stolen base, an error by Waters, and singles by third baseman Scallie and Lorenz supplied West Virginia with all of its scoring power. Subsequent uprisings in the third and eighth innings were both squelched by Smith.

Meanwhile, the Lions were stopped cold, by Ben Rubrecht, lanky Mountaineer.

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Lions Draw Pole Twice in Relays

Top Positions Picked in 4-Mile, Distance Medley Relays; Indiana Favored

An analysis of the drawings made for positions at the 43rd Penn Relay Carnival this Friday and Saturday shows the Lions to be extremely fortunate. The drawings were announced yesterday. Pole positions were drawn in two events, the distance college medley relay on Friday and the four-mile relay on Saturday.

Another favorable drawing was that for the sprint medley race which will also be run off on Friday. Here the Lions will be the second team from the pole out of the seventeen entrants. An improbable entry, the Lions' two-mile relay team would find its starting position in the fifth lane from the pole. Eleven teams will compete in this event.

The freshman mile relay team, if it competes, will be placed in the fifth lane out of a possible seventeen. The only other drawing made which concerned the Lions was that in the 480-yard shuttle hurdles relay. Here State will run in the first heat against Pennsylvania and Cornell with the first two teams qualifying for the finals.

Indiana looms as the favorite in both races for which Penn State has the pole. Included in the Indiana line-up will be two Olympians, Don Lash and Tommy Deckard.

Trackmen Swamp Juniata, 120-6; Clark Cracks Record

Sophomore Vaulters Clears 12 Feet, 5 1-2 Inches; State Wins All 1st Places in Season Opener; Redmond Stars

The dual track meet between Penn State and Juniata Saturday afternoon on New Beaver Field amounted to little more than tryouts for the Lion participants as Juniata was held to the unbelievably small total of six points. The final score was 120-6. State took every first place and gave up only one second place.

Bob Clark, sophomore pole-vaulter, had the honor of being the only record-breaker of the day. He scaled 12 feet 5 1/2 inches in this event to break the old college record of 12 feet 4 inches and then narrowly missed in three tries at 13 feet.

Four, hand-in-hand finishes were recorded in the middle-distance and distance runs. The Juniata men were not even in the running. Howard Downey, Adrian Markowitz and Chuck McKillips crossed the line together in 53 seconds flat. The time would have been faster, but Downey and Markowitz chose to wait for McKillips rather than to cross the line themselves.

Markowitz, Burt Aikman, and Bill Griest took turns easy in the 880-yard run and crossed the finish line together in the slow time of 2 minutes 5.3 seconds. Aikman also tied with Pete Olesky in the mile run with Len Henderson third. The mile time was 4 minutes 38 seconds. The fourth tie was a three-cornered affair, with Olesky, Henderson and Pierce finishing together in the 2-mile run. This race was run in 10 minutes 19.2 seconds.

Redmond Stands Out Jim Redmond, back in shape after suffering a pulled tendon at the Penn Relays last year, walked off with high scoring honors of the meet, Jim earned 15 points. He won the high hurdles in the good time of 15.5 seconds and jumped 21 feet 10 1/2 inches to take the broad jump. In addition, he finished second in the low hurdles and tied for second in the high jump.

Other winners were Dave Bauer in the 100-yard dash, Greg Thompson in the 220-yard low hurdles, Vic Sandham in the high jump, Tom Priolo in both the javelin and discus throws, Howard Downey in the 220-yard dash, and Mike Brown in the shot-put.

Brown, co-captain of the team with Downey, and holder of the college record for the shot-put, was a close winner in his event. His winning toss of 45 feet 6 inches was only three and one-half inches better than the best throw registered by Dean Hanley, sophomore football star.

Werner to Pick Relay Men Performances in both the Juniata meet and in the tryouts held yesterday will be weighed by Coach Chick Werner in deciding upon his lineup for the Penn Relays this week-end. Chick is still undecided as to how many men to take to Philadelphia.

Two relay teams are sure to make the trip. They are the 480-yard shuttle hurdles team and the four-mile team. The shuttle team will be composed of Jim Redmond, Dave Bauer, Greg Thompson, and Miller Frazier. The probable lineup for the four mile event is Pete Olesky, Burt Aikman, Len Henderson, and Howard Downey.

Individual entrants will be chosen from the following: Bob Clark, pole vault; Vic Sandham, high jump; Mike Brown and Dean Hanley, shot put; Tom Priolo and Bob Cornman, discus throw. In addition a freshman mile relay team may compete. The summary of the meet: Track Events (All Penn State Men) 100-yard dash—Won by Bauer; Sutton, second; Kalmanovitz, third. Time, 10.2 seconds.

220-yard dash—Won by Downey; Bauer, second; Sutton, third. Time, 22.4 seconds. 440-yard dash—Downey, Markowitz and McKillips finished in tie for first.

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Rhoda Improves; Able To Walk at Hospital

"Whitey" Rhoda, on his back since September in the Centre County Hospital at Bellefonte, is now able to sit up every day and is occasionally permitted to walk about his room. His physician stated that he is improving daily but would not say when Rhoda would be able to leave the hospital.

The former Lion athlete suffered severe burns while working on the new addition to the State College high school. He slipped while carrying two buckets of hot asphalt, causing the liquid to splash over him.

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Lacrosse Ten Gains 7-4 Win Over Colgate

Good Offense Feature Of Lions' 2nd Win In 3 Starts

Staging a strong offense, Penn State's lacrosse team defeated the Colgate ten, 7-4, on Saturday afternoon, for its second victory in three starts.

The intense drill in blocking and passing Coach Thiel meted out to his squad after the Harvard 11-to-1 drubbing showed to be of no little aid in Saturday's game. The Lions kept the Red Raiders chasing them throughout the first half, scoring five points to Colgate's one.

Captain Conley started the scoring after three and a half minutes of play, followed a minute later with a goal by Hoft. Sheridan, Snook, and Lotz tallied one point apiece in rapid succession, all three goals being scored within one minute. Rinella accounted for the only Colgate score in the first half.

Hoft, Conley Tally Hoft and Conley finished the scoring for State in the third quarter with one goal apiece. Ferguson tallied twice for Colgate in this period while Blosser scored the only point in the last quarter to bring Colgate's total to four.

Jones, big Colgate goal-tender, was a thorn in State's side. He put a stop to many scoring threats, somehow managing to put either his body or Indian-stick in front of the ball as the Lions tried to score. Jones gave the spectators a laugh when he grabbed the ball near his net and ran the

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entire length of the field, only to lose it on a poor pass. The team will begin practice for its tilt with Penn to be held this Saturday on New Beaver field. Coach Thiel sent twenty-three of his Lions into the fray and would have put his entire squad on the field if time had permitted. "Killer" Hoft, penalized seven times in the Swarthmore game, was placed in the box only once Saturday.

Sophomore Shatters 18-Year Vault Record

Although Bob Clark, sophomore pole-vaulter, officially broke the College record for this event on Friday, it was really a year ago that he bettered the old mark. For in his freshman year Clark went over the bar at the same height he cleared Friday, 12 feet 5 1/2 inches. This left Clark with the unique honor of being the only freshman record holder with a mark better than the corresponding record.

The old varsity mark was established way back in 1919 when an athlete named Runyan sailed over to a record of 12 feet 4 inches. Clark tied for first place here in the State High School meet two years ago. His height was 11 feet 9 1/2 inches. Since then he has developed rapidly, and it is probable that he will change his present record considerably before the present season is over.

Mushball Begins Today The intramural mushball tournament will begin this afternoon at 4 o'clock, according to an announcement made today by Harold L. Gordon, jr., '39, manager.

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