

PITT FROSH DEFEAT LION YEARLINGS, 6-0

Varsity Topples, Freshmen Win In Cross-Country Tilts

Manhattan Balks Big Lion Overlanders In 20-35 Tally

By BRUCE TRABUE

Rain-drenched Van Cortlandt Park in New York City was the scene of two blows to the Nittany harriers Saturday. The State distance men lost their second meet of the season to Manhattan 20-35; Captain Pete Olexy, charmed Lion ace, crossed the finish line in sixth place, spelling finish to a three-year dual meet undefeated record.

Coming out of the hills at the 2-mile mark in the 5-mile race, Tom Tymann, Manhattan sophomore, gained a 100-yard lead over his nearest competitor, Frank Maule, of Penn State. He held this lead for the remainder of the race to break the tape in 29 minutes and 31 seconds, followed by Maule in 29:54. The same 2-mile marker saw Herb Hazzard, another State hope, drop out, overcome by the pace and mud.

Olexy Record Tumbles

The Jaspers, rated as either first or second among American cross-country teams, proved to be a little too much for Olexy, five of them finishing ahead of the hitherto unbeaten star. Olexy won the dual meet with Manhattan last year, when he traversed the course in the time of 25:08, as compared to this year's time of 30:23, and he did the course in 26:46 when he took second place in the I. C.-A. last year.

The three Manhattan harriers who followed Maule and preceded Olexy came in as a unit in 30:17. They were Joe McClair, Robert Conkling, and Frank Furey. The two Manhattan men immediately following Olexy were George Sheehan and James Mortimer.

Following them in ninth place came Norm Gordon for the Lions; tenth and eleventh, Lawrence Mercurio and Gene McCabe of Manhattan, followed by Herb Nipson and Jim Hostetter of Penn State. Point score for Manhattan was 1, 3, 4, 5, and 7, equalling 20; for Penn State 2, 6, 8, 9, and 10, equalling 35.

The route over Van Cortlandt Park takes the harriers over a terrain of turf (a young quagmire this week), sand, and rocky hills. The runners pass beneath railway trestles, across Moshulu Avenue, and along the ridges of hills.

4-Man Loss Proves Handicap

Starting off the 1937 season under the handicap of the loss of four of his best and most dependable men, Coach Chick Werner's hopes were somewhat heightened by the enthusiasm of the present runners and their showing in the first meet of the season with Lehigh in which they blanketed the engineers with a perfect score, 15-40. Last year's hopefuls who failed to return were Len Henderson, Burt Aikman, Harry Galer, and Eric Van Patten.

The first Lion to place in Saturday's meet, Frank Maule, was the captain of his freshman cross-country team last year, while the third State man to place, Norm Gordon, was considered the runner with best varsity possibilities on the same freshman team. Gordon was winner in every dual meet in which he ran last year.

Yearlings Set Off '37 List With Victory Over Cornell

By SAL SALA

Although the varsity was somewhat bogged down in Saturday's mud, the Lion freshman cross-country team came through, leading the Cornell yearlings over the local course through a drizzle to open their season with a 22-33 win.

Bill Smith easily gained first place at the finish mark for the Lions; leading the field in 15:58, good time for the course under such adverse weather conditions. Milton Kaiser gained second position for State in 16:19. Following Kaiser came Quick of Cornell in 17:01 and John Greiner of Penn State in 17:04. Fifth to cross the finish line was Schmidt of Cornell in 17:41.

Sixth in the order of arrival was Joe Foley of Penn State in 18:19, seventh was Urbanowitz of Cornell in 18:23, eighth was White of Cornell in 19:08, ninth was Jim Williams of Penn State in 19:49, and last to raise the score for Cornell was Rofrano in 19:51. The point score was 1, 2, 4, 6, and 9 for the Lions, equalling 22, and 3, 5, 7, 8, and 10 for the Cornell freshmen, equalling 33.

Meet Leader Was H. S. Star

Easily the star of the meet, Bill Smith had hung up an enviable series of records before he arrived in Coach Werner's dressing room. In his senior year in high school Smith defeated all Philadelphia runners to gain the title of Philadelphia public high school champion. Not content with the city championship, Bill branched out and gained the suburban championship and the Catholic championship of the city. In the 10,000 meter event Bill took second place in the Junior Nationals held at Princeton in 1936, and placed eighth in the same event in the Olympic tryouts.

Second State man to cross the line, Milton Kaiser, is the possessor of a string of records equally as impressive as those of Smith. Kaiser graduated from John Harris high school in Harrisburg in the fall of '34. He set a two-mile record to the tune of 10 minutes and 2 seconds in Philadelphia in '36—regards this as his best race. "Milt" also placed third in the 3-mile event of the World Labor meet held on Randall's Island, New York.

National Champ Places Sixth. Fourth winning Lion was Joe Foley, number six man in the meet Saturday. Joe was Northeast Catholic high school champ of Philadelphia. He came in first at the National Catholic interscholastic mile championship held at Notre Dame last spring.

Coach Werner, happy that his prediction of success for the frosh came true, is optimistic as to the chances of his freshman outfit.

with the exception of Syracuse. Before coming to school here, he won the Junior National Steeplechase championship of the A. A. U.

Remaining varsity meets of the season are with Syracuse next Saturday in New York, and with Pittsburgh here the following week. The big meet of the year is the I. C.-A. meet in New York City on November 15. It will also be run on the Van Cortlandt Park course.

State Eleven Handed First 1937 Beating

Nittany 1st Year Men Powerless Within 20-Yard Line

By SAL SALA

Always threatening, but never able to crack the Pitt forward wall within their 20-yard line, the Penn State freshmen gridgers suffered their first defeat of the season, 0-0, at the hands of a stubborn Panther Cub eleven on rain-drenched New Beaver field Saturday afternoon. Not since 1922 has a Nittany freshman team emerged victorious over the Panthers.

Pitt attempted but one pass, and that was their victory song. With the ball on State's 35-yard line as a result of an exchange of punts mid-way in the first quarter, Stock dropped back and passed to Bonelli on the 23. Beahm, playing safety, charged in, gambled for an interception, lost, and Bonelli crossed the goal standing up. Platt, tackle, broke through to block Bonelli's try for the extra point.

Jinx Still Prevails

The jinx, hoodoo, evil spirits and such, that have come with every Panther team to haunt State's yearlings, played overtime Saturday to present a victory to their henchmen over a superior football squad. The Pitt frosh were kept on the defense throughout the tilt, fighting in their own territory to check the continuous ground-gaining Nittany attack, desperately keeping daylight between their goal and the charging Lions.

State's forward wall again played its exceptional game, yielding 68 yards and two first downs to the hard-driving Pitt backs. This solid bulwark has given up six first downs in three games and, favoring none, distributed them evenly among their opponents. On the offense, the line was just as effective, opening holes through which the ball-carriers gained 233 yards for 17 first downs.

State in Pitt Territory

Bonelli's punting put State back on its heels early in the first quarter. But following Pitt's score, the Lion yearlings marched 66 yards from their 26 to Pitt's 8-yard line before the period ended. The entire second and fourth quarters were staged on Pitt's ground while only a few minutes of the third period were played in State territory.

Except for the early thrust that resulted in their margin of victory, the Panthers never crossed the Lions' 40-yard line.

Harvey Beahm led the Lion attack against the Panthers. From the No. 3 position, Beahm continually bucked into the Pitt forward wall, and, but for one try, always came through with at least 2 yards.

Subs Stop Yearlings

Employing the tactics of the Pitt varsity, Coach Mike Milligan sent in six substitutes in the second quarter to stop the Lions' touchdown threat. The substitutes held and gained possession on their 9-yard line. Running a play to the 10, Hierbon, substitute back, grabbed a low pass from center on his goal-line and was forced to hurry his punt. The kick was low and bounced past Beahm to Pitt's 46.

Undaunted, the Nittany offense again opened up and with Beahm, White, and Peters toting the ball, advanced 46 yards back to Pitt's 10. But again the Pitt line tightened and State lost the ball on downs. The half ended with the ball resting on the Lions' 48.

Beahm Recovers Fumble

In the opening minutes of the third quarter, Stock crashed the State line, fumbled, and was recovered by Beahm on State's 42. Once again the line cooperated with their backs to push the ball to Pitt's 26. Running around end, White lost two yards and Beahm dropped back to pass. Bonelli intercepted on his 21.

Three plays netted 6 yards and Bonelli punted to State's 35 on fourth down. Again State began its march that carried over into the last period and stopped by a sudden wedding of the Panther line on the 18. Pitt again failed to break through State's line and was forced to kick.

Matmen Start Annual Practice Grind

Coach Speidel's varsity wrestling team, 1936 eastern intercollegiate champions, began fall practice this week. Also beginning training are the freshman matmen. The varsity squad will practice on Tuesday and Thursday, and the freshmen on Wednesday and Friday, until Thanksgiving. At that time the regular daily practice will begin for both squads.

Gridmen Prepare For Tough Tilts

Syracuse, Penn, Maryland, Pitt Loom Ahead As Lions Drill For Orange Game

By HERB CAHAN

What looked like two setups in pre-season predictions have turned out to be "powers to be reckoned with" in eastern football circles. And both these teams will be met by Penn State within the next few weeks!

Going over the Lion schedule before the season started it seemed as though the Nittany eleven would have at least one, and maybe two, "breath-ers" during the final half of the schedule. These two were Maryland and Syracuse.

It was of course conceded that Penn and Pitt would be anything but push-overs. Even in Penn's present plight, the Quakers can be counted on for the usual Penn State battle. But, having now completed a "successful" first half season with three straight victories after the Cornell defeat, Penn State will enter the Syracuse game this Saturday as the underdogs.

Maryland Defeats Orange

The Orange, after licking the highly touted Cornell team, messed things up by losing to Maryland on a muddy field last Saturday. To further muddy prognosticators, Maryland had previously lost to the befuddled Penn eleven.

But, forgetting comparative scores, and realizing that they have four tough assignments on their hands, the Lions have been taking advantage of their two-week mid-season vacation. Bob Higgins has been spending the squad through scrimmages during the past week.

Because of the practice session, Higgins gave the boys three days rest over the week-end. They resumed practice yesterday with the usual scrimmaging against Syracuse plays.

Higgins Tries 2 Backfields

Two sets of backfields have been used during the scrimmages, and unless something unforeseen occurs, one should be on a par with the other. The probable starting foursome will be Harry Harrison, Co-captain Sammy Donato, Johnny Patrick, and Joe Metro. The other quartet was made up of Steve Rollins, Lloyd Ickes, Tony Giannantonio, and Dick Skemp.

Co-captain Johnny Economos tried again to make a go of it, but he hurt his ailing knee during Thursday's scrimmage. Danny DeMarino has been taking part in the practice drills, and he will probably be able to see action at tackle during part of the Syracuse game.

Wear, Baron To Be Ready

Windy Wear was in the Infirmary for most of last week resting his twisted neck, but he is almost recovered and he, along with All-American bound Alex Barantovich, who hurt his knee against Lehigh are expected to be in shape for Saturday's clash.

Earl Edwards, Lion end coach, who scouted Syracuse against Cornell, warned that the New Yorkers will present a strong line and fast, heavy backs. He said that the men to watch will be Glickman and Morrison, backs, and Reklitis, Webster, and Hooper, linemen.

Lion Booters Down Temple 2-1, At Phila.

Megrail Scores Both Goals As Owls End Streak

By ROY NICHOLS

A long quick pass, an erratic dribble up the side of the field, a low hard shot into the net, and Temple had scored the first point against State since the two teams began soccer relations.

But the two goals that the Lion booters had tallied in the first half were enough to give them their fourth victory of the season at the Northeast high school field in Philadelphia Saturday afternoon.

1st Opponent to Score

It was odd that an Owl team that had not won a game should be the first opponent to score against the Lions this year. Both Yale and Bucknell had presented much stronger opposition.

Franny Megrail scored the first goal for the Lions in the last half-minute of the first quarter after he took a short pass from Jack Mallory. State's forwards barged three successive shots that bounced back from the goalposts before Megrail's kick took effect.

Megrail Scores Again

Megrail sank the second and final goal for the Lions in the second quarter when he took a beautifully accurate pass from Spyker and canonized it in the lower left corner of the net.

State's line sent shot after shot at the goal in the third period, but those that didn't go wide were well-handled by Bob Beisswenger, Temple goalie who played a brilliant game.

State Halfbacks Good

Because of good defensive work by the Lions' halfbacks, Haag handled the ball only three or four times. State's offensives, however, were often checked by George Nemchick, soccer Olympian of 1936. Nemchick played a roving game, often dropping back to bolster the Owl defense.

Temple's goal came in the fourth quarter when, after State had held the ball in Temple territory for a considerable length of time, Nemchick sent a long pass out to Tapp, center forward, who relayed the ball to Burrows at outside left. Burrows scampered up the side of the field and succeeded in getting by Borda, the only Lion back out of position by the approaching wingman, was nowhere near the ball as it sped into the net.

The action in the final stanza became much slower. A rain Friday night and Saturday morning had made the field soggy and slippery. This, together with the smallness of the grounds, hampered the Lions. Last week at Yale, State had played on one of the largest collegiate soccer fields. The difference in size had its effect on some of the Lion players, especially Megrail who is at his best when he has plenty of room to work.

IM Cross-Country Titles Go To A. G. R.'s, Johnny Strange

Through a downpour, John Strange of Sigma Phi led the aspirants to the intramural cross-country championship to the tape in the time of 11 minutes, 8.6 seconds for the 1 1/2-mile course last Thursday. Alpha Gamma Rho captured the team championship with 18 points.

Delta Theta Sigma finished in second place with 26 points, Beta Theta Pi was third with 33, Alpha Tau Omega, fourth, 43; and the Beaver House, fifth, with 61. Only six of the fifteen teams that started were able to finish in the scoring. Three men on a team had to finish the race for the team's points to be counted.

Norris of Delta Theta Sigma took second honors to Strange, finishing in front of Joe Ferris of A. G. R. Bill Yerker, Phi Kappa Sigma, finished last star, finished seventh ahead of his teammate Kohler, giving their team the championship.

Ray Hunter, Delta Tau Delta, finished in the ninth position, and Bill Sweet, Beta Theta Pi, wound up in tenth place.

Phi Kappa Tau 12

Charlie Hamilton intercepted a Phi Kappa Sigma aerial and ran 35 yards to a touchdown in the last half to open the scoring which led to a 12-0 victory for Phi Kappa Tau Thursday afternoon.

Ben Neibel threw a short 10-yard pass to Marsh Evans standing in the end zone to give the winners their

Pos. Penn State Temple
G. Haag Beisswenger
L. Borda Bernhardt
R. Schuler Hays
L. Spyker Kattleman
C. Painter Hewlett
R. Mandel Garrison
O. Mallory Burrows
L. Michoff Brandolph
C. Megrail Tapp
I. Taylor Nemchick
O. Wacker Gwynn

Score by periods:
Penn State 1 1 0 0-2
Temple 0 0 0 0-1
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