

# Lion Harriers Crack Up Before Powerful Syracuse Team, 17-38

## State Saved From Shutout As Olexy, Maule Salvage 2 Places In One-Sided Contest

### Nittany Captain Suffers 2nd Consecutive Loss As 3 Orange Runners Finish In Dead Heat, 200 Yards Ahead

By BRUCE TRABUE

In their third meet of the season, the Lion varsity cross-country runners puffed over the Syracuse course behind the Orange team to what amounted to a crack-up, as only two State men, Capt. Pete Olexy and Frank Maule, managed to place in the last scoring positions. The final result was an overwhelming victory for the Orange, 17-38.

Showing spectacular form, the Orange trio of Capt. Steve Romanowski, Charles Southard, and Jesse Cavilier strode three abreast around the major part of the course at Drumlins Country Club in Syracuse Saturday morning.

Norm Gordan and Herb Nipson of Penn State, and Gabri of Syracuse. By winning Saturday, the Orange overlanders avenged the drubbing they took from Coach Werner's Lion team last year. At the one-third marker of the race the Syracuse stars, Romanowski and Southard, were leading the pack, followed by Cavilier who had equalled their position by the two-thirds marker and maintained it to the finish.

One reason advanced for the poor showing of the Lion team was that the Nittany men failed to run the

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steadily, consistent race that was used by the Orangemen; instead they were erratic, alternating periods of speed with periods of slow-going.

This marked Capt. Pete Olexy's second defeat in a row since he lost his record of never having lost a dual meet in his three years of college running at Manhattan last week. Penn State won the first meet of the season from Lehigh by a perfect score.

The course at Drumlins over which the teams, varsity and freshman, ran Saturday, is laid out on the Drumline club golf course and covers several loops over rolling hills. Inasmuch as several days of heavy rain preceded the meet, the course was soggy although not muddy.

## Frosh Harriers Nip Orange, 21-34

### Smith Leads Pack, Defeating Trail, Mohawk Indian, By One Minute

Bill Smith led the freshman harriers to victory Saturday. Defeating a supposedly invincible Ray Trail, Mohawk Indian, who holds most of the records for major high school meets in the east, plucky Bill Smith showed that the best is none too good for him, as he beat the red-man to the finish line by almost a full minute on the three-mile course covered by yearlings, pacing a 21-34 Lion victory.

### Indian Leads at Half Mark

At the half-way mark, the Indian was leading Smith by a good 60 yards. Smith was followed by his teammates at a distance of approximately 60 yards as both groups entered a clump of trees after the half-way mark. Emerging from the trees, Smith had a good lead of 75 yards on the Orange ace, which he extended until crossing the finish line in the time of 14 minutes, 39 seconds.

Trail, a surprised Mohawk, crossed

the line in 15:37, copping second place for the Orange. Following Trail in third and fourth places were the State yearlings, John Greiner and Milt Kessler, with times of 15:49 and 15:59. Fifth and sixth places were taken by Bailey of Syracuse and Joe Foley of the Wermermen.

In his senior year in high school Smith defeated all Philadelphia runners to gain the title of Philadelphia public high school champion. Bill branched out and gained the suburban championship and the Catholic championship of the city. In the 10,000 meter event he took second place in the Junior Nationals at Princeton last year and placed eighth in the same event in the Olympic tryouts.

Other Lion cubs in the melee were No. 7, Jim Williams; No. 10, Albert Grady; and No. 12, Bill Yerger.

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