

# TRACKMEN OPEN OUTDOOR SEASON WITH MICH. STATE

## Olexy, Waite Resume Feud In Mile, 2 Mile

Coach Chick Werner's trackmen will open the Nittany Lions' outdoor sports season meeting the Spartans of Michigan State in a dual contest on the cinder paths of New Beaver field at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon.

The event with the Michigan State, scheduled unexpectedly after a telephone conversation with the opposing coach, rushes the outdoor season for the Nittanymen. Michigan State, recent winner of the West Virginia track and field games and one of the most powerful outfits in the midwest, is now on an eastern trip.

"Highlighting" this afternoon's events will be the "feud race" between the Lions' Pete Olexy and the Spartans' Kenny Waite. Both are old rivals in the distances, but Olexy hasn't defeated Waite in three attempts. The latter won the IC-4A cross-country championship last autumn, and has been a consistent performer in both the mile and two-mile grinds this winter.

**Distant Runners Feature**  
With both teams flashing ace distance runners, interest will center in the longer runs. State's hopes in the two-mile rest with Olexy, Bill Smith, and Frank Maule, with Norm Gordon slated to start the mile beside Maule and Olexy. Aiding Waite in the two-mile run will be Dick Frey, IC-4A freshman winner in 1936, and George Grantham.

Harvey Woodstra, double winner in the hurdle races at Morgantown, leads the Spartan entries over the hurdles. Woodstra, supported by Dale Springer and Gayle Robinson, will be opposed by the Nittany trio of Capt. Jim Redmond, Dave Bauer, and Miller Frazier.

**Greer Is Threat**  
Another great star on the Michigan State squad is Wilbur Greer, also a West Virginia event winner in the dash. Greer runs a 9.8 century and will head the Spartan sprintmen in the 100-yd. and 220-yd. dashes. Werner's entries will be selected from a group of sophomores including Paul Stoller, Bob Miller, Bill Engel, and Bill Cramer, with Bauer and Frazier also possible starters.

State may hold the edge in the middle distances with Charles Pierce, Bill Griest, Dick Yohn, Graham Miller, Maule, and Gordon contending for a starting position in the 800. Yohn and Pierce are possible runners in the 440 along with Paul Stoller or Harry Wear. Ray Fehr and Willard Fazer are the best opponents.

The well-rounded Nittany outfit may chalk up valuable points in the field events where Ian Murphy, Nick Vukmanic, Dean Hanley, Steve Priolo, Bob Cornman, Bill Reagen, and Lloyd Ickes lead the Lion weight tossers. Bob Clark and George Jackson top the pole vaulters.

Redmond, Vic Sandham, and Bob Potticher are slated for the high jump, with Cramer joining Redmond and Potticher in the broad jump.

## Women in Sports

Spring sports will get under way with an all-class baseball practice on Holmes Field at 4 o'clock Monday. Those interested in a baseball management should sign up on the Mac Hall bulletin board.

Managers selected for Spring sports are: Margaret A. Sherbon '38, swimming; Olive Orendorf '38, archery; Frieda M. Knepper '38, tennis; Helen M. Ketter '38, golf; and Mary Ann Rhodes '40, hiking.

Beatrice M. Lowe '40 was named W.A.A. cabin manager; reservations may be made by calling her at 2853. The annual W.A.A. play day for high school physical education classes is being planned for the latter part of April.

## To Run 'Feud' Race



PETE OLEXY

## Between The Lions

Penn State spring sports will get an unexpected early start today when the track and field team meets Michigan State in what is probably the outstanding cinder contest of the past few years.

Michigan State has remained at the top of the national collegiate cross-country heap for years and in addition to having great distance men, the Spartans have a hauler of Olympic calibre and a top-notch sprinter.

The Nittany Lions have their own stellar distance performers. The two-mile run promises to be the highlight of a close meet when Ken Waite, Michigan State's 1936 IC-4A cross-country champion, clashes with Pete Olexy and Bill Smith, Lion stars.

If Penn State is to keep its impressive string of dual victories intact, the weight events may be the deciding factor. In Tom Priolo, Ian Murphy, Dean Hanley, Jim Redmond, Bob Clark, and Nick Vukmanic, former national scholastic record-holder, the Lions have unusual power in the shot, discus, and javelin.

Meanwhile, the varsity baseball and lacrosse teams are going to start their last week of practice preparatory to engaging in their first games of the season.

Aided by unprecedented fine spring weather, the Lion nine has been out of doors nine times and are that much ahead of previous seasons. Whether or not this will be a benefit or a detriment is not known; perhaps Coach Joe Bedenk has whipped the team into a peak which may be passed before the first game.

This is probably not the case. However, Benny Simoncelli and Sam Watts have reached excellent form on the mound. A veteran infield and outfield have been practicing with more zest than ever before because a group of newcomers has shown enough ability to threaten for nearly every varsity position.

Coach Nick Thiel's lacrosse team meets a tough one in the Army Indians next week. Once past this game and the second test with Maryland, the results of a long practice period will better be known.

## Intramural Handball Reaches Semi-finals

With final playoffs to determine the all-college handball doubles champions scheduled for next week, Bernie Klipstein and Harry Cohn, Beta Sigma Rho, will meet George Merwin and Dave Singley, Sigma Pi, in the semi-finals. Other matches slated are: Bob

## Fraternity, Non-Fraternity I.M. Softball Loop Formed

A revised intramural softball set-up, including a fraternity and a non-fraternity league, will be introduced here this spring.

The plan, one of a series of moves to foster greater participation of students in intramural activities, was passed by the Intramural Board Tuesday after more than two weeks of preliminary discussion.

Under the new set-up, all independent groups and fraternities not affiliated with the Interfraternity Council will be included in the non-fraternity league.

## Pitchers Perplex Nittany Mentor

Bedenk temperamental???

Not on your life!!!  
But the Lion varsity baseball mentor will admit that he is both pleased and perplexed. Pleased because this year's squad has had more outdoor practice prior to the season's lid-lifter than in any preceding year and perplexed over the pitching problem which so far has been his only headache.

With the season's opener against Susquehanna university still seven practice days away, the Lions already have had ten outdoor workouts, bettering their usual average by two or three days.

**Simoncelli Only Veteran**  
Despite ideal practice weather, the hurling situation is, and will be throughout the whole season, the most troublesome to Bedenk. On Ben Simoncelli, Lion skipper, and only veteran fliker, will fall the brunt of the pitching responsibilities. With Bob Goodrich in a bad pre-season slump, Tom Watts is now No. 2 tosser on the staff. Watts, effective curve ball artist, has improved considerably since last season.

Goodrich has been dropped to No. 3 position while Joe Dindinger, Bill Neal, Ed Bastian, and Lefty Stiver have been vying a four-way battle for the No. 4 post. Of the four, Neal has shown the greatest betterment. Dindinger, still recovering from an infected leg, looms as second biggest contender for a starting call in the fourth slot.

Come Saturday, April 9, Bedenk plans to start either Watts or Goodrich against Susquehanna. Simoncelli will probably hurl the last four or five innings of the opener.

Though no definite line-up has been announced, Bedenk will probably start his 1937 team plus Doc Crossin at the plate. The line-up, then, will be Vonnars, Wear, Harrison, and Waters at first, second, short, and third, respectively, with Mieshoff, Adessa, and Brake in the outfield.

**Teams Compete For 2 Intramural Prizes**  
An intramural discussion contest for three-man teams representing fraternities, honoraries, or living groups, will be held from April 4 to 12, with the winning team receiving the Delta Sigma Rho and Forensic council cups.

The members of each team shall present any side of the question, "When should the college student be willing to participate in war?" Judging will be based on content and delivery, not on debating or rebuttal ability.

All entries must be in the hands of Thomas D. Conway '40 by Sunday and may be made by mailing a postcard to Conway at the Phi Kappa fraternity, or by phoning 2681.

Smith and Pete Gregory, Independent, against Bob Robinson and Mike Krull, Phi Sigma Delta; and Abe Brauner and Jack Prosen, Sigma Tau Phi, against Kenny Edwards and Ott Wuenschel, Independent.

## '41 Wrestling Head To Take Part In Meet

Joseph Scalzo, 155-pound interclass wrestling champion and captain of the freshmen wrestlers, will represent the Nittany Lions in the 145-pound class of the National AAU wrestling tournament today and tomorrow promoted by Franklin and Marshall U. at Lancaster.

Coach Charlie Speidel, who will accompany Scalzo, believes that the freshman grappler has possibilities. However, he said, the grade of competition in these AAU tourneys is perhaps tougher than the meets last week since the Amateur league has no eligibility rules to govern the wrestlers.

It will be the second time that Scalzo appeared in the NAAU meets. Last year, he competed in the 145-pound class and was put out of the tourney in his third bout by Emilio Bruno, Cal., who copped the title.

The AAU meets are conducted under the Olympic rules which eliminates a man after he has had five demerits chalked up against him. If a man wins a bout by decision, he gets one demerit; if he wins by a falls, he gets no demerits; if he loses, he gets three demerits. Bouts are 15 minutes in length, split into six and three minute periods.

## School Press Meeting Will Be Held April 30

Sigma Delta Chi's annual high school press conference will be held here tomorrow. Representatives of high school newspapers from all over the state will hear prominent newspaper men, compete for prizes, and tour the campus.

Committees to plan the affair have been appointed by Merlin W. Troy '38, president of the Penn State chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, national journalism honorary.

## Grain Grading Course Planned For April

The department of agronomy in conjunction with the department of agricultural extension is sponsoring a grain grading course to be held here April 13 and 14.

Inaugurated with the idea of instructing Pennsylvania millers and feed dealers in discriminating types of grain and prices, this course is the first of its kind to be offered in Pennsylvania and one of the few offered in the country.

## Three Men Injured In Spring Grid Drills; Scrimmage Held

With two scrimmage sessions having been conducted in the last week, Penn State's annual Spring football practice is beginning to look like last year's Fall campaign—injuries have moved in.

Adrian Hoffman, freshman aspirant, broke his leg during Wednesday's drill; Johnny Patrick (the junior) injured his leg in the first scrimmage last Saturday; and Johnny Patrick (the freshman) hurt his hand also in Saturday's scrimmage session.

Although injuries are expected, when they come they hamper a team's progress. So, now Coach Bob Higgins has three less than his original 52 candidates to work with. Besides these, three of next season's seniors, Harry Harrison, Ott Wuenschel, and Pop Ellwood have not reported. Harrison and Wuenschel are participating in other sports, and Ellwood is practice teaching.

Following are the remaining candidates: Alex Barantovich, Bernie Briggs, Tom Campion, Joe Ciocca, Jim Conte, Vic Gentilman, Tony Giannantonio, Dean Hanley, Joe Metro, Joe Peel, Tor Toretta, Spike Alter, Dick Ewalt, Lloyd Ickes, George Lucas, Ted Nemeth, Ben Pollock, Gil Radcliffe, Steve Rollins, Carl Stravinski, and Grover Washlaugh.

John Barcalow, Mike Cienk, Bill Costanza, Ed Covey, Harry Dennis, Henry Eavis, Walt Kniaz, Sam Kopach, Miller, Wade Mori, Aubrey Nonemaker, Wallace Patton, Chuck Peters, Frank Platt, George Smith, Ted Strzechalski, Craig White, Jim Woodward, Ernie Zimmerman, John Reichenbach, Joe Schwind, and Bob Crowell.

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