

Vukmanic Sets New Mark To Win Javelin At Relays

Between The Lions

By HERB CAHAN, Sports Editor

"I came to Penn State because of the excellent rating of its Engineering School—and I want to be an electrical engineer above all else."

"Yeah, I like to play football, but—"
Thus spoke Penn State's newest athletic idol—Nick Vukmanic. Saturday afternoon he broke the Penn Relay javelin-throw record with a heave of 223 feet, 10 1/2 inches; Sunday night, he was "hittin' the books" for two exams yesterday.

Nick is truly a character out of a Horatio Alger novel—modest, retiring, and naturally the apple of Coach Chick Werner's eye—it has been quite a while since Chick has had a potential world champ to brag about.

What makes Nick's record-breaking accomplishment all the more remarkable is that he was suffering from a sore arm—a javelin thrower with a sore arm! In fact his arm was so sore that he took only one qualifying throw—and to add to his agony he had blisters on his feet!

But, to get down to facts, Nick has put Penn State back in the collegiate track limelight—where it used to be. True, the Nittany Lions did not lose a dual meet last year, but there has been no individual star of Nick's potentialities in years.

Remember, our Mr. Vukmanic is now a sophomore. He is 20 years old. He is big—over 200 pounds—over six feet—still growing. He held the national scholastic record of 206 feet, 10 inches. As a freshman he threw around 209 feet. Against Michigan State, Nick threw his spear 213 feet. And now the Relay record.

It is obvious that he is improving—and if he can toss that long rod 223 feet, 10 1/2 inches with a sore arm—well, hope we're not expecting too much, Nick.

Bob Higgins would give away a couple hair-brained backs and a pair of second-string linemen to get Vukmanic out for football—Nick was quite a grid star in high school—but he'll stick to the javelin—and his electrical engineering—has a 1.7 average—rooms with Bernie Briggs, the scholar of the football team.

While on the subject of track, here's a bit of advice to you freshmen. There is a meet coming up this Saturday with Cornell's yearlings—and about 15 members of Penn State's freshman class have turned out for the team!

Surely there are many more than 15 men interested in track in the Class of '41. To go into the benefits of the sport would be foolish.

Tommies Bow To Lion Grid Team By 20-6

By BRAD OWENS

Closing the spring football practice season with a 20-6 victory, the varsity gridmen overcame a last start in the first quarter and defeated Scranton University, formerly St. Thomas College, on New Beaver field last Saturday.

Following a trio of fumbles in the first quarter, one of them being recovered and netting the Lions a first down, the varsity made good its first threat to the Tommies when a fake pass play, with Craig White running the ball, brought the pigskin from the State 25 yard stripe to the Tommies 40.

Successive plunges by Lloyd Ickes, White, and Dick Ewalt placed the ball on the enemy 18 yard line. A center rush by Chuck Peters, last fall's freshman back, took the ball over for the first touchdown of the afternoon.

After repeated line plunges by both teams in the center of the field, a Nittany kick from the 50 was taken by the Tommies on their 5 yard marker where the receiver was tackled.

On a bad pass from center, the Lions rushed the receiver and tackled him behind the Tommies goal for a safety, making the score 8-0.

In the beginning of the second half the Tommies made a comeback featuring a double-lateral play with Joe Flaherty starting and bringing the ball from the 50 yard line to the State 5. Going around right end for 2 yards, and through the left side of the Nittany line for another yard, the Tommies made a touchdown on their third attempt with Cimlowski carrying the ball.

Peters Ramps For Touchdown
In the fourth quarter Coach Higgins shuffled the line-up and the team began to get into its stride. After a kick by the Tommies over the State goal line was brought out to the 20, the ball was pushed up to the 45 yard marker. With beautiful blocking of an opposing tackle by Gil Radcliffe, Chuck Peters found an opening and gulped down the field for his second touchdown, shooting the score up to 14-6.

Panther Golfers Defeat Lions 6-3
Pitt golfers defeated the Lions on the home course Saturday afternoon, 6-3, bringing to the Nittanymen their first loss this season. The freshman match, scheduled for Saturday with Cornell on the home course, was postponed until next Saturday when the yearlings will play the Big Red cubs at Cornell.

Despite low scoring on the part of almost all the Lion golfers, they won only one of the best balls of the three matches, and Bud Miller and Jack Mahaffey were the only ones to defeat their Panther opponents.

Souchak Celebrates Birthday
Frank Souchak, gridiron star and captain of Pitt's golfers, celebrated his twenty-first birthday by defeating the Nittany golf captain, Bernie Burkett, in the first match, 4 and 3. Tony Kay, of Pitt, with a medal score of 71, defeated Bill Gross, who had a medal score of 72, 2 and 1, and Pitt won the best ball, 4 and 3.

Barrett Melvin, sophomore Panther golf ace, scoring a medal score of 70, defeated Joe Stevenson in the second match, 5 and 4, and Bill Daddio, of Pitt, with another low medal score of 73, defeated Ed Hebda, 4 and 3. Pitt won the best ball, 5 and 4.

In the third match, the only one in which Penn State scored, Bud Miller defeated George Simpson, of Pitt, 4 and 3, and Jack Mahaffey defeated Ed Lawry, of Pitt, 1 up. State won the best ball, 4 and 3.

Lion Sophomore Sails Spear 223 Feet; 4-Mile Quartet Captures Third

Nick Vukmanic, sensational sophomore holder of the Lion javelin record, reached new heights in the national sporting world by tossing the spear to a new meet mark of 223 feet 10 1/2 inches, easily capturing first place in the 44th annual Penn Relay Carnival at Franklin Field, Philadelphia, Saturday.

Vukmanic's winning heave bettered the former record set in 1934 by over nine feet. Milton Miller of New York University placed a poor second with a throw of 203 feet 5 1/2 inches.

First Title Since '27
The husky sophomore is the first Nittany Lion to win an individual title in the Penn Relays since Marian Ide and Bill Cox won the hammer throw and two-mile special invitation race, respectively, back in 1927. The last Penn State first in the relays was in 1932, when the Lions annexed the sprint medley relay championship of America.

The four-mile relay quartet shared some of the spotlight for the Nittanymen as Norm Gordon, Frank Maule, Charley Pierce, and Bill Griest stepped to third place in a rainstorm behind Indiana's defending champions, anchored by Tommy Deckard, and North Texas Teachers' foursome featuring the famous Rideout twins.

Another creditable performance was turned in by Gordon as he scampers to fourth position in the 3,000 metre steeplechase specialty won by Deckard.

Other Lions Fail to Place
Other varsity Nittany Lions failed to place in their individual events with Bill Smith finding it difficult to match the pace in the 3,000 meter invitation and finishing fifth. Ralph Schwartzkopf of Michigan upset the duke to defeat the veteran Joe McCloskey and Don Lash.

Neither Dave Bauer or Miller Frazier could place in the invitation hurdle events, and Jan Murphy and Tom Priolo were unsuccessful in the field events. The single cub entry, a mile relay team composed of Walt Hosterman, Van Hartman, Jim Williams,

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Hildebrandt played a long match with Harry Albert in the number 2 singles position. Each man tried to outstep the other, scoring on the other's errors.

In the other singles encounters, Reys won from Goodman, 6-1, 6-2. Kline defeated Cohen, 6-0, 6-0. Boyer won from Arberg, 6-2, 6-3. Lewis defeated Freed, 6-0, 6-2.

In the doubles, Bellis and Veale defeated Massey and Hildebrandt, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1. Mellor and Albert defeated Cohen and Goodman, 6-1, 6-2. Raymond and Forsyth won from Freed and Wiley, 6-1, 6-1.

Yearling Ball Tossers Blanked by Kiski, 9-0
In a game mercifully cut short by darkness in the sixth inning, the Lion yearlings were walloped 9-0 by the Kiski ball-tossers on New Beaver field last Saturday.

Looking even weaker than they did when Mercersburg took them across 9-7 the week before, the freshmen were able to garner but two hits—both of which came because the Kiski shortstop insisted upon playing too far back.

Russ Kawa began the hurrying for the frosh, but was replaced by Joe Scally in the third after being pounded for six hits, two of them homers, which accounted for five of Kiski's runs.

Since the cubs couldn't lift the ball out of the infield, batting honors of the day went to Earl Stone, Kiski shortstop. In four times at bat he hit a homer, a double, and a single.

His home run, which sailed over Pennie Gates' head in center field and went under the East stands on the first bounce, is one of the longest hits in frosh baseball. Stone pulled another fast one in the fifth inning when he caught catcher Miller napping and stole home.

Tossers Face Bullets After Wildcat Loss

By BOB WILSON

That you can't fight off a cannon with a cap pistol was emphatically illustrated Saturday when Villanova's mighty Wildcat nine, touching off one big bomb in the seventh inning, blew pitcher Tom Watts and his Lion mates clear out of New Beaver field, shattering State's two-mouse power attack to coast to a lop-sided 11-1 score.

Tomorrow at 4 o'clock the Bedenkmen will entertain the Gettysburg Bullets with the hope of gaining a third triumph in their seventh tilt of the season. Ben Simonelli, Lion skipper, will face the Bullet batters on the mound. State's lineup will remain unchanged.

Turning their big guns on Watts in the seventh frame with the count knotted at 4-4 the Wildcats collected five hits, powering across seven runs, before Bob Goodrich, who replaced Watts, could quell the attack.

Cowboy Crawley, Wildcat first-sacker, started the merry-go-round when he tripled over Johnny Wrigley's head. Len Merullo binged over second, Crawley tallying. Capt. Ray Stovick bashed a mastodontic home run between left and center fields sending Merullo in front of him.

Watts walked Wannemacher and Bobby Bond doubled over first. Mike Garhark sent them both home with a clean singleton and Watts went to the showers.

Pitcher Hits Homer
Goodrich, in his varsity debut, ended the Villanova bombardment only after Cliff Choquette, chunky Wildcat hurler, poled out another four-bagger with Rice on the paths.

Windy Wear drove in three of State's four runs. His singleton in the second frame scored Wrigley, and a smashing two-bagger in the third chased Adessa and Vonarx home.

Freshmen Beaten 15-2

Cornell's freshman lacrosse team started an onslaught in the second period which led to a 15-2 triumph over the Nittany Lion yearlings last Saturday on the golf course playing field.

The Lions started the scoring after 3:15 of the first quarter, following up with another marker a few minutes later. But after the more experienced visitors put on the pressure, it turned out to be a field day for the Big Red.

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