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## Lion X-Country Outfit Faces 'Suicide Schedule'

"The toughest schedule we have ever attempted," says Coach Chick Werner. The Nittany Lion cross-country aggregation will embark upon a "suicide schedule" this fall when they encounter Manhattan, Michigan State, Pittsburgh, and Syracuse. The first three teams on the schedule finished first, second, and third, respectively, in the IC4-A cross-country competition at Van Cortland Park, New York City, last fall.

Yet the outlook is far from hopeless. If one recalls that powerhouse outfit which remained undefeated in dual competition last season and scored smashing victories over Pittsburgh, Syracuse, Manhattan, and Lehigh.

Lehigh, which has never scored on the Lion harriers since Chick Werner took over, has been dropped in favor of the stonier Orangetown from Syracuse.

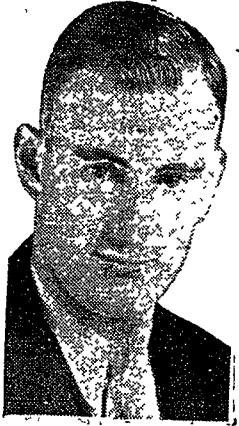
Maule To Lead Team  
Two of the outstanding men returning from last year's squad will be Captain-elect Frank Maule and "Wild Bill" Smith, IC4-A champion. Maule is a steady runner who can always be counted upon to be in the thick of the fight at the finish and who will give the harriers the type of a leader that will inspire them to victory.

Bill Smith, a junior, has proven himself to be the best harrier in Eastern collegiate competition. Bill was freshman IC4-A champion, and last fall as a sophomore, he again captured the individual IC4-A title.

Coach Werner is counting heavily on Maule and Smith, but there are some strong holdovers from last year's squad who are not as sensational as the former two, but who are steady, consistent runners, and they will probably show plenty before the season is over. They are Graham Mills, Herb Nipson, Don Hostetler, and Len Henderson, if the latter returns to school.

From a freshman cross-country squad which ran away with the National Collegiate crown will come Herman Goffberg, Harold Koltz, Arnold Olsen, Harold Thiel, George Harrison, and Alex Bourgerie. The freshman team lost a versatile harrier and trackman in Earl Buckwalter who has accepted an appointment to the U. S. Naval Academy.

The cross-country squad lost two stellar performers via the graduation route in Captain Charles Pierce and Johnny Strange, but capable men are coming up who should be able to make up for the loss.



'CHICK' WERNER

## Werner Honored By N.C.A.A. Track, X-Country Groups

Penn State's head track and cross-country coach, Chick Werner, has been elected president of the National Collegiate Cross-Country Coaches Association, and has also been appointed to the National Collegiate Track and Field Rules Committee for the coming year.

Werner has turned out some of the finest track and cross-country teams in Penn State's history. Last year under his guidance the Nittany Lion varsity cross-country squad was undefeated in dual competition, and the freshman harriers were acclaimed National Collegiate champions.

The Blue and White track and field team lost only by a slim margin to mighty Pittsburgh, led by Woodruff, Ohl, Boulanger and Co.

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## Vukmanic, Ewell Attain Glory During Summer

Not satisfied with their accomplishments during the regular track season, track captain-elect Nick Vukmanic and the sensational Negro freshman, Barney Ewell, continued to disregard track and field records as they scaled new heights in national competition during the summer months.

Vukmanic, a gentleman who hurls the spear with such distance and accuracy that would make Africa's chief head-hunters bow in admiration, captured third place in the N. C. A. A. meet at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Nick successfully defended his Penn Relay title on Franklin field last April, where as a sophomore he hurled the javelin to set a new Penn Relay record of 223 feet 10 1/2 inches.

Last year Nick was handicapped by a sore arm throughout the regular season, but even this did not stop him from remaining close to the top in his specialty.

Nick holds the Penn State freshman and varsity records in the javelin event, and he is also quite experienced in the discus and shot-put events.

Concerning Mr. Ewell, he has run the 100-yard event in 9 6/10

less than six times in authentic competition. In the Penn A. C. meet in Philadelphia he established a new world's record in the 50-yard dash when he covered the distance in 5 1/10, breaking a 17-year-old mark.

Barney holds the freshman 100, 220 and broad-jump records at Penn State. During the summer the frosch meteor placed third in the N. A. A. U. at Berkeley, California, and finished first in the 200 meter event at Lincoln, Nebraska.

Barney claims he was bothered by sore feet throughout the year and Nick mentions a sore arm and back if he is questioned closely. It is possible that the two stars will return to school minus the ailments which so greatly "hindered" them last year, if they do we can only feel sorry for the men who will be forced to compete against the duo this year.

## Open With Gettysburg September 30; Freshmen Will Play Three Games

Striving to extend the Nittany Lion soccer victory streak to the seventh undefeated season, Coach Bill Jeffrey will soon issue the first call for candidates.

Led by Captain Bob Schuler, all-Eastern fullback, the 1939 contingent faces a stiff assignment especially without the services of such stellar stars as the former captain Fred Spiker and center forward Franny Megral. Much can be expected, however, of Gus Bigott, last season's fiery sophomore sensation from Venezuela, and hard charging Walt Hostetler, as well as several other holdovers from the National Championship '38 team.

The opening tilt on September 30 with Gettysburg College's Battledfelders likely will find another

high spirited Jeffrey machine set to uphold the enviable record of past Penn State soccermen. Following this tilt there will be four more home games and then the Lions hit the road for the last three encounters ending the season on November 18 opposing the high flying Temple Owls. Last year the Owls threw the biggest scare into Blue and White followers by putting up a very stiff fight before succumbing 4-3 in the season's finale.

Newcomers to the schedule this year are Lehigh and Carnegie Tech, both old rivals to other Lion athletic teams. The Engineers will be met October 7 and the Tartans will invade New Beaver Field October 21.

An innovation this year will be a regularly scheduled junior varsity encounter Lock Haven Teacher's varsity will come to State.

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