

# Lion Trackmen Meet Strong Buckeye Team Here Tomorrow

## Ohio State Powerful In 880, Mile, And Hurdles

### Ewell And Vukmanic Are Nittany Hopes To Lead Team To Revenge Victory Over Visiting Forces

BY BILL MCKNIGHT

Two national champions, Barney Ewell and Captain Nick Vukmanic, will lead the Nittany track squad against powerful Ohio State here tomorrow to open Penn State's 42nd dual track season.

Only once before have the Lions met the Buckeyes, an indoor meet last year that the Ohio team won, 55-40. Tomorrow's contest promises to be one of the biggest sports events of the spring season.

The Buckeye aggregation has an edge on the Nittanymen in the hurdles, the mile and the 880. Jack Sulzman and Les Eisenhart are the stars for the visitors, Sulzman having run a 47.1 quarter mile and a 2:38 in the low hurdles. Eisenhart, has been clocked at 1:53 in the 880 and under 4:20 in the mile.

#### Outstanding Vaulters

Ohio State also brings Mike Linta, pole vaulter, who will be a hard man to beat in the event. Linta vaulted 13 feet, 9 inches in high school, and Lion track fans may see him top 14 feet tomorrow.

Other outstanding Ohioans are hurdler Al Kurnat, who does a 15.7 in the high hurdles, Jim Strausbaugh, who leaps 24 feet in the broad jump, Howard Ell, javelin, and Ralph Hammond, who will oppose Ewell in the dash.

Lion strength in the sprints, two mile, high jump, and weight events should give Penn State an even chance, Coach Werner believes.

The half mile, mile, and two-mile run should be especially close, Werner states. Last week Max Peters ran the half mile in 1:55 at the Penn Relays and should prove a formidable opponent for Eisenhart.

Giving Eisenhart a run in the mile will be Frank Maule, cross-country captain, who did a 4:23 mile at the Penn event.

Bill Smith, veteran cross-country runner, will carry Lion hopes in the two mile run.

—Dick Peters

## Between The Lions

With DICK PETERS

### Dear Bob:

Thanks for your advice in Tuesday's issue. I'll admit I was a little scared with the thought of having to turn out my first Between The Lions today, but your grand finale gave me inspiration for this initial step. No kidding, Bob, I feel like a day-old colt turned loose in the Chicago stockyards. My typewriter keys seem a little wobbly and rubbery, but I imagine all Collegian sports editors have felt the same way then first time out.

You said BTL is a tough row to hoe. I believe that. You said sports readers are the most hickie people in the world. I believe that. I'm going to follow your advice—most of it.

### No More Disdainfulness

You advised me never to be disdainful about football, its coaches, or its players. That, I will not be, Bob. Nor about any other sport for that matter. Penn State athletics and Penn State coaching staffs are as much a part of this College as the chimneys are to Old Main or George Donovan is to Student Union. But if ever anything is haywire in any other part of Penn State, the Collegian may criticize.

Why not the same for sports—if such criticism is justifiable and well-directed to aid in the material betterment of Penn State's athletics? But I will not be disdainful, Bob.

### No Sahib Smailiw This Year

You warn me against making my own predictions on athletic events. You advise me to get a Sahib Smailiw to take the rap. I think I'll take the rap myself. After all, Bob, if I let the Sahib make the predictions and put them in BTL, the complaint comes back at me anyway.

Understand, Bob, I am not being resentful of your advice, nor adopting a superior attitude, because I am not in a position at this time to take on a superiority complex. Collegian sports editors in their first BTL seldom suffer from superiority complexes, I imagine.

In reality, I'm only presenting my platform, or policy, to those who will read BTL in the coming year (I hope). I want it understood that I am not going to be soft-spoken if such an occasion arises which calls for strong language. But I pledge not to go off three-quarters cocked. There'll be rhyme and reason behind any critical comment made in BTL, this lap.

### Biggest Plank In Platform

The biggest plank in my platform, Bob, is "A Bigger and Better Penn State—Athletically." It is toward that prime end I will be working these next twelve months. If I can, through BTL, move Penn State up the ladder to athletic prominence, even to the minutest degree, I will feel satisfied. And I think fair and constructive criticism, based on fact, will not be disdainful, but helpful in fulfilling my ambition.

I hope, Bob, that from what I have already written, I do not sound ungrateful, or that I am entering the picture with a chip on my shoulder. I'm not—at least, I don't want to be. I'm truly grateful for your advice and I think you can see what I've been driving at today. Good luck, Bob! I'm probably the one who'll need it.

—Dick Peters

## Lion Nine To Battle Gettysburg

### Nittany Ball Club Beats Dickinson Wednesday; Bastian Wins 10th Game

By ROSS LEHMAN

With Ed Bastian taming the Red Devils on Wednesday, 5-2, for his 10th and the Lions eighth straight victory, the Lion baseball nine will attempt to continue their winning streak in an away game against Gettysburg.

Chuck Medlar, sophomore pitcher, is slated to hurl against Gettysburg in the 27th game of a series which started in 1895. The Lions have won 17 games as compared with its opponents nine wins.

After getting off to a shaky start in the first inning, when two hits and a wild pitch scored Dickinson's only runs, Bastian blanketed the Red Devils with no runs, no hits until darkness halted the game in the seventh inning.

Penn State came from behind and forged ahead in the latter innings when they tallied one run in the third inning, jumped in the lead with two runs in the fourth,

and scored a final marker in the sixth.

Debler paced the Nittany sluggers with a triple and two singles, while Truhn, Bastian, and Steve Matula garnered two hits apiece. Other extra-base blows were registered when Bastian tripled, Truhn and Bud Sherwin doubled,

## Did You Know

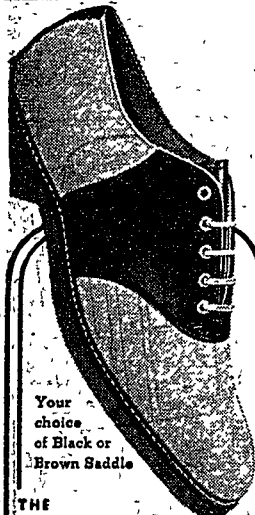
that the longest baseball winning streak ever compiled by the Nittany Lion Baseball Team was 30 games won through two seasons, 1920-1921?

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## SPORT MENU

SATURDAY

Track—Ohio State, 2 p. m., New Beaver Field.  
Freshman baseball—Mercersburg, 2:30 p. m.  
Freshman lacrosse—Cornell, 2 p. m., practice field.  
Freshman golf—Cornell, 2 p. m.  
Baseball—Gettysburg, away.  
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## TRACK MENTOR



CHICK WERNER

## Netmen To Battle Navy Tomorrow

### Hunt, Davis Cup Star, Paces Annapolis Team

By PAT NAGELBERG

Paced by Joe Hunt of Davis Cup renown, Navy's tennis team will offer a formidable hurdle for the unbeaten Penn State netmen at Annapolis tomorrow afternoon.

The Midshipmen will present a well-balanced team despite a 5-4 defeat at the hands of Cornell's powerhouse aggregation last week. Always in good condition, the Middles are particularly strong in their doubles combinations where the Lions are at their weakest.

Mac Weinstein is presented with the tough task of facing the Navy ace in the number one singles match. Hunt hit the headlines of the nation's sports pages last Fall when, teamed with another up-and-coming youngster, Welby Van Horn, he forced the Australian doubles team of Quist and Bromwich to five grueling sets in the Davis Cup challenge match.

### Only Six Make Trip

Coach Ted Roethke will take only six players on the Annapolis trip. In addition to Weinstein, Captain Jerry Goodman, Del Hughes, Chuck Bowman, Johnny Knobe, and Ted Lesko will see iron-man duty in both singles and doubles matches.

Wednesday's match with Bucknell was postponed when a heavy downpour forced the netmen off the courts with State leading the Bisons, 3-1. The two teams will re-play the entire match with May 16 or 17 set as tentative dates.

## Women in Sports

Individual and group winners of intramural, interclass, and college championships for 1939-40 will receive awards for recognition at WRA's banquet at the Nittany Lion Inn Monday night.

Chi Omega will receive a cup for intramural basketball while Delta Gamma, ZTA, and Ath West will be awarded a cup for their three-way intramural tie. Other intramural group winners include badminton, Ath West, bowling, Phi Mu; ping pong, AEPi and Ath West; swimming, Ath West, '39 archery, and tennis, Delta Gamma, '39 baseball and golf, Thetas.

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## Sickness Weakens Lacrosse Team For Game With Army Tomorrow

### Lions Seek Revenge For Last Year's Defeat; Drake, Yudin, Chelly, Ziegenfus Out Of Lineup

Handicapped by sickness but filled with confidence for the first time this year after their superlative last-quarter showing against Maryland, the Lion lacrossemen left this morning for West Point where they will cross sticks with Army tomorrow afternoon.

Sick players are Hoyt Drake and Jack Yudin, both confined to the infirmary with the grippe, Irvin Chelly, suffering from an infected foot, and Bill Ziegenfus, from an infected tooth. It was not known yesterday whether any of them would be able to play.

If comparative scores mean anything State has a one-point edge on the Cadets. Maryland beat the Lions, 7-3, and Army, 8-3. Last year, the Cadets trounced the State lacrossemen by a 10-4 count.

This year Army has a much better record than the Nittanymen. Other than the Maryland defeat the Cadets have lost only one game—to John Hopkins.

Other than the Maryland defeat the Lions have lost four—to Hobart, Penn, Navy, and Swarthmore.

Judging by practice performance, though, State has some reason for that confident feeling. "They've gained that indefinable 'something' that makes a team click. Man for man the team should stack up favorably against any lineup in the country but until now the indefinable something just hasn't been there."

If Drake is unable to play Bill Henning will take the field against the Army ten. The starting lineup: Bud Dattelbaum, in home; Jim Riddell, out home, co-Captain Bart Buser, first attack; Jim Ritter, second attack, co-Captain George Ritter, center, John Price, second defense, Roger Sharp, first defense, Henning or Drake, cover point; Joe Carter, point.

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