

Between The Lions

With PAT NAGELBERG

The 1941 Miracle

A steady dose of the same diet can prove monotonous even to a hardened bunch of cross-country marathoners who decided to end their losing ways on Saturday after a .000 season in 1940, and carried the Blue and White to a win over a favored Manhattan team.

Now Manhattan is to cross-country what Notre Dame is to football, which made State's victory doubly sweet. What made the result of the meet appear even more miraculous however, was the absence of much new material on Chick Werner's squad as could be expected on a rejuvenated team.

No less than three seniors finished among the first five, quite an accomplishment against the Jaspers who brought with them the champion IC4-A freshman team from last year. Leading the Lion harriers at the finish was Norm Gordon, back after a two-year absence, Captain Alex Bourgerie and Herm Goffberg.

Hard Luck Athletes

The casual observer will ask, at this point, where the latter two have been for the past two years when State was losing cross-country meets consistently? And herein lies the tale of the two foremost hard-luck athletes in the College.

Both Goffberg and Bourgerie were stars in their freshman year, showing promise of a very successful varsity career. An injury jinx hit them in their sophomore season and followed in their footsteps relentlessly for two years.

This year when everyone had forgotten about the two runners, Lady Luck apparently decided they had tasted their share of misfortune.

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Soccermen Prime Lion Eleven Tops Frosh In Scrimmage Tilt, 30-6

Frosh Star Scores On Broken-Field Run

Foregoing the usual daily scrimmage, Coach Bill Jeffrey sent his varsity soccer team through a goal-kicking drill yesterday in preparation for its second game of the season at Bucknell Saturday.

Hesitancy by forwards in booting the ball after it had been set up in scoring position made the Nittany Lions' 62nd straight victory against Colgate last Saturday much more difficult than it should have been and is the only weakness in need of ironing out, Jeffrey believes.

In an attempt to add scoring punch in the middle of the line, the Lion mentor may switch Anibal Galindo from his outside left position to one of the inside posts. "Gringo," who hails from the Colon Republic of Panama, is not only a wizard at ball handling, but also has a deadly toe when in scoring position.

If the change is made, Galindo's vacated wing spot may be filled by Ramzi Gurcay, Lloyd Black, Wayne Bechdel, or Charles Lischer.

The Bucknell eleven, which was massacred, 8-0, by the Lions last year, is expected to field a much improved lineup Saturday.

Led by Captain Warren Lewis, eight of last year's lettermen, augmented by several promising sophomores, are pointing for an upset victory over the highly-touted Jeffrey men.

Austrian Ski Champ To Show Movies Tonight

Walter von Neudegg, national ski champ of Austria, will speak and show extensive movies on skiing in 121 Sparks at 7:30 o'clock tonight. The program is open to everyone.

Sponsored by the Rolling Rock Country Club of Ligonier, Neudegg is conducting a tour which will include many colleges throughout the eastern part of the United States.

Gates Gets Air Corps Job

Gerald "Peany" Gates, former Penn State baseball star, has been assigned to the recreation office of the Air Corps Advanced Flying School at Victoria, Texas.

It was lion eat lion in an informal scrimmage of the Nittany varsity eleven against the frosh squad at practice session yesterday, but the varsity dusted off its offense to down the yearlings, 30-6. No extra points were tried.

The varsity started things popping after a few long gains by Pepper Petrella and Len Krouse, despite spotty blocking by teammates. Petrella slashed nine yards off right tackle for the first touchdown.

After a sustained march of 53 yards Bill Smeltz dashed through left guard for 20 yards and the second varsity score. Taking the ball on the twenty-yard line, the varsity again marched up the field to score. Captain Krouse climaxed the drive with a 22-yard pass to Patskian for the third Lion varsity score.

Dave Alston, left halfback, sparked the Lion cub drive attack with a 17-yard run through the entire varsity secondary defense. After an exchange of hands, the ball again went to the freshmen on downs. Bob Weitzel, frosh fullback, faded on the 50 and tossed a pass to Dave Alston on the 29. From there on, Dave did a remarkable job of broken field running for the yearlings' lone score.

Bill Debler entered the picture with knife-like gains. He scored the fourth varsity score with an 18-yard cut-back play over left tackle. Several frosh tacklers were evaded as Debler scored.

Last of the varsity touchdowns came when George McWilliams carried the ball on a wide left end sweep. McWilliams dashed at lightning speed to go over the goal standing up.

According to Coach Joe Bedenk who scouted the Temple-Georgetown game Friday night, the Nittany Lions must have a smooth-functioning offense as well as an air-tight defense to stop the triple threats of Andy Tomasic and the Temple Owls in Temple Stadium on Saturday.

"They've got almost the same team as they did last year," Bedenk said, "and Tomasic and George Sutch are a pair of the



SCOUTS TEMPLE—Line Coach Joe Bedenk reported that Temple has a powerhouse team this year, having practically the same team back from last year. George Sutch and Andy Tomasic, a pair of Temple dynamite backs, are the best the Lions will face all season.

best backs we'll meet this year."

Penn State's defense, both aerial and on the ground, will be in for a going-over by Tomasic who has scored 36 points by himself this fall in three gridiron wars. He will be gunning for the Lions on Saturday because the 1940 Penn State team was one of the few which kept him in check last fall.

Roller-Skating Session To Be Held Saturday

Sponsored by Recreation Coordinated, the first roller-skating sessions of the year will be held in the Armory from 2 to 5 p. m., 7 to 9 p. m., and 9 to 11 p. m. this Saturday.

As part of the student recreation program, the sessions will be held every Saturday. C. Walter York '42, and Harry A. Masters '42, are in charge. An admission of 20 cents will be charged for each session.

Frosh X-Country Team Runs Three-Mile Trial; Awaits Syracuse Meet

The freshman cross-country squad went through a snappy three-mile time trial yesterday afternoon in preparation for Saturday's opening meet with the Syracuse frosh at Syracuse.

Coach Bob Grieve will probably take seven frosh on the trip, and will use the trial run to decide upon most of his team.

Newman Draper led the pack of '45ers to the finish line, doing the slightly muddy stretch in 16:33. Paul Smith, trailing Draper home by 15 yards, was timed at 16:41.

Four other probable selections, those finishing behind Draper and Smith, are Joe Beach, Ed Housely, Ed Miller, and John McCall.

The seventh man will be Jerry Carver, outstanding freshman harrier who won the PIAA cross-country event the past two years for Boyertown High School. Carver did not run in the trials yesterday because of a bad leg, but Coach Grieve expects him to be ready for the meet.

The summaries: Draper, first, 16:33; Smith, second, 16:41; Beach, third, 16:46; Housely, fourth, 17:03; Miller, fifth, 17:14; McCall, sixth, 17:18; Williams, seventh, 17:23.



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