

BETWEEN THE LIONS

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Midst all the preparation for the grid tilt with Penn in Philadelphia tomorrow, I'd like to pause a moment to drag in a few lines on the cross-country team which enters the IC4-A championship race over New York's Van Cortlandt Park course Monday.

Coach Chick Werner's harriers, many of you will recall, are the boys who are supposedly going to New York to pick up the trophy which a number of the sports-writers have already conceded them earlier in the Fall.

Strangely enough, most Penn State sports followers tag along in toting the same opinion, expecting the Blue and White harriers to make a cake-walk of the affair over such outfits as Yale, N. Y. U., Rhode Island State, and Dartmouth.

Actually the boys face a contest which should be every bit as tough as last season's, when they pulled up fourth behind N. Y. U., Manhattan, Rhode Island State. Chick Werner envisions a fourth or fifth at best for the boys—but of course that's natural for a coach, other writers tell me.

Werner bases his opinion on some very sound fact, however. For N. Y. U. has freshman Frank Dixon who is favored to finish first in the meet. Recently Dixon ran a 26:17.5 time, which is 23 seconds better than the time of former champion Les MacMitchell—MacMitchell, you remember, is the chap who took top honors in the meet last year, finishing half a county ahead of his nearest competition.

Rhode Island State, the team that took the championship last year over the same course, is again entering four of that original title-winning team. Yale's Leroy Schwartzkopf has been burning up the headlines around the codfish circuit with his string of recent victories. The other week he trotted to an easy 26:41 win in the New England Heptagonal Championships.

However Penn State boasts a standout four-man combination in Norm Gordon, Curt Stone, Jerry Karver, and Mac Smith. Smith lost nearly a week of practice from a bad cold, and is currently nursing a sore leg. Barring an attack of paralysis or an accident, however, he should easily keep his post with his three teammates.

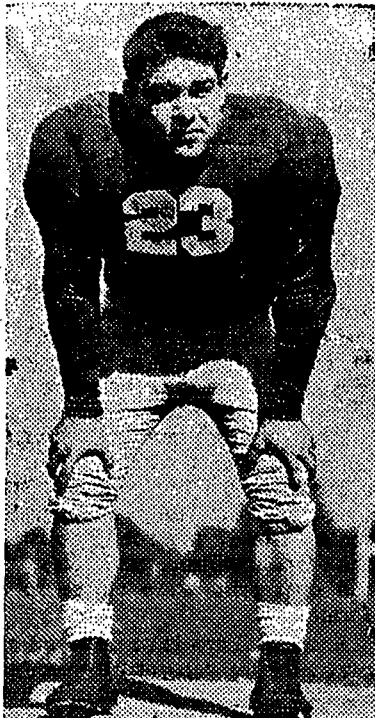
The key to State's showing Monday lies in the performance of its fifth man. At the present time Werner doesn't have another runner who can finish within shouting distance of the first four. Joe Beach has done it already, and may do it Monday. If he can, State should make a strong bid for first place. If he can't, Werner is probably correct in looking for a fourth or a fifth.

I imagine Werner would almost give away a spare tire for a good fifth man right now.

Lions Leave For Philly Today

Undeclared Harriers Declared 'Ready' For Annual IC4-A Meet

He'll Block . . .



Big Aldo Cenci, all 238 pounds of him, will carry the burden of the majority of the backfield blocking against Penn tomorrow.

Gridders At Top Strength For Penn

At full strength for the first time this season with the return to playing condition of Bob Perugini, Bob Weitzel, and Orient Martella, 34 members of the Nittany Lion gridiron squad will leave this morning for Philadelphia where they will encounter the Quakers of the University of Pennsylvania tomorrow.

Spirit was high in the Blue and White practice session on New Beaver Field last night, as Coach Higgins and staff had the squad members engage in dummy drill against Penn formations.

Although Higgins would not verify it, indications seemed to point to the same starting lineup for Saturday's game as started against Syracuse last Saturday, except that Bob Davis will replace Wilbur Van Lenten at end. If the lineup remains intact, Walters will team up with Davis at end, Schoonover and Moore at tackles, Noble and Jaffur's at guards, and Palazzi at center. The backfield will be composed of Cenci, Brown, Banbury, and Colone.

An announcement from Penn late yesterday stated that Coach George Munger will start two new halfbacks in the places of Bob Odell and Jackie Welsh. Joe Kane will replace Welsh at wingback and Roy Pletz will take over the tailback slot formerly held by Odell.

Members of the traveling squad are as follows: Ends—Van Lenten, Walters, Davis, Baiert, Robb, and James; Tackles—Schoonover, Moore, Kerns, Sweitzer, and Pratt; Guards—Perugini, Jaffurs, Noble, Suhey, McCloskey; Centers—Palazzi, Wolosky, Martella; Backs—Cenci, Schroyer, Tuccerri, St. Clair, Durkota, Shellhammer, Pearson, Banbury, Colone, Weitzel, McFarland, Brown, Joe, Williams, and O'Karma.

. . . He'll Run



Sparky Brown, the hero of last week's Syracuse encounter, again will start at the tailback spot tomorrow. Having shaken off his hip injury, Brown will be called upon to take care of the Lions' running.

Declared to be in the best shape of the season by Coach Chick Werner, Penn State's cross-country team will leave tomorrow morning for Monday's all-important "jinx" IC4-A meet in New York City on Monday.

In the light of recent performances of several metropolitan teams, Penn State will enter the race definitely an underdog. New York track experts concede the Lions a fourth or fifth place in the annual classic.

Practice staged on the Centre Hills Golf Course during the last week have helped prepare the Lion harriers for the rugged terrain that they will experience on the famous Van Cortlandt Park course Monday.

The New York race has always been a jinx for Penn State cross-country teams. Four undefeated Lion thincad squads have entered the IC4-A meet in previous Novembers only to place miserably.

The best any of these teams could do was a fourth place. Finest showing of a Blue and White harrier squad in the IC4-A's in the last ten years was a third in 1939—one of the worst dual-meet seasons Penn State cross-country teams have ever experienced.

Making the trip for the Lions will be the regular team of seven runners—Norm Gordon, Curt Stone, Mac Smith, Jerry Karver, Joe Beach, Rufus Williams, and Howard Horne.

Favorite for Monday's meet will be either New York University or Rhode Island State. Both have undefeated records for the dual-meet season and have impressive times during the season.

Led by Frank Dixon, Jr., freshman distance star, NYU can be counted on to place high in the standings. Dixon has run the IC4-A course at Van Cortlandt Park in the amazing time of 26:17. This compares very favorably with Leslie MacMitchell's time of 26:40.1 in last year's meet.

The New York City team also has four other runners that have finished second, third, fourth, and fifth in many dual meets this season.

Rhode Island State, defending champions, has a veteran team that should be hard to beat. They have four of the five members of last year's team returning. Outstanding runner for the Rams is Robert Nichols, who finished second only to MacMitchell in last year's varsity run.

Normal October Weather Observed

In spite of the fact that most students believed October to be a relatively cold month as compared to previous years, Dr. Hans H. Neuberger, College meteorologist, in a review of last month's weather, states that the monthly mean temperature of 54 degrees was three degrees above normal for the month.

Rain, which fell 11 days during the month and accumulated a total of 3.51 inches, was 0.60 inches above normal. The highest intensity of 1.12 inches for 24 hours was registered on October 14.

Ten clear, 13 partly cloudy and eight cloudy days were counted. The duration of sunshine amounted to 150.7 hours or 43 per cent of the astronomically possible.

Total solar and sky radiation intensities, received by one square centimeter of the horizontal surface, were 6850.4 calories. This amount, received by the Borough of State College, would suffice to bring 1,700,000,000 gallons of water from room temperature (68 degrees) to the boiling temperature (212 degrees).

Mac Smith Nominated

McClain B. Smith is a candidate for president of the Athletic Association instead of Martin Smith as erroneously reported in yesterday's Daily Collegian. Smith is a letterman in cross-country and track.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

Beta Theta Leads Fraternity League

Beta Theta Pi took undisputed possession of first place in the Thursday night fraternity bowling league by nosing out the second place Alpha Gamma Rho five, 3-1.

High singles game for the evening went to Chuck Zeigler of Delta Tau Delta with a 203. Top three-game score, however, was scored by Ralph Grey of TKE, who was playing a forfeit match. His total was 511.

Acacia (A)		
Bair	162	154 196-412
Keeney, D.	107	129 106-342
Webb	148	128 186-462
Weiss	159	108 116-383
Lovell	164	129 121-414
Totals	740	648 625 2013

Delta Tau Delta		
Locke	111	154 192-457
Burkholder	131	123 154-408
Gryska	91	134 150-375
Rankin	100	120 134-334
Zeigler	135	130 203-468
Totals	568	661 833 2062

Alpha Gamma Rho		
Cronk	146	182 124-452
Bower	132	166 147-445
Hasley	127	132 133-392
Hallowell	116	123 179-418
Pringle	141	145 147-433
Totals	662	748 730 2140

Beta Theta Pi		
Detweiler	125	121 149-395
Sutherland	149	149 138-436
Christy	118	139 126-383
Stiner	140	139 191-470
Giles	167	197 131-495
Totals	699	745 735-2179

Tau Kappa Epsilon		
J. Schull	132	175 169-476
F. Stevenson	126	156 166-448
S. Kines	151	147 97-395
M. Stemler	118	131 136-385
R. Grey	164	151 196-511
Totals	691	760 764 2215

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