

BETWEEN THE LIONS

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A GOODLY bloc of the local residents still mulls over the "disappointing" showing of the varsity cross-country team in last Saturday's IC4-A's in New York when the boys finished second to Rhode Island State instead of making their expected first place cake-walk.

FACT is, each fellow on that team ran the race of his life—some even ran away over their heads—to even stay in the contest, and the team was very lucky to place as high as second.

OUTSIDE of the Nittany Valley, you see, the Lions were just an annoyingly good team, and were not expected to poach upon the good showings of such favorites as Rhode Island State (the winner), Manhattan, and N. Y. U.

ONE would only have to take a quick look at the Van Cortlandt Park course, where the meet was run, to wonder how the boys ever managed to stay in the same township all the way to the finish line.

ABOUT a hundred yards from the start squats a discouragingly narrow railroad trestle through which the boys must crowd before any elbow room is available—and quite naturally the start always develops into a hundred yard scramble for position.

TO GET anywhere near the leaders, one must hit that narrow opening well out in front—the fellow who arrives there with the also-rans might just as well drop out and take in a movie.

TO AVOID any shoving or bent fenders, the officials moved the starting line back an eighth of a mile—but the result still resembled an old time Philadelphia traffic jam.

ACCORDING to Captain Norm Gordon, the first runner of the 130 competing covered the opening quarter mile in 58 seconds and the last came crowding through in 62 seconds—I believe Glenn Cunningham used to open his famous miles with a 60 second first quarter!

STATE was lucky in that most of the team managed to clear that underpass with each fellow still on his feet—and up near the first division, too.

BUT the rest of the course was almost as difficult. The runner who strayed from the narrow beaten path to pass anyone not only broke his stride but risked breaking his neck in the underbrush as well.

STILL, State's "Big Four" managed to finish in the first twelve. But it still lacked a standout "fifth" man to take that coveted first place. Nevertheless, a team has got to be more than just good to stay with the leaders in a race like that.

THIS Saturday the harriers compete in the National Collegiate meet in East Lansing, Michigan. Trouble is, Rhode Island State expects to be there, too, as well as Indiana, sensation of the middle west.

WERNER expects the team to finish somewhere in the first five—which is plenty good considering the competition. Maybe a "fifth" man will finally break through to make a "Big Five."

ANYWAY, the boys are going to go all out to maintain their performance of last week. Perhaps with a little more elbow room and a little less road congestion and a couple of breaks and—well, anyway, they're going to shoot the works.

BUY WAR BONDS AND STAMPS

Bowser Will Start Same Panthers That Defeated Nebraska Last Week

Ready For Action



Handicapped for the last couple of games with injuries, Jack Stetler, Pitt halfback, will be ready for action Saturday when the Panthers invade New Beaver Field.

Lion Harriers Run Best Race Of Season In IC4-A Tourney

"The boys probably ran the best race of the season on Monday." That was the way Coach Chick Werner analyzed the Lions' second place in the IC4-A tourney.

According to Werner, Howard Horne was the surprise of the meet as far as the Lions were concerned. The fifth man problem was still evident after the meet, but Horne, who was number seven man on the squad, finished far-ahead of Joe Beach and Mitchell Williams.

Penn State's "big four," Gordon, Stone, Smith, and Karver, finished within ten yards of each other—number one, Stone, finished seventh and Karver crossed the line in twelfth place. However, instead of bunching as they usually do, the four runners were sometimes more than 100 yards apart.

Captain Norm Gordon was full of praise for Mac Smith, who ran the greatest race of his career, according to Gordon.

Dutton Seeks Pitt Yardage Record

SPECIAL TO THE COLLEGIAN

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Nov. 18—The chances are very much in favor of the same Pitt lineup taking the field against Penn State's Nittany Lions this Saturday as started against and defeated Nebraska last weekend. This week's starting combination will, however, be better bulwarked by reserves than at any other time this season.

Coach Charley Bowser's first string will probably find 180-pound pass-snatching Mike Sotach teaming with Marty Rosepink, 200-pound junior, at the end.

Jack Durishan and Johnny Baker, a couple of 200-pound-plus giants, will start at tackle. Francis Mattioli and Vince Antonelli, at guards, and Jimmy Clowes, reformed end, at center, will hold down the center of the line.

Bowser's starting backfield will have Bob Smith at quarter, Bill Dutton and Lou Chelko at the halfbacks, and Frank Saksa at fullback.

Of these starters, Vince Antonelli alone has started every game. The rest of the lineup have been in and out all season with injuries.

Backing this group will be some former starters who expect to be in better condition by Saturday. This list includes George Allshouse at center, Jack Stetler and Tony DiMatteo at halfbacks; Walter West at quarter, and Bill Kyle at right end.

Dutton After Record

Bill Dutton, with 1270 yards of total offense this year, will be after the all-time Pitt yardage record established in 1933 by Warren Heller, All-American halfback. Dutton needs 75 yards to break Heller's mark.

Lions Taper Off

With two very tough games in as many weeks under their belts, the Nittany Lion gridders have been foregoing heavy contact work this week in an effort to be at top form for the Panthers Saturday. Only anticipated change in the Higgins lineup will be the replacement of injured Sparky Brown by Larry Joe.

IM Boxing Contenders Advance To Semi-Finals

With the semi-finals in view, eight fraternity and two independent men sought to eliminate their opponents in the IM boxing bouts held in Rec Hall last evening.

Starting the bouts with the independent 145-pound class, Whitten and Leiberman danced out of their corners and each kept his distance throughout the first round, waiting for the other to drop his guard. Whitten kept his boxing mate on the alert by a series of overhand right hand blows.

At the beginning of the fight between Taynton of Phi Kappa Sigma and Bache of Phi Sigma Kappa, Taynton pummeled Bache all over the ring while Bache waited for a chance to smash through his opponent's guard. Fighting in a Dempsey crouch, Bache caught several blows that started up from the floor and had promise of ending the fight abruptly, but Bache made a quick comeback and out-fought his tiring opponent, copping

the fight. An excellent example of showmanship was exhibited in the contest between Hirsch of SAE and Hibner of Sigma Nu. Hirsch, by fancy footwork and speed, danced around Hibner, giving him little chance of landing a fatal blow.

Slugging honors for the evening went to Jameson and Mattern, fighting in the 155-pound class. A hard fought battle, Mattern managed to edge out his opponent by a decision, while Ashby of Sigma Pi nosed out Shoemaker of Alpha Zeta in a toe-to-toe slugfest.

Today's Line-up

FRATERNITY
155, Detwiler vs. Norton; 145, Harry vs. Jennings; 135, Casser vs. Zirms; 127, Delong vs. Koven; 121, Eppers vs. Drylie.

INDEPENDENT
145, Krug vs. Renton; 155, Woolsey vs. Muschlitz; 135, Cassidy vs. Salvetto; 127, Grim vs. Fleming; 121, Cutrone vs. Eldrich.

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