

W. Virginia Cagers Dominate Lions' All-Opponent Five

All Seven Lions Pick Mountaineer Hamilton

West Virginia University's basketball team, which defeated the Lions at Morgantown this season and then came to Rec Hall to lose, was honored by the Penn State varsity basketball team by having two of their players selected for the Lions all-opponent team.

Scotty Hamilton, star All-American captain of the Mountaineers, received a special honor from the Lions by being voted the outstanding single player. Every man of the seven first stringers who voted cast his vote for Hamilton as deserving a first string position.

John Mahnken, from the Hoyas of Georgetown, polled six first place votes and one second place vote to rate the runner-up spot. Following Mahnken came Tay Malarkey of Pitt, Jerry Fleishman of NYU, and Joe Walthall, second Mountaineer, to make the first team.



SCOTTY HAMILTON

The second team is dominated by Washington and Jefferson and Georgetown cagers. Hartman and Zellars represent the Little Presidents while Kraus and Kosteka make the team for the Hoyas.

Three players from Georgetown, Temple, and Washington and Jefferson received at least one vote to top the list. Pitt, Syracuse, West Virginia, and New York University each placed two men on the Lions' select list.

The Lions' selections follow:

FIRST TEAM

- Scotty Hamilton, West Virginia
- John Mahnken, Georgetown
- Tay Malarkey, Pitt
- Jerry Fleishman, NYU
- Joe Walthall, West Virginia

SECOND TEAM

- Dan Kraus, Georgetown
- Hueck Hartman, W. & J.
- George Gejchell, Temple
- Andy Kosteka, Georgetown
- Andy Zellars, W. & J.

HONORABLE MENTION

- Ralph Ferquer, W. & J.; Brinn, Carnegie Tech; Bobb, Temple; McLaughlin, Temple; Grenert, NYU; DiPace, Syracuse; Stanton, Syracuse; and Artman, Pitt.

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COLLEGIAN SPORTS

By STEPHEN SINICHAK

Pacing it out with two of the country's best milers, Dodds and Mitchell, in the Cleveland Arena tonight will be Gerry Karver, Penn State's star miler. Karver, running in Cleveland's Knights of Columbus invitation mile competition, will attempt to score an upset over the favored and much more experienced opponent duo.

For the past few years, the Lions could rely on Barney Ewell to clinch a title here or there, but since Barney's graduation, it has been left up to Karver to carry the Blue and White colors to the most well-known track meets in the country.

When Gerry begins his trek towards the finish line tonight, he will be gunning for another victory to add to an impressive list of wins that dates back to his high school days. A win today, though, would place him near the top of the list of the nation's best milers—a feat worthy of the effort involved in keeping up with the fast pace that will undoubtedly be set by Boston's Gil Dodds.

Looking back on Gerry's track career, we find that the lanky thin-lad from Boyerstown High went through three years of scholastic competition without a single defeat for the one-half mile and mile runs.

But let's start at the beginning and see how Karver began to compete in track meets. It was the persistent coaxing by a classmate on the high school track squad that saw Gerry don the spikes and start on his sprinting career. He began in the high jumping event, but after limited competition he injured his back and dropped out of the race for the rest of his freshman year.

Gerry came back the next year, but this time, up on the insistence of his coach, it was for the one-half mile distance. He won his first race in this distance, representative of the victories which he was to garner. He also tried his hand at cross-country running. This proved to be a successful venture, for the same year he was crowned cross-country champ at the Interscholastic competition held here at State College. He placed 22nd in the Nationals the same year.

When the year 1940 rolled around, Karver again added the cross-country title to his laurels, as well as the state one-half and mile championships. The latter, incidentally, was done in a record time of 4:27.6. In the cross-country Nationals, he ran third, a great improvement over the previous season's running.

It was during the Michigan State-Penn State meet that the state championships were determined, and at this time that Karver first caught the eye of the Lion and Wolverine track coaches. Michigan State immediately made him an offer, but when the time arrived for Gerry to leave for the midwestern campus, he changed his mind and came to Penn State; a break for which the Lions should be thankful.

It was the same story during Karver's senior year at Boyerstown—two more championships, and again they were in mile and half-mile runs. Before coming to State College, he ran as anchor man in the Penn Medley Relay meet with his high school teammates and turned in a 4:26 for the final mile distance.

Most notable achievement during Gerry's first year at College was the capturing of the IC4-A freshman cross-country jog in New York City. Prior to this he had been the first runner to break the tape in dual freshman meets with Syracuse and Cornell. His indoor competition was limited to a meet at Cornell, at which time he anchored for the victorious Lion medley relay team.

In the Spring of '42, he won the mile and two-mile treks against both the Temple Owls and Cornell Reds. He set the two-mile record during the Cornell playoffs, and a month or so later he broke the College mile record with a time of 4:21, four seconds better than the old mark. At a meet with Cornell on July 4, Gerry took the mile run and placed fourth in the 600-yard dash.

Cross-country competition in the Fall of '42 found Karver now running against varsity opponents. He took third place against Manhattan, sixth at Michigan State, and tied with four teammates for the top position against Syracuse. He ran 12th in the IC4-A meet and 5th in the Nationals held at Michigan, but his best in such competition was a fifth place in the National AAU tournament at which time he ran under the colors of the Shanahan A. C. of Philadelphia.

In the only dual meet during the winter season, Karver took the mile and one-half mile runs. Last month he placed fifth in the National AAU 1,000-yard dash, and second during the IC4-A meet, when he was beaten by Fordham's Norwicki. A week or so after the Intercollegiate, Gerry took revenge by beating Norwicki in Washington's Catholic University Invitation meet. He ended the winter season by running a 2:12.5 for the best time this year in the 1,000 event. This he accomplished at the Knights of Columbus meet in Madison Square Gardens.

Such a record undoubtedly makes some sports fans optimistic as to Karver's chances in today's race, but when you have to buck against runners who have been in fast competition for the past several years, it's a different story.

Gerry's main hope will be in attempting to keep pace with the leader, who will probably be Dodds. Since Dodds is aiming to clinch the gold trophy with a time somewhere around 4:10, Karver will have a big job if he is able to stick to the Boston Flash's heels. This is something which Gerry has never tried before—a fast start.

Earl Mitchell also has hopes of grabbing the trophy, for last year he took the race with a time of 4:10.5. Considering all the facts, we can boil it down to this: that all contestants are out for a victory, with Karver being handicapped through lack of experience.

It seems practically an impossibility for Gerry to hope for a win, but we know he will have done his best, whatever the result may be. Good luck, Gerry!

Spring Sports Schedule

BASEBALL

April 12	Navy	away
17	Temple	home
19	Pittsburgh	home
21	Muhlenberg	home
23	West Virginia	home
24	West Virginia	home
30	Syracuse	home

May 1	Syracuse	home
7	Colgate	away
8	Syracuse	away
12	Bucknell	home
15	Pittsburgh	away

LACROSSE

April 10	Johns Hopkins	home
22	Johns Hopkins	away
24	Navy	away

May 1	Maryland	away
5	Cornell	away
8	Syracuse	home
15	Army	away

TENNIS

April 17	Swarthmore	away
23	Muhlenberg	home
28	Bucknell	home

May 1	Gettysburg	home
5	Cornell	home
8	Pittsburgh	home
12	Navy	away
13	Pennsylvania	away
15	Carnegie Tech	home

TRACK

April 23-24	Penn Relays	away
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May 1	Ohio State	home
8	Pittsburgh	home
14-15	I.C.A.A.A.A.	away

GOLF

May 8	Teams of Northern and Southern Division, E.I.G.A., 36-hole medal play eliminations	
9	Play-off: 2 teams 36-hole medal at Princeton, N. J. (Teams in competition—Dartmouth, Pennsylvania, Princeton, Penn State, and probably Army, Navy, Cornell, Holy Cross, Pittsburgh, and Williams.)	

Sigma Pi, Sigma Nu Tie For IM Basketball Championship

By ART STOBER

Climaxing five weeks of intramural basketball, last night's championship playoffs saw a tie develop for the fraternity league championship between Sigma Pi No. 1 and Sigma Nu as the result of the latter's victory, and the Vagabonds nose out Podunk Prep to become the independent loop champs.

Sigma Nu, led by high scorers Bob Merker and Gordon Wolfkiel, completely outplayed and stopped Sigma Pi for their first defeat in the playoffs by a 17-9 score. Seven points were scored by both of the White Star high scorers, while Jim Gotwals, Walt Funk, and Larry Faries tallied four, three, and two points respectively to account for the losers' score.

The independent championship wasn't decided until the last 30 seconds of play when the Vagabonds' Jack Krauss wrote an Horatio Alger's finish to the tilt by sinking the deciding field goal, breaking a 20-20 tie.

Ingliside Club won second berth in the independent league by virtue of their 25-12 victory over Allen Co-op, the only other independent game played during the evening. Gruberville J. V. won a forfeit over Bell A. C., and the Lions Den-Fletcher House game was cancelled.

The fraternity boys of Beta Theta Pi tangled brothers in the fraternity circuit as their Number one team downed their number two, 20-15. Gene Sutherland became the "number one" Beta by tallying eight points for the number one team to wear the high scorer's crown.

Kappa Sigma forfeited to Sigma Chi, and Phi Kappa Psi did likewise to Phi Sigma Kappa.

The referees for the championship tilts were Sid Cohen, Clay Zundel, "Ducky" Swan, and Lee Reinheimer.

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