Stickmen Field **Veteran Lineup**

Rapidly rounding into shape. Penn State's lacrossemen will consist of a veteran starting combination when the Lions open their season with Army's Cadets April 13.

Although the stickmen boast only one victory in the past two seasons, Coach Nick Thiel is looking for a much better showing from this year's squad. The mentor expects last year's lettermen and ex-servicemen who played here before the war to make a winning aggregation out of the

Returning veterans John Nolan, team captain, and Bronco Kosanovich are expected to lead the stickmen. Nolan will handle the centerfield post while Kosanovich will attempt to stop the oppon-ent's attack from inside defense.

The squad went through a heavy workout during the week consisting of passwork, playmaking, and conditioning drills. Several plays are beginning to click, according to Coach Thiel, and the daily field scrimmages are producing plenty of action.

Bill Hollenbach, veteran of the '42, and '43 seasons, is getting back into his pre-war form as a goalie, while two last year men, George Meeker and Jack Reid are also waging a spirited fight for the net post.

An ex-Marine, Paul Ameel, is assisting Coach Thiel with the team this year. Ameel, who is a graduating senior, played on the '43 squad, but because of a bad back is unable to play this sea-

Saturday practice will be held every week at 1:30 until the opening game, Coach Thiel announced today.

Chessman Organize; U. of P. Challenges Richardson's Club

Announcement was made that a challenge from the chess team of the University of Fennsylvania has been received, at a meeting of the Chess club Tuesday.

Newly organized on campus, the club hopes to expand its present membership of 37 and to form a team which will represent the College in intercollegiate com-petition. Coach Ralph Richardson of the speech department and President Eugene Janiczek urge that as you interested in chess, beginner or expert attend the next meeting of the club in 305 Old Main at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday.Anyone interested who cannot attend this meeting may register by phoning Janiczek at 868.

Other officers are Marjorie Powers, secretary, Theodore Har-Marion Schwimmer and Carol Andre, executive committee. Members of the club hope to

when other teams visit the college by use of demonstration games, that is, games whose progress is marked on a large chess board hung on a wall, which would be clearly visible.

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Werner Has Laudable Record 128 lb. Title

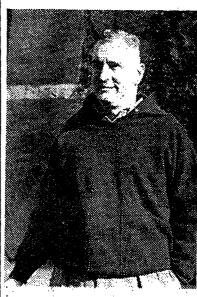
By DICK SARGE

Charles "Chick" Werner, holder of four world records in the 60 and 75 year high hurdles and the 50 and 60 yard low hurdles, coholder of a world record on the Illinois Athletic Club medley relay team two decades ago, is a man well-qualified as track mentor for Penn State.

captain of the track squad and star performer in hurdling events as he captured the Big Ten and National A.A.U. championships. He graduated from the U. of Ill. with an A.B. in 1927, then was freshman track coach and varsity coach at his alma mater for three years apiece.

Chick came to Penn State in

Star Maker



CHICK WERNER

1933 and launched a coaching career which is almost unparalleled in college track history. His State trackmen reached the peak of performance in 1942 when they annexed team titles in the indoor IC4A, the outdoor IC4A, and National Collegiate cross-country meets. This feat has never been duplicated by any other college in the nation. Recalls Past Years

The Nittany mentor has had a full and successful tenure here and finds much pleasure in recounting tales of track triumphs and big moments from past seasons. Chick remembers vividly the afternoon in the spring of 1942 when Penn State needed a first place in the broad jump to capture first place in the IC4A meet. The broad jump was the last event of the meet and State's contestant, Barney Ewell, had but one try left. A tie in the jump would not furnish enough points. Coach Werner recounts with a relish that final ellfort by Ewell when he leaped 25 feet 2 inches inches to break the existing record and give Penn State the team championship. Reminisces

Leaning back comfortably in his office at Rec Hall, Werner draw large crowds to matches speaks fondly of the type of youth which he has found on his State track squads. As a father, he speaks proudly of the way in which his "boys" developed in poise, physique, and character while engaged in sports activities.

As an undergraduate at the University of Illinois, Werner was

And he names as outstanding Nittany trackmen: Norm Vukmanic, who competed last in 1940, won the javelin throw in the Penn Relays, Drake Relays, and the IC4A, National AAU, and National Collegiate meets..

Barney Ewell, who left State in 1942, took first place in the IC4A meets in the 100 and 220 yard runs and the broad jump for three years in succession.
Barney was also the National
Collegiate and National AAU
champ in the 100 and 220 yard
runs. Chick speaks highly, too, of Billy Smith, an intercollegiate Cross-country champion and a good two-miler. Other outstand-ing men were Jerry Karver, a promising miler, due back in school next fall, and Pete Olexy, an outstanding cross-country run-

Enters Service

In late 1942, Coach Werner was called into active service by the U.S. Navy and was assigned to the pre-flight program at Chapel Hill, N. C. While per-forming under Werner at Chapel Hill, Cornelius Warmerdam established the 15 feet 8 1-2 record for the pole vault.

Chick left the states in early 1944 for the South Pacific area where he served as Welfare and Recreation officer at Brisbane, Australia; Manus, Admiralty Islands; and Cavite, on Luzon. While at Cavite, Werner was placed on the staff of Commodore "Scrappy" Kessing, former athletic director at Annapolis, to aid in the formulation of plans for a naval base in Japan. Wrestling coach Charlie Speidel was assigned to the same staff as Werner, but strangely, the paths of the two Nittany mentors did not cross.

Given a special mission to the U. S. from the Philippines, Werner was caught in the states by the end of the war with Japan and, therefore, was not returned to the Far East. He was released from service in October, 1945.

Coach Werner is married and lives in State College with his wife, Alice, and two daughters, Nancy and Patricia.

In an unexpected move at the Boxing Association meeting recently, the 120 and 127-pound weight classes were upped to 125 137-pounds respectively. a n d Other weight divisions remain unchanged.

Penn State was named host school for the 1947 boxing tour-

Hess Wins

Clair Hess, graduate assistant in physical education at the College, walked off with the 128 pound wrestling title of metropolitan New York Satunday. Hess was representing the New York Athletic Club.

A former wrestler at the College, Hess graduated in 1942 with an ROTC reserve commission. He entered addive millitary service soon after graduation and was sent overseas. Hess was in on the Normandy invasion and received

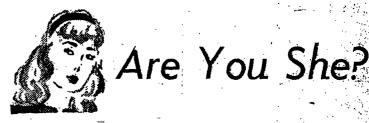
a Bronze Star for meritorious service during the battle of the budge.
Discharged from service in October 1945, Hess has been at the College taking graduate work and assisting Coach Paul Campbell with the wrestling squad.

Gridmen Begin Spring Practice

to acting head coach Earl Edwards for the Lion's Spring football practice. After the first prac-tice Edwards said that "the line looks pretty good" and he hopes to have a few scrimmages next

Assisting Edwards will be Marty McAndrews who is substituting for Al Michaels as backfield coach until Michaels recoy ers from a recent illnesss. Jim Conte, Ted Nemeth, Steve Rollins, and Bill Smaltz are assisting the coa/ches.

Veteran gridders returning to this season's Lion Eleven are Jeff Durkota, Bud Davis, and Dave Nemeth



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