

Stickmen Field Veteran Lineup

Rapidly rounding into shape, Penn State's lacrosse men 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 squad.

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 opponent'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 season.

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 Pennsylvania 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 competition. 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 Harwood, Marion Schwimmer and Carol Andre, executive committee.

Members of the club hope to draw large crowds to matches 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.

Know Your Coaches

Werner Has Laudable Record

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, co-holder 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.

As an undergraduate at the University of Illinois, Werner was 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 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.



CHICK WERNER

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 effort by Ewell when he leaped 25 feet 2 inches to break the existing record and give Penn State the team championship.

Reminisces
Leaning back comfortably in his office at Rec Hall, Werner 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.

Hess Wins 128 lb. Title

Clair Hess, graduate assistant in physical education at the College, walked off with the 128 pound wrestling title of metropolitan New York Saturday. 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 active military 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 bulge. 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

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

Assisting Edwards will be Marty McAndrews who is substituting for Al Michaels as backfield coach until Michaels recovers from a recent illness. Jim Conte, Ted Nemeth, Steve Rollins, and Bill Smaltz are assisting the coaches.

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



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