

With 16 Meets Behind Them . . .
**Davidson Rates as Favorite
 In Lion Home Court Opener**

Searching for the initial win of their young season, the Penn State netters are tapering off drills prior to pairing off against invading Davidson on the varsity courts, 1:30 o'clock tomorrow.

Known nationally as one of the strongest tennis schools in the South, the Wildcats will have a wide edge over the Blue and White team in competitive experience.

With the tennis season beginning very early in North Carolina, Davidson will have engaged in sixteen encounters by the time its squad arrives in State College.

Scores on its first seven meets found the Wildcats triumphant in all but one, a 5-4 loss to strong Kalamazoo. In winning over South Carolina, Furman, Birmingham-Southern, Vanderbilt, Colgate, and Erskine, Davidson lost only four matches.

The 1946 Wildcat edition survived the complete season without suffering a loss and although college competition is greater this year, Davidson has an impressive record and is again tough in intercollegiate ranks.

COACH LUFFLER

Coached by Bill Luffler, a mentor with considerable playing and coaching experience, the North Carolina institution has, except for its number four man, its complete ensemble from last year.

Buck Archer, Jerry Robinson, and Don Hatch, all feared men in Southern court circles, are again wearing the Davidson colors.

From its freshman class, the Wildcat varsity has been using three highly touted netters—Bo



WALT STENGER

Roddey, Jack Fanjoy, Whit Cobb.

HANDICAPPED

In readying his team for this engagement, Lion Coach Sherman Fogg has again been handicapped by rain.

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**Lion Track Team Hopes to Smash
 4-Mile Relay Record in Philadelphia**

Penn State's chances to smash a record at the Penn Relays in Philadelphia this weekend hinge on whether four men can equal their best performances.

Bill Shuman, Curt Stone, Horace Ashenfelter and Gerry Karver—running in that order—are out to crack the American record of 17:16.1 in the four-mile event.

Karver, trailing Gil Dodds in the Chicago relays, crossed the finish line in 4:12.9. Bill Shuman's top mark is 4:23 in the Millrose mile.

Ashenfelter blazed trail for Karver and Stone with 4:20.8 during the time-trials last week, and Curt Stone's best, 4:22, occurred in those same trials.

AVERAGE 4:19

This comes out to a 4:25 average mile. But in order to clip one-tenth of a second from the American mark the Lion milers must average 4:19 flat.

Coach Chick Werner announced his entries in the Penn Relays today.

Penn State will run in the distance medley and the two-mile relay. Slated to go in the medley

are Mitch Williams, Shuman, Karver and either Ashenfelter or Stone.

Karver and Stone, and either Ashenfelter or Lennox are set for the two mile event. Bill Brown will wear the Lion colors in the pole vault, and Bill Reynolds and Charlie Krug will compete in the high jump events.

BROAD JUMP

Reynolds, Pearson and Krug have been picked for the broad jump, and Krug, Barclay, Moyer and Pearson will enter the shot put competition for Penn State.

Dave Pincus and Pearson will have the discus and Tubby Lang, Lou Bartiletti and Pratt will throw the javelin.

**Lacrossemen Face
 Powerful Middies**
 Locotos, Smith, Fisher
 Unable to Make Trip

Without the services of three regulars, the Penn State lacrosse team leaves today for Annapolis to meet the strong Middle stickmen at the Academy tomorrow afternoon, 3 o'clock.

Coach Nick Thiel will use a revised starting lineup that will lack Captain George Locotos, midfielder, defenseman Tom Smith, and attackman Harry Fisher.

DEFENDING CHAMPIONS

The Lion stick-wielders will faceoff against the defending intercollegiate lacrosse champions who have lost only one game this season and that was to Princeton 8-5, last week.

The Nittany record now stands at one victory and two defeats. With the 6-2 Loyola win last Saturday the Thielmen will attempt to trim the powerful Navy team which Thiel says has, along with Johns Hopkins, the best stickmen in the South.

Navy will be the strongest foe the Lions have or will face this season. However, Coach Thiel says the Lions will give the Middies a battle.

PRE-SEASON PRACTICE

In a pre-season practice scrimmage at the Academy, the Nittany stick-wielders rolled over the Navy third and fourth teams which have gone undefeated in Junior Varsity collegiate competition this season.

Last year the Navy champions defeated the Lions 17-3 early in a season which saw the Nittany stickmen go on to hang up a record of six wins and three defeats.

Veteran "Wild Bill" Hollenbach will again start in the nets for the Lions with Art Tenhula, John Pfirman and Pete Johnson at the three defense posts.

The new midfield combination will probably be Rog Nestor at the center-draw post and John McCleary and Ernie Baer at the other two midfield spots.

All three saw service for the Lions last year and both McCleary and Baer started in midfield for the Loyola game.

AT ATTACK

At the attack positions veteran Ken Kerwin will again start at the crease and Buddy Thomas and Art Lorenz will complete the offensive trio.

The Navy team will count head-

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**Golfers Meet Pitt
 In First Home Match**

Coach Bob Rutherford's golf squad meets the Pitt linkmen in its first home contest this year, 1:30 o'clock tomorrow.

Rutherford, now in his 26th year as Nittany golf coach, is holding final tryouts today to determine the squad to face the visitors.

Contenders for positions are led by four pre-war players and Jack Harper, a hometown boy who played for the Washington & Lee links team.

Harper, a former high school star, is making the strongest bid for the No. 1 berth, but is facing stiff competition from ex-servicemen, among them Joe Boyle, Jim Noble, Don Hart and Ray Peterson.

Also fighting for places on the team to face the Panthers are Bruce Dietrick, Alan Hack, Dick Hastings, Bob Klein and Jerry Smith.

The squad, which made its first

road trip since before the war last week, tied and lost matches to the University of Georgetown.

Jack Harper, number one man on the squad, won his initial match against the Hoyas, but with his partner Don Hart, dropped the second encounter, one up.

On the Washington course, Jerry Smith dropped his match, but his partner Jim Noble shot par to take his pairing, 71.

Joe Boyle and Ray Peterson, who also made the trip, tied their match.

**Jaffurs, Bell
 Score IM Wins**

Johnny Jaffurs and Clyde Bell fought through to a 19-21, 21-17, and 21-19 victory over Web Moriarta and Ken Cook in one of the outstanding matches of the intramural handball double tournament at Rec Hall Wednesday night.

Successfully preserving their undefeated status, Fred Amnessi and Ross Manley pounded out 21-5 and 21-12 wins over Frank Huron and Ed Blaille.

Jim Ewing and Ed Taggart snared a forfeit triumph from Jim and Bill Simpson.

Ivan Thompson and George Moore downed Chuck McFarland and Red Moore by 21-17, 16-21, and 21-17 counts, and Larry and Norton Portnoff whipped handballers Charles Kunes and Ken Hosterman 21-19 and 21-15.

George Earnshaw and Jackie Tighe of Delta Upsilon swatted their way to a 21-17 and 21-8 semi-final victory over Harold Wausat and Whitey Von Nieda of Sigma Pi at Rec Hall Wednesday night.

Sigma Phi Sigma handballers John Riggs and John Piron were defeated by Dean Sears and Bob Musselman of Delta Sigma Phi who registered 21-20 and 21-8 wins over the SPS combo.

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