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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 in-vading 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,

4-Mile Relay Record in Philadelphia

their best performances. Bill Shuman, Curt Stone, Horace Ashenfelter and Gerry Karver

running in that order-are out to crack the American record of

Stone.

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

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 Lut 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 with-out 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

17:16.1 in the four-mile event.

Ashenfelter blazed trail for Karver and Stone with 4:20.8 dur-

ing the time-trials last week, and

Curt Stone's best, 4:22, occurred

AVERAGE 4:19

age mile. But in order to clip one-

tenth of a second from the Amer-ican mark the Lion milers must

Coach Chick/Werner announced his entries in the Penn Relays to-

This comes out to a 4:25 aver-

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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.

(Continued on page five) **Lion Track Team Hopes to Smash**

Lacrossemen Face Golfers Meet Pitt Powerful Middles In First Home Match

Locotos, Smith, Fisher Unable to Make Trip

Without the services of three regulars, the Penn State lacrosse

Coach Nick Thiel will use a revised starting Lineup that will lack Captain George Locotos, mid-fielder, 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 on_e victory and two defeats. With the 6-2 Loyola win last Saturday the Thielmen will' at-tempt 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 scrim-mage at the Academy, the Nittany stick-wielders rolled over the Navy third and fourth teams which have gone undefeated in Junior Varsity collegiate compe-tition 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

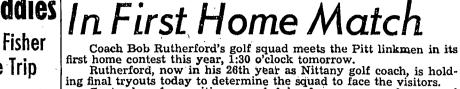
Lions last year and both McCleary and Baer started in midfield for the Loyola game.

AT ATTACK

At the attack positions veteran Ken Kerwin will again start at the crease and Buddy Thomas and Art Lorenz will complete the of-

The Navy team will count hea-(Continued on page five)

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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

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 Diettrick, Alan Hack, Dick Hastings, Bob Klein and Jerry Smith.

The squad, which made its first

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and Bill Simpson.

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Ivan Thompson

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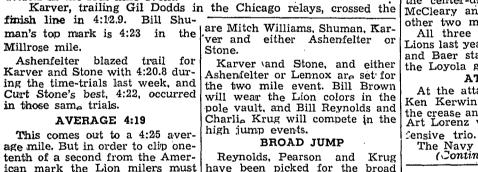
to meet the strong Middle stick-men at the Academy tomorrow afternoon, 3 o'clock. Const Nick Nick Star, is making the strongest bid for the No. 1 berth, but is facing to the University of Con-to the University of Con-Jack Harper, number one man

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, Jer-

ry 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.





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 heave the discus and Tubby Lang, Lou Bartiletti and Pratt will

Penn State will run in the distance medley and the two-mile Lou^{*} Bartiletti an relay. Slated to go in the medley throw the javelin.

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



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