

# Between the Lions

By Dick Sarge

## Track Squad Weak in Sprint Department

A weak spot in the current edition of the Nittany Lion track squad was overshadowed in the home dual meet with Michigan State by stellar performances in the distance races and field events.

That weakness should have been noticed readily by track enthusiasts as they witnessed results of the 100 and 200 yard dashes and the 120 yard high and 220 yard low hurdles. This season, Coach Chick Werner's cinder team is even more poorly represented in sprint events than was the case in 1946. Bobby Kritzer could usually be counted on for a place and points at the finish line.

In the Spartan meet ten days ago, the Lion trackmen were pushed completely out of the scoring column in the 220 yard dash and the 220 yard low hurdles. They managed to place third only in the 100 and the 120 highs. A quick summing-up shows a point total of 34 for Michigan State against 2 for Penn State in the four short distance races.

The Werner men fared reasonably well in the quarter and half-mile and very well in the mile and two mile—what with Karver, Stone and Ashenfelter in the line-up. In the field events, too, and the jumps and vault, Penn State was near standard in distance measurements. But the hurdle and dash department was woefully inadequate.

The answer might lie simply in the fact that dash material is lacking among track candidates. Or it might lie in the manner of sprint conditioning or lack of it. The former seems more likely considering the background of the Nittany Lion coach.

While an undergraduate at the University of Illinois, Chick Werner was holder of Big Ten and National AAU hurdle championships. Then, and after he graduated, he held world records in the 60 and 75 yard high hurdles and the 50 and 60 yard low hurdles. Certainly he is qualified to tutor hurdle men.

Assisting Werner at New Beaver Field is one of the all-time track greats of the country in Barney Ewell. Barney's dash history is legend and needs no further comment. The coaching experience is there.

Whatever the trouble is, Penn State needs point-getters in dashes and hurdles. One good Blue and White competitor in these events in the Michigan State meet would have brought about a marked difference in the final point totals of the meet, and Penn State would have topped off superb performances in other events with a dual meet victory.

Stellar trackmen Gerry Karver and Barney Ewell along with Coach Chick Werner depart for the West Coast and the Los Angeles Coliseum this evening. Karver will meet some of the nation's best milers and Ewell will compete with the speedy Mel Patton in the 100 and 220 yard dashes Saturday evening. We wish them a successful journey.

## Penn State Riding Team Enters Competition

Intercollegiate competition in a new field entered the Nittany sport scene Saturday afternoon when Captain Gregory Gagarin's riding team of Mary Goodwin, Bob Post and Arthur Whittier performed in the Penn Hall Junior College annual riding show.

The trio, all novices to competition, captured three ribbons in the Team Jumping, Hunt Team, and Working Hunters classes. Very good for a first appearance and on unfamiliar mounts loaned by Penn Hall.

The Penn State riding team stems from the student-sponsored Riding Club, now taken over by the physical education department, which offers a one-credit course in riding. Capt. Gagarin came here from the Grier School in Tyrone to be head instructor in September, 1946. Since last fall, he's taken big strides.

Among the plans of the new group are a Penn State riding show this Saturday at their show ring east of the trailer camp and opposite McClellan's garage, and an intercollegiate horse show next year at State College which will draw riders from many schools in Pennsylvania. Their aim is to make Penn State the center of horsemanship in the state.

# Bedenkmen Meet Temple Nine Lions Meet Bucknell Netters

Bob Gehrett will be on the mound today for the Nittany Lions when they meet the Temple Owls on the New Beaver Field diamond at 4 o'clock.

The Lions will be after their eighth victory of the season and their sixth straight as they face the Owls at full strength.

The Lions leading hitter, left-fielder Don Stark, will be back in the lineup today, batting in third place. Stark, who has been out for two weeks with a lame leg, is sporting a .417 average for the season.

### BATS 400

Gehrett, who is second in batting with an even 400 average, will be after his third pitching



victory of the season. He suffered two setbacks earlier in the season, but has now won two in a row including a three-bitter against Bucknell last Wednesday. Hal Hackman, who connected for three hits last Saturday to jump to third in the team batting averages with a .364 mark, and will lead off the Lions' lineup.

Following shortstop Hackman will be Eddie Sebastianelli at second, Stark in leftfield, and Ken Yount at first base. Yount now ranks fourth at the plate with a .345 average.

### MAC FARLAND FIFTH

Chuck MacFarland, right field, will bat fifth with Johnny Potoklan, centerfielder, Ray Kurowski, third, George McWilliams, catcher, and pitcher Gehrett hitting in that order.

Today's game will be the last chance this week for Lion fans to see the Bedenkmen in action at New Beaver Field, as the team travels to Colgate for a Friday afternoon contest and to Syracuse Saturday night for an arclight doubleheader.

Still bidding for its first win of the season, the Penn State tennis team will engage Bucknell on the varsity courts at 2:30 o'clock today.

In this first renewal since 1944 of the long-standing Lion-Bison series, Coach Sherman Fogg will again shake up his squad in an effort to maintain the Blue and White mastery over the Lewisburgers on the courts. In 1944, Penn State outscored the Bisons 7-2.

### STOPPED GETTYSBURG

Bucknell recently defeated

Gettysburg 5-4 and dropped a 9-0 verdict to a strong Lafayette team.

At the number one spot for the Bisons will be Frank Haas, former Harrisburg William Penn High ace who was one of the sparkplugs of the Bucknell basketball quintet which split a pair of encounters with the locals this past winter.

### JR. DAVIS CUPPER

Haas, son of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, was stopped by Lion Walt Stenger in the 1944 meet 6-4, 7-5.

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