

## Lion Trackmen Cop National AAU Titles As Karver and Stone Notch Distance Wins



Curt Stone

Penn State's Gerry Karver and Curt Stone came through again, both taking National AAU titles at Lincoln, Neb., on July fourth and fifth.

Karver copped the 1500 meter run with a time of 3:53.9 and Stone added another laurel to his impressive string of championships by taking the 5000 meter run in 15:02.7.

The month before, Karver won the NCAA mile at Salt Lake City, while Stone placed second in the two-mile. By taking the NAAU title, Karver became the first college miler since 1941 to score a triple winning in the IC 4A's, the NCAA and the NAAU's. He replaced Leslie MacMitchell of NYU as the latest three-crown winner.

His time for that distance was

the fastest since Gil Dodds won in 1943, and was considerably faster than Lenart Strand's of Sweden, who won the event last year.

In the 5000, Stone beat Jerry Thompson of Texas, who had beaten the Lion runner in the NCAA's two weeks before. He trailed Thompson most of the race, and did not pull ahead until the final lap.



Gerry Karver

## Navy Commends Mat Coach Speidel

Charles M. Speidel, Penn State wrestling coach, received a commendation from the Chief of Naval Personnel during the summer for "exceptionally outstanding service" rendered as officer in charge of fleet recreational services on the island of Mogmog, in the South Pacific.

A former lieutenant commander in the United States Naval Reserve, Speidel was in command of the Navy's rest haven on the Ulithi atoll from October 1, 1944, to September 1, 1945. In this period the Lion coach catered to the recreational needs of nearly 2,500,000 battle-weary servicemen.

Speidel's work on Mogmog endeared him to thousands of Allied war personnel, many of whom still correspond with him, and also prompted John Dos Passos, noted author, to include a sketch of the veteran mat mentor in his book, "Tour of Duty." Speidel spent a total of four years in the service including a two-year tenure as officer-in-charge of wrestling in the Navy's Pre-Flight Program at Chapel Hill.

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## Top Spot Lion Pitcher Plagued by Hard Luck In First Year as Pro

Ken Yount, top spot pitcher of coach Joe Bedenk's Lion baseball team for the past two years, suffering from a streak of tough breaks in his first year in professional ball.

Signed last month by the Cleveland Indians, Yount pitched five hitless innings for the American Leaguers against their Harrisburg farm team in his first appearance in the majors.

Farmed out to Harrisburg for experience, Yount dropped two heart-breakers in his first appearances with the Senators. Although giving up only one run in the first game, Harrisburg lost the tussle by a 1-0 count on an unearned run. In his second mound tour he lost a 4-3 battle.

Coach Bedenk, who change Yount from an outfielder into his most dependable hurler, believe that his protege has "the stuff to make the big time" in spite of his two setbacks and reports the Indian officials are pleased with his pitching.

## Donald Stark Captures Team Slugging Honors

In his first season as a college baseball player, Don Stark, coach Joe Bedenk's 150-pound outfield "find", slammed out 2 base hits in 58 times at bat to capture team slugging honors with a .362 average.

Lefthander Hal Hackman piled 14 safeties in 43 trips to the plate to gain runner-up spot with a season's average of .326, while pitcher Ken Yount, now twirling for the Harrisburg Senators of the Inter-State League, was third high with .314.

The next two places went to pitchers. Captain-elect Bob Gehrett and Bill Benyish, both left-handers, clouted a .304 and .28 respectively.

The 1947 batting leaders:

Stark	58	21	.362
Hackman	43	14	.326
Yount	35	11	.314
Gehrett	26	8	.304
Benyish	21	6	.280

## Kerwin Awarded Trophy For Standout Lacrosse

Ken Kerwin, a Penn State lacrosse veteran for three years has been awarded the newly established Pittenger Trophy which will be given annually to the team's most valuable player.

The trophy is dedicated to the memory of George R. Pittenger who lost his life on the German front in April, 1944. He had been an outstanding player on the Lion teams of 1941, 1942, and 1943.

Kerwin was the unanimous choice of the selection committee headed by Coach Nick Thiel.

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