

Bischoff Summons Grid Aggregations As Football Opens Fall IM Program

Intramural sports swing into action in early October with the first game of the Football League serving as an inaugural for the '47-48 IM program, announced Eugene C. Bischoff, Director of Intramural Sports, yesterday.

"With the arrival on the campus of over 3,000 new students for the coming college year, the intramural program has been expanded as far as facilities will permit to meet the needs of the enlarged student body," Bischoff said.

Last year's display of interest in intramurals topped all previous marks in the history of the department. A record number of 7,749 athletes participated in a total of 926 intramural contests.

Basketball led in team interest last year with 47 fraternity and 28 independent quintets competing for the college title. Softball, with 43 fraternity and 28 independent squads, and touch football, with 38 fraternity and 10 independent nines were next in popularity for team competition.

Winners of the intramural cup for the fourth time, Delta Upsilon amassed a total of 1,182 points during the IM season. Second in line was Sigma Nu with 896½ points followed by Phi Delta Theta's 461½ in third place and Sigma Chi with 423 points in fourth place.

"New independent men are especially urged to take advantage of the intramural program," said Mr. Bischoff. "Fraternalities are traditionally avid participants in intramural sports because of their great organizational abilities, but we also hope to have independent athletes take part in every sport offered by the department," he added.

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Sireaking toward the goal after snatching a pass on the 15-yard line, quarterback Chuck Drazenovich is shown seconds before marking up Penn State's first tally in its 27-6 win over Washington State at Hershey Stadium. Other Lion players are Simon, 61; Finley, 78; Norton, 71. Penn State's Bob Higgins keeps a stern eye on the field in the lower view with Earle Edwards, end coach, Paul (Manny) Weaver, assistant JV coach, and head manager Dave Barron. (From left to right.)

Karver and Ashenfelter Form Nucleus of 1947 Cross Country Team Which Faces Tough Slate

Lion cross country coach Chick Werner, with Gerry Karver and Horace Ashenfelter forming the nucleus, boasts a good cross country which would do well under any ordinary college schedule.

But the Nittany Lions face the toughest booking of any school in the nation, and are slated to be the high spot on all their opponents' schedules.

Of the four teams the Lions will run against this fall, two of them finished in the top four of the IC-4A's and the NCAA's last year.

Only Drake University, last year's NCAA cross country champion, is missing from the 1947 Lion card. Penn State meets Manhattan, runner-up in the IC-4A last year, and Michigan State, which posted fourth in the IC-4A the NCAA. In addition to those, the Lions will meet strong teams from Pitt and Cornell.

Missing from last year's squad which placed second in the IC-4A's and third in the NCAA's will be Curt Stone, last year's IC-4A cross country champion, winner of the NAAU three-mile, two-outdoor IC-4A two-mile, IC-4A indoor two-mile, NAAU 5000 meter, and holder of the Penn State and IC-4A two-mile record of 9:11.8.

The Nittany Lions went undefeated in the dual-meet season last year, topping such powers as Michigan State and Pitt, with Stone and Karver setting the pace.

Karver outraced Michigan State's Jack Dianetti over the five-mile route at State College last year in the most brilliant duel of the season.

A pulled leg muscle stopped Karver from finishing in the IC-4A match at Van Cortland Park, N. Y., and he edged NYU's Frank Dixon for a seventh in the NCAA's at East Lansing.

Ashenfelter, called "Fearless Fosdick," because he is unafraid of any competition, finished third in the IC-4A's after setting the pace for the complete course. He took a wrong turn on the NCAA route and finished 19th, although he was leading the pack until he missed a sign at a right-angle turn and 14 other runners passed him.

Ashenfelter, until the NCAA track and field meet in Salt Lake City, Utah, last spring, had never run a distance slower than his preceding time in competition. He has run and won the cross

country five-mile route, the two mile, the mile and three-quarter mile.

Karver, who rated as the nation's outstanding miler last year with a triple win in the NAAU, IC-4A and the Coliseum Relays, ran the fastest collegiat mile in five years against Dianetti in a dual meet at Beaver field. Karver ran 4:11.6, the fastest since Bobby Ginn of Minnesota ran a 4:11.2 in 1941. The Karver-Dianetti mile was also the fastest collegiate dual meet mile on the tenths of a second back of Lou Zamperini's IC-4A championship record.

Other men back from last season upon whom Werner is counting to make the difference between a good team and one of the best in the nation are Fred Lennox, Don Longenecker and Mitch Williams.

Outstanding new prospect is Lou N. Castro, who ran for the University of Virginia as V-1 student during the war.

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1946-47 Teams Won 69, Lost 56

Blue and White athletic team compiled a .552 won and lost percentage during the 1946-47 year. In winning sixty-nine encounters tying two and emerging on the short end fifty-six times, Lion squads fared best in winter and spring sports.

Another great soccer squad produced by Bill Jeffrey, Gen. Wettstone's crack gym team, and the cross country and track aggregations of Chick Werner gained either unscathed seasons, or were defeated but once.

Football, golf and baseball records were also very favorable with ice hockey the only sport in which a Penn State team failed to win.

Due to extremely limited facilities for ice hockey at the College this sport has been dropped from our intercollegiate schedule.