

# Between The Lions

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There's a story going around that Norm Gordon, Chick Werner's right-hand man and track and cross-country star for the Nittany Lions in the immediate pre-war years, is the guy nobody could beat—for second place.

Like most generalizations, however, this story has enough holes in it to supply a donut factory. As a matter of fact, Gordon can claim victories in the mile not only over the famed Rideout twins, but over the now almost legendary Leslie MacMitchell.

Yet, Gordon says, when present runner Rufe Williams first came out for track, his greatest claim to achievement was a boast that Gordon had finished second to him. Chick Werner, interested naturally, asked his assistant coach how about this, and when did it happen? At first Gordon couldn't remember. The nhe recalled an Indoor Middle Atlantic meet in which he had run in the mile, the two mile steeple-chase, and the 220 medley. During the course of the relay someone had passed him. That someone, of course, was Rufe Williams.

### CUNNINGHAM HAD SAME TROUBLE

Something along that line said Gordon, used to happen to Glenn Cunningham everytime he took a practice workout.

"Glenn would come out to the track and announce that he was going to jog around a bit. Right away all kinds of kids began to sprint past him like mad. Cunningham paid no attention to them, but at the end of the day ten or fifteen gids would tell their friends how they ran the great Glenn Cunningham into the ground."

Gordon finished at the college in 1945, but stayed around taking graduate work. When Bob Grieve vacated the position of assistant coach a year later to move into the head coache's spot at Dartmouth, Gordon replaced him. Norm is a strong cross-country adherent, and says that when once a man learns how to run cross-country, he doesn't want to run anything else. He cites Howie Horne, member of the 1942 championship squad as an example. Horne, he says, a graduate assistant in economics at the College can't get it out of his blood. He just keeps coming out to run.

### GORDON'S STANDOUT RACES

Two races stand out in Gordon's memory, as the best of his career. One took place in Philadelphia in 1942, with Gordon pitted against that very rapid trio, Fenske, Venzke, and Cunningham.

This race was spoiled for him, however, by Luigi Bacalli, 1932 Olympic mile champ. Bacalli, paid to set the pace in order to prevent a repetition of the famous "world's slowest mile" stopped dead in front of Gordon at the middle mark. Gordon climbed half-way up Bacalli's back and could never recover his pace or the lost time. He finished fourth.

The aforementioned "world's slowest race" took place in Madison Square Garden when Fenske, Venzke and Cunningham, each too cautious to extend himself before the others finished the mile in 4:45 and slower.

### GORDON VS. MAC MITCHELL

In 1941, at the Devon race games, Gordon, oddly enough, was supposed to perform the pace-setting task for MacMitchell, and it was with this background that his other "standout" race took place.

Gordon figured to run a 2:07 half and then stay with it as long as he could. However, when he reached the half-mile mark, and found that his time was only 2:11, he decided to try for the win.

Gordon says he ran that race by the crowd. When the crowd roared, he knew MacMitchell was making a bid. When they subsided, he knew he had staved off the N.Y.U. flash. In short, MacMitchell's tremendous back stretch kick for once wasn't enough, and Norm Gordon finished the mile in 4:14 in six tenths of a second off the world's record.

### Ex-Ace Passer

Bill Smaltz, one of the greatest passers ever to play for Penn State, is making his first start as a college football coach. The Aliquippa war veteran moved up to the head coaching job at Juniata College this Fall.

### Married Footballers

There are only five benedicts on the 1947 Penn State football squad. The married gridders are Larry Joe, Bob Urion, Bob Weitzel, Clarence Gorinski, and Elwood Petchel. All are backs.

## Lion Harriers Aim for 2nd

With the opening meet victory over N.Y.U. under their belts, the College cross-country team will go after its second win of the season Saturday when it goes to Pittsburgh to challenge the Pitt harriers.

"The Pitt team is an unknown quality," remarked Coach Chick Werner. "We've had no reports on them as of now, and we'll most likely hit some strong competition."

In last year's encounter, both Penn State and Pitt were undefeated when they met. Penn State won the meet 18-37 to topple the Panthers from the undefeated ranks.

The runners selected by Coach Werner to make the trip are Gerry Karver, Horace Ashenfelter, Don Longenecker, Mitch Williams, Fred Lennox, Bob Auman, John Bates, Al Vigilante, and Lou Nicastro.

## Long Passes Win For Sigma Nu, PSK

Two fraternity touch football crews chalked up their second wins in intramural competition Wednesday. Sigma Nu and Phi Sigma Kappa captured the lead in the current tourney by turning back Phi Sigma Delta and Sigma Phi Epsilon, respectively, by the same score, 6-0.

A 70-yard touchdown play, in which four players handled the ball, enabled the Sigma Nu's to win. Eddie Sulkowski, George Ralston, Ted Matuzeski and Jack Weidenman comprised the passing string, Weidenman registering the score.

One of the top-notch offensive attacks was displayed by Phi Delta Theta in its 18-0 victory over Phi Kappa. In another tilt, Phi Kappa Sigma downed Lambda Chi Alpha by a 6-0 count.

Tonight's contests follow: 7 p.m.—Penn State Club vs. Beaver House, 7:45—Frazier Eagles vs. Penn Haven, 8:30—Dorm 13 vs. Hot Rocks.

## Seventeen Booters Entrain As...

# Lion Soccermen Meet Penn Quakers In Philadelphia Clash Tomorrow

Seventeen Lion soccermen will entrain for Philadelphia to face off against the Quakers of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia tomorrow afternoon. Making the trip for the Statemen will be the same aggregation that whipped Colgate's Red Raiders by a 2-1 score in Hamilton, N. Y. last Friday.

As yet undefeated by the Quakers in the booting realm, the Jeffrey men will be out to better their last year's 3-1 victory over the Philadelphia turfmen. After dropping their season's inaugural to Swarthmore by a 3-2 count two weeks ago, the Quakers bounced back to register a 1-0 win over West Chester

last Saturday.

Penn is blessed this year with a pair of outstanding veterans in Jackie Blaire and goalie Phil Sittler. Blaire, a powerful offensive threat, hit the first string All-American ranks last year as outside left, and defenseman Sittler was chosen on the second team.



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### Jeffrey's All-American

Not exactly shy on fielding All-Americans himself, however, booter coach Bill Jeffrey will better the Quakers' big time representation with two first string starters in Captain Dean Hart-

man and goalie Gene Graebner. Starting for the Lions in the offensive positions will be blond Ted Lieb at outside right, Bill Shellenberger, former Mt. Penn great, at inside right, State College's Ken Hosterman at center forward, husky Dean Witmer at inside left, and Hal Hackman at outside left.

### Midfield Trio

A bang-up midfield combination will fill the Lions' halfback slots. Two State College booters, Dean Hartman and diminutive Ralph Hosterman, get the nod at left and center halfback, with Jack Campbell rounding out the trio.

Brawny Jim Klein will team with Frank Tauscher at the full-back posts, while goalie Graeber wields the big defensive toe for the Statemen.

## Collegian Predicts

Collegian sports staff makes it a weekly feature to predict the outcome of the leading football games in the country.

GAME	Rubin	French	Neiman	Warker
Cornell-Navy	Navy	Navy	Navy	Tie
Holy Cross-Hvd.	Holy Cross	Holy Cross	Holy Cross	Harvard
Iowa-Ohio State	Ohio St.	Ohio St.	Iowa	Ohio St.
Kansas-Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma	Oklahoma
Miss.-Tulane	Tulane	Tulane	Mississippi	Mississippi
North-Carolina	Carolina	Carolina	Carolina	Minn.
Penn.-Columbia	Penn	Penn	Penn	Penn
Ill.-Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana	Indiana
S.M.U.-Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice	Rice
Texas-Arkansas	Texas	Texas	Texas	Texas
Vanderbilt-Ky.	Kentucky	Vanderb't	Vanderb't	Kentucky
Yale-Wisconsin	Yale	Yale	Wisconsin	Wisconsin

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