

Karver-Dianetti Duel As . . .

Harriers Aim For Fourth Win At Michigan State Tomorrow

The sky was dark and over-cast but optimism ran high as Coach Chick Werner and seven of his undefeated cross-country speed merchants left State College last night for a crucial meet with Michigan State.

"It's amazing how the team makes almost daily improvements," said Coach Werner. "Monday we ran a regular seven-mile 'warm up' and when we ran the two-mile speed trial on the following day, at least five runners finished in less than ten minutes."

Curt Stone, last year's standout on the squad, ran with the team and he, Karver and Ashenfelter came in within a few seconds of each other.

WERNER COMMENTS

When questioned about the coming meet, Werner remarked, "We have a well-balanced team, with some of the fastest runners in the nation. After defeating last year's champs, NYU, earlier this season I don't think that the opposition this Saturday will be too strong for the team to overcome."



KARVER

Featuring the Michigan State-Penn State track meet last year was the duel between Jack Dianetti and Gerry Karver. Both runners kept abreast of each other until the final few yards when Karver sprinted across the finish line in 4:11.6, the fastest time for a college mile in five years.

Another Dianetti-Karver race developed in the cross-country meet here in the 1946 season. From the starting gun Karver and Dianetti battled for the lead. As they pulled into the Beaver Field track it was anyone's race, but Karver put on an extra burst of speed to down his East Lansing opponent by one second. Stone and Ashenfelter finished in a tie for third in that race, and Mitch Williams finished ninth.

IC-4A's

Dianetti, a sophomore at Michigan State, met Karver for a

third time in the IC-4A championships at Philadelphia, but the race was all Karver. Gerry later went on to win the NCAA and National AAU titles and clearly establish his right to championship mile honors in 1947.

"The Cornell meet last week was more than just another dual meet," said Coach Werner. "I told the team that the first seven men to finish in that race would go on the Michigan trip. You can readily see why every man turned in the best time of his career."

Leaving State College at 8:30 last night, the harriers arrived in Detroit this morning and went on to East Lansing from there. The seven runners making the trip are, Gerry Karver, Horace Ashenfelter, Don Longenecker, Fred Lennox, Mitch Williams, John Bates, and Bob Auman.

Results of the meet will be flashed to the spectators of the Penn State-Colgate football game as soon as the meet is completed, said Werner.

Corman Star Booter On Jay-Vee Eleven

A top-notch punting performance was credited to Bill Corman, Lion Jayvee backfield star, in the recent loss to Navy's Junior Varsity.

Operating from the quarterback post in the "T" formation, Corman booted the pigskin deep into Middle territory three times to set them behind their 15-yard line.

Post-Season Bid From Sugar Bowl Looms for Lions

Duke and Georgia Tech Also in Line For Game

With only half of the football season gone by, bowl fever has gotten off to an early start.

Of the ten top teams in the nation, only Penn State, Duke and Georgia Tech appear undeniably eligible to appear at the Sugar Bowl in old New Orleans New Year's Day.

According to an Associated Press poll of team strength, the country's leading eleven are rated in this order: (1) Notre Dame, (2) Michigan, (3) Texas, (4) Penn, (5) Southern California, (6) Georgia Tech, (7) Penn State, (8) Southern Methodist, (9) Duke, (10) Army.

POLICY OF IRISH

Notre Dame's Fighting Irish announced last week that the rumor they might appear in the Sugar Bowl was a bit of routine and annual malarkey.

Michigan, a Big Nine member, is pledged to play in the Rose Bowl, or no bowl, as is Southern Cal.

Both Texas and S.M.U. are in the Cotton Bowl country. They meet tomorrow, and the winner will likely appear in the Dallas, Texas, classic.

Penn, a roaring eleven this season with plenty of color and no bowl commitments, is a member of the Ivy League, an unofficial circuit which frowns on post-season games. The frown is official.

OTHER CONTENDERS

Army is traditionally a no-bowl team.

Georgia Tech and Duke, both presumably ripe for a bid from New Orleans, meet Saturday.

That leaves Penn State, although riding low in the top ten standing, high as a possible choice for the New Year's Day classic in the Sugar Bowl.

SPORTORIAL

By SY BARASH

With the announcement of Penn State's scheduling the University of Pennsylvania on its 1948 slate, much regret was expressed by football fans at both schools because the teams could not meet this year.

Both teams are standouts in the East and rate high on national polls. Both teams are undefeated so far this season. And both squads operate from the single-wing formation.

"With only six home games scheduled this year, Penn went scouting around for an opponent to fill the September 27 date," wrote Ed Pollock, sports editor of the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin. "It was offered to several major colleges including State without success."

The Pollock column continues, "The Lions' athletic office already had departed from custom in listing Washington State for a game at Hershey September 20 and probably decided against throwing the schedule far off-balance with two major engagements so early in the season."

Concerning the possibility of playing the University of Pennsylvania September 27, Harold R. (Ike) Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, said, "The College did not anticipate a football game for that date at any time. Registration, which was on that day, prevented the College from playing a game."

Many coaches maintain that Penn is psychologically two-touchdowns better than any invading team at Philadelphia. For some unknown reason the Quakers trot onto Franklin Field with a decided advantage.

PENN STATE-PENN RECORD

However, records of former Penn-Penn State tilts indicate that the Nittany Lions are not in the same position. Won-and-lost figures show that the Red and Blue teams must be considerably better than the Lions to get even a tie.

In fact, Ed Pollock recently wrote "When the Lions come down here from the mountains they are hot, so hot there's fire in their eyes and lava drools from their mouths."

Although Penn has a large margin of victories in the series which began 57 years ago, upsets by Nittany Lion teams are more the rule than the exception. In 1942 a Lion team scored the last upset.

That year a couple of guys named Joe, supposedly inexperienced freshmen, ran and kicked a seasoned Penn combination into defeat. Joe Colone's long punts kept the Penns in the shadow of their goal posts most of the game. Larry Joe went outside tackle and scampered on the run which decided the game.

In 1919 and in 1924 there were also upsets. The post World War I Nittany Lion team, captained by All-American end Bob Higgins, stopped the Quakers, 10-0, and the Red and Blue had a team rated as one of the best in the decade.

Only a tie marred the record for Penn in 1924. Of course it was Penn State which fashioned the tie.

Yes, fans are expressing regret, but are looking forward to the 1948 meeting of the teams.



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