

Lions Win In Four X-Country Runs Harriers Take NCAA Title

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In just eight days Penn State jumped to national fame in cross-country circles through the work of a freshman, an alumnus, and a team. November 22, Curt Stone, a College grad, took the Middle Atlantic A.A.U. meet in New York; November 24, the cross-country team took the NCAA meet in Michigan; November 27, John St. Clair, a College freshman from Lock Haven took third place in the Berwick Marathon. On Saturday Stone completed the list of conquests by taking the senior AAU title.

TROUBLE

While the cross-country team was winning the national championship, other teams and runners were encountering all sorts of difficulties. For example, Jack Diannetti of Michigan State, placed fourth in the IC-4A meet at Van Courtland Park, but set a suicidal pace in the NCAA meet only to fall back in the thirties. Instead of trying to forge ahead during the course of the race, he decided to sprint for the lead, but after a mile found the pace too difficult to maintain.

The disadvantage of being on foreign soil seemed to have no effect on the winners of the NCAA and IC-4A contests. Jack Milne, winner of the national event, came from the South to win on the frosty Mid-West course, and Bob Black, winner of the IC-4A title, came from New England to win on the Eastern Manhattan course.

REVERSE STRATEGY

An odd bit of strategy was pulled by the Wyoming team in the Michigan meet. Feeling that the snow-blanketed course would tire the leaders after a few miles, the entire western team stuck together near the end of the pack. When the opportune time for them to move up came, they found that there were over 100 runners ahead of them. Too late for a change in tactics, the Wyoming harriers saw their mistake and their first man came in a sad 55th.

Assistant Coach Norm Gordon's sideline coaching almost made him runner number 153 in the race. After seeing the start, Norm went to the half-way mark to see how the team was placing. He then decided to take a short cut through the woods and go to the finish line. Unfortunately his timing was off and while walking through the woods he heard the harriers right behind him. At this point he broke into a run, beat the runners to the open field, and then ran to the finish line to cheer Penn State on to its second national title. The harriers were co-titlists with Indiana in 1946.

FINALE

This race spells the end of the cross-country careers of Fred Lennox and Jerry Karver at Penn State. Fred and Jerry will both graduate before another season rolls around.

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LEADING THE PACK of 152 harriers in the NCAA meet at East Lansing, Michigan, last Monday is Horace Ashenfelter (113) followed by Michael Stavole (57) of Miami U. (Ohio) and Jerry Karver (111). Ashenfelter placed second and Karver sixth as Penn State took its second national title.

Collegiate All-Stars Notch Lone Win In St. Louis Fray

A 2-0 win over a St. Louis amateur all-star team was the lone victory recorded by Bill Jeffrey's college all-star soccer squad in their western jaunt over the Thanksgiving vacation.

The collegians lost their first game, a Thanksgiving Day encounter, to a group of all-stars from the Pittsburgh district, 5-2, at Brookville. Five Penn State booters, Gene Graebner, goalie; Dean Hartman and Ralph Hosterman, halfbacks; and Fred Kretzer, outside right, were on the field for the opening kickoff. Dean Witmer, the other Penn State player on the squad, filled a reserve role and scored one of the goals against the Pittsburghers. A heavy field slowed down the collegians' attack.

Grapplers Start Mat Practice This Week

Daily wrestling practice under the guidance of veteran mentor Charlie Speidel was inaugurated on the Rec Hall mats last night.

"All weight division berths are considered wide open," said Speidel, in urging additional aspirants to try for positions on the squad.

Anyone wanting to try for a place on the team should report to Speidel any afternoon at the mats under the south stands at Recreation Hall.

Since several heavyweight candidates who were expected to report from the football team will be unavailable until after the Cotton Bowl encounter on New Year's Day, that position is under

ST. LOUIS

Jeffrey's all-stars came through with their only win in a night game at St. Louis on Saturday, and finished up their trip by losing a hard fought game Sunday to a Chicago all-star team, 3-2.

Pete Leanness, Temple University coach, and Navy mentor Glen Warner, assisted Jeffrey in the coaching duties. Other squad members were selected from Temple, Maryland, Lehigh, and West Chester Teachers.

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