

Karver, Ashenfelter, Gehrdes Gun For Indoor Track Titles

This Friday and Saturday will be a "big weekend" for the Penn State track team when it concludes its indoor season at two of the largest meets of the Winter.

Friday night seven Wernermen will run in the Cleveland Knights of Columbus meet and the following night the team will go on to Chicago where three Nittany aces will compete in the Chicago Daily News Relays.

Jerry Karver will defend his reputation as one of the top U.S. milers at both of the meets, while Ashenfelter will run in the two-mile relay at Cleveland and compete in the two-mile run at Chicago.

Jim Gehrdes, College hurdler, will meet his old nemesis, Harri-

son Dillard of Baldwin Wallace over the weekend. In the last two meetings of these hurdlers Gehrdes has placed second, but now hopes to break the string of 48 consecutive victories held by the Ohio timber topper.

Other men running in the Cleveland meet will be Jim Robinson in the 45 yard dash and low hurdles, and Jim Stevenson, Mitch Williams and Bill Shuman in the two-mile relay.

EFAW AND DILLARD

Two defending champions, Forrest Efav, and Harrison Dillard, will form the chief competition for the Penn State runners at the Chicago meet.

Horace Ashenfelter and his former team-mate, Curt Stone, will attempt to dethrone Efav who has held the crown since 1944. Gehrdes will vie against Dillard, who was crowned last year.

In the Banker's Mile, the feature of the meet, Jerry Karver will run against a 1946 champ Tom Quinn of the New York A.C. but Gil Dodds, 1947 champ is still recuperating and will be unable to defend his crown.

Chicago Sportscaster To Interview Stone

Curt Stone, former Nittany Lion trackman, and the nation's top two-miler, will be interviewed over a nation-wide network when he goes to Chicago Saturday to compete in the Chicago Relays.

Volleyball Slate

7 o'clock: Dorm 9—Dorm 25-A (1), Dorm 33—Anonymous 8 (2), Dorm 25-B—Dorm 35 (3). 8 o'clock: Hemlocks—Steelers (1), Acacia-B—Pi Kappa Phi-B (2), Beta Theta Pi-B—Phi Kappa-B (3). 9 o'clock: Alpha Chi Sigma-B—Phi Gamma Delta-B (1), Beta, Sigma Rho-B—Delta Upsilon-B (2), Delta Chi-B—Sigma Nu-B (3).

Riflemen Seek National Honors

The varsity rifle team will participate in the sectional matches of the National Intercollegiate Rifle Tourney at West Point this weekend.

Those who have been named by Coach Harold Yount to represent the Blue and White are Gerald Prange, George Cleveland, John Jones, John Hepfer, Robert O'Knefski and James Norris.

Robert White, team captain, will not make the trip, due to illness.

The matches are part of the National Intercollegiate being held in different sections of the country. A national winner will be named when the scores of all sectional winners have been tabulated. Individual matches will be conducted on Saturday morning, with the teams clashing in the afternoon.

Maryland Defends

National team champion in 1947 was Maryland University, which winner of the group in which winners of the group in which Penn State takes part was West Point, with a 1390 score.

The Lion rifleman ranked 12th in a field of 59, with a 1349 total. Among those colleges and universities which will compete against the Lions are Columbia, MIT, Coast Guard Academy, Cornell, West Point and Lehigh.

Chuck Drazenovitch Refuses NCAA Tourney Invitation

The Lions' hopes for a national boxing champion this season received a severe setback when the Nittany heavyweight, Chuck Drazenovitch, informed Coach Leo Houck that he would be unable to compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association boxing tourney at Wisconsin next month.

Recently crowned Eastern heavyweight boxing king, Drazenovitch stated that he thought he lacked sufficient experience to compete against the country's best collegiate boxers.

Drazenovitch said: "I don't think I'm good enough to win the Nationals, and besides that, I have too much studying to do. I'd have to leave Wednesday and wouldn't get back until Sunday night. I'd get way behind in my work."

Lion boxing enthusiasts tried to urge Chuck to go to the Nationals. If he won they said he would get a chance to try out for the U. S. Olympic boxing team. To this Drazenovitch answered:

"I don't think I would have a chance to make it. I'm playing it smart, just like a poker player—he quits when he is ahead. Well, that's what I'm doing. I'm hanging up the gloves while I'm

ahead. I don't even think I'll box next year."

With Drazenovitch out of the picture, Johnny Benglian will carry the Lion's hopes for a National boxing crown. The game southpaw 130-pounder will compete in the 127-pound class since the National tourney this year will observe the Olympic weight classes.

Said Benglian, "I feel that I have a good chance. I believe Virginia's 'Bat' Masterson is one of the best boxers competing in my weight at the present time but he won't box in the Nationals." (Masterson, the present 130-pound EIBA champ, will be unable to compete because of a freshman ineligibility rule.)

Diminutive Freddie Smith, Lion 125-pounder in regular dual meet competition, will compete in the 112-pound class. Bob Keller, Lion 165-pounder, will be the final Lion entry in the Nationals.

Nittany Lion track coach, Charles (Chick) Werner, is a former University of Illinois hurdler.

Gerry Karver, Nittany Lion National outdoor mile champion, began his schoolboy career as a high jumper.

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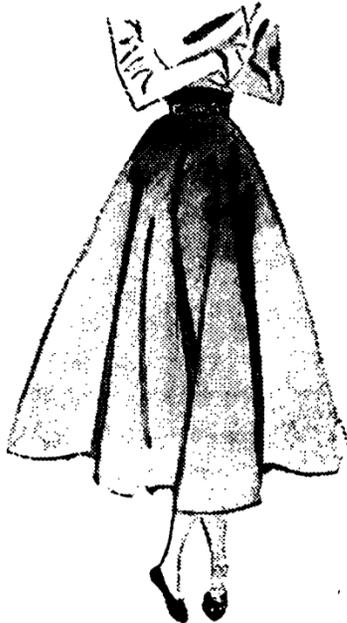
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