

# Between the Lions

Something is wrong with Gerry Karver, said his coach, Chick Werner, recently, "but we don't know what it is."

Karver has not lived up to expectations, the tall, dignified track mentor said, but whether or not this is because he has passed his peak is "something I couldn't say."

"It is not his physical condition. Karver underwent a complete examination and was attested perfect. It is not his diet. It is not his lack of competitive spirit, but whatever it is, we haven't been able to find it."

The Nittany miler is not alone in this strange predicament, Werner said. He cited Frank Dixon and Les MacMitchell of NYU and Tom Burnham of Dartmouth as only three out of a large list of once great milers who seemed to have somewhere lost their spark.

### ISOLATING THE "X"

The nearest the veteran track coach would come to isolating the "x" factor in this cinder malady was "it seems to be something they brought with them out of the war."

It is true however, Werner said, that Karver does not like an indoor track. "Last year, out in the open, he won everything in sight." Werner expressed "high hopes" that once outdoors again Karver would regain the effectiveness that made him second only to Gil Dodds in the nation.

The greatest threats to Karver's Olympics chances outside of Dodds, Werner said, are Twomey, who is currently working out with the Nittany forces, and Germann from Wisconsin. The American team will take three milers with them when they travel to England for the international games.

### GALLOPING GEHRDES

Passing over Curt Stone since the slender two-miler is almost certain to win an Olympic berth provided he doesn't break a leg, another, not be overlooked possibility, is the Lion's ace hurdler, Jim Gehrdes.

"I think Gehrdes has a chance," Werner said, "although I have never watched him run an outdoor College race."

"But the country is full of good hurdlers. Even Harrison Dillard has no right to count on winning because accidents can happen, especially in the hurdles."

The Nittany coach speaks from experience. It was just such an accident that kept him off the Olympic team in 1920. He had been widely touted that year as one of the foremost hurdlers in the country. But in the Olympics tryouts, Werner's foot nicked the bar as he went over and he could never regain his stride. He finished fourth. The first three across the line made the European trip.

Coach Werner predicts that, barring another war, someone will run the much discussed "four minute mile" by the 1956 Olympics.

### SPRINTERS RUN FARTHER

He explains how year after year records are still broken in the persistent march toward that goal by saying, "instead of making sprinters out of their fastest men, coaches, are training them for the distance events."

"I once talked to Barney Ewell about becoming a miler," Werner said, "in the hope that the theory would operate for him." Ewell's comment was what Werner called typical of 75 per cent of track candidates. "It's too damned far," Barney said.

# Track Shorts

By Elliot Krane

During the track clinic Saturday, Coach Werner asked Curt Stone, national distance champ, to pace himself and run the quarter mile in 65 seconds. Perhaps Curt was a little over-anxious. He completed the 440 yard distance in 59 seconds.

A minute later, Stone, with the determination that carried him through many a grueling race, tried again. When he completed the distance for the second time he crossed the finish line in 65 and one-half seconds!

The most surprising and pleasing result of Saturday's trials was George Thomas' showing in the dash. "Red" ran for the Forty Fort track team a few years back and after returning from the service went to Bloomsburg STC.

"I've never won a major race," said the speedy cinderman. "Every time I'd run in a PIAA or inter-collegiate championship race, I'd foul up."

Judging from Saturday's performance, Red's fouling days are over and he should soon be adding some of the honorary track degrees held by other Nittany runners to his name.

And while we are on the subject of sprints, the quarter-mile sprint relay team Coach Werner used Saturday was a very rapid outfit.

With Jim Robinson on the first curve, Will Lancaster and Red Thomas on the stretch and Jim Gehrdes in the anchor spot, the sprinters racked up a mark of 43.8 seconds.

Penn State runners have dominated the "London Looking Glass," a Sunday feature in the Philadelphia Bulletin, for the last two weeks.

Last Sunday Jerry Karver received the plaudits of Earl Eby, and this week Barney Ewell figured in a story that called him one of the "smartest runners in the country."

# Shoulder Aches Sideline Veteran Gridder Tamburo

By Ted Rubin

The Nittany Lion's crackerjack left end, Sam Tamburo, has been in the College infirmary since Monday.

Strong shoulder joint aches, which began occurring the latter end of last week, forced Sam to turn into the infirmary for a complete checkup.

Team physician Alfred H. Griess stated yesterday that tests failed to reveal any symptoms of the rheumatic condition which Sam had contracted in March, 1946.

This condition compelled Sam to drop out of college for the Spring semester, 1946. Resultant recovery was relatively slow, but there had been no recurrence of any sort since then. Sam in part attributes this to a subsequent tonsil operation, which may or may not have been the original source of the condition.

Barring any future aggravation, Dr. Griess asserted that Tamburo would be Bob Higgins' starting end who the 1948 curtain raises in the Fall.

### Out Until Fall

However, the team physician will not allow the junior end to participate in the remainder of the Spring practice sessions, now being conducted by Higgins.

The pain in Sam's shoulders has been lessening daily, and his release from the infirmary is due either today or tomorrow. Said Sam from his hospital bed yesterday: "I'm darn anxious to get some fresh air. This is awful staying inside now that Spring's really here."

Whereas Sam's previous ailment centered in his legs, the pain which the New Kensingtonite has this time is entirely in his shoulders.

Tamburo's play will be a necessary factor if the Blue and White hopes to approach the peak achieved last year. Sam is a hell-for-leather terminal whose slashing, aggressive play contributed heavily to the Nittany Lion's defensive record.

His speed and ability to crash through the opposition interference were very valuable complements to the Nittany line. He is probably the best defensive end the Lions will have next year, as Bob Hicks, Dennie Hoggard, Dalton Rumberger and Dan Kline, the most promising of the other terminals, are chiefly offensive ends.

# Lions Scrimmage Duquesne Eleven

Penn State's footballers will scrimmage the Duquesne University gridgers on Beaver Field Saturday at 2 p.m.

The Nittany Lion crew, which engaged in a hard-fought intersquad scrimmage last weekend, will be facing their first strange competition of the spring training session which started March 15.

College officials announced today that the Lions will scrimmage the St. Bonaventure gridgers at Beaver Field next Saturday.

Penn State was scheduled to meet the Army team in an informal scrimmage at West Point, N. Y., last week, but an Army Day parade forced the cancellation of that affair.

# Six Men Advance Booters Start Spring Drills; In IM Badminton Ten Lettermen Back for Duty

Six men easily advanced to the semi-final round of the intramural badminton league Wednesday night. Most decisive win of the evening was the 15-1, 15-0 victory garnered by Sulk, Sigma Nu, over Hilty, Phi Kappa Sigma.

In other contests, Worley, Sigma Nu, topped Sturges, KDR, 15-6, 15-4; Cregar, SPE, defeated Davis, Triangle, 15-4, 15-11; Howard, Chi Phi, swamped Cameron, Beta Theta Pi, 15-3, 15-4; Pierce, Phi Delta Theta, defeated Tarbox, Alpha Chi Sigma, 15-2, 15-13; and Hogan, DU, outlasted Nein, Theta Chi, 15-8, 15-10.

# Close Matches Highlight Handball Doubles Trials

Intramural handball doubles eliminations moved to the quarter-final round last night with six teams recording wins.

Three close contests marked the competition with Riggs and Gift SigmaPhiSigma, sliding by Kerlin and Howard, Chi Phi, 21-20, 21-20; Kline and Murray, SAE, squeeze-

About twenty Lion soccer hopefuls have started spring practice on the golf course practice field this week. Coach Bill Jeffrey's booters have their sights set on a perfect slate this Fall and will be out to avenge last season's setbacks to Army and Navy.

Jeffrey has ten of last season's monogram winners returning for duty this Fall. The veteran soccer coach said: "It's too early in the year to tell how we'll look in the Fall but I have some good looking prospects out."

The booters will be especially strong defensively with a quartet of fullbacks returning for service. All four, Frank Taucher, Dave Binns, Chuck Margolf and Jim Kline, saw considerable action last season. They will form a strong bulwark of defense.

The loss of all-American Gene Graebner will be keenly felt but Jeffrey has two experienced goal tenders for duty this season. Ed Watson, a lanky goalie who was a standout on the Lock Haven soccer team two seasons ago, and Jim Doman, a husky goalie who guarded the nets for the Lions in ing out a 21-17, 21-18 win over Firestone and Berg, Beta Sigma Rho; and Luther and Hagerman, Phi Delta Theta, outlasting Levy and Krane, ZBT, 21-15, 21-14.

# FOR EXTRA HEAVY DATES



# Arrow Sussex Collar Shirts With French Cuffs

For special occasions nothing is more successful than an Arrow Sussex. Looks especially smart with a Windsor knot tie!

Sussex is the favorite widespread collar shirt of college men and is made in fine Gordon oxford cloth as well as broadcloth.

Sussex comes in white, solid colors, and stripes with either french or plain cuffs and is Sanforized labeled, guaranteeing less than 1% shrinkage... \$3.50 and up.

# ARROW SHIRTS and TIES UNDERWEAR • HANDKERCHIEFS • SPORTS SHIRTS

In 1901 the Indian System was put to use

# Young Men's Shop

## Why Argue?

THAT IS . . . ABOUT PLAYING CARDS?

Your favorite card game will go along smoothly if you use PLASTIC COATED playing cards. A source of entertainment.

Colors: RED, GREEN, ORANGE, BLACK  
DOUBLE DECK . . . . . \$1.59

# REA and DERICK

NOW AT YOUR WARNER THEATER

**Cathann**  
Cary Grant  
Loretta Young  
"The Bishop's Wife"

**State**  
Ray Milland  
Charles Laughton  
"The Big Clock"

**Nittany**  
John Wayne  
Laraine Day  
"TYCOON"  
In Technicolor