

## Five Lion Trackmen Enter National AAU

Five Penn State track greats, three of them undergraduates, will file their claims for Olympic assignments in the National AAU track and field championships at Milwaukee July 2-3. Three of the five are distance runners.

In the latter events, Jerry Karver will compete at 1500 meters, while Horace Ashenfelter and Curt Stone will start in either the 5000 or 10,000 meters. Karver and Ashenfelter still are competing as collegians. Stone, on the other hand, will wear the colors of Philadelphia's Shanahan C.C.

Barney Ewell, former collegiate sprint champion, running unattached, will defend his 1947 championship at 200 meters, and also will test his wares at 100 meters. Jim Gehrdes, sophomore hurdler, will make his bid in the timber-topping events.

Of the quintet, only Ashenfelter, the "Fearless Fosdick" of Penn State track, has already qualified for the final United States Olympic Tryouts at Evanston, Ill., July 9-10.

The first six finishers in each event of the NCAA and the first six finishers in each event of the NAAU qualify for the Olympic tryout finals. The first three finishers in each event of the Olympic tryout finals will become members of the United States Olympic team.

## Nittany Olympic Gymnasts Train

The Penn State-dominated United States Olympic gymnastic team will assemble at Union City, N. J., July 1, for two weeks of training prior to sailing for London.

Gene Wettstone, Nittany Lion mentor, is coach of the United States team. He guided his Lions to successive championships in the Eastern Intercollegiate, National Collegiate and National AAU during the past season.

Two current Nittany Lion gymnasts, Captain Ray Sorenson and Bill Bonsall, also earned Olympic berths at the final tryouts which were held at Penn State, May 1.

The Olympic team is composed of eight gymnasts, Coach Wettstone and the manager.

## Lion Gridders Card Nebraska

Penn State and Nebraska, football opponents only once in 61 years, will resume relations in 1949 after a lapse of 29 years. They also will meet in 1950.

Bob Higgins, who's looking forward to his 19th year as Lion coach, had graduated when the first game was played in 1920, but he watched it from the stands and recalls it vividly.

It was in this era, the years immediately following World War I, that Penn State enjoyed its greatest success in football, producing three all-Americans in a row and going through 30 consecutive games without defeat.

Way, who was the stand-out in 1920, was the second all-America player to be chosen. Walter Camp had chosen Higgins for an end position in 1919, and Glenn Killinger was named to a halfback post in 1921. Two years later, in 1923, Joe Bedenk was named to a guard position.

Nebraska, returning to the schedule in the middle of what Nittany Lion followers hope is another "golden era," will visit New Beaver Field for the second time on Saturday, October 15, 1949. A year later, on October 21, the Lions will play at Lincoln, Neb.

## Nittany Lion Spring Sportsmen Bat .739

Penn State's spring sports team batted a robust .739 during the 1948 season.

Lion baseball, golf, tennis, track, and lacrosse teams won 34 of 46 matches played.

## Olympic Cheerleader

Bill Bonsall, varsity gymnast and a member of the United States Olympic gymnastic team, will be head cheerleader at Penn State next year.

## Three Players In All-Star Tilt

Three Penn State gridders and Nittany Lion coach Bob Higgins will be on hand for the All-Star football game at Chicago, Aug. 20.

All-American guard Steve Suhey, tackle John Nolan and wingback Jeff Durkota have accepted invitations to play for the collegians against the professional Chicago Cardinals in the annual All-Star fray.

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