

The Nittany Lyon

Chick Werner, Penn State track coach, is due to take a couple of deep bows. The reason? Six Nittany Lions are in the running for the United States Olympic team.

Chances are that only one or two of the Lion luminaries will actually make the team, but the fact that they have survived two shots of the toughest competition imaginable speaks well not only for the boys, but for the coach.

Werner, soft-spoken technician who has stood in the background while his greets have taken the limelight, has done a magnificent job.

Like everyone else, we're wondering what's happened to Karver. Our good friend Gerald T. has not come up to his real ability in the recent NCAA and NAAU tests.

Since coach Werner is with his boys in the midwest we asked assistant coach Norm Gordon.

And Gordon, who usually has an answer for every question concerning track, had this to say: "Your guess is as good as mine."

Whether Karver can return to the form that made him a triple-mile champion last year, will be decided, of course, in the Olympic trials slated for Evanston, Illinois this weekend.

His Penn State fans are pulling for Karver, and we know that nobody wants to make good any better than the Boyertown stylist.

Our personal guess about Jerry is that he's simply trying too hard. The pressure is terrific on the eve of the Olympics, and we're afraid that Jerry is attempting to live up to his reputation instead of just going out and running races.

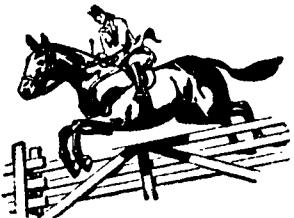
Anyway, with Dodds out in front, any sane race will be turned into a screwy one. Dodds went out to run a 57-second first quarter in the NAAU 1500 meters last weekend, enough to throw everyone off the pace. It seems that you can't run 57-second first quarters and win — unless your name is Dodds.

In all the races that Jerry has lost — three straight now — he could have walked around the course in the winning time. The marks which are being posted by the guys who beat Karver aren't any better than Jerry has run in the past.

Everyone is hoping that the Boyertown picture runner will recover in time to make the spot on the Olympic team that he deserves.

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Two-League Intramural Softball Program Opens

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Softball will be the first of three intramural sports to swing into action this summer. The first games are scheduled to be played at the New Beaver Field and the golf course this evening at 6:45.

Two leagues have been formed, the Fraternity League and the Independent League. As of today, there are eight fraternity teams and seven in the independent league.

Friday, July 9, is the last day to qualify for the Summer Sessions Golf Tournament. All persons interested are requested to turn in their name at the Caddy House. The pairings will be posted on the bulletin board in the Caddy House on Sunday. Actual play will start on Monday.

The tennis tournament is slated to begin on Monday, July 12. The last day to sign up for tennis tournaments in men's singles, and mixed doubles is Friday. The schedule will be posted in the tennis office.

The softball games are to be seven innings long with ten men on a side. In case of rain the games will be played the following day.

Each team is required to provide one umpire and as much of their own equipment as possible. The tournament will consist of round robin play, the winners in the two leagues playing each other for the championship. A player cannot play for another team after playing for another previously.

The schedule:
Fraternity League
Beta Sigma Rho vs. Alpha Chi Rho.
Delta Upsilon vs. Sigma Phi Sigma.
Pi Kappa Alpha vs. Delta Chi.
Lambda Chi Alpha vs. Phi Kappa.
Place: New Beaver Field. Time: 6:45.

Independents
Hazeltonians vs. Metallurgy.
Football House vs. Fuel Technology.
Phys. Ed. Grads. vs. Osmond Lab.
Place: Golf Course. Time: 6:45.

Four of Penn State's six all-America football players have been linemen, including the present coaches, Bob Higgins and Joe Bedenk.

News of the Nittany Lions . . .

Michigan State and Washington State will add an intersectional flavor to the 1948 Penn State football schedule.

Tommy Smith, sophomore star, was the only non-senior on Penn State's Eastern championship golf team.

The Lion baseball team, a perennial winner under Joe Bedenk, won 12 and lost 4 in 1948.

University of Nebraska, a newcomer to the schedule in 1949, last opposed Penn State in football in 1920.

Ralph Ricker, head coach of football at Dickinson College, is a former Penn State lineman.

Coach of the winning team in the world-wide Army boxing tournament was a former Penn State football player, Maj. Jim Conte.

A bright future is foreseen for Penn State's sophomore hurdler, Jim Gehrdes, of Altoona, Pa.

Return of 19 lettermen establishes Penn State as a prospective football power again in 1948.

State's all-America guard, Steve Suhey, will play for the Pittsburgh Steelers of the National Football League in 1948.

Neil "Skip" Stahley, newly-elected University of Toledo football coach, is a former Penn State all-around athlete.

Only the Lion tennis team lost more matches than it won during the 1948 Spring sports season.

For the second season in a row, State will play a nine-game football schedule in 1948.

Lion football and basketball coaches, Bob Higgins and John Lawther, are greatly in demand as instructors at coaching clinics.

Championship schoolboy tournaments attracted nearly 1900 Pennsylvania athletes to the Penn State campus during the last year.

Chick Werner's two distance-

Grid, Diamond Court Sports Still Rate High

Varsity athletic programs in Eastern colleges and universities are built around the three major sports — football, basketball and baseball.

A poll of 25 major Eastern institutions today indicated that track, tennis and golf are the next most popular sports. Wrestling follows with teams reported by 20 schools.

Soccer, swimming and fencing also showed surprising strength as approximately half of the schools polled reported teams in these sports.

Lacrosse teams were reported by ten schools, boxing by five schools, and gymnastics by a like number.



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