

6 Lions in Running for Olympics

Barney Ewell, Curt Stone Win NAAU Crowns

The eyes of Penn State will be upon five Nittany Lions this weekend in the final Olympic tryouts at Northwestern's Dyche Stadium, Evanston, Ill.

Two graduates and three undergraduates have qualified for the Olympic finals, and one of these boys, alumnus Hermann Goffberg of Philadelphia has already made the Olympic team.

Barney Ewell, Lancaster speedster and a Penn State great several years ago, and ex-Lion Curt Stone of Brooklyn, Pa., won national AAU championships at Milwaukee last weekend.

Ewell won the 100-meter crown and Stone retained his 5000-meter championship.

Here is the Nittany Lion lineup for the Olympic finals:

1. Ewell, 100 and 200 meters.
2. Stone, 5000 meters.
3. Horace Ashenfelter, 5000 meters.
4. Jerry Karver, 1500 meters.
5. Jim Gehrdes, 110 meter High hurdles.

Goffberg finished third in the National AAU 10,000 meters run last weekend and thereby gained an Olympic berth. Ashenfelter finished seventh in that race, but had already qualified for the Olympic finals with his second-place performance in the National Collegiate 5000 meters.

Karver finished fifth behind Gil Dodds in the 1500 meters last weekend and gained a qualifying spot for the Evanston finals.

Ewell, in addition to winning the 100 placed third in the 200 meters behind Lloyd LaBeach and will compete in both of those events in the Olympic finals. Barney won the 200 last year at the National AAU's.

Jim Gehrdes, Altoona sophomore, was shut out in the semi-finals of the 110-high hurdles last weekend, but came back to win a run-off and qualify for the Olympic finals.

Stone and Ewell rate the best chances of making the Olympic squad, although none of the Penn State entries can be counted out.

A one-two finish of Stone and Ashenfelter in the 5000 meters is highly probable and this will put both of the Lion distance aces on the Olympic squad.

If Jerry Karver returns to his winning form of a year ago, the Boyertown stylist will cop at least a third in the 1500, good enough to make the team. A good day for Karver would mean a loss for Dodds, since the 1500 is closer to the Lion's distance.

Fourth Night Fray

The Lion-Syracuse night game next season will be the fourth arc-light football contest in Nittany history.

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State Footballers To Start Drills Sept. 8

Penn State will inaugurate pre-season football practice on the campus, Wednesday, Sept. 8, coach Bob Higgins said today.

The season will open Saturday, Oct. 2, against Bucknell University at New Beaver Field.

Lion Football Combine Safe Despite Draft

Penn State football will not be seriously affected by Selective Service for one, or perhaps two years, a study of the 1948 roster today indicated.

Of the 44 men tentatively chosen to return in September for pre-season drills, only a half dozen are non-veterans. Graduation a year hence will still leave a substantial nucleus of war-hardened players.

The two players who will be most sorely missed if they are called up under the draft during either of the next two years are Fullback Fran Rogel, of North Braddock, and Tackle Don Murray, of Easton. Both were under age during World War II.

Assuming that the number of incoming sophomores will be substantially reduced by the draft, no serious dearth of manpower is expected to develop until after the 1949 season. The dearth will be general then, however, and will affect all schools equally.

Long Haul

Coach Bob Rutherford, Sr., has been at the helm of the Lion golfing team 27 seasons.

Ewell's Friends Aid Him in Quest For Olympic Spot

Lancaster is going "all out" to ease the road to the Olympics for Barney Ewell, erstwhile Nittany Lion speed demon.

The Lancaster newspaper, the Intelligencer-Journal, has launched a campaign to raise funds which will be used to maintain Barney's family during his projected trip abroad.

Friends of the former Penn State sprint star instigated the plan when they realized that Barney's home obligations were a serious handicap to success in the forthcoming Olympic trials.

Under the plan, as approved by the National AAU, funds raised in the drive will be used solely to provide support for Barney's wife, Ducella and his son, Barney, Jr., during the period of Ewell's absence from home.


Lancaster friends say the plan relieves Barney of the necessity of keeping his job in the foundry where he has been working for the past six months, and to spend the entire time in training for the Olympic trials.

MAJOR LEAGUES

Not including last nights results.

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	42	25	.627	—
Philadelphia	44	29	.603	1
New York	41	29	.586	2½
Boston	35	32	.522	7
Detroit	33	37	.471	10½
St. Louis	25	42	.373	17
Chicago	23	43	.348	18½
NATIONAL LEAGUE				
Boston	41	30	.577	—
St. Louis	38	31	.551	2
Pittsburgh	37	31	.544	2½
New York	34	34	.500	5½
Philadelphia	36	37	.493	6
Brooklyn	31	35	.470	7½
Cincinnati	32	39	.451	9
Chicago	29	41	.414	11½

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Lion Golfers Eliminated In National Collegiates

Penn State's undefeated Eastern Intercollegiate championship golf team was forced out of the National Collegiate tourney at Palo Alto, Cal., last week.

The Lions, boasting the first unbeaten crew under coach Bob Rutherford since 1938, were edged out in the first round of match play after only two men qualified for the tourney.

Don Hart and Joe Boyle, the only Lions to survive the qualifying round, dropped by the way-side.

Neither offered any excuse for their play, but Ted Pavseur, NCAA golf chairman, said that he felt that the Lions "ran into some tough luck."

Hart lost to Art Wall of Duke, 3-2, and Roy Moe of Stanford, dumped Boyle.

Moe had previously qualified with a 149 while Boyle checked in with a 154. Wall had a 146 and Hart posted 152 to qualify.

The Lion team totalled 1,022 in the qualifying round, compared with the 979 posted by the champions, San Jose State.

Eliminated by scoring over the 155 deadline were Jim Noble, 158; Tom Smith, 161; Jerry Smith, 161; and Al Hack, 158.

The Lions, however, were gallery favorites right up to the time they were eliminated. Penn State's fine record in the east this spring made quite an impression on the West Coast fans, but in the end the Lions found the California boys a trifle too hot.

Old Grads Like Pitt, Penn as Lion Grid Foes

Old grads prefer Pitt and Penn to any other opponents suggested for future Penn State football teams. Next in order of preference are Army and Navy.

An informal poll, still incomplete, also reveals a desire on the part of alumni to build future schedules around Eastern teams.

Rated "highly desirable" as opponents were Columbia, Cornell and Syracuse. Only Syracuse is scheduled at the present time, but both Cornell and Columbia have been met in the past.

The poll, the final results of which will not be made known until next month, was conducted by the Penn State Alumni Association with the approval of the graduate manager's office.

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