

The Nittany Lyon

To quote from the Saturday Evening Post: "Curt Stone will be lucky if he isn't lapped in the Olympic 5000 meters."

That may be true, but we're counting on the former Penn State distance ace to stay in the race against the terrific Swedes and Finns, and yes, maybe even place.

Now that Stone has departed for the London games, we feel that we can reveal the secret which has made the diminutive Brooklyn, Pa., runner the outstanding distance man in the United States.

While his times are far from the clockings posted regularly by the Scandinavian distance men, Stone has emerged from obscurity into an endurance runner who will have to be reckoned with at the Olympics.

The secret? Just hard work and excellent physical conditioning, plus a simple little trick which he picked up from the Europeans while touring the continent last summer.

After watching the heels of the Finns and Swedes in Europe last year, Stone thought he discovered the secret of their amazing success.

He noticed that the European runners straightened their knees with a snap and "kicked off" with their toes after rolling off the balls of their feet on every stride. Stoney tried it and found it difficult to do, but he did notice the lift he got by doing it.

Curt found, too, that the Scandinavians train by running through the forests and over the hills, and not on a flat track as most Americans do.

So when he came back to the States, and took his job as circulation manager of the Centre Daily Times, Stoney started training like the Swedes and Finns—not much work on a flat track but plenty of running over the College golf course, strengthening his legs and wind.

He ran in the rain, mud and snow, getting in a half hour at lunch time, and then going back for more when he knocked off work at 5 p.m.

As he wound into top-notch condition, he found that his leg snap came naturally, and deduced that it wasn't a secret of technique that kept the Finns up there. It was a secret of training.

He literally burned up the indoor circuit last winter, going as low as 9:04.1 in the two-mile, the fastest since Greg Rice, but he was never extended. The competition was never anything he couldn't handle easily.

There's been a lot of talk about Stoney lacking speed, but we do know that he can rip off the yards when he wants to.

We're waiting for the day when we can write a nasty letter to Mr. Stanley Frank, who wrote the Post article. And we'll say, "I told you so."



CHICK WERNER: Nittany Lion track coach. Three of his proteges, all alumni, will represent the United States in Olympic games at London this month.

Summer Tennis Tourney Stated To Open Today

Today will mark the opening of the Summer Sessions tennis tournament as 25 participants swing into action in the first match. Three days will be allowed for each round of matches, unless rain causes a great delay. The pairings:

Women's Singles

Bennacchio plays White; Weidman meets Krastein; Masters opposes Baer, while Gingrich drew a bye.

Men's Singles

Shaefer meets Snyder; Shuster plays Shorr; Short opposes Die-ruff; Aston plays Restaine; Stark, Hartman, Gearhart and Peters drew byes.

Mixed Doubles

Reeder and Schultz play Klotz and Weidman; Peters and Nelson meet Weil and Jones. Snyder and White along with Stark and Bennacchio drew byes.

72 Competing In Summer Golf

A total of 72 entrants began the first round eliminations Monday in the Summer Sessions golf tournament. The first round matches are scheduled to be completed today. The second round should be completed by Sunday.

Jack Harper, Lion golf captain last year, turned in the lowest qualifying score, a two under par 68, followed closely by Marvin Goldengerg with a 69. Bill Gross, former varsity golf captain, and Bob Meinken both turned in scores of 70.

Prizes will be awarded to the runner-up as well as to the champion by varsity golf coach Bob Rutherford. A complete list of the pairings is posted in the caddy house.

Intramural Softballers Swing into High Gear

Ties for Lead Mark Action in Both Circuits

The intramural softball race swung into high gear during the past week with a total of 14 games being played.

In the Fraternity league, Beta Sigma Rho and Phi Kappa are tied for first place with two victories apiece. The Football House and Delta Sigma Phi are setting the pace in the Independent league with two wins as against no losses, followed closely by the Hazeltonians with one win and no losses.

Today's schedule in the Fraternity league finds Beta Sigma Rho meeting Delta Chi; Sigma Phi Sigma against Phi Kappa; Alpha Chi Rho nitted against Lambda Chi Alpha; and Delta Upsilon playing Pi Kappa Alpha. The games are scheduled to start at 6:45 at Beaver Field.

In the Independent league Delta Sigma Phi plays Fuel Tech; Metallurgy meets Osmond Lab; the Eagles play the Phys. Ed. Grads and the Hazeltonians battle it out with the Football House. The games will be played at the golf course at 6:45.

Standings in the intramural softball leagues:

Fraternity League			
	W	L	Pct.
Beta Sigma Rho	2	0	1.000
Phi Kappa	2	0	1.000
Delta Chi	1	1	.500
Pi Kappa Alpha	1	1	.500
Lambda Chi Alpha	1	1	.500
Alpha Chi Rho	1	1	.500
Sigma Phi Sigma	0	1	.000
Delta Upsilon	0	1	.000
Independent League			
	W	L	Pct.
Delta Sigma Phi	2	0	1.000
Football House	2	0	1.000
Hazeltonians	1	0	1.000
Phys. Ed. Grads	1	1	.500
Eagles	1	1	.500
Metallurgy	0	1	.000
Osmond Lab.	0	2	.000
Fuel Tech	0	2	.000

Nate Cartmell, former Nittany coach, keeps in touch with the game as a track-aide at Manhattan College.

News of the Nittany Lions . . .

Penn State football agreements with Colgate and Washington State end in 1948. New opponents are being sought for 1949.

Jackie Tighe, Scranton, Pa., war veteran, won both major boxing awards at State in 1948.

Bob Rutherford, Sr., 68-year-old golf mentor, is dean of the Penn State coaching staff.

Penn State's two Olympic-bound gymnasts, Bill Bonsall, of Philadelphia, and Ray Sorensen, of Warren, are married war veterans.

Penn State's arlight match with Syracuse in 1948 will be the fourth night football game in Nittany Lion history.

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