

Werner Calls Candidates For Cross Country Team

With less than three weeks remaining before the inaugural meet, Coach Chick Werner yesterday issued a call for candidates for the Lion cross-country team. The Wernermen open their season against New York University at New York October 9.

With the team weakened by the loss of Jerry Karver, Fred Lennox, and one or two other lettermen from last year's squad which captured the NCAA cross-country championship, Werner expressed

Between Lions—

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is already being touted as equal to "Cotton Bowl" Doak Walker. Can it be?

Prognosticators

Four fearless football forecasters of the Daily Collegian today offer their predictions on the outcome of a dozen major games this weekend. (We tried to tell "Red" Roth, our cross-country scrivener, that SMU will dump Pitt, but he's stringin' along with the Panthers, in spite of Walker and company.)

Pint-size Feet

Take it from Oscar Buckenhorst, stockroom superintendent and athletic equipment manager. Lion sophomore back Vince O'Bara's football shoes are the smallest issued at the Water Tower in "Oscar's" eight-year tenure on campus. O'Bara wears a size six-and-one-half.

With the Foes

Notes on a few Penn State football opponents: At Washington State, Coach Phil Sorboe has 25 veterans back and will be able to field a first eleven that includes nine of last year's top team.

The Mountaineers of West Virginia have a new head coach, Dud DeGroot, and will field practically a new line. Waynesburg put up a struggle before losing, 29-16, in the Mountaineers' opener last weekend.

At Syracuse, the sophomore they're raving about is Bernie Custis, a Negro star from Philadelphia who already boasts a fabulous reputation as a passer. Colgate's regular end in 1945, Warren Davis, is back from the service and ready to return to duty as one Raider terminal.

Penn's Coach George Munger has lost his strong attacking line of last year (McCarthy, Marshall, Littleton and Savitsky), and says he'll therefore have to resort to "fancy stuff" in the Quaker attack this season. Reports have it, however, that his forward wall will be strong as ever with Center Chuck Bednarik back with a host of new linemen.

Ray Morrison, football skipper at Temple, is sitting back waiting to utter the words, "I told you so," when all the grid scores of '48 are in. He's ready to discount predictions of the "experts," who don't favor the Owls with a very high rating this season.

Close Shave

Bulletin! Chuck Drazenovich, football quarterback, shaved off that three-week-old underbrush Wednesday.

Grid Record

Penn State's ten-year football record, from 1938 to 1947, inclusive, is 58 victories, 20 defeats, seven ties. Only the 1947 team was unbeaten.

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the hope that sophomores with cross country ambitions would turn out en masse for the first official practice Monday.

"There are many openings on the squad for boys who show they have the stuff," the Lion mentor commented. "Experience in running is not essential. A number of runners, notably the present cross country captain, Horace Ashenfelter, developed from sophomores with no prior experience. "Even those boys who only



HORACE ASHENFELTER

think they can run will be welcomed," he added. "Those men who are interested in trying out for the cross country squad may contact either Assistant Coach Norman Gordon or myself in 301 Rec Hall or in the locker room," he added.

Despite the loss of Karver and Lennox, the Lion harriers will probably still be a power in Eastern cross country circles with three lettermen, Mitch Williams, Don (Pappy) Longenecker, and Captain Horace Ashenfelter, back from last year's title-winning team.

Although a number of promising candidates are expected to try out for starting berths, little will be known of their capabilities until regular practice sessions are begun Monday.

Basketball Call

Varsity basketball practice will open Monday at 7 p.m. in Rec Hall. Assistant Coach Elmer Gross said yesterday.

Any undergraduates interested in trying out for the floor team are invited to be in Rec Hall at that time, when Head Coach John Lawther will give an orientation talk. New basketball candidates will be especially welcome, according to Gross.

Active practice sessions will begin Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and continue each evening, Tuesdays through Fridays.

The initial cage tussle is carded for early December.

Berletic Signs Sox Contract

Pete Berletic, former Nittany Lion baseball player, has signed a contract with the Chicago White Sox.

Berletic, who batted .321 for Pine Grove Mills in central Pennsylvania semi-pro competition this year, attended the Chicago American league team's baseball school in Wisconsin last month.

He will probably be assigned to the Waterloo, Iowa, team, a Chicago farm team in the Class B Three-I league.

Berletic was given a bonus for signing. He was signed by Joe Holden, former catcher for the Philadelphia Athletics.

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Paul Campbell, Eastern intercollegiate 155-pound champ in 1930, took over the Blue and White coaching job when Speidel was in the Naval service and is now a leading attorney at the Centre County seat.

Another national collegiate title-holder, Howard Johnston, is working for the State out of State College in dairy sanitation. While in College, he annexed two Eastern and one national championship in the 165-pound wrestling class.

Prime Boxer

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

Tighe Joins Illinois Staff; Compiled Enviably Ring Record

Jackie Tighe, idol of Nittany boxing fans for the last two seasons, and a graduate of the College last Spring, recently accepted a coaching position at the University of Illinois' Chicago Undergraduate Division at Navy Pier.

Tighe, second man in Lion boxing history to captain a team for two consecutive years, in four years of Penn State boxing competition lost just one match in an intercollegiate dual meet, that to Wisconsin's John Lendenski, former NCAA champ.

Jackie's ring record is an enviable one. In his freshman year he won seven straight fights, the first four by knock-outs. His sophomore years captured nine straight before succumbing in the finals of the National boxing tourney.

Then came a stretch in the army. Jackie fought 21 battles, winning 20 and drawing one. Tighe retired from the ring for a short time to accept a commission, and was stationed in Japan and Korea.

While overseas Tighe was selected boxing coach of the Japan-Korea team. He took his squad to the All-Pacific Army Boxing Championships at Hawaii. His boys copped second place.

Upon receiving his discharge Tighe returned to his alma mater

and, to give the boxing team better balance, he was moved up a weight.

Fighting at 165 pounds, Jackie won five, lost one and drew one. He then entered the Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing Tourney and after three hectic bouts he won the Eastern 165-pound title.

Last year he moved back to his old weight. At 155 pounds Tighe won four and drew two against collegiate opponents.

Competing in the Eastern Boxing Tourney at Virginia, Tighe was eliminated in the quarter-final round. After that defeat he retired from the ring.

His outstanding record and sportsmanship were honored when he received the Goodman Trophy last year. This trophy is presented annually to the senior boxer who had done the most to further boxing at the College.

More honor was showered on Tighe when he was awarded the Paul Smith Memorial Trophy. The Smith Trophy is presented annually to the outstanding senior in the School of Physical Education.

Tighe will join a former classmate, Harold Frey, at the Navy Pier Center. Frey, a '47 alumnus of the College is gymnastic coach at the Illini institution and led his Pier Illini to sweeping victories over Big Nine teams this Spring.

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