

Between The Lions

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Straight Stuff

Conflicting newspaper accounts notwithstanding, both football games with Army in '49 and '50 will be staged under auspices of the Army. Neither will be played at State College. . . . Take it from Ike Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, he should know.

Polo Grounds?

We hear via a long-distance grapevine from West Point that the current Cadet scuttle-but is: One of the Army-Penn State contests will be switched from West Point to New York's Polo Grounds if arrangements can be made with Fordham to shift its tussle with the Cadets from the Polo Grounds to West Point.

Leahy Speaks

While we're on the subject of schedules, we gleaned a tidbit from a Newspapers Enterprises Association interview with Frank Leahy, Notre Dame coach:

The Irish have a vacancy on their '50 card, and Leahy "made it clear" that Notre Dame would have one more big Eastern game, besides Navy, in '50. "Penn and Penn State are eager to play Notre Dame," Leahy explained.

AP Ranks State 8th in Nation

Penn State climber up to the eighth spot in national Associated Press ratings this week, but two rival football powers, Army and Pennsylvania, nosed the Lions out of the Eastern spotlight.

The Cadets, who recently announced a two-game series with Penn State for 1949 and 1950, held tenaciously to their fifth place position for the second week. The University of Pennsylvania just outscored Penn State 423-411 for the lucky seven position, although the Nittany gridders received one first-place ballot to none for the Red and Blue.

The top ten teams in the National AP poll are: First, Michigan; second Notre Dame; third, North Carolina; fourth, California; fifth, Army; sixth, Georgia Tech; seventh, Pennsylvania; eighth, Penn State; ninth, Missouri; tenth, Northwestern.

Booters Strive To Regain Win

Soccer Coach Bill Jeffrey is now trying to put his Lion proteges back on the victory trail by preparing the team for Saturday's contest with Maryland, one of the East's strongest soccer aggregations.

The soccer victory train was temporarily derailed at Annapolis last Saturday when Middlebooting forces upset the Lions, 4-0.

It was a black day for the Blue and White soccer men, who were out to make it three straight and also one of the worst defeats suffered by the Jeffrey men in recent years.

Lacking the scoring punch which they ably demonstrated in their first two victorious outings, the Jeffrey booters had 16 shots at the Navy goal but they were unable to push a score past all-American goalie Al Schaufelberger.

The Middies opened their scoring barrage with two goals in the opening quarter against starting goalie Ed Watson and added one more against Jim Gibson before the teams left the field for the half.

Although they were outplayed in the field, the Midshipmen's attack sparkled with long passes upfield from their fullbacks with the forward line carrying the brunt of the attack while the halfbacks remained far enough back to form an impregnable line of defense with the fullbacks.

Phi Tau's, KDR's Conquer IM Foes

Phi Kappa Tau and Kappa Delta Rho chalked up second-round victories in intramural touch football games at New Beaver practice field Monday night, defeating Kappa Sigma and Sigma Phi Sigma in thrilling games.

Phi Kappa Tau edged Kappa Sigma, 6-0, while Kappa Delta Rho scored twice and added an extra point to account for a 13-0 margin over SPS.

In other games, Alpha Epsilon Pi was forced into an extra period to beat Acacia, 1-0, and Dorm 37 fell to the power of the Rockets, 12-0.

Pi Kappa Alpha and Alpha Gamma Rho opened action on the lighted practice field at 7 o'clock tonight, followed by Trostle's Hot Dogs vs. the Penn State Club, Theta Kappa Phi vs. Delta Chi, and Alpha Chi Rho vs. Beta Sigma Rho.

Swimming Call

Varsity swimming candidates are urged to report to the Glennland pool, 7:30 o'clock tomorrow night, announced Coach William Guterson. This meeting will be the official beginning of training.

DU, Beta Swimmers Annex IM Victories

Delta Upsilon's swimmers, matching the prowess of their touch gridders, splashed to a mighty 33-8 victory over Phi Kappa Tau at Glennland pool last night, while Beta Theta Pi was having its hands full winning from Phi Kappa Psi, 23-18.

The DU's swept to first place victories in every event except the back stroke.

Beta Theta Pi's Bill Bonsall racked up a total of 24 points in a beautiful exhibition of diving that provided his team's margin of victory.

Phi Psi Jim Raymond registered the top 60-yard backstroke time, 44.3 seconds, recorded to date.

Tonight's schedule is: Acacia vs. Alpha Phi Delta and Alpha Gamma Rho vs. Tau Phi Delta.

Wernermen Prime for Encounter With Heavily-Favored Spartans

Faced with the task of upsetting a heavily-favored Michigan State cross-country team that boasts four of the country's outstanding distance runners, the Lion harriers have buckled down to heavy practice in preparation for Saturday's meet against the Spartans.

In their final week of training, the Wernermen are anything but a picture of despair. Many of the boys on the squad well remember last year's meet.

Before that contest the Lions stood in much the same position that Coach Karl Schladman's hill-and-dale men now find themselves. However although heavily-favored to defeat the Spartans, the Nittany runners came out on the long end of a 26-31 score.

OPPOSITE

The Lions' motto this year seems to be "It happened before and it can happen again"—only this time the other way around.

One advantage that cannot be forgotten is that the Blue and White harriers will be running on their home course.

A first glance such an advantage may not seem too important, but according to Lion Coach Chick Werner, running on famil-

iar ground may often mean the difference between victory and defeat for a cross country team.

UNDER DOG

A second possible advantage is the state of mind of any team that is an underdog. The Lion runners realize this is their big test of the dual meet season, and will be striving to come home in front before the huge Alumni Homecoming crowd that will probably jam every available corner of New Beaver Field.

Although Werner will probably depend on much the same team that trounced NYU in New York two weeks ago to try to pull the fat out of the fire, the men who will run in Saturday's meet have not yet been selected.

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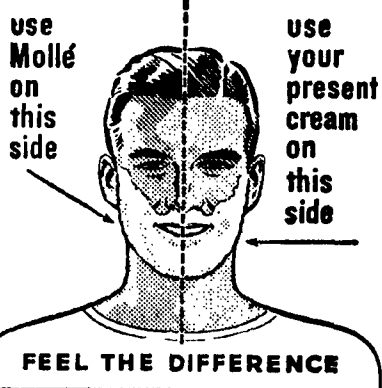
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