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"THE BIG FOUR"—Pictured above are, left to right: Jack Dianetti, Bill Mack, Warren Druetzler and Tom Irmen, four of the leading Spartan runners who will vie against the Lions, defending NCAA title holders, in today's cross-country meet here. The invaders are heavy favorites to cop today's dual meet, and the NCAA title later in the year.

Spartans, Wernermen Seek X-Country Mark

A record that has withstood the attempts of dozens of cross-country stars for the past nine years will be in danger of falling today when the Lion harriers, defending NCAA title holders, open their home season against Michigan State.

The clash of the two cross-country titans is scheduled to begin at 11 o'clock from the New Beaver Field track. The hill-and-dale men will circle the golf course twice and finish back on the track. Both the start and finish of today's meet may be seen from the stands of New Beaver Field.

The record which Coach Chick Werner predicts will go by the boards this morning is the course mark for the five-mile distance. The present mark, 25:28, was set by former Nittany harrier Bill Smith in a dual meet against Syracuse in 1938.

TRY IN VAIN

Since that time many of the nation's greatest cross-country runners, including such Lion stars as Jerry Karver, Curt Stone, Horace Ashenfelter, as well as a host of other collegiate greats, have tried in vain to lower the time for the course.

In today's meet five of the country's greatest distance runners will simultaneously make an assault on Smith's mark, with a good chance that one of the five may establish a new record.

Four members of the invading Spartan contingent, Bill Mack, Warren Druetzler, Tom Irmen, and Jack Dianetti, as well as Nittany captain Horace Ashenfelter are good enough to shatter the existing record, in the opinion of Werner.

The meet itself will probably resolve into a dual clash between

Ashenfelter and Michigan State. Ash seems to be the only Lion runner in a class with any one of the East Lansing quartet.

In recent practice sessions the lanky Nittany harrier ace has shown signs of rounding into top form, and will probably be out to capture the individual championship. (Continued on page five)

Lion Statistics

Wally Triplett continued to lead the Penn State ground gainers in the third week of grid competition as he amassed a total of 304 yards in 22 tries for an average of 13.6 yards per try.

The complete statistics are as follows:

	Times Carried	Yards Gained	Yards Lost	Net Gain	Average
Triplett	22	304	7	297	13.6
Urion	1	7	0	7	7
Gorinski	3	16	0	16	5.4
Chuekran	1	5	0	5	5
Rogel	30	162	9	153	5.1
Cooney	6	29	6	23	3.8
Luther	15	92	12	80	5.3
O'Hara	16	56	6	50	3.1
Colone	13	48	9	39	3.0
Joe	9	28	3	25	2.8
Pet-hel	15	29	22	7	0.5
Scherer	2	0	0	0	0
Dougherty	1	0	2	-2	0
Orsini	4	6	11	-4	0

Between The Lions



By TOM MORGAN Sports Editor

Acid Test

There comes a day in the lives of men and football teams when resources and ingenuity are taxed, when a stumbling block threatens one's smooth progress, when a thorny vine mars a rosy path.

That day dawned this morning for the Nittany gridmen, and the vine has eleven thorns—eleven Spartan warriors who'll be out to dole out defeat to Penn State this afternoon as they did two seasons ago.

As Testtube Terry, our admiring fraternity brother and chem major, said: "This is the acid test."

Whether Coach Bob Higgins' current gridiron force approaches the caliber of last year's, whether Penn State's name is to be uttered in the same breath with Michigan, Notre Dame and other '48 grid colliaths, in a large measure depends on the outcome of today's clash.

Grid Buddies

Spartan Quarterback Bob Krestel and Nittany Tackle Norman "Swede" Erikson are old buddies. They both hail from Swissvale, Pa., where they played high school football together in 1941.

"Swede" describes Krestel as a "nervy fair passer and a good kicker in high school."

Erikson, by the way, is a recent returnee from the Lions' list of injured giants. Scaling well over 200 pounds, he may well have to ease the wound left in Nittany ranks by Tackle Negley Norton's injury.

Tape-Happy

Witnessing the amount of adhesive tape which the College daily expends on its football players prompts one to propose that this institution buy a half interest in Johnson and Johnson, or some similar tape manufacturer. Yards and yards of it adhere to Nittany Lion limbs.

Currently taping the list in yards of tape wound round legs, arms and shoulders each day are Guard Joe Savak, Tackle John Finley and Tackle Erikson.

Number Previewed

Penn State's powerful plunging fullback, Francis Rogel, is the subject of an interesting discourse in the latest "Huddle," Pittsburgh-district sports magazine.

The piece was prepared by Dave Delman, last year's assistant sports editor of the Daily Collegian and now editor of the Uniontown Herald.

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