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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 crosscountry 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

wice and finish back on the track Ashenfelter and Michigan State. Both the start and finish of today's Ash seems to be the only Lion meet may be seen from the stands of New Beaver Field. The record which Coach Chick runner in a class with any one of

the East Lansing quartet. Werner predicts will go by the boards this morning is the course In recent practice sessions the lanky Nittany harrier ace has mark for the five-mile distance. The present mark, 25:28, was set shown signs of rounding into top former Nittany harrier Bill form, and will probably be out to th in a dual meet against capture the individual champion-scuse in 1938. TRY IN VAIN (Continued on page five) 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 Wally Triplett continued to lead Jerry Karver, Curt Stone, Horace Ashenfelter, as well as a the Penn State ground gainers in

the third week of grid competi-tion 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: host of other collegiate greats, have tried in vain to lower the ime for the course. In today's meet five of the country's greatest distance run-ners will simultaneously make an

follows: assault on Smith's mark, with a good chance that one of the five Times Yards Yards Net Carried Gained 22 304 Lost 7 Gain

Triplett nay establish a new record. may establish a new record. Four members of the invading Spartan contingent, Bill Mack, Chuckran Warren Druetzler, Tom Irmen. and Jack Dianetti, as well at Nit-tany captain Horace Ashenfelter are good enough to shatter the cxisting record, in the opinion of Werner Werner. Petchel Scher

The meet itself will probably resolve into a dual clash between Orgini



#### 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 admir-ing fraternity brother and chem major, said: "This is the acid test." test

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

#### Grid Buddies

Sjartan Quarterback Bob Krestel and Nittony Tackle Norman "Swede" Erikson are old uddies. They both hail from swissvale. Pa. where they played igh school football together in 1941

"Swede" describes Krestel as a "nretty fair nesser and a good kicker in high school."

Frikson, by the way, is a re-cent returnee from the Lions' list of injured clants. Scaling well over 200 bounds, he may well help to ease the wound left in Nittany ranks by Tackle Negley Norton's injury.

#### Tane-Happy

Witnessing the amount of ad-hesive 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 manufac-turer. Yards and vards of it adhere to Nittany Lion limbs.

Currently topping the list in wards of tape wound 'round lors, arms and shoulders each day are Guard Joe Sarabok, Tackle John Finley and Tackle Erikson

#### Munger Previewed

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

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

## Lion Statistics

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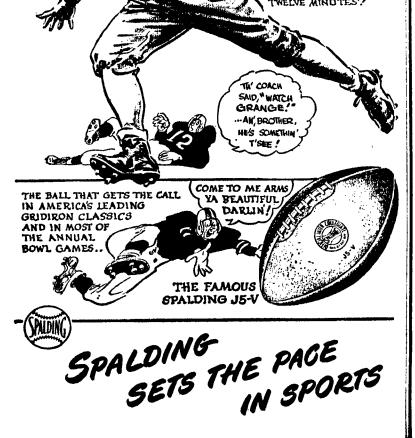
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