

# Lion Harriers Prepare For IC4-A Running

With the 1948 dual meet season just a memory, the Nittany Lion cross-country team has begun preparations for the first of two post-season events, the IC4-A meet in New York City, Monday.

Practically every major Eastern cross-country squad, along with Michigan State from the Midwest, will be on hand for the 51st running of the annual event.

Among the powers who will compete for the title won last year by Manhattan are Michigan State, Army, Syracuse, Penn State, Rhode Island State, and Manhattan.

### TIE

Last year the Lions finished in a tie for third place along with Army in the team ratings, while Horace Ashenfelter, now Lion captain, placed second to Rhode Island State's Don Black for the individual title.

Friday's impressive win over a supposedly strong Manhattan team, 19-42, provided a fitting finale to the Lions' dual meet season which showed three victories and one defeat.

The State harriers surprised even Coach Chick Werner as



CHICK WERNER

they copped first, second, fourth, and fifth places to defeat the Jaspers with amazing ease.

"I could hardly believe my eyes," Werner said of the Manhattan meet. "It's just as though Bucknell were to defeat Penn State, 65-0 in football. Bob Higgins would be no more surprised than I or the Manhattan coach was, at the poor showing of their team."

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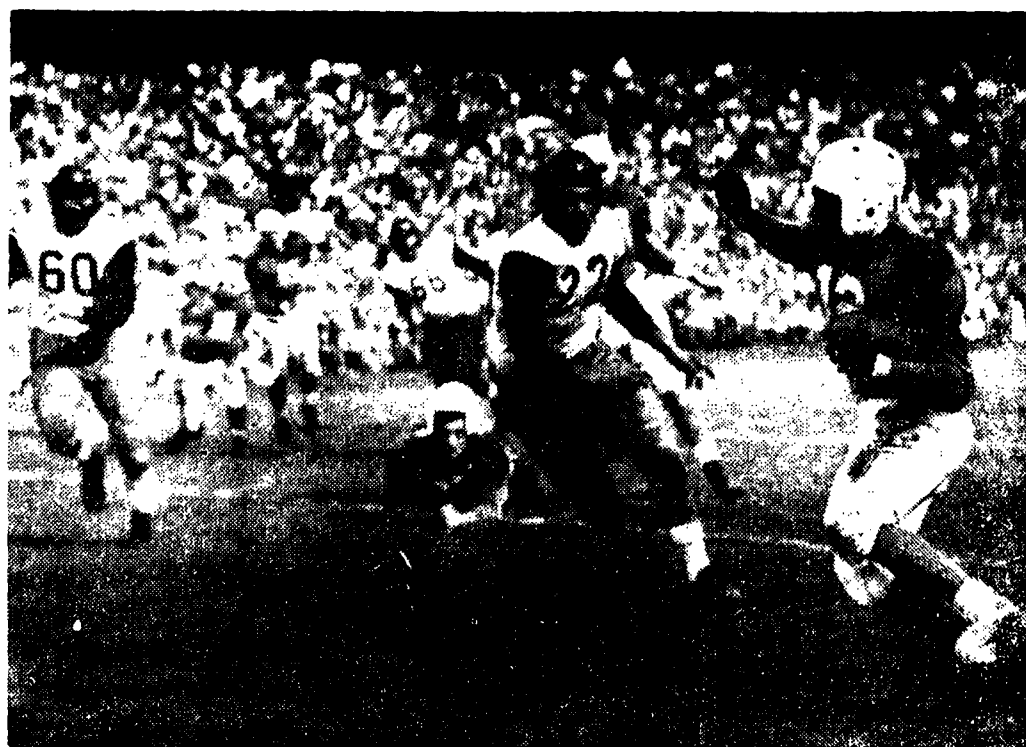
"Citation" Ashenfelter registered his fourth consecutive individual win of the season as he came home tied for first place with sophomore Bob Parsons. Parsons ran the finest race of his collegiate career. Both Nittany runners finished the five-mile course in 27:06.

Two other sophomores, Jack St. Clair and John McCall, placed fourth and fifth respectively. The Jaspers' Bob Checcola was third behind Ash and Parsons.

In addition to Friday's win the Wernermen defeated NYU, Cornell and lost to Michigan State in other meets this year. In doing so the Nittanyites scored a low total of 93 points to their opponents' 143.

One of the outstanding features of the season was the development of several of the sophomores, notably Al Porto, St. Clair, McCall, and Parsons, into topnotch harriers.

With each succeeding race the first-year men seem to get better and better. This encouraging aspect may put the Lions in position to challenge teams like Michigan State, Army and Syracuse for the IC-4A title Monday.



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This first down was on the officials. Wally Triplett, fleet-footed Lion back is shown at right making 10 yards against Penn in the first quarter of Saturday's game in Philadelphia. Rushing for Wally are Bill Talarico (22) and Chuck Bednarik (60). Neither made the tackle, however, as Dolph Tokarczyk, another Quaker defender not shown, stopped Triplett. Play was called back and the Nittanymen penalized, for being offside.

## Lacrosse Candidates Practice Fundamentals, Strategy Daily

Under direction of Coach Nick Thiel, the Penn State lacrosse team is practicing for the 1949 season.

Although actual competition does not begin until the spring, Coach Thiel has his squad out every day learning fundamentals, handling sticks and practicing offensive and defensive strategy. They will continue to work outside as long as weather permits.

Last year the Lion lacrosse men had a good record, losing only to Army and Navy, who are both members of the Big Five, and Syracuse who had one of the outstanding teams in the North. The other seven games on the schedule ended with the Nittany Lions on the long end of the score.

Even though he has a squad of 40 men, led by Captain Roger Nestor, returning from last year, Coach Thiel emphasized the fact that newcomers without any experience will be welcomed to the practice field. He said that among the 60 new candidates out now, there is only one man with any previous experience. Lacrosse is one sport, Thiel stressed, where everyone has an equal chance for success.

While it is too early to make any predictions for the coming season, with the squad on hand and the men who will be out for the team after fall and winter sports are over, every indication points to another strong team for Penn State.

### Packs a Punch

The Nittany Lions' big blocking back on the football field, Charles (Chuck) Drazenovich, of Brownsville, won Eastern heavyweight boxing honors in '48.

### Second Tilt

Penn State's football game against Nebraska in '49 will be only the second meeting between the two schools.

## Sigma Nu Rallies, Tops PSD's 22-19

Sigma Nu had to come from behind to edge a strong Phi Sigma Delta swimming team, 22-19, at Glennland pool yesterday.

They won the meet in that final deciding event, the 120 yard relay.

Sid Manes of Phi Sigma Delta put his teammates in the lead, 19-17, in the fourth event at the pool, with a brilliant display of diving skill. In his three dives, a front jack-knife, back pike, and running one and a half, Manes piled up 26.4 award points, enough to garner first place easily.

But the lead couldn't stand when the Sigma Nu's turned on the steam to overwhelm their rivals in the relay. With the meet at stake, Charles Mundy, Ted Wiedenman, Jim Brewer and William Brinker collaborated on a fast four laps, making the distance in 1:08.7 and carrying home the victory, 22-19.

Third round meets at the pool begin tonight when Pi Kappa Phi meets Phi Delta Theta, and Sigma Pi toes the mark against Acacia.

## Between The Lions



By Tom Morgan  
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### Everyday Drama

Drama is enacted daily from 10 to 11 a.m. in the College infirmary, but it's not the spectacular, affected theatrics of the stage. Our true-to-life players are a College nurse and an ex-champion collegiate boxer.

When we circled the infirmary stairs down to the physical therapy room, we found the boxer, Johnny Benglian, waging a fight to recover fully from a shoulder injury which threatens to halt abruptly his collegiate career in the square ring.

Johnny's cohort in this battle is Nurse Florence Leist, who administers heat treatments with a diathermic machine and massages his injured shoulder.

As Mrs. Leist puts it, "We're fighting against time to have him fixed up for boxing season this winter."

The clever, scrappy southpaw—recipient of many tremendous ovations from Nittany boxing fans—underwent an operation in Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore, June 10.

### Torn Tendon

Fourteen stitches were required to sew a torn tendon in Benglian's shoulder—his left one, which did the lion's share of the work in 1946 when John won Eastern Intercollegiate 127-pound honors.

Lying on the plinth (alias table) in the infirmary, Johnny described the incident which was the trouble-maker: "I was playing right field for an American Legion Junior baseball team in the summer and tried to make a shoe-string catch. I lost my footing and fell on my left side, trapping the ball. That's when the injury occurred."

(It must be added, for the fodder of baseball fans, that Benglian continued playing for a short time, but his batting average dipped below .300 thereafter.)

At this point Nurse Leist, adjusting the heating pads on (Continued on page five)

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