

Trackmen Must Go Far, Fast To Break Existing Records

By Joe Brou

There is an old saying in sports that records are made to be broken. But according to Coach Chick Werner, this year's Penn State track team has a long way to go before it will shatter any Nittany records.

"Our records here at State compare very favorably with those of good track schools throughout the world," the Coach said, "and in order for any member of the present team to break any of the marks, he will have to do much better work than he has shown so far."

Coach Werner pointed out that if any records was shattered this season, he felt that it would

probably be in one of the following events: the 440 yard dash, the one-half mile, the two mile, the 120-yard high hurdles, the 220-yard low hurdles, the shot put, the discus, the one-mile relay and the four-mile relay.

As an idea of what the Lion trackmen will have to accomplish to implant their names in record books, here is a brief resume of the present Penn State records:

OLDEST

Oldest Lion record on the books is that set in 1907 by Hi Henry. In that year, he ran the 100-yard dash in 9.6 seconds. Although never bettered, his mark has twice been equaled. In 1928, Dick Bartholomew matched Henry's record and in 1940 Barney Ewell,

Olympic ace, turned the trick. Barney is also the holder of the standard for the 220-yard dash. His time of 20.7 seconds was set in 1941. The quarter-mile record is somewhat older. It was in 1926 that Cecil Torrence set his record of 49.2 seconds for the distance.

Two years earlier the one-half mile mark was set by Schuyler Enck, who circled the course in 1 minute 53.2 seconds.

The mile and the two-mile records are of more recent vintage, both being set in 1947. Gerry Karver ran the mile in 4 minutes 11.6 seconds and Curt Stone the two-mile in 9 minutes 11.8 seconds.

Jim Gehrdes, one of the pres-

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Smith Drops Quarter-Final

EAST LANSING, Mich., April 7—Paul "P.Q." Smith, Penn State's 165-pound entry in the national collegiate boxing tournament, today lost a unanimous decision to Michigan State's Tommy Gemmel, listed as a tourney "unknown."

In the match, a quarter-final battle, Smith kept Gemmel at bay until early in the second round when Gemmel unleashed a pummeling body attack to win the decision.

Johnny Benglian, 130-pound entry from Penn State, was scheduled to meet the winner of a contest between Henry Amos, Michigan State hope, and John Redmond of Catholic University.

Also slated to fight in a quarter-final go is the Nittany Lions' Johnny Bolger at 175 pounds.

Suffering Pugilist Blames Vittles For Fatigue

Boxing maestro Leo Houck had the members of his gym class sparring in the squared circle yesterday when suddenly one of the neophyte pugilists showed signs of extreme fatigue.

After seeing the tiring ringman absorb a particularly violent blow to the nose, Houck stopped the action.

"What's the matter, Fred?" Houck asked. "Are you tired?"

"Well, somewhat," was the sheepish reply.

"What did you have for dinner?"

"Not very much," replied the now smiling mittman. "I eat at the Nittany Dining Hall."

6 Riflers Leave for Maryland, Vie for NIRA Championships

A vastly improved varsity rifle team left today for the University of Maryland where six men will take part in the National Intercollegiate Rifle Matches to be held there this weekend.

The six riflers making the trip include Bob O'Knefski, a senior appearing in the last match of his three-year career as a varsity mainstay; Juniors Jerry Prange and Dick Kirk, and Sophomores Sam Carnahan, Rod Ingleright and John Stoudt. The team making the trip was chosen on the basis of individual averages in the last three matches.

The Lion team will shoot Saturday morning for individual scores and honors. Top five scores in this group will comprise the team score.

The vast improvement in the team is substantiated brief look at the records. In early dual and telegraphic meets, the Penn State team was shooting an average of 1370 in each match.

In the last four weeks of the season, however, the varsity set and broke the school record on consecutive trials. The present mark was set in their final meet of the season when the Lions posted a win over a highly rated Wyoming team with a 14-19 score. The significance of such a score is seen when compared with last year's winning National Intercollegiate total of 105 made by the U. S. Naval Academy.

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Between The Lions



By Tom Morgan
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All-American Trend

We hesitate to acknowledge any sort of trend, whether it be in stock market returns or in the increasing number of eggs laid by Rhode Island Reds. It's dangerous business, for as soon as we cite the fact that things are progressing in a well-ordered pattern, so many exceptions may crop up that they impart a sieve-like character to our trend.

Nevertheless, it seems to us that Penn State's football teams have gained such a reputation for rugged defense that Lion All-America—if they arise at all—are born in the line, not the backfield. This leaves us open right away to the charge that two of Penn State's eight All-Americans, Glenn Killinger and Charlie "Gang" Way both in 1920 performed in the backfield, where offense is usually the criterion for All-America mention.

But the number of line All-Americans weights the scale in favor of our "trend." Six Penn State gridmen, All-Americans in the highest sense of the term, led Nittany lines to great defensive peaks. They were William "Mother" Dunn, center in 1906; Bob Higgins, end in 1919; Joe Bedenk, guard in 1923; Leon "Gates" Gajeki, center in 1940; Steve Suhey, guard in 1947, and Sam Tamburo, end in 1948.

These six Nittany stalwarts have reached a high pinnacle through both offensive and defensive play, but at Penn State the emphasis has been on defense. For this reason, any probing selectors of All-America teams have thought of Penn State and defense synonymously, then—quite naturally—Penn State and defense and cracker-jack linemen.

Penn State football coaches apparently know a thing or two about defensive tactics. For a scrutiny of past-performance figures reveals that Lion teams have finished among the nation's first 15 in either rushing defense or pass defense in all but two of the past eleven years.

On top of that, Penn State now holds the principal all-time records in both air and ground defense. In 1938 the Lions set four pass-defense marks that have not since been approached. State foes that season completed only ten tosses in eight games, for average gains of 13.1 yards per game and 1.78 yards per attempt, and were limited to 16.9 percent of completions.

What is more, in 1947 Penn State rivals could gain an aggregate of only 153 yards in 240 ball-carrying efforts, for an average of just 17 yards per game and a mere 0.64 yards per play. These are all-time intercollegiate standards.

Such astounding feats in the realm of football defense naturally influence the newspaper scribes and the coaches who choose possible All-America candidates from Penn State. Figures show that the Nittany Lion sports a defense that is virtually impregnable. Defense is the province of the line, not so much the backfield. Thus the reasoning of the All-America selector: "If Penn State has All-America timber in such-and-such a year, it'll probably be in the line."

But as we said at the outset, future exceptions to this Penn

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The Nittany Realm

All From an Indian Princess

by George Vadasz

Why call this column the Nittany Realm? Why are the mountains surrounding this collegiate community entitled the Nittany Mountains? Why is the animal, the symbol of Penn State, labeled the Nittany Lion?

Nittany... what does that term actually represent and where did it originate? The word Nittany had its origin from Nitane, an Indian maiden who once roamed the woods in this part of the state.

The legend, handed down and told around campfires by hunters in cabins and around campfires in the Seven Mountains and in the Bald Eagle, has it that once long ago a foot-loose trader, Malachi Boyer, had come to the valley in search of material treasure.

Instead, he found and fell in love with Nitane, a beautiful young Indian maiden. Nitane's seven brothers disapproved of the courtship and Malachi Boyer was imprisoned and forced to die in a cave.

He used to call to his Nitane from Penn's Cave daily. Little did he realize that the name of this fair maiden would some day be repeated by thousands.

NITTANY, A LEGEND

The tearful little Indian girl and her lost lover became a legend

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