

Thomas, Louis Tied in Lacrosse Scoring Race

Latest released lacrosse figures showing the Nittany Lions' scoring punch again goes to disprove the popular belief that the rugged stick game is purely a "Big man's" sport.

Flashing eleven points in seven games, Buddy Thomas, smallest Penn State varsity stickman at 5 foot, 7 inches, is tied with Bob Louis for offensive mark honors.

Ranking close behind the two State pacemakers are Eddie Belfield with eight counters and John Finley who has scored seven times. Others who have registered are Waldo Weaver and Ernie Baer, five; Captain Rodger Nestor and John Lux, four; and Rocco Iannetta James Worley, one apiece.

In the seven contests engaged in by the Nick Thiel coached aggregation, opponents have tallied 57 points, while strangely, State has pushed a like number past its foes. The Lions are averaging 8.1 goals per game.

PRESS BOX CHATTER—Hobart, Navy, Johns Hopkins and Syracuse are still riding along in undefeated style in collegiate lacrosse play ranking tops among major undefeated teams . . . the college stick season ends Wednesday, June 8 with two top-flight teams in action. Army, recently upset by Maryland will meet perennially strong Mt. Washington. Coach Thiel remains perplexed over the inability of his ace Buddy Thomas to score. After tallying 10 markers in his first four games, Buddy has been held to one anemic counter . . . it seems funny that the Onondaga Indians, who at one time ruled the lacrosse roost in the North and who claim the sport as a prime Indian pastime, are so lightly regarded . . . Colgate's Red Warriors are conceded little chance of overcoming the Lions Saturday at Hamilton, N. Y., coming up with a team which has little experience and less reserve strength.

Landon Takes Title In Intramural Tennis

Owen "Sonny" Landon, now a varsity tennis performer, won the independent intra-mural singles championship by defeating Jim Howells 7-5 and 6-3 on the varsity courts. This brought to a close the tennis tournament that was started last October.

In other singles competition, Bill Aiken, also on Coach Sherm Fogg's varsity, will meet Mark Borland of Phi Gamma Delta for the fraternity finals of the IM tourney. Aiken advanced to the finals via a 6-0, 6-4 win over Paul Hallman of Sigma Pi. Borland reached this stage on a tough three set match in which he beat Dick Fleming, DU.

Usually Landon and Aiken would not have been allowed to enter the tournament but since they were not varsity members when the play started they were given permission to vie for the titles.

In the IM doubles competition two more pairs have advanced. Jerry Wolf and Sid Gold, AEP, went to the fourth round by winning over Frank Luerssen and Terry Ruhlman of Sigma Chi, 10-8 and 6-4. Gil Welsh and John Wallace, Delta Tau Delta reached the fourth round with a 8-6, 6-3 victory over Don Orr and Bob Shore of Phi Epsilon Pi.

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IM Track

All men signed up for intramural track must have their physical examination completed by 5 p. m. tomorrow.

Participants in Monday's trials are requested to bring their physical examination cards to the meet.

Nittany Lion Thinclads Challenge Michigan State Track Powerhouse

Four Out of Four—Back Again This Year



Jack Dianetti, Bill Mack, Warren Druetzler and Tom Irmen, pictured above, will compete in tomorrow's meet in the mile relay. These Michigan State cindermen competed last year against Penn State at East Lansing, Mich., and won the relay in 4 minutes, 24 and 3/10 seconds.

The Nittany Realm

Gehrdes—A Natural Champion

By George Vadasz

The date: March 5, 1949. The place: Madison Square Garden, New York City. The guy: Penn State's top hurdling prospect, long-legged Jim Gehrdes.

Long will that day and place live in the memory of Gehrdes, for on that day he upset the appercart of Baldwin Wallace's Olympic star, the "invincible" Harrison Dillard.

Dillard, then riding high on a three-year undefeated indoor string, was beaten to the tape by the Lion flash who covered the 60-yard high hurdles in :97.2 seconds to tie the New York Knights of Columbus race record.

"That was the first race I ever ran that I couldn't describe," Gehrdes commented in the shower room shortly after the race. "I was entirely unconscious of everything around me except the track, the hurdles and the finish line."

Now that ole King Sol is once again sending his warm rays on the lair of the Nittany Lions, track and field experts alike have their eyes focused on the present protégé of Penn State's track mentor, Chick Werner.

The Lion flash started off the 1949 track season by copping the 120-yard high hurdles at the Sugar Bowl feature event at New Orleans. Next on his win agenda was the 70-yard flatshoe event at the Washington, D. C., then the New York A.C. title, etc.

PENN RELAYS

But that's only the beginning of a long list of stellar performances this season. Gentleman Jim opened the outdoor campaign with a double win at Navy, and then two weeks ago turned the eyes of the track world toward him when he handily copped the Penn Relays hurdle event.

Gehrdes made his Penn State track debut last year an impressive one. Competing at West Point, the fleet footed Gehrdes set a pair of Army fieldhouse records. Traveling to South Bend the following week, Jim swept

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Gehrdes Paces Top Hurdlers In Tomorrow's Big Meet

Penn State's ace hurdler, Jim Gehrdes, will have his hands full tomorrow afternoon when the Nittany Lion track team entertains an invading Michigan State horde on New Beaver Field at 1 p. m.

Jim will be meeting several of the best timber-toppers in the country in the Spartans' Horace Smith, Fred Johnson and Paige Christensen. This trio has been leaving things pretty much its own way this season, and will offer Gehrdes some of his stiffest competition of the year.

All three have hung up impressive records this season, with one or the other winning the hurdles events in nearly all the meets the Spartans have participated in.

HURDLERS

Smith was victor in both the 120-yard high hurdles and 220-yard low hurdles last week as the Green and White overpowered a strong Ohio State cinder team at Columbus, Ohio. He also placed second to Christensen in the 120-yard high hurdles at the Drake relays, finishing only one step behind his team mate.

Christensen, in the meantime, chalked up a victory in the 120-yard high hurdles in the University of Southern California meet.

in addition to his winning effort at the Relays.

At the same time Gehrdes has been sweeping everything before him in an all-winning season. Jim won both hurdle events at the Penn-Navy meet, the 120-yard invitational high hurdles at the Penn Relays in near-record time and the 220-yard low hurdles at the Colgate meet last Saturday. In the latter event, Jim set a new Penn State record, traveling the distance in 22.9 seconds.

Trackmen Prep For IM Meet

Fraternity and independent trackmen are finishing their physical examinations today in preparation for the three-day intramural track meet Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Trial heats in the 100 and 440-yard dashes and the 880-yard relay will be run on the New Beaver track, 6:30 p. m. Monday, for both fraternity and independent groups. According to an IM ruling, times will be recorded on the first three finishers in each heat. However, only the six low times will qualify for the finals Wednesday.

Tuesday, the field men get their chance as the competition moves to the high jump, broad jump and shot-put events. The time for that meet is also 6:30 p. m.

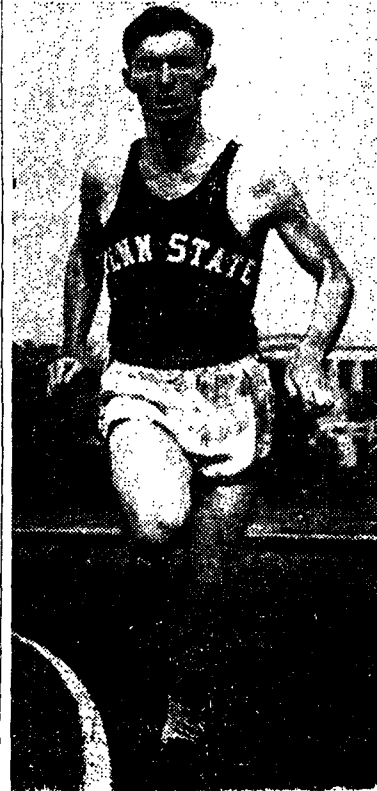
Larry Joe, speedy Nittany half-back, holds the 100-yard dash mark with a 9.9-second time scored for Sigma Nu in the spring of 1947. Sigma Nu also holds the 880-yard relay mark, chalked last year when John Potsklan, Larry Joe, Don Myers and Don Roy flashed over the course in 1:38.9.

Sigma Chi's Ed Merges holds the 440-yard dash record, set in 1947 when he traveled the distance in 53.3 seconds. With a fast track Monday, all of these marks may be threatened.

Jeff Durkota and Ed Harter of Delta Upsilon hold the shotput and high jump marks. Durkota heaved the 16-pound shot 38 feet, 8 3/4 inches in 1947, and Harter cleared the bar at 5 feet, 8 1/2 inches.

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