

# Thiel Names State Trio For All-Star Lacrosse Tilt

Finley, Kissell, Nestor to See Action, State Coach Generals Northern Team

Three Nittany lacrosse men, John Finley, Dean Kissell and Rodger Nestor, have been selected to represent Penn State in the annual North-South All-Star tussle at Troy, N. Y., June 11.

In announcing the State trio Coach Nick Thiel said that while not all three will be in the starting lineup, they will be vital cogs in the North's search for its eighth win. This year's game will be played in the North, for the first time.

Coach Thiel has been selected, (for the third time), to mastermind the Northern forces against expected powerful Southern competition. Not overly anxious to predict an outcome, Thiel said, "On paper, at least, the South always shows to better advantage."

Offsetting the supposed Southern balance of talent and experience, the North has shown a consistent tendency to overpower statistics. In seven all-star tilts they have won four, lost two and tied one.

**SOUTHERNS RIVALRY**  
Thiel views the North's surprise advantage in the light that below the Mason-Dixon line rivalry is at a peak and difficulties are faced in all post-season encounters. In the Northern camp, contrarily, all is harmony and spirit is at a high level.

"Every time we have beaten the South it has been through individual effort alone, as opposed to the team play style used by the opposition. Up North the emphasis is placed on individual dodging and stickhandling and this factor has been decisive the past few years."

Going over his three choices, Thiel gave star billing to Kissell, a well-set, 180-pound defensive star from Johnstown. "I've taken defensive players to the all-star game before, in fact Dean will be my fourth defensive choice to be ratified, and only former Lion defenseman George Ritter surpasses him."

**NESTOR**  
"Nestor, who was our team captain this year, is a clever stickhandler and playmaker. Over a season's play Rodger will probably hand out more assists than anyone on the team. Ed Finley has just completed his fourth year of lacrosse for me. He is big and fast, a consistent scorer and an excellent defensive midfielder."

The veteran Lion stick mentor  
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# State Netmen Whip W&J, 9-0; Meet Pitt Next

Sherm Fogg's Nittany Lion tennis team yesterday won its second match in as many days by crushing Washington & Jefferson 9-0, on the home courts. The Lions defeated the Bucknell Bisons Wednesday.

The victory was the fourth in the last five starts for Penn State and gave the netmen a season's record of four wins and four losses. State has only two matches remaining; the Pitt Panthers come here Saturday and Syracuse will provide the opposition on the following Saturday.

In the first singles event, Jim Howells dropped the first set to Jack Eaton, 6-4, but came back to take the next two, 6-1 and 6-4. Captain Herb Beckhard chalked up State's second singles win, downing Dave Knoche, 6-4 and 6-3.

Sonny Lando nadded another victory to his already impressive total by trimming Dick Davies, 6-0 and 6-3. Bill Aiken and George Ogden won their matches, Aiken beating George Bartley, 6-2 and 6-1, and Ogden tripping Duncan Goslin, 6-4 and 6-0. Spence Boyer, just up from the JV ranks, made his first varsity start, a winning one by defeating Stew McCombs, 5-7, 6-4, and 6-4.

In the doubles, Beckhard and Landon captured the first one, 7-5 and 6-4, in downing Eaton and Knoche. Howells and Aiken defeated Bartley and Davies, 6-3 and 6-4, and Frank Pessolano and Bill Gray trounced Cal Griffiths and Howie Tobacco, 6-1 and 6-0.

**Singles:** Howells, Penn State, defeated Eaton, W&J, 4-6, 6-1 and 6-4; Beckhard, Penn State, defeated Knoche, W&J, 6-4 and 6-3; Landon, Penn State, defeated Davies, W&J, 6-0 and 6-3; Aiken, Penn State, defeated Bartley, W&J, 6-2 and 6-1; Ogden, Penn State, defeated Goslin, W&J, 6-5 and 6-0; Boyer, Penn State, defeated McCombs, W&J, 5-7, 6-4 and 6-4.

**Doubles:** Beckhard and Landon, Penn State, defeated Eaton and Knoche, W&J, 7-5 and 6-4; Howells and Aiken, Penn State, defeated Bartley and Davies, W&J, 7-3 and 6-4; Pessolano and Gray, Penn State, defeated Griffiths and Tobacco, W&J, 6-1 and 6-0.

# Weekend Sports Schedule

**TODAY**  
Baseball: Colgate, Hamilton, N.Y.

**TOMORROW**

1 p.m.—  
Track: Notre Dame..... Home

2 p.m.—  
Tennis: Pittsburgh..... Home

Baseball:  
Syracuse (2), Syracuse, N.Y.

Golf: Syracuse Syracuse, N.Y.

# Thinclads to Meet Irish In All-Star Track Meet

South Benders Flaunt Speed In Dash, Distance Races

For the second time within a week, Penn State's track team will play host to one of the nation's power-laden track teams when the Lions tangle with Notre Dame on New Beaver field tomorrow.

Also for the second time within a week a large share of the spotlight will be on the individual battles in addition to the meet itself. The Fighting Irish boast of a number of standout performers on its veteran squad.

Four members of the Notre Dame team who will give Coach Chick Werner's Nittany thinclads more than a little trouble on Saturday are Captain Bill Leonard, Bob Smith, Steve Provost and Paul Schwetschenau, all runners.

Leonard will offer competition to Penn State's 880 and mile runners. He has turned in a 4: 15.7 mile in his career and in 1943 did a 1:53, 880-yard run at the Penn Relays.

**DASH**  
The Nittany Lion's Wil Lancaster, who turned in a great performance against Michigan State last week, will have to be just as well this week when he faces Notre Dame's Bob Smith. Smith, a native South Bender, has done the 100-yard dash in 9.6 seconds and the 220-yard dash in 21.1 seconds. He has also turned in the best time of any member of the Irish team in the 440-yard sprint, covering the distance in 49.5 seconds.

Provost is also listed for the 440-yard dash. A senior, his best time in the event was the 50.5 seconds turned in against Iowa in 1945. Like the other three members of the quartet, Provost is a letter man.

**SCHWETSCHENAU**  
The third South Bender who will probably go in the 440-yard dash is Schwetschenau. His best time in the event was done against Bradley Tech last year when he covered the distance in 49.8 seconds.

Penn State's ace hurler, Jim Gehrdes, will have to be in top form Saturday if he hopes to return to his winning ways. Jumpin' Jim's competition will come from Bill Fleming, considered to be one of the top collegiate hurdlers in the nation.

**HURDLER**  
Fleming's best effort in the 120-yard high hurdles came this season in the Southern Relays when he topped the hurdles in 14.2. His best time in the 220-yard low hurdles is the 23.7 he did in 1948.

But the Irish charges of Coach Doc Handy are not strong in the track alone but also in the field events. In this division the South Benders are led by John Helwig, star shot put and discus tosser. Helwig set a new Notre Dame record in the shot put this season when he heaved the iron ball 52 feet, 1 inch against Pitt. He was second in the same event at the Drake Relays three weeks ago.

**GERWIG**  
Southpaw Larry Gerwig, Nittany Lion javelin thrower, will have to turn in his best performance of the season if he hopes to retain his undefeated streak. His opposition will come from the Irish's Jim Miller, who turned in his best performance at the Southern Relays where he tossed the javelin 193 feet, 3½ inches.

Track Coach Chick Werner rates Bob Freebairn, Penn State sophomore, a comer in the mile. Freebairn is a former Philadelphia Public High School League champion.

# The Nittany Realm

By Red Roth

"Boy, I sure feel great."

The speaker was Herb Beckhard, captain of the Nittany Lion tennis team. He was referring to his victory Wednesday afternoon over Jack Nothell, Bucknell's number one singles player and conqueror of Beckhard earlier in the season.

Herb's decisive 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 win over the Bison star was doubly sweet. He not only got revenge for the earlier loss, but the conquest marked his first singles decision of the 1949 net season.

Referring to his string of six consecutive defeats in the past few weeks the Lion captain remarked:

"Sometimes you get into a slump. That's just what happened to me. At the beginning of the year I was sluggish, wasn't playing my usual game, and lacked confidence. Last Sunday, playing against 'Sonny' Landon (his doubles partner), I began to hit my stride for the first time all year, and now I think I'm back on the right track."

**18-8 RECORD**

As his collegiate record shows, the number one Foggman is a much better performer than his season mark of one win and six losses indicates. In three years of intercollegiate competition Beckhard has triumphed 18 times while dropping only 8 matches. Last year he wound up with a 3 won 4 lost mark playing against the best racqueters the East had to offer.

The good-looking 6'1" athlete, like most tennis men who take the game seriously, began his career at a tender age. He was only 12 when he initially hoisted a racket on his shoulder and marched out on the courts to face his first opponent—his mother.

"Even at that I started the game at a rather late age," he remarked. "Most really good tennis stars start playing when they're around 7 or 8 years old."

**A GRAYBEARD**

Looking at it from that angle, Herb was practically a graybeard when he began his net apprenticeship. Still he progressed fast enough so that by the time he was a senior in Woodmere, N. Y.'s high school, he was runner-up for the New York interstate title.

In his first year on the varsity, 1944, he established himself as a future Lion great, copping 7 decisions while dropping only 1. A stretch in the Navy interrupted his career for three years, but once back on the home courts he picked up where he left off and in 1947 downed 8 opponents while losing matches to but 3.

**2.66 ALL-COLLEGE**

Off the courts, Herb is just as much at home as when he's swinging at a whizzing tennis ball. He has a 2.66 all-college average which is just a little over par for the tough architectural engineering curriculum in which he's enrolled.

The list of honoraries and activities he has entered are amply demonstrated by the eight keys that dangle from his key chain. In fact about the only thing the 23-year-old all-around athlete can't, or won't, do is smoke.

After his graduation in June, Beckhard plans to enter Princeton for graduate work in architecture.

**AFTER GRADUATION**

"If I have time, I'll still play tennis in some of the amateur tournaments, but I certainly don't intend to devote my life to it," Herb remarked.

So it looks as if Jack Kramer, whom the Lion netters considers the world's best tennis ball returner, won't have to glance over his shoulder to find the Woodmere flash reaching for his laurels any time in the near future.



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