



The Lion's Tale

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The Mighty Three

A hearty pat on the back to Coach Chick Werner and his three trackmen, Captain Horace Ashenfelter, Jim Gehrdes and Wil Lancaster.

This trio, Penn State's representation in the recent NCAA track meet in Los Angeles, managed to rack up enough points to pull the Lions home fifth in a field of some seventy-odd collegiate cinder units.

Ashenfelter added the NCAA two-mile run crown to his list of accomplishments when he galloped home thirty-five yards ahead of Michigan State's Warren Druzler in a fast 9:03.6 clocking—a new low for "Ash."

Gehrdes placed second to Olympian Craig Dixon, UCLA, in the low hurdles, and followed Dixon and Dick Attlesley, Southern California, across the finish line in the 120-yard high hurdles.

Lancaster, the Nittanies' much improved dashman, was sixth in the 220-yard dash, won by Olympic kingpin Mel Patton of Southern Cal. Patton's winning effort was timed at 20.4.

An indication of the fine performance put on by the Lion "team" is shown in the scoring. Michigan State, the IC4A champion, barely edged out the Werner men in the team totals with a ten-man aggregation.

To Attempt Triple

Ashenfelter attempted to add the National AAU title to his accomplishments over the weekend. Jerry Karver completed such a cycle two years ago when he came home first in the IC4-A mile run and the NAAU 1500 meters.

"Fearless Fosdick," Ashenfelter's nickname on the cinders, copped the eastern distance title

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when he set a new IC4-A record of 9:09.2 recently.

Baseballers Go Pro

Righthander Cy Miller and Captain Hal Hackman have signed professional baseball contracts since the NCAA District 2 playoffs were completed.

Miller, the ace pitcher of Coach Joe Bedenk's diamondmen, is now hurling for the Muskegon, Michigan, farm team of the Chicago White Sox. The White Sox's Michigan nine is in a Class A loop, which is a good jump for a ball player directly out of the collegiate ranks. Miller won nine contests and lost but two for the Blue and White this year.

Hackman, the Lions' leading hitter, is now cavorting at shortstop for the Sunbury Reds of the Class B Inter-State loop.

Here and There

Georgie Schautz, captain of the 1949 edition of the Penn State

wrestling team, is the second man in the history of the sport at the College to win four letters. Schautz won his first monogram in 1945, and after spending some time with the United States Navy, returned to earn three more letters in 1947, 1948 and 1949. Dex Very, early Nittany matman, did the trick in 1910 through 1913. . . . Cy Miller, who defeated Bucknell three straight times over a two-year period, was selected by the Bison nine as the "most likely to succeed in major league baseball." He was the leading vote-getter on Bucknell's all-opponent team.

. . . Frank O'Hara, a graduate of Penn State in 1936, has been named as varsity baseball coach at Colgate. O'Hara coached freshman baseball and basketball last year.

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