

Harriers Face NYU in First Meet of Season

By JOE BREV

Penn State students, alumni and fans will have their first look at Coach Chick Werner's cross-country team Saturday when the Nittany Harriers play host to N.Y.U. on the Beaver Field Track.

Eight veterans have been chosen by Coach Werner to match strides with the eight man team of N.Y.U. The meet, scheduled to begin at 2:15 p.m., is the first of a tough five meet slate for State.

Captain Bob Parsons heads the Blue and White delegation. He will be assisted by Bill Ashenfelter, Don Ashenfelter, Bob Freebairn, John St. Clair, John McCall, Al Porto and Bill Gordon.

NO SENIORS

"The strange part of this team," Coach Werner pointed out, "is that every man on it is a junior. Our best sophomore to date has been Bob Davidson."

The meet will be over a five-mile course. The runners start in front of the stands on Beaver Field, circle the track once, leave the stadium, travel two-and-a-half times around the golf course and then re-enter the stadium for the finish.

The Nittany Lions will be attempting to repeat last year's victory over the visitors when the Werner-men came out on top by a 19-36 count. But they will have to do it without the benefit of a standout performer such as they have had in the past few years. At present there is no Horace Ashenfelter, Curt Stone or Jerry Karver on the squad.

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"The Team"

It's not everyday that a tackle intercepts a pass and runs for a touchdown, but when that tackle has played only 10 minutes of football for the College, the feat is especially noteworthy.

We went up to Rec Hall the other day to talk to Ed Hoover, Penn State's newest tackle find, to find out what it feels like to charge in from the line and suddenly find yourself running with the ball under your arm.

"If it wouldn't have been for Fred Felbaum tackling Songin in the Boston College game, I'd never have gotten the ball," was the sophomore's first comment. "Coach Bedenk told us that Songin would throw the ball anywhere if he were tackled behind the line and that's just what he did."

I Was There

"It just happened that I was there when he threw the ball away," Hoover's parents were in the stands Saturday and we wondered what their reaction was to his first, and most likely only touchdown of his career. "Well," he said, "my mother didn't have much to say since she doesn't like me to play football, but my father was thrilled—in fact, so was I."

In high school, the 205-pound tackle played for Altoona. In 1946 the team won eight and lost one and in 1947 it won five lost two and tied two. Last year Hoover played on the California S.T.C. team as a reserve tackle.

Two Man Job

Another unusual fact concerning the Lion's first touchdown was that the two men who engineered it, Hoover and Felbaum, appeared in the starting lineup for the first time this season. But, on the other hand, perhaps there was method to Coach Bedenk's strategy of starting two reserve linemen in a crucial "must" game for Penn State.

Gatherin' Grapplers

It will take a few weeks before the familiar grunt and groans will be heard on the College mats, but wrestling coach Charlie Spidel has already started the ball rolling by calling a meeting of aspirants last Tuesday night. From the turnout he will pick up his half-nelson and grapevine boys and mold them together into what promises to be a very interesting team.

Dribble Poor Favor

If you'd like to hear an account of Mexican athletes and customs, you won't have to register for one of Mr. Cook's tours—just mosey up to Rec Hall and ask John Lawther, who spent two months south of the border teaching Mexicans basketball. Lawther, an exponent of defensive basketball, had a job in teaching the good neighbors to the south that games can be won by holding the opponents' score down as well as outscoring them.

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