

# Nittany Harriers Eye NCAA, IC4-A Championships

## Cap Successful Season With Win Over Jaspers

By JOE BREU

The Penn State cross country team closed its successful 1949 dual meet season on Saturday with a triumph over Manhattan College and will now focus its attention on getting ready for the IC4-A and the NCAA meets.

Coach Chick Werner's harriers won their third victory of the season Saturday by a 26 to 29 count despite the fact that Manhattan's Bill Lucas finished first. However, he was followed over the finish line by Penn Staters Don Ashenfelter, Bob Freebairn and Al Porto. This turned the tide in favor of the Nittany Lions.

### CLOSE FINISH

The race was run over the Van Cortland Park course and covered five miles. Lucas traveled the distance in 26 minutes and 7 seconds. Ashenfelter's time was 26:12 and Freebairn's and Porto's were 26:19 and 26:22 respectively. In all the first 13 men finished within one minute of the winning time.

Lucas' victory was another feather in the cap of the Manhattan sophomore. He was the star of the Jasper freshman hill-and-dalers last fall and has been the leading runner on this year's varsity. He captured the Metropolitan Championship title last Tuesday and ranks as a contender for honors in the coming IC4-A meet.

### ASH AGAIN

This was the fourth time in four meets that Don Ashenfelter has led the Penn State team to the wire. He won the contests against NYU and Cornell and finished third in the Michigan State meet behind the Spartans' Warren Druetzler and Bob Mack. Both Freebairn and Porto turned in good performances. Freebairn's represented a return to form after running far behind at Michigan State.

The loss was the third of the season for Coach George Eastment's Manhattan team against the same number of wins. The Jaspers carried off the Metropolitan Championship run earlier in the season with ease.

Coach Chick Werner and his assistant, Norm Gordon, will now center their interest in preparing the Nittany runners for the IC4-A and the NCAA meets to be held next Monday and the following Monday.

The IC4-A will be held in Van Cortland Park and the NCAA will take place at East Lansing, Michigan, the home of Michigan State. These two meets are the big events of intercollegiate cross country competition.

### The Summary:

1. Lucas, Manhattan, 26:07
2. Don Ashenfelter, Penn State, 26:12
3. Freebairn, Penn State, 26:19
4. Porto, Penn State, 26:22
5. Enright, Manhattan, 26:24
6. Soltow, Manhattan, 26:38
7. Gordon, Penn State, 26:49
8. Moran, Manhattan, 26:50
9. Comerford, Manhattan, 26:52
10. St. Clair, Penn State, 26:55
11. Checola, Manhattan, 26:57
12. Parsons, Penn State, 26:59
13. Duffy, Manhattan, 27:01
14. McNeill, Manhattan, 27:27
15. McCall, Penn State, 27:38
16. McGee, Manhattan, 27:45
17. Bill Ashenfelter, Penn State, 28:36

## One Nittany Foe Bows Over Weekend

Penn State's only future football rival, Pittsburgh, did the expected over the weekend—the Panthers lost to Minnesota, 24-7.

Three of the Lion's past opponents had much more trouble than the pre-game polls forecasted: Michigan State was dumped by an underdog Oregon State eleven, 25-20; Army just barely squeaked by Pennsylvania, 14-13; West Virginia was forced to accept a 13-13 tie with little Texas Mines.

Otherwise things went pretty much according to schedule. Boston College battered Fordham, 20-12; Nebraska slipped by Iowa State, 7-0, and Syracuse splattered Holy Cross, 47-13. Villanova was idle.

Following are the records of State's opponents:

TEAM	W	L	T
Villanova	7	1	0
Army	8	0	0
Boston College	3	4	1
Nebraska	9	5	0
Michigan State	5	8	0
Syracuse	9	5	0
West Virginia	8	5	1
Temple	4	4	0
Pittsburgh	5	8	0

### IM Tennis

Intramural tennis players who still have matches to play in the tournament are requested to call the Intramural office in Rec Hall so that these matches can be arranged and the tournament finished this week.

### Jack's Boys

During Jock Sutherland's 15-year reign as head coach of the University of Pittsburgh football team the Panthers dropped only 20 games and tied 11. They won the Eastern title seven different years.

### Winning Streak

Pittsburgh's Panthers chalked up 32 consecutive wins from 1914 midway through 1919.

### Easy Meat

Pitt's grid teams, through the years, have made their best records against West Virginia. The Panthers downed the Mountaineers 32 times, lost only 8 and tied 2.

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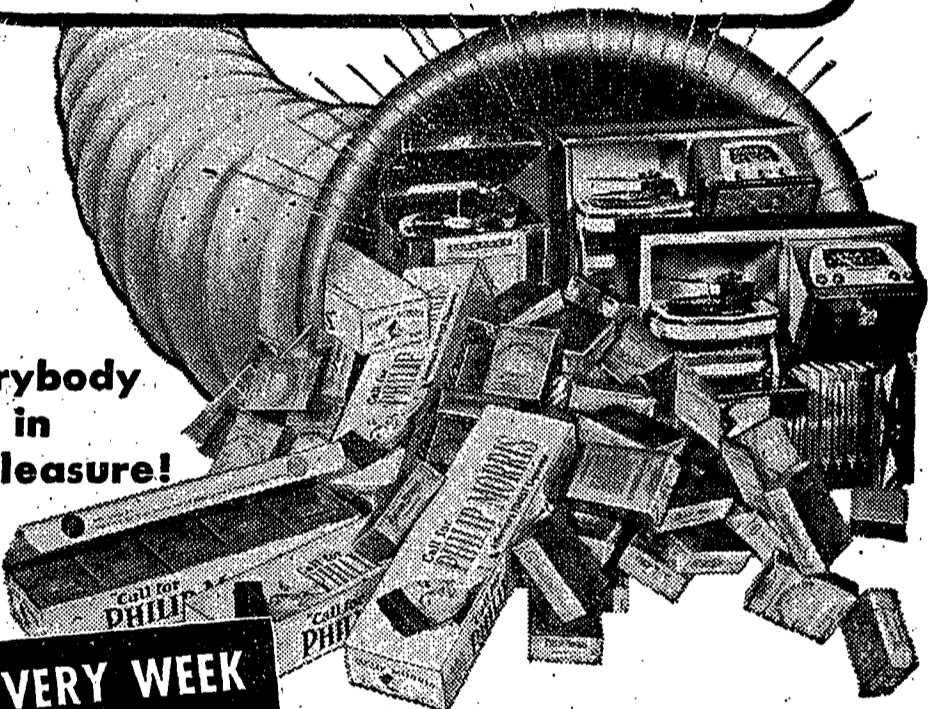
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