

Between



The Lions

With Elliot Krane
Sports Editor

Flying Start

Third place in a hurdle race sounds like an unassuming start for hurdler Jim Gehrdes, but when only 18 inches separated the Nittany track captain from the number one spot, the results take on a new light.

The Sugar Bowl tournament was the scene of Gehrdes' bid for hurdle supremacy. Running against Neil Flemming, Notre Dame, Craig Dickson, U.C.I.A. and Bill Mitchell, Georgetown, the Altoona flier was clocked in an unofficial 14 seconds flat, the best time of his career.

Flemming, who won the race in 0:13.9, flew away from the starting line and held the lead throughout the race. Dickson finished just four inches behind the Notre Dame senior and until the last 15 yards, Mitchell held third place. But after clearing the last hurdle, Jim outsprinted the Georgetown senior to take third place.

Great Season

"This will be a great season for hurdlers," said Gehrdes. "If a man can hit 0:13.9 this early in the season this should be the year for top hurdle races. I know that I ran the best race of my life down there in New Orleans, and from the looks of the first race, competition will be keen all the way down the line."

This Saturday the first of a series of indoor meets will be touched off with the Washington Star races in the national capital. Gehrdes will enter the 70 yard (Continued on page six)

Swimmers Meet Colgate, Cornell

By ART BENNING

A veteran Lion swimming aggregation faces today and tomorrow the task of meeting Colgate and Cornell, (and possibly more of its opponents throughout the season) without the capable guidance of its captain and record-smasher, Bill Schildmacher.

Schildmacher is unable to swim because of a hernia condition. He is to be operated on soon and may not be able to participate in any meets before he graduates in February. He set a precedent last year when he was elected captain of the squad while still a junior. Along with Cas Borowy, also from Erie, Schildmacher habitually took honors in the dash events last season.

VERSATILE DASHMAN

Last year Schildmacher steadily improved his time in the 100-yard freestyle, and at the same time performed so capably in other dash events or relays that Coach Bill Gutteron often found it expedient to switch him to other events. In this manner, the Lions were able to strengthen themselves in events in which opponents were likely to pile up points.

All other mermen are reported in top shape and eager to test themselves against topflight competition, which they undoubtedly will find in the Red Raiders' lair this afternoon at 4 o'clock. A squad of 19 swimmers, two managers and Coach Gutteron arrived in Hamilton late yesterday afternoon in time for a light workout before dinner.

MEET COLGATE TODAY

After meeting Colgate today, the Lions leave for Ithaca tomorrow morning to swim against the Big Red of Cornell at 2:30 in the afternoon. They are expected back in State College late tomorrow night.

Colgate's natators have not met the Lions during recent years. Coach Gutteron should feel re-

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Last Minute Instructions for W and J . . .



HEAD COACH ADAM SANDERS talks over the situation with his first two Washington and Jefferson College basketball platoons. The Presidents tangle with Elmer Gross' Penn State Lions at Washington, Pa., tomorrow night. The first platoon, called the "Jeffersons" by W and J fans, are left to right in the front row: Earl McKinney, forward; George

Singer, guard; Andy Mestrovic, forward; Bill Parkinson, guard; and Andy Turney, center.

In back are the "Washingtons": Jack Eaton, center; Dave Knoche, forward; Huck Hartman, guard; Chuck Devic, forward; Jim McGregor, guard.

Dribblers Oppose Tartans In Pittsburgh Tonight

By RAY KOEHLER

Followers of the Nittany Lions' court fortunes were warned by Coach Elmer Gross against building up hopes for a double weekend victory.

Tonight Penn State will move into action against Carnegie Tech in Pittsburgh while Washington and Jefferson play the hosts Saturday evening in Washington, Pa.

Appearing a bit pessimistic over the Lions' chances of winning both games Coach Gross summed up the situation late yesterday afternoon, saying, "Penn State will probably be ruled the favorite over Carnegie and W and J but these two are tough on home courts."

TECH BEATS PITT

Wednesday night Carnegie Tech pinned a surprise 62 to 42 win on Pitt for the Tartans' latest win.

The Lions will operate with the same team that started against Colgate. Early in the week Marty Costa had his sacroiliac jump out on him and as a result did not practise until Wednesday.

But the hard-playing Lion captain will be ready when the firing starts tonight, according to Gross. He will be joined at guard by sophomore Jay McMahan, whose showing in State's first seven games has provided a mild sensation. Lee Schisler, who has already scored 58 points will start at center.

AMPRIM

Joe Tocci and Lou Lamie spearhead the Nittanians' fast break from the forward positions, as usual. The State mentor will use Jack Storer and Ted Panoples as his first-string replacements while he also plans to give Hardy Williams and Lloyd Amprim reserve tests.

Wash-Jeff has already played nine games and owns a tall, ex-

perienced quintet. Commenting on the Presidents, Gross said, "W and J has a very experienced team this year and they still haven't lost a home game. As much as I'd like to win both games, I'll still gladly settle for a split."

PREXIES WIN 10

Last year the Red and Black won 10 while losing a like number. In one engagement at State College the Lions considered themselves fortunate to come out with a 40 to 38 win.

For the past two seasons the Presidents have been using a platoon system similar to the one Gross exhibited for a short time at the beginning of his schedule. Coach Adam Sanders attributes the success of this system to the factor of wearing his opposition down.

In two of W and J's fray's this year—63 to 45 over Arizona State and 64 to 40 over Buffalo University—the President's high scores convincingly displayed the platoon's worth.

WASH-JEFF

W and J fans have labeled platoon No. 1, Washington, and platoon No. 2, Jefferson. Starting for Washington will be Chuck Devic and Dave Knoche at forwards, Jack Eaton at center and Roy Hartman and Bert Alcorn. Jefferson will consist of Andy Mestrovic and Earl McKinney, forwards, Andy Turney, center, and Bill Parkinson and George Singer at the guards.

Coaches Favor Two Platoons

The much debated rule permitting the two platoon system received the strong endorsement of the 44th annual convention of the American Football Coaches Association in New York. In addition, the coaches voted to recommend a liberalization of the substitution rules.

Last year Knoche made the Nittany Lions' all-opponent honorable mention team for his one-game showing against them. Eaton, nicknamed "Stratosphere" by his teammates, will have to carry the Prexies' defensive hopes on his rangy, 6-foot 5-inch frame. Mestrovic, a junior cager from West Virginia, usually provides Coach Sanders with his most powerful offensive punch.

The Compliance Committee of the NCAA also disclosed that 10 additional colleges are under investigation for alleged violation of the Sanity Code. Seven colleges have already been cited for breaking the rules. None of the 10 new schools under investigation was named. A spirited battle over the Sanity Code is expected on the floor of today's full session.

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Friday, Jan. 13, 7:45 P. M.

L. S. A. will visit the Hillel Foundation for an interesting program. Following this a taffy pull will be held in the Student House.

Sunday, Jan. 15, 6:30 P. M.

A talk on "Opportunities for Full Time Service to Your Church," by Dr. A. R. Wentz, President of Lutheran Theological Seminary.