

Mile Relay Quartet Sets New Nittany Indoor Track Mark

Thinclad Four Captures First Victory Gehrdes Places 2nd, Fritts 4th

Penn State's one-mile relay team set a new Nittany indoor-mile relay record Saturday night at the New York Athletic Club Meet held in Madison Square Garden.

In chalking up it's first win of the season, the Lion quartet of Wil Lancaster, Guy Kay, Bill Lockhart and John McCall sped over the distance in 3 minutes and 22 seconds flat, clipping two-tenths of a second off the old mark.

The victory was hard-earned with Colgate's mile team giving the Lions a fight all the way and finishing only a foot or two behind the Nittany runners. Yale was third and Navy fourth.

SMART RUNNING

Coach Werner's boys gained the victory by smart running and their refusal to quit. All four turned in great races. Lancaster got the team off to a good start by grabbing a two-yard lead. Kay, running the second lap, collided with the Colgate runner which hurt the time, but by remaining in the running, he kept the State team in the race.

Lockhart took over with a slight deficit but turned in a terrific 49.6 quarter and put the Lions back in the lead. McCall was pressed the entire last quarter by the Colgate runner but withstood every challenge and brought home the bacon.

THE BRIDE

Prior to this race it had been a case of always a bridesmaid but never a bride with the Nittany mile team. In all its previous meets during the winter the Lion foursome had set the pace only to lose out by a few yards to the best teams in the nation.

It was the second record broken by the mile relay team within a year. Last spring against Notre Dame the Lion team set a new outdoor Penn State relay mark.

Both records had previously been held by the same team of Dan Taylor, Frank Thomas, Jay Steele and Jay Deming.

GOING ROUGH

Captain Jim Gehrdes found the going a little rough for the third straight week as he finished in second place behind Craig Dixon in the 60 yard high hurdles. However, Dixon turned in a fine performance in winning the event in 7.3 seconds. Last week Jumpin' Jim finished second to Harrison Dillard in Boston.

Lancaster, in addition to his stellar performance in the mile relay, finished fourth in the 60-yard sprint. He was only a yard behind the winner, Ira Kaplan of NYU. Ben Kritzberger of Penn was second and Tom Carey was third.

FRITTS FOURTH

Another fourth-place finish was turned in by Vic Fritts in the high jump. Vic leaped 6 feet, 2 inches. The winning height was 6.4.

Fred Wilt, the FBI agent who has been dominating the distance events this winter, gained revenge from Curt Stone in the two-mile run. Stone upset Wilt in Boston last week for Wilt's only loss of the season. In that race Stone covered the two miles in 8.55.

Just like the week before, Horace Ashenfelter set the early pace. He left the field behind in the early stages of the race but

was unable to hold his pace and at the one-and-a-half mile mark Wilt and Stone caught him. Stone was second and Ash third. Wilt's time was 8:59.3 and he ran the last quarter in 61 seconds.

Lions, Quakers Resume Rivalry

Penn State will resume its football rivalry with Penn in 1952. Although the contract calls for only one game there is the possibility that the contest will mark the resumption of an annual series.

The two teams have met 40 times since 1890, but only infrequently in the last ten years. In their last meeting in 1948, Penn State paced by Frank Rogel, shattered the Quakers' dreams of an unbeaten season by turning in a 13-0 victory.

Penn holds a wide margin in the victory column, winning the first 15 games, but in recent years Bob Higgins, since retired, held a 4-3-2 edge over the Red and Blue.

Here's More Fuel For the Argument 'Brains vs. Brawn'

Ever wonder what it takes to be an excellent rope-climber?

Muscles and coordination, of course. But gym Coach Gene Wettstone adds another factor which might surprise the average layman.

"Brains," he says, and adds, "There's little to motivate a rope-climber and induce him to give out with important extra effort. A fellow needs brains to figure out the fun in this event."

Wettstone continued that a lot of the recent star rope-climbers at State have been engineers. They had real heads on their shoulders.

Lee Perna, the present top candidate for rope-climbing honors, isn't an engineer. He's a commerce and finance major, but he's pulling down threes. If Wettstone is correct, Perna might be just what the Lions need.

Take a look at the report card paper—our boy wants to be a rope-climber.

Sets Record

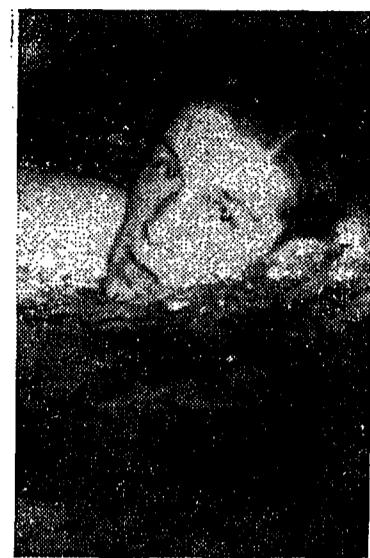


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Gene Kolber

Tankmen Clip Delaware Hens

After trailing most of the way, a not-to-be-denied State tank team stroked to victory in the 400 yard relay, to nose out the University of Delaware, 39-36, Saturday afternoon in Glennland pool.

Behind by a 36-32 count, the relay team of Vic Lynch, Bob Long, Dick Wilson and Cas Borowy staged an all out effort to defeat the Blue Hen's Charley Lloyd, sophomore ace, and John Bishop, who trailed Borowy in both the 50 and 100 yards freestyle events.

Gene Kolber turned in the record-breaking time of 5:28 in the 440 yard freestyle event. Captain John McGrory placed second in the event to keep the Lion hopes alive.

McGrory, who set a new team record against Seton Hall the previous week in the 220 yard freestyle event, continued his winning ways by taking the event in 2:27.3. Cas Borowy won both the 50 and 100 yard freestyle, in addition to his part in the relay.

Delaware captured first and second in the fancy diving, with State's Bob Richardson taking third. The man who captured the fancy of the crowd with his diving exhibition was Delaware's Captain Bauduy Grier, who totaled 94.01 points in winning the event.

Delaware's highly touted back-stroker, Murray Campbell, edged out Rod Waters and Ken Conrad, but Lloyd, who is ranked as the outstanding distance swimmer in Delaware, failed to look impressive in the 100 yard freestyle and the relay.

Gymnasts Miss Captain, Drop Army Meet, 59-37

Faced with the prospect of carrying on their schedule without the services of all-round star and captain Mike Kurowski, Penn State's gymnastic crew today settled down to pre-Navy drills knowing they have a tough road to hoe.

Kurowski, who became ineligible after the end of the semester and dropped out of school, was sorely missed Saturday when the Lions suffered their first loss of the season, 59-37, at West Point.

Without their captain, the Nittany high scorer against Michigan State, the Lions were unable to grab a first in any event except tumbling. There, bouncin' Rudy Valentino out-tumbled everyone to come up with his second first-place of the young season.

Paced by Bob Brunson, who grabbed firsts on the horizontal and parallel bars, Army piled up a 51-29 lead through the meet up to the tumbling event and had the meet sewed that early.

Most disappointing event for the Lions was the rope-climb in which they had pre-meet hopes of scoring heavily. As it turned out, John Claybrook of Army won the event with a time of 4.4, not exceptionally good, with Lee Perna of State finishing second, and John Green of Army, third.

JV Boxers Bow

Penn State's junior varsity boxing team dropped a 5-3 decision to Syracuse in the first half of a Rec Hall double bill Saturday night.

The Summaries:

125-pounds—Joe Reynolds, Penn State, decision Norm Mosberg, 30-27.

130-pounds—William Shaffio, Syracuse, won by forfeit.

135-pounds—Ed Martin, Syracuse, won by forfeit.

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145-pounds—Ed McBride, Syracuse, decisioned Ed Rohrbeck, 30-26.

155-pounds—Pat Heims, Penn State, decisioned John Pauldin, 29-27.

165-pounds—Albie Diconstanos, Syracuse, decisioned Buhl Winter, 30-26.

175-pounds—Chuck Wilson, Penn State, scored TKO over Fred Wiltz in 1 min. 30 seconds of the second round.

Heavyweight—George Kartalian, Syracuse, decisioned Chuck Godlasky, 29-27.

Fencers Gain First Victory

The Nittany Lion fencers finally hit the victory trail by slashing their way to an 18 to 9 win over Temple Saturday at Rec Hall.

The Lions encountered unexpected opposition in the saber division, which Temple's Owls took by a 6-3 count. Paul Younkin of the Lions won two matches and dropped one. Ed Merek won one and lost two. Bob Searles and John Richards both failed to win and dropped two and one matches, respectively.

The Lions, in gaining their first victory of the 1950 season, won both the foil and epee events. In the foil, Harry McCarty won three and lost none. Gene Goldbloom won two matches and dropped one, while Ralph Meier came out on top in all three of his.

In the epee, Rolf Wald won three matches and lost none. Bill Fairchok lost both of his, but his substitute, Pete Raidy, a newcomer on the fencing team, won his only match. Wayne Culver also chinted in with three victories and no losses.

Penn State will seek its second fencing victory this Saturday in Rec Hall against the Violets of N.Y.U.

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