

Gehrdes, Fritts Win IC4A Championships

BY JOE BREU

Captain-hurdler Jim Gehrdes and high jumper Vic Fritts are responsible for Penn State's being among a select group in the collegiate track world today.

Both won their events at the IC4-A meet at New York Saturday and as a result State is one of the few schools in the nation to be able to claim two intercollegiate champions.

The championships were the first for both Nittany thinclads and both accomplished their victories in much the same manner. Gehrdes came from behind after hitting the first hurdle and Fritts won his title on the last jump in the event.

Gehrdes looked like a sure bet to break the meet record if not equal the world's record in the 60 yards high hurdles event as he whizzed through his preliminary heats in sensational style. But his mishap with the initial hurdle of the championship race ruined any such chances.

GOOD FORM

In fact, his ability to come back and win the race at all after being slowed almost to a standstill by the accident bears out the form that the Altoona Express was in Saturday night. Jim's victory was doubly sweet in that he won his first race from Michigan State's star timbertopper, Horace Smith. The Lion Captain caught the Spartan Speedster in the last few strides before hitting the tape. Jim's time was 7.3, a tenth of a second off the meet record.

Chalking up his second indoor season victory, Fritts scored one of the upsets of the evening. The lanky junior won the high jump crown with a leap of 6 feet 4 1/4 inches.

Vic seemed headed for a four-way first place tie. He and three fellow jumpers had all cleared 6' 3" but all had failed to top that mark. The veteran Nittany trackster had the last jump of the event and it was on this attempt that he made good. He was given the chance to try to clear the bar at 6' 6" but after nearly making it on his first try, he failed. Vic previously won the high jump at the Philadelphia Inquirer meet this winter.

DISTANCE MEN

For the first time in years, Penn State's distance men failed to steal any share of the spotlight at the IC meet. In the last few seasons it had a case of all the glory going to the Nittany distance aces. But Saturday night was different.

It was Wil Lancaster who showed the Lion runners the way as he captured fourth place in the 60 yard sprint. The race was won by Seton Hall's star dash man, Andy Stanfield in 6.3 seconds, a tenth of a second off Barney Ewell's often equalled world's record. Joe Cianciabella of Manhattan was second and Ira Kaplan of NYU finished third.

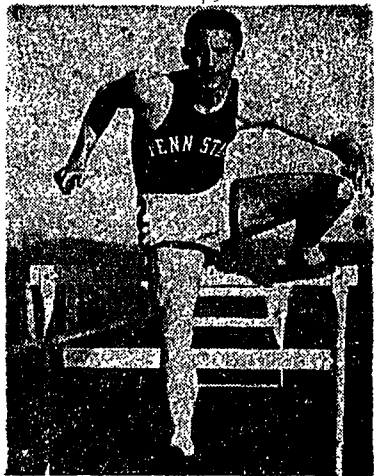
As for the distance men, State's entries of Don Ashenfelter and Bob Freebairn in the mile and Bill Ashenfelter and Dudley Foster in the two mile failed to win places but in even qualifying for the final heats in the star fields they proved their worth.

In the special two mile run of non-collegiate, star distance runners it was an old story—Fred Wilt. The FBI Flyer won going away from Ireland's and Villanova's John Joe Barry. Wilt covered the course in 8:55.2, only a second slower than Curt Stone's time in the Boston A.C. games which was the fastest of the season.

GRAD RUNNERS

Penn State's two ex-grad runners, Horace Ashenfelter and Curt Stone finished in third and fifth respectively. Ash set the pace for the first mile but couldn't maintain it once Wilt got moving. John Twomey of Illinois who trains at State, finished fourth. Stone, who had bowled over Wilt the week before in the NAAU meet, just didn't have it Saturday night.

Coach Chick Werner is well pleased with the showing his Lion thinclads made and especially with the two titles won by Gehrdes and Fritts. Compe-



Jim Gehrdes

tion in the meet was furious and more than one record fell by the wayside. In addition to Fritts upset win, quite a few other totally unexpected winners turned up with Syracuse's Dick Church's triumph in the two mile the top surprise.

Volley Ball

Men interested in playing collegiate volleyball are asked to report to the Rec Hall volleyball courts in Rec Hall Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 4 p.m., or call Don Wilson at 2919.

Loss of Gridders Doesn't Irk Milt

Dr. Milton Eisenhower, an avid sports fan, told about a last-ditch attempt to keep him at Kansas State this fall. He said that a release from State College, stating that all but three Lion varsity football players would graduate this season, was placed on his desk.

The clipping, put there by the president of the Kansas State Board of Regents, was marked, "Dear Milton—want to change your mind?"

Title Prospects

The Penn State threesome of Don Maurey, 136 pounds, Captain Jim Maurey, 145 pounds, and Homer Barr, heavyweight, still is conceded an excellent chance of winning title honors in the 1950 Eastern intercollegiate wrestling championships. Barr won his first title as a sophomore last year.

Record 272 Matmen Take IM Physicals

By Marv Krasnansky
Intramural wrestling's record-breaking entry of 249 fraternity and 23 independent men yesterday started taking physical checkups by the College dispensary for what promises to be the toughest mat campaign in IM annals. The medics will hold the spotlight until March 9.

The standard-bettering fraternity wrestling enrollment topped last year's previous high of 206. The 1949 high of 22 independents also fell by the wayside before a torrent of entries that poured into the IM office Friday afternoon.

Only two of the five eligible defending champions have chosen to enter the competition, scheduled to begin about March 15. Vince Cavanaugh, Delta Upsilon's 145-pound titlist, will compete in the 155-pound division and Phil Cloud, Pi Kappa Phi, last year's 155-pound winner, will be seeking the 165-pound title this season.

NO CHAMPIC

Phi Delta Theta, 1949 champion, will have to defend its title without either of its three champions, Ted Aiken, 121-pound champion has been graduated, Tom McDermott, heavyweight

winner is ineligible under IM regulations, and Augustus Pierce, 165-pound champion, has not entered.

Cavanaugh will be facing a field of 40 grunting hopefuls in his quest to gain the 155-pound championship. John Hull, Beta Theta Pi, who lost to Cloud in the finals last year, and John Case, another leading contender in 1949 are among the 40 entered in the division.

KNOCK DOWN BATTLE

The 175 and 145 pound classes should provide some knock down, drag out competition before a winner is culled from the bunch. Bill Eggert, Sigma Nu, loser to Mike Rubino in the finals last year, Ron Coder, Phi Kappa Sigma, and Ed Van Sichel, two of last season's semi-finalists are all among the 32 entries in the light-heavyweight division.

Sandy Cameron, Beta Theta Pi, runner-up in the 145-pound section last year, and John McCall, Alpha Tau Omega, head the list of 39 entered in that class.

LEADING ENTRIES

Paul Hallman, Sigma Pi, is a leading contender in the 25-man 128-pound class, while the 121-pound division looks like a wide open race among the 13 entries. George Kurtz, Lambda Chi Alpha, heads a list of 34 hopefuls in the 135-pound section, and Kip Siebler, loser to Pierce in the finals, looks like the leading entry in the 165-pound.

Footballers Paul Kelly Phi Kappa Psi; Lloyd Amprim, Kappa Delta Rho, and Mario Santangelo are among the 31 contenders for the heavyweight title.

Heavies

Heavyweights promise plenty of action when the 13th NCAA boxing tournament is held at Penn State March 30-April 1.

State Boxers Prep for Virginia; Wisconsin Wins By 4.5-3.5 Count

By GEORGE VADASZ

Acting Coach Ed Sulkowski is still pondering over the question, "How close can you come to winning and still lose?" as he is sending his ring charges through strenuous workouts in preparation for this Saturday's boxing finals against the University of Virginia.

Last Friday, before 9,000 screaming fans at Wisconsin, the Lions suffered their second consecutive defeat, a close 4 1/2-3 1/2 decision to the highly-touted Badger ringmen.

LIONS IMPRESSIVE

Yet the Blue and White made an impressive showing against a supposedly "loaded" Wisconsin ring unit. The dual meet was the 17th between the two schools; the victory was Wisconsin's 16th.

Before the opening gong, Wisconsin sported 51 straight home wins and expected little trouble from the visiting Lions. But at the end of the evening's fireworks, a sportscribe commented: "Penn State came here without the fanfare of some of the other teams on the badger schedule, but they came just as close to defeating the Badgers as almost any other boxing team you can name."

In the evening's most highly publicized bout, the heavyweight scrap, Chuck Drazenovich topped Vito Parisi in a sizzling battle.

PARISI ROUGH

Parisi, 1948 NCAA heavyweight champ, the second national kingpin to absorb Chuck's stinging blows, gave the Draz a lot more trouble than did Marty Crandell two weeks ago. Parisi lost

the first round, had an edge in the second, but in the third, with Drazenovich trying for a knockout, was no match for the Lion heavyweight contender.

In a bout that caused the greatest furor, the 175-pound go, Penn State's Jack Bolger was awarded a decision over Gerald Meath.

Meath was penalized two points for hitting after the bell; throughout the match there was more hitting fater the bell and in the clinches than there usually is in a collegiate fisticuffing duel.

The Lions' other point gatherer was 135-pound John Albarano. In winning his fourth in five starts, Albarano looked impressive. He copped three 10-9 rounds from his Wisconsin opponent, Les Paul.

PAPPY DRAWS

At 130-pounds, Harry Papachalambous was held to a draw by Jim "Red" Sreeran. Last year Sreeran decided Penn State's Captain Johnny Benglian in the quarter-finals of the NCAA tournament.

Both of Wisconsin's co-captains, Steve Gremban, at 125, and Dwaine Dickinson, at 145, continued on their winning ways. Gremban took all three rounds from the Lions' John Hanby while Dickinson eked out a one-point edge over Frank Gross.

Fencers Capture Second Win, Edge Johns Hopkins, 14-13

BY JOHN DALBOR

The Nittany Lion fencers hit No. 2 in the win column by nipping the bladesmen of Johns Hopkins 14 to 13 in Baltimore, Md., Saturday.

The saber competition proved the deciding event and gave Penn State its victory. The Lions were behind 10 to 8 going into the saber, last event of the afternoon, but they forged ahead by copping it 6 to 3.

Paul Youkin, continuing his winning ways led the Nittanies with three wins, and no losses in the saber. Ed Merek in the same event won two and dropped one. John Richards won one and lost two.

John Hopkins took the foil 6 to 3. For the Lions, Harry Mc-

Carty won two and lost one. Ralph Meier took one match and lost two. Louis Como fenced in his first meet for Penn State, replacing Gene Goldbloom, and dropped all three of his matches.

In the epee, team captain Rolf Wald won two and dropped one. Pete Raidy also won two and lost one. Wayne Culver was defeated in his two matches, but his substitute, Bill Fairchok, captured the last one.

This meet brought the swordsmen's season record of two victories and three losses. Penn State had previously defeated Temple, but lost to Lehigh, Army, and NYU.

This Saturday the fencers will travel to Ithaca, N. Y. where they match stiletos with Cornell.

Seek Honors

Curt Stone and Horace Ashenfelter, both Penn State products, are currently vying with Fred Wilt for American two-mile honors. Both do their training on the campus.

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