

Relay Team Breaks Nittany Indoor Mark

Quartet Tops Own 3-Week-Old Record In New York Knights of Columbus Meet

By JOE BREU

The Penn State track team's mile relay team seems to have adopted as its slogan the sports adage that records are made to be broken.

For on Saturday night the Nittany quartet broke the Penn State indoor record in the event for the second time during the current board season. Speeding over the course in 3 minutes 21.2 seconds, the team of Captain Jim Gehrdes, Guy Kay, Bill Lockhart and Wil Lancaster clipped eight-tenths of a second off the record set three weeks ago in the New York A.C. meet.

The feat was noteworthy for more than the fact that a record was set, however. It marked the competitive debut of Gehrdes as a quarter-miler and represented the best performances of every member of the quartet.

McCALL OUT

And only one short week ago it looked as if the mile team had done its last running for the indoor season due to the loss of John McCall through ineligibility. It was a serious blow to the team, and was responsible for keeping it at home during last week's ICA-A meet.

As for the race itself, Gehrdes ran his lap in 50.9 seconds and handed the baton to Kay in second place. The latter matched Jumpin' Jim's performance in both time and position.

But after he passed the baton to Lockhart it was another story. Lockie soon caught the leader and handed over a five yard lead to Lancaster, who not only maintained it but increased it to fifteen yards at the finish line. Lockie did the best time, 49.5, while Lanc ran his quarter in 49.7.

TOP VILLANOVA

The Lions were followed over the line by Villanova, Princeton and Georgetown in that order. It was the first victory over Villanova this season for Coach Chick Werner's men. The Wildcats are considered one of the best teams in the East.

A mishap at the first hurdle cost Gehrdes a victory over his arch rival, Harrison Dillard, in the 60-yard high hurdles. As was the case last week, Jim was slowed almost to a walk and had to practically start all over again. He missed catching Dillard at the wire by only a few inches. As it was he forced the Olympic ace to tie the meet record of 7.2 seconds.

High jumper Vic Fritts showed none of the form which won him the ICA-A championship. He jumped only 6 feet 2 inches and finished in fifth place.

Former Nittanyman Curt Stone won the two mile run in 9:04 while Horace Ashenfelter, another grad, finished fifth in the mile. The mile was won by Ireland's John Joe Barry who upset the great Fred Wilt. Wilt was fourth with John Twomey second and Penn's Tom Kierwin third.

IM Entrants Set Handball Mark

Fraternity intramural handball singles will begin tomorrow night at Rec Hall. The independent section will open its campaign on Tuesday, March 14.

A record number of a 125 entries have been filed for fraternity handball intramurals, breaking the previous high of 107 set in 1949. Eight entries have been submitted by the independent men headed by the defending champion, Milt Silberman.

Because of the record number of entries in the fraternity section the contestants have been divided into 16 flights. There will be 15 eight man flights and one five man flight.

In the independent league two defeats will eliminate a contestant from further competition while in the fraternity section one defeat is all that is necessary.

Lee Henry, Phi Gamma Delta, last years champion graduated, leaving the race wide open in the fraternity field. Art Oeberg, Pi Kappa Alpha, who was defeated by Henry in the championship match leads the list of aspirants for the throne.

Passers Win Against Hoyas In Final Games

By RAY KOEHLER

Holy Cross, St. John's and LaSalle all did it, and not to be outdone, Penn State's passers called it quits for the 1949-'50 season Saturday night by defeating Georgetown 65 to 56 at Rec Hall thus joining the select group which has beaten the Hoya quintet.

And so, before an overflow crowd of more than 5,300, the Nittany Lions brought to an auspicious end Coach Elmer Gross' first year as head basketball mentor with a final mark of 13 wins against 10 losses.

It would be silly to call Gross a 'Rembrandt' but he certainly did paint a pretty picture for Lion court fans the past season. For during that span he accomplished what six previous Nittany teams failed at—winning over ten games in one season.

BEST SINCE '43

State's record points out the best cage year since 1943 when it won 15 while losing only 4.

One of the prominent factors behind the Nittanies' fine showing was their better-than-average record on the road. In 14 away games the Lions managed to win 6, just one shy of the .500 mark. Stand those figures beside last year's totals, when Penn State failed to win a single foreign tilt, and the improvement makes itself evident.

As usual the Lions were well nigh unbeatable on the Rec Hall boards finishing up with 7 wins against 2 losses. One of those defeats was an overtime thriller to Colgate which State later overcame at Hamilton, N.Y.

COSTA DEVELOPS FAST

From a purely individual viewpoint the development of Marty Costa from a mere potential into a steady—not great—but always dependable performer deserves mention.

Natural athletes like Joe Tocci, Lou Lamie and Jack Storer had "IT" all along, but there was something downright heart-warming in the steady improvement which marked the advance of the once awkward Costa year after year, game after game. This past year Gross applied the lacquer on a pet project begun by Jawther.

COSTA & TOCCI

It was only proper that Costa and Tocci—State's co-captains—should lead the way against Georgetown, which plays perhaps the roughest road schedule in the East.

Marty padded 18 points onto his season's total to bring him to the 299 mark. This was 37 counters above the former all-time Penn State high of 260 set by Jack Biery in 1947.

"Little Joe" the Lions' vest pocket watch-charm guard put on one of his own patented ball-handling shows, in addition to scoring 13 points, to highlight Penn State's second-half victory rush.

Holding a seven-point advantage at halftime—30 to 23—State piled up 35 counters the second time around to post its 65 to 56 win.

To Defend Title

Only gymnasts slated to defend their 1949 titles in the 1950 Eastern championships at Penn State March 11, are Gene Rabbitt and Leo Minotti, both of Syracuse University. Rabbitt's specialty is the side horse, while Minotti recently achieved a 3.5-second timing in the 20-foot rope climb.

Lion Riflemen Trim Lehigh

Penn State's varsity rifle squad won its opening match of the shoulder-to-shoulder season Saturday at Lehigh by a 1379 to 1344 score.

Captain Gerold Prange and John Stoudt led the riflers with scores of 282. Jack Hepfer's 278, Nelson Bevard's 269, and Clarke Young's 268 completed State's scoring.

The rifle team will travel to Maryland Mar. 18 for its final shoulder-to-shoulder dual match.

With last week's results not yet known, the record of the rifle squad in telegraphic matches stands at 13 wins and 9 losses. The riflers defeated Brown and Harvard and lost to Wyoming the week of Feb. 25 with a score of 1393.

Telegraphic matches this week are with San Francisco, Minnesota, Northwestern and Denver. The National Collegiate sectional rifle competition will be held Apr. 1.

Swimmers---

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The Seton Hall meet earlier in the season in Glennland pool, when the Lions led, 37-31, going into the relay. The Pirates stroked to a narrow win, and dropped the Lions, 38-37.

The State swimmers closed the season with a record of three wins, five losses, and one tie.

The summaries follow:

300-yard medley relay—Won by Penn State (Waters, Nelson, Wilson); second, Virginia. Time—3:14.9.
150-yard backstroke—Won by Conrad, Penn State; second, Waters, Penn State; third, Wachenfeld, Virginia. Time—1:45.8.
200-yard breaststroke—Won by McCasland, Virginia; second, Wheeler, Virginia; third, Nelson, Penn State. Time—2:47.3.
440-yard freestyle—Won by Williams, Virginia; second, McGrory, Penn State; third, Kolber, Penn State. Time—5:14.8.
400-yard relay—Won by Penn State; second, Virginia (disqualified, false start).
100-yard freestyle—Won by Borowy.

Edinboro Sets IM Mark With 64-11 Victory

By ERNIE MOORE

Edinboro of independent League F smashed the intramural basketball single game scoring record by ten points Friday night, annihilating the Twenty-Niners, 64-11. The previous record of 54 points was held by the Royals of League J.

Bill Mihalich shredded the cords with 18 points in leading Edinboro to its sixth straight victory.

The other two League F contests were a little tighter as the Clarkers edged the Foresters, 19-17, and Navy eked out a 18-16 win over the McAlley Cats.

BOMBERS CLOSE

In League D, the Bombers closed out their season with a 22-11 victory over the Q-Quintet. The win was their sixth against one defeat. Atherton Hall smashed Dorm 37, 25-13, and the Tri-pods won a forfeit game from the Miners in the same league.

The Red Flashes crept to within a half game of the Boppers in League E by winning their fifth game, 16-7, over the Jungle Bees. Also in that league, Pie Pugh edged Dorm 34, 12-11, and the Phils took a forfeit game from Alpha Chi Grey.

On Thursday night, Tau Kappa Epsilon won its eighth straight game, 21-11, over Alpha Tau Omega and cinched the title in League F.

BETA'S FIFTH

Beta Theta Pi squeaked by

Kappa Delta Rho, 23-21, for its fifth win and Omega Psi Phi whipped Phi Kappa Sigma, 13-4 in the same league.

League B went back into a tie when Alpha Phi Alpha won its fifth game, 21-20, over Phi Epsilon Pi to deadlock undefeate Phi Kappa Psi for the lead position. Other League B contest saw Sigma Phi Sigma edge Sigma Phi Alpha, 16-15, and Theta Kappa Phi win by forfeit from Tau Phi Delta.

Theta Chi closed out its season by whipping Alpha Chi Rho 18-13, and was assured of at least a tie for the lead spot in League D.

Alpha Gamma Rho stayed close behind Theta Chi by winning a protest game from Sigma Phi Epsilon. SPE won the game, 23-21, but used an ineligible player and the game was given to AGR. Sigma Nu won on a scoring spree in the other League B contest, whalloping Phi Kappa Phi, 38-5, for its fourth win.

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