

Trackmen Go Outdoors For Opener Next Week

With the first meet less than two weeks away Penn State's track team has its work cut out.

Coach Chick Werner's Nittany thinclads have plenty of intensive training before them on Beaver Field if they hope to be ready when the starter's gun sends them off against Michigan State and Ohio State, April 22.

Held to the meager facilities of Rec Hall by the weather, the Lions' fortunes in the opening meet will rest largely on how fast they can approach their peak. Thus the Lions are going to be more than just slightly interested in the whims of Ol' Man Weather during the next few days.

VET CLASSIFICATION

Coaches Werner and Norm Gordon will have a veteran squad to choose from. But don't let that word "veteran" mislead you. In many events the Wernermen have only one real returnee from last year with the other positions depending on newcomers or holdovers from last year who did not flash quite so brightly.

The Nittany tracksters suffered many losses through graduation last June. Gone from last Spring are Horace Ashenfelter, whose loss would hurt any team, Larry Gerwig, the lefty javelin tosser, and runners Mitch Williams, Bob Bour, Bob Auman, Paul Koch, George Thomas, and discus thrower Buck Moyer.

In a brief position by position preview the Lions shape up like this:

Capt. Jim Gehrdes heads the hurdles division and appears ready for a big season after a successful indoor campaign. Back from last year also are Leon Cottrell and George Kline. Guy Kay, a newcomer and member of the record-conscious mile relay team this winter, looms as the possible number two man.

READIES FOR DASHES

In the sprints and dashes veteran Wil Lancaster leads the pack. He will go in the 100 and 220 yard runs. Bill Lockhart looks like the top man in the 440 yard run. The rest of the places will have to come from rookies—namely Bill Polito, Jimmy Gibson, Bob Giron and maybe Kay. Giron was set to see action last year but was put out of competition by a leg injury.

The distance events suffered heaviest through graduation. And the men who were running in the secondary positions last spring have not yet come up to the promise they showed then and last Fall in cross country. In fact Coach Werner feels that the success of the entire season lies on the ability of these men to develop into runners anywhere near the peak expected of them.

In this group are Bob Freebairn, Jack St. Clair, Bill and Don Ashenfelter, Bob Parsons, Al Porto, and Bill Gordon. This leaves the possibility that some soph might step in and make his weight felt. Among these potentials are John Davison, Stan Linder, Hal Wilson, Dudley Foster, and Pete Knapp.

In the field events the Wernermen are loaded with vets but once again this doesn't mean too much.

FRITTS ADDS TITLE

IC4-A indoor champ Vic Fritts and Bill Reynolds are back in the high jump as is Leroy Lewis. All three regulars have returned in the shot put. They are Doug Shearer, Chuck Drazenovich and Bob Krayer.

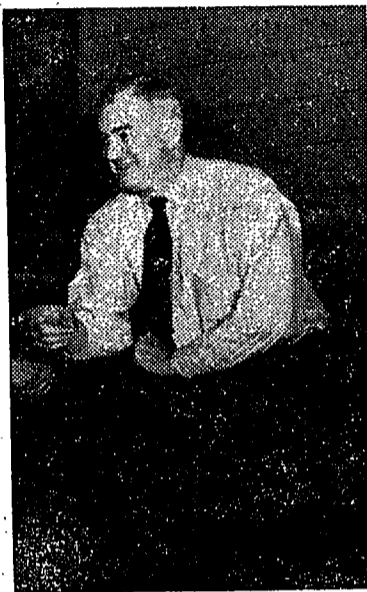
With the departure of Larry Gerwig, the job of upholding the javelin event will fall to a newcomer—Ted Roderer, a junior who was ineligible last Spring. He appears to have the edge over the group which includes Wil Bertram and Jim White from last year.

The discus throw has vets Max Schlienger and Tom McDermott back for another season but the Lions will miss the services of Buck Moyer.

Lancaster, the top sprinter, is also the number one broad jumper. Will led the team in this event last year. Bill Reynolds, high jumper, is also back.

POLEVULT IS WEAK

The Wernermen have four returnees in the polevault but even so the Nittany coach con-



CHICK WERNER

siders this event the weakest spot on the team. Back from last year are Ron Coder, Merle Seiber, Vic Lynch and Chuck Dewitt. A newcomer, Owen Wilkinson, may turn out to be the best of the bunch.

Coach Werner holds high hopes for rookie, Vic Cripps. Cripps' specialties are the discus and the shot put. He may turn out to be one of the Lions' top performers.

The Wernermen face somewhat of an inverted schedule. The hardest meets come in the early part of the season. After the opening battle with Ohio State and Michigan State at Columbus, which unquestionably will be the toughest meet of the year, comes the Penn Relays.

On May 6 the Lions travel to East Lansing for a dual meet with Michigan State. The next two weekends the Wernermen will be at home; first for a dual meet with Navy and the following Saturday for a triangular meet with Pitt and West Virginia. The team will close its season with the IC4-A and the NCAA meets.

Six High Schools To Play Volleyball

Six high schools will be represented when the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association volleyball championships are held in Penn State's Recreation Hall Saturday. Peabody, of Pittsburgh, is the defending champion.

Also represented will be last year's runner-up, North York, Swarthmore, Tunkhannock, Conneautville and Swissvale. The champion will be determined in double elimination competition.

Ambidextrous

Penn State's 1950 baseball captain, Dick Wertz, of Newport, bats right-handed but throws left-handed. The smooth-working first baseman last year was numbered among the first five hitters on the team, and Coach Joe Bedenk expects him to hit even better this Spring.

Tennis Coach Sings Blues --- Still Weather

If Joe Bedenk, Nick Thiel, and Bob Rutherford think they have troubles, just bend an ear to tennis coach, Sherman Fogg.

Coach Fogg, who for weeks has been trying to get his boys out in State College's warm sunshine, besides losing co-captain Bill Aiken through ineligibility, has now found that he has eight men with equal ability on the squad to fill positions, four, five, and six in the singles matches. In addition to these strains on a coach's cerebellum, he has three duos trying out for the remaining doubles berth.

SEASON OPENER

All this with the season opener with Bucknell next Wednesday, April 19, at home.

Coach Fogg, however, is still very optimistic on the coming season and has announced that co-captain Owen Landon, Jim Howells and Dick Wieland are three sure starters next Wednesday. Landon is a junior, while the other two men are seniors. Two doubles teams which also have been named to vie against the Bisons are Howells and Wieland and Landon and Bill Walls, another junior.

SINGLES

In order to fill up the other three singles niches, Coach Fogg will choose from Walls, Mark Borland, Gerry Gearhart, Ed Davis, Bill Wood, Harry Kaufmann, Spence Boyer, and Harry Schutte. Other candidates who favorably impressed Fogg were Stan Myers, Dave Jones, Charlie Shank, and Coleman Gainsburg.

Following is the schedule:

April	19 Bucknell	..... home
	22 Lehigh	..... home
	26 Washington & Jefferson	..... home
May	3 Navy	..... at Navy
	4 Maryland	..... at Maryland
	6 Georgetown	..... home
	12 Colgate	..... at Colgate
	13 Syracuse	..... at Syracuse
	17 Duquesne	..... home
	20 Pittsburgh	..... at Pittsburgh
	24 Bucknell	..... at Bucknell
	27 Colgate	..... home

Cheerleaders

Head cheerleader Dick Clair has issued a call for all fourth semester sophomore men to report to the steps of Old Main this Sunday at 7:00 P.M. for cheerleader tryouts.

Bound For Relays

Penn State will again be represented in the Penn Relays at Philadelphia by a strong track and field contingent.

Share Captaincy

Bob Louis and Ed Belfield, both of the Philadelphia district, are co-captains of the 1950 Penn State lacrosse team.

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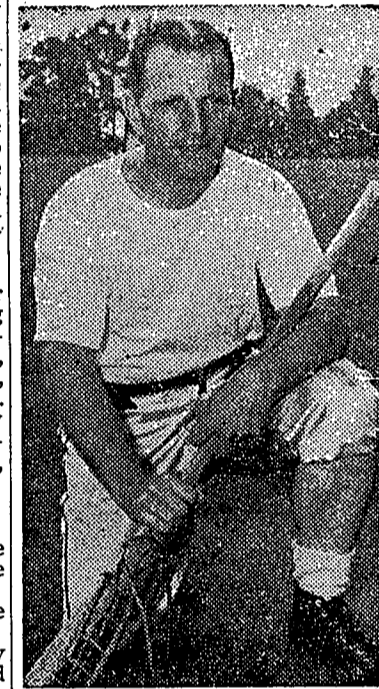
Lacrossemen To Open Against Loyola Today

Lacrosse Coach Nick Thiel opens his sixteenth season this afternoon when his varsity stickmen take the field against the Greyhounds of Loyola at Baltimore.

Loyola sports a strong offense but Thiel expects to capitalize on the Greyhound's supposedly weak defense. The Greyhounds dropped their season opener to Maryland University, 9-4, but the Terrapins have a powerhouse this season and the Lions can expect a rough afternoon.

The Loyolan attack is sparked by Kimmel and Weyland while their netman, Barry, is being boomed for All-American honors.

On Saturday, the Nittanies travel to Annapolis to encounter Navy. The Middies are on



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their way to defending their conational champion crown as they've rolled to five straight victories this spring including a 15-0 whitewashing of Harvard.

A Lion victory Saturday afternoon would be a feather in this year's squad since a Penn State team has never beaten Navy. Although the hosts will be without the services of Dick Seth and Lee Chambers, All-Americans last season, a Lion upset is highly improbable as Thiel has only three lettermen in this year's lineup.

Oberg, Lane In H-Ball Finals

Art Oberg, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Joe Lane, Delta Upsilon, advanced to the finals in the fraternity section of the intramural handball singles tourney following victories last night over George Freeman and Phil Benedetti.

The championship match will take place tonight in Rec Hall.

In yesterday's battles Oberg, last year's runner-up, took the measure of Freeman, Phi Kappa Tau, 21-4 and 21-8. Lane upset his house brother, Benedetti, 21-9 and 21-9.

Auspicious Start

Eddie Sulkowski produced one Eastern and one National Collegiate title-holder in his first season as Penn State boxing coach.



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