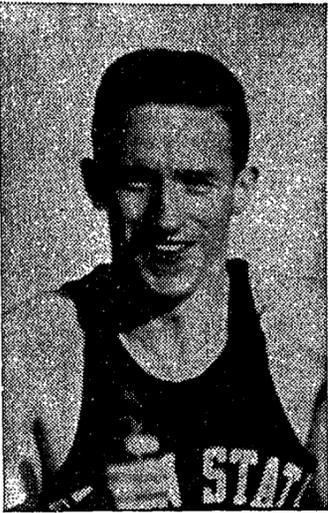


# State Thinclads Open In Columbus Tri-Meet

## Hurdles Threat



Jim Gehrdes

By JOE BREU  
Coach Chick Werner has named 23 members of his Penn State track team to make the trip to Columbus, Ohio for the triangular meet with Michigan State and Ohio State tomorrow.

Capt. Jim Gehrdes heads the Nittany delegation which is expected to receive its severest test of the season in its initial start against the two other State schools.

The meet will be one of the biggest matches in the country this season. Michigan State won the indoor IC4-A title during the Winter while Ohio State captured the Big 10 title.

But Werner is conceding nothing to either team:

"The meet will be very close," he said. "I don't know who will win it but we have a good chance. If our team was at full strength I believe we would take it."

### TOUGH OPPOSITION

The competition the Lions will encounter Saturday will be of championship calibre. Michigan State has quite an array of top-flight men and Ohio State needs to take a backseat to no one.

Among the group of Michigan State stars are Bill Mack, Warren Druetzler and Jack Dianetti in the distance division, Horace Smith and George Thomas in the dashes and hurdles, and Thomas in the broad jump.

Ohio State has such high class men as Len Truex in the distance runs; Bill Cole, sprints; Harry Cogswell, dashes; Tom D'Arcy, distance; John Edwards, shot put; Bill Miller, discus and shot; Bill McKnight and Les Bruney, pole vault, and Jim Wade in the broad jump.

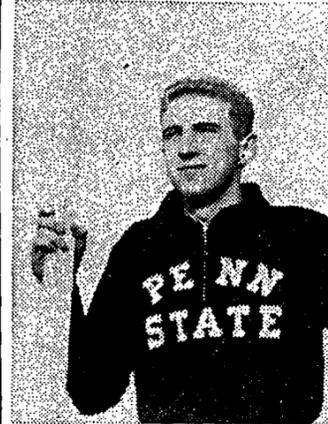
But Coach Werner also has a few boys who can give anyone an interesting afternoon. Besides Gehrdes in the hurdles the Lions have Wil Lancaster, Bill Lockhart and Gehrdes in the sprints, Vic Fritts in the high jump and Lancaster in the broad jump.

**PLAGUED BY INJURIES**  
All three teams have been plagued with injuries. Penn State may be without the services of Lancaster, who hurt his back in practice, and will be minus Bill Polito who was counted on as one of the top sprinters for the coming season. Polito pulled a muscle in practice.

The loss of Lancaster would definitely put a crimp in State's hopes for victory. He has become one of the top point-getters on the team. He was favored to win both the 100-yard and the 220-yard dashes.

Michigan State's severest loss was that of Fred Johnson who is out for the season. Johnson was (Continued on page five)

## Ready For New Heights



Vic Fritts

## MAJOR LEAGUE RESULTS

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
Yesterday's Results  
Detroit 5, Cleveland 4  
New York at Boston—rained out  
St. Louis at Chicago—rained out

**Standings**

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
St. Louis	2	0	1,000	Wash'tn	1	1	.500
Detroit	2	0	1,000	Boston	1	2	.333
New York	2	1	.667	Cleveland	0	2	.000
Phila.	1	1	.500	Chicago	0	2	.000

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
Yesterday's Results  
Pittsburgh 8, St. Louis 4  
Brooklyn at Philadelphia—rained out  
Boston at New York—rained out  
Chicago at Cincinnati—rained out

**Standings**

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
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# Tkac Top Lion Hitter-Batsmen Meet Bison Sat.

Pitcher Al Tkac, who leads the Nittany hurlers in the won and lost column, also leads the team in hitting with a .666 average according to the first batting averages computed for the 1950 season.

Outfielder Owen Dougherty is in the second slot with a .444 average, followed by sophomore shortstop Chris Tonery with .385.

Tkac, who has a perfect pitching record of two wins and no defeats, has been at bat six times in the two games he has pitched and has four hits, all singles.

### 4 FOR NINE

Outfielder Owen Dougherty, who has played all three games in right field, has 4-for-9, one of his hits a double. The redheaded lefty is tied with Tkac for the leadership in the runs-batted-in column with three and leads the team in runs with four.

Tonery leads the team in at-bats, 13, hits, 5, and total bases, 10. Included in his record is a home run and triple.

Little Joe Tocci has four of the team's 12 bases on balls and Hen Albright and Carmen Troisi have three each.

Last year's leading hitter, Catcher Jack Kurty, is the number five hitter on the club with a .250 average. Two of his three hits went for extra bases, one a home run, the other a double.

Other home run hitters are Captain Dick Wertz, .274, and sophomore centerfielder Bill Hopper, tied with Kurty with .250.

The team as a unit has amassed a .281 average on 25 hits in 69 times at bat.

### MEET BUCKNELL

The Lions will get a chance to improve or reduce their batting

averages tomorrow when they journey to Bucknell to take on the Bisons.

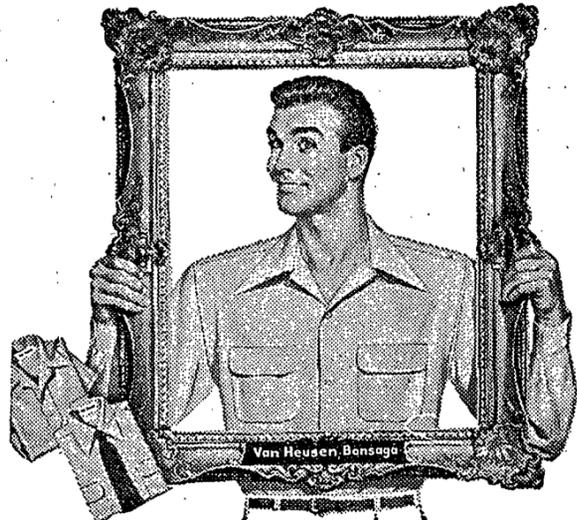
Coach Joe Bedenk will stick with the same lineup that defeated Temple and will have Dalton Rumberger on the hill seeking his first win.

Rumberger pitched the Rutgers game, and gave up seven hits and four walks while striking out two. Though he gave up only two earned runs, six errors by the Lions gave the game to the Scarlet.

### Batting averages:

	AB	R	H	Avg.
Tkac	6	3	4	.666
Dougherty	9	4	4	.444
Tonery	13	2	5	.385
Wertz	11	3	3	.274
Kurty	12	2	3	.250
Hopper	12	2	3	.250
Little	4	0	1	.250
Tocci	8	3	1	.125
Albright	9	2	1	.111
Troisi	3	2	0	.000
Rumberger	2	0	0	.000
Buss	0	0	0	.000
Mowery	0	0	0	.000
TEAM	89	23	25	.281

Clarence (Biggie) Munn, Michigan State's head football coach, cast a quizzical eye on a new set of stream-lined, slenderized blocking dummies introduced in spring training. Then he shouted for the student manager. "Bring those heavy old jobs out here. We play Minnesota this fall," he announced.



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