'On The Ball'

A Comment



By Ray Koehler SPORTS EDITOR

Although it may appear a bit premature to talk basketball, the season has just begun for some 25 hustling marksmen who started prepping for the 1950-'51 Nittany card Monday afternoon in Rec Hall at the invitation of Coach Elmer Gross.

In a way the new cage year leading his '49-'50 dribblers mentor has only seven lettermen through a very successful first back from last year.

He will be losing 4 of his first 6 starters from a squad which netted him 13 wins against 10 losses, including the runnerup position in the Dixie Classic tourney.

Only Captain Lou Lamie, the Nijinsky-like forward, will return from among those counted as regulars, namely Joe Tocci, Marty Costa and Lee Schisler.

Then too, the doughty rebound duo of Jack Storer and Lloyd Amprim will also be missing.

Just what affect will these

Putting it simply and to the point, Gross is forced to start from scratch in teaching his next year's varsity the intricacies of his attack and defense system.

The graduation this June of Tocci, Costa, et al, means more than a loss of a few pretty fair country ballplayers. It signalizes (with the exception of Lamie) the departure of the last of the so-called "Lawtherboys.

From here on in it will be strictly up to Gross, and without a bush-beating fund to aid in bringing in outside schoolboy talent it won't be an easy job.

In-and-outers Jay McMahan, Ted Panoples and Hardy Williams, all of whom showed brief flashes of brilliance last season, came along fast as sophomores but they still have plenty to learn about the finer workings of the sliding zone.

Help is expected from sixfoot four-inch Herm Sledzik-DuBois Center high scorer, and six-foot three-inch Richard Phillips, a Lancasier product who sparkled at Swarthmore.

Gross admits that he will have to base his team around three juniors and a senior as the situation now stands. McMahan, Javeli Panoples and Williams represent Roderer the third-year men and Lamie, the senior.

The one thing which will remain the same, though, is Gross' customary wail, "We'll be lucky to break even." And do you know-maybe he's got something there.

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Lion Trackmen Face Midshipmen In Beaver Field Opener Tomorrow

Penn State's track team will make its home debut to-morrow afternoon in a dual meet against Navy on Beaver Requests Taken

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The field events will begin at 1 p.m. and the track compe- For Court Play tition a half-hour later.

The Nittany Lions will enter the meet slight favorites

on the strength of their fine showings in the first three weeks Ace Hurdler of the season, Coach Chick Werner's team has gone against several of the nation's best teams.

Coach Earl Thomson will bring an inexperienced team to the Nittany Valley, but one which has will present a challenge for Gross, who will be bucking a sophomore jinx of his own after leading his '49-'50 dribblers mentor has only seven lettermen

In earlier competition this year the Navy team lost to Maryland by a count of 73% to 59% but took the measure of Penn and Georgetown in a tri-meet.

The Lions and Navy met last

year at Annapolis in a triangular meet, with Penn as the other team. At that time the State crew proceeded to outscore both its rivals, winning 11 of the 15 events.

Top Javelin Entry The outstanding man on the Navy team in the early meets this Spring has been javelin-tosslosses have on Gross and his ing Jerry Helland. The Pitts-assistant John Egli. burgh sophomore has gone over the 200-foot mark in all the team's meets.

The Wernermen will be led by Capt. Jim Gehrdes who is expected to have little trouble in picking up victories in both the hurdles tests. Teammate Wil Lancaster, battling with Jumpin' Jim for top honors on the Lion team in point production, will be favored to cop the dashes.

Navy Strong In Field

The Navy strength lies in the field while the Lions should not have too much difficulty in dom-

inating the track events.

Coach Werner has chosen the following men as probable start-

ers:

100 and 220 yard dashes—Wil Lancaster, Bob Giron and Bill Polito.

120 yard high hurdles and 220 yard low hurdles—Jim Gehrdes, George Kline and Guy Kay.

440 yard dash—Bill Lockhart, John Lauer, Don Ashenfelter.

One and two mile—Bill Ashenfelter, Bob Freebairn and Al Porto.

880 yard run—Bob Parsons, Lou Gomlick and John Bristor.

One mile relay—Lancaster, Lauer, Lockhart and Don Ashenfelter.

High jump—Vic Fritts, Leroy Lewis, Gehrdes and possibly Gene Griffin and Bob Schuette.

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Broad jump—Lancaster, Jim Gibson,
Tom Rice and Gehrdes.

Shot put—Chuck Drazenovich, Dick
Cripps, Doug Shearer and Bob Krayer.
Discus—Max Schlienger, Tom McDermott, Cripps and Ralph Body.
Pole Vault—Ron Coder and Owen Wilkinson.

Javelin-Wil Bertrum, Body and Ted

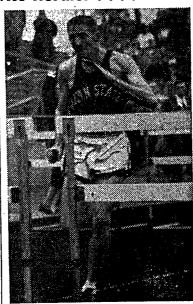


Photo by Ken Carte Jim Gehrdes

'No Protest' - Lanc

Counteract ing yesterday's story in The Daily Collegian, Wil Lancaster, Nittany dash man, today said he has no intention of lodging a protest with the Penn Relay Committee.

"After the race," Wilbert said, "I honestly thought I had won and I mildly queried the chief judge about it. But I will not protest the decis-

The article revolved about the close finish between Bob Kreitzberg and Lancaster in the 100-yard dash in the Penn Relay iwo weeks ago.

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Netmen Face Raiders Today

Coach Sherman Fogg's varsity tennismen set out on their longest hike of the season yesterday to meet the Colgate Red Raiders at Hamilton, N.Y., this afternoon. The Nittanyites log stands at four victories against two defeats.

Mark Borland, number four Reservations for tennis courts can be made by calling campus 2106. A reservation must be made at least one day prior to the day you wish to play.

Ray Ulinski and John Enterline will accept reservations at the Ticket Booth at the entrance of New Beaver Field daily from 9 Royer, and Ed Davis.

Mark Borland, number four man on the netmen's squad who twisted his ankle in his match at Bucknell, Monday, will be unable to play on the Hamilton courts. Wood, a new starter in the singles. Dick Wieland will play at number one, followed by Owen Landon, Jim Howells, Wood, Spence Boyer, and Ed Davis. Howells and Wieland will lead

a.m. to 5 p.m.

The courts are open for play off the doubles for the Lions, daily from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Landon and Davis at slot two, and Boyer and Walls will compete play on Sunday mornings.

Record Number of IM Trackmen Enter Meet

A record number of 41 entries have been received for the intramural track meet which will start Tuesday and continue until Thursday.

"Track is annually one of the biggest features of the Spring athletic program, and this year is no exception," Dutch Sykes, assistant director of inframural athletics said.

Twenty independents have entered the meet also, and will compete among themselves.

Participants in the meet will four years of competition are:

100 yard dash—Larry Joe, Sigma Nu—9.9. 440 yard dash-Don Ashenfel-

ter, Delta Upsilon-51.4. 880 yard relay-Potsklan, Joe,

Myers, Roy, Sigma Nu—1:37.6. High Jump—Harter, Delta Upsilon 5'8½". Broad Jump—Yorkgitis, Theto Kappa Phi—20' 303".

Shot Put-Murray, Sigma Pi -40′ 7<u>3</u>″.

Trial heats will be held in the have some top-flight marks to 100, and 440 yard dashes, and 880 overcome. Intramural records in yard relay Tuesday night. The six lowest times in each event will qualify for the finals Thursday night. Eliminations in the high jump, and broad jump and shot put will be held Wednesday night.

Delta Upsilon is the defending fraternity champion and is rated the favorite again this year. In-dependent winners will receive the standard IM medal.

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