

Wertz, Batting King, Is 'Ball-players' Idol

There is much to be said about Dick Wertz, Penn State's version of Stan 'The Man', who as a senior the past year batted over .350 to lead his Nittany teammates for the second successive year.

And yet, it is hard to pick out the individual things that make Dick an outstanding ballplayer, or the things that make him an outstanding man. All these points seem to be blended into him and all give reason why he is called a 'ball-player's ballplayer.'



Dick Wertz

Dick is a holler guy, a hustler, a winning ballplayer.

His teammates thought he was enough of a holler guy, a winning ballplayer, and a hustler to name him captain for the past season.

His fellow students in the Phys Ed school thought enough of him as a good guy, a scholar and a clear thinker to elect him president of the Phys Ed Student Council.

But you'll never learn any of these things by talking to Dick, for to employ a much-used word, he is 'modest'.

One thing Dick will say is that he is a ballplayer, for baseball is a part of him.

Like all youngsters, Dick wanted to become a pitcher but after getting banged around on the Newport sandlots, he decided to try his hand at first base.

In his sophomore year at State, Dick and 14 other guys tried out for the first base job. Dick was quite worried about making the squad, let alone a starting job. But the other 14 guys went their way and when the season started Dick had the '1b' beside his name in the lineup.

For three years now he has been a fixture at first for the Lion nine, each year hitting well into the .300's and fielding with the best.

Quiz Answer

It was Marion Lawrence 'Larry' Shields, '19, who ran the anchor leg of the relay that day.

Undoubtedly one of Penn State's all-time greats in the track world, Larry won the intercollegiate one-mile championship in 1920, establishing a record of 4:22.4.

In 1922 he won the national and IC4A mile titles and placed third in the half-mile at the nationals.

Also in 1920, Larry was a member of the Olympic team.

He's now in charge of alumni and fund raising activities at Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass.

Sports Bill —

(Continued from Page Ten) being formed. Teams will be scheduled to play two games weekly and anyone interested in entering a team is requested to contact 'Dutch' Sykes at Room 213, Recreation Hall.

Athletic equipment will be available at the equipment room in Dorm 34 each afternoon, Monday through Friday, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The Recreation Hall will also be open to students except when classes are in session. Equipment can be obtained from the towel room (South Locker) daily from 8 to 5 p.m. Men can purchase towel tickets at the Bursar's Office and use the towel-locker service.

Couples planning parties or picnics may obtain game equipment, and records at the Recreation Hall.

Penn State Sports In Review

The long-awaited National AAU high hurdles duel between Dick Attlesey, Southern California's man of destiny, and Jim Gehrdes, the Nittany Lions lanky whiz kid, finally became a reality at College Park, Md.

While Penn State's Gehrdes did not take home the winner's trophy, he played his part in pushing Attlesey to a new world's record of 13.6 in the 110-meter event, clipping one-tenth of a second off the old mark.

Attlesey, NCAA 120-yard high hurdle kingpin, had to come from behind to nip the speeding Gehrdes who had to be content with a second-place finish.

The Penn State captain got off to a flying start and maintained an advantage over the California ace for the first six hurdles, but Attlesey caught him at the

seventh, and broke the tape with a three-yard lead on the Altoona Express.

Curt Stone, two-mile runner and former Nittany trackman, and Gehrdes both left for Norway, Sunday, as part of a 15-man contingent from the United States which will seek additional track honors in Europe.

Horace Ashenfelter, another State track luminary, will join the party invading England, Ireland and Scotland and departing on July 29.

Smith Beaten At Golf

The 'Mighty Mouse' of Penn State golfdom, Tommy Smith, competing in the 53rd National Collegiate championships held last week at Albuquerque, N. M.,

floundered in the first round to lose 6 and 5 to William Johnston, of Utah. He was the Lions' lone representative.

Smith's 151 qualifying score among a field of 165 collegiate competitors was 13 strokes higher than that of Arnold Palmer, a Latrobe youth, who goes to Wake Forest. Palmer's low medalist score was 138 for 36 holes.

In a pre-tourney exhibition between Eastern and Western linksmen, Smith teamed with Roy McKensie, of North Carolina, to defeat Bell Evans, of Austin College and Johnston, 1 up. During the regular season Smith copped 8 of 11 matches.

Maurey Gets Mats Job

Jim Maurey, former Clearfield High PIAA wrestling champion

and captain of Penn State's team last season, didn't have to wait too long for a job after graduation.

Four days after being handed his sheepskin, Maurey, who was defeated only twice in his collegiate career, stepped into the assistant position for both football and wrestling at State College High School. He will also teach science there.

It was not known whether Maurey would aid the varsity, jayvee or junior high gridders, but he will be Coach Lind Yerg's right-hand man on the mats.

Maurey climaxed his final collegiate season this year by winning the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association's 145-pound title. He was recently named to the second All-American wrestling team.



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