Harrier Coaches Impressed As Record Times Are Posted

By RAY GALANT

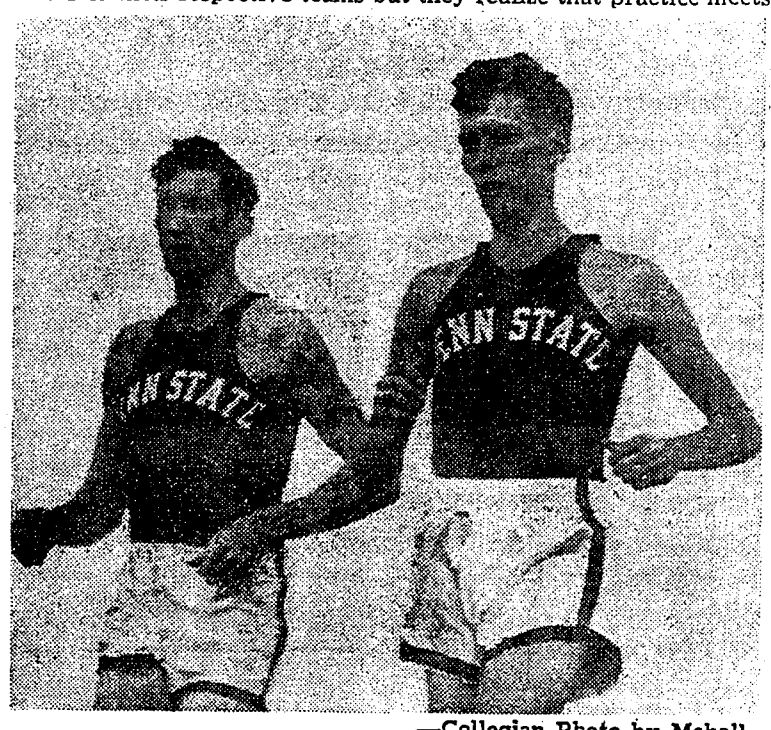
Unless the course was short or the watches were wrong Coach Werner's hill-and-dale squad Friday afternoon turned in the fastest time trials ever recorded in a practice session since Werner's tenure as head coach.

Both varsity and freshman teams turned in marks unbelievably fast for so early in the year. Turning back through the records Werner and freshman coach Norm Gordon could find no times comparable to Friday's practice.

The time trails to determine the squad representing State against Pitt this Saturday were enough to make any coach dream of an undefeated season . . . but not so for Werner.

Coaches Impressed

Werner and Gordon are naturally impressed over the performances of their respective teams but they realize that practice meets do not necessarily reveal the actual ability of teams in competition. Werner stated, **"We're not losing our heads over a practice session."**



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Shown above are Bill (1) and Don Ashenfelter working out in preparation for Pitt meet Saturday.

Werner went on to say "potentially both the varsity and freshman teams could be great, but it isn't fair to look at them as great athletes from practice performances.

"Just as you can't expect a golfer to consistently shoot sub-par gol.. or a baseball player to hit for the circuit on each trip to the plate, it would be an injustice to expect the boys to simulate this performance consistently," Werner added.

Ashenfelter Paces

Don Ashenfelter turned in a 26:33 time for the five-mile run to pace the thinclads. Bob Parsons at 26:40 finished second and Bill Gordon at 26:42 garnered the third spot. Dudley Foster, probably the most improved runner on the varsity and the only non-veteran who will represent State against Pitt, finished fourth at 26:45.

Bill Ashenfelter and Al Porto tied for fifth at 26:53. Jack Horner, transfer student who is ineligible for competition this year, Bob Freebairn, and Jack St. Clair finished seventh, eighth, and ninth respectively. With the exception of Horner these boys will go against Pitt.

The freshmen turned in equally impressive times over a three-mile route. Bob Hollen at 15:41, Don Bagby at 15:46, and Gus Omrod at 15:53 paced the frosh thinclads. Along with these three, Art Godshall, Pete Judd, Dick Grice, Jim Cressman, and "Bud" Webb will represent the Nittany freshmen against Pitt.

Pitt Wins Two

Pittsburgh was victorious in its first two meets by perfect scores of 15 to 40, placing seven runners before either of its opponents, Westminster or Slippery Rock

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SPS, Sigma Nu, DU Grab Opening IM Swim Wins

Delta Upsilon, Sigma Phi Sigma, and Sigma Nu were all successful in submerging respective opponents at the Glennland pool last night as the 1950 IM swimming campaign got under way.

In the openers Delta Upsilon barely edged Theta Xi, 21-19; Sigma Nu routed Phi Kappa Psi, 26-19; and Sigma Phi Sigma won a forfeit over Phi Kappa Sigma.

DU's mermen were forced into the final event on their card before coming through with the points needed to be proclaimed winners.

Combining their talents on the winning 120-yard relay team—upon which the meet was decided—were Bud Nicholson, B. Decker, White, and H. Decker. It was a photo finish with DU's anchor man, H. Decker, driving through for a victory in the final few yards.

Nicholson of DU won the diving and was also on the winning relay team.

Theta Xi's Don Orcutt came within .8 seconds of breaking the backstroke record, being clocked in 40.2. The record is 39.4, established in 1949 by Gene Kolber.

Tonight's IM swimming schedule lists six fraternity teams to see action. Alpha Sigma Phi will meet Sigma Alpha Epsilon; Zeta Beta Tau faces Kappa Delta Rho; and Sigma Phi Alpha will meet Sigma Chi.

Syracuse Game Ducats Available At Old Main

Tickets are still available for this week's game with Syracuse, H. P. Gilbert, graduate manager of athletics, announced. They may be purchased at the Athletic Office, Old Main, for $3.60.

Lions Concentrate On Pass Defense In Attempt To Halt Syracuse's Custis

Convinced that his gridders will be facing "a better quarterback than we did last week" in Syracuse's Bernie Curtis, football coach Rip Engle had his gridders working hard yesterday on maneuvers designed to bottle up the Orange passing attack.

While Engle is concerned about Curtis' right arm and the havoc it might cause in the Nittany secondary, he isn't forgetting the powerful running attack generated from Coach Floyd Schwartzwalder's version of the winged-T. The Orange ground game, paced by halfback Ed Dobrowolski and fullback John Colceri, is free-wheeling and rugged.

Curtis, possibly the best T-formation quarterback in the country, is a "great runner, and a great passer," according to Engle. His presence on the field is enough to make any team a contender.

With the exception of the season's opener with Rutgers, won by Syracuse, 42-12, Curtis has been thoroughly throttled. However, it's a tough job keeping him down, and this may be the week he will break loose again.

After opening with the resounding rout of the Scarlet, the boys from Piety Hill were spilled by a rugged Temple squad, 7-6, and last week dropped a 26-7 decision to Cornell, a traditional rival.

SPE, Be-To's Net Grid Wins

Sigma Phi Epsilon, Delta Sigma Phi, the Be-To's, and the Wildcats emerged victorious last night in the fourth round of intramural touch football.

SPE topped Alpha Chi Rho, 6-0; Delta Sig downed Phi Epsilon Pi, 6-0; the Tigers were victims of the Be-To's, 1-0 in overtime; and the Wildcats trounced the Untouchables, 19-6.

Tonight's card pits Dorm 38 against Penn State Club at 7 o'clock; Sigma Nu vs. Alpha Sigma Phi at 7:45; Dragons vs. Dorm 21 at 8:30; and Omega Psi Phi meets Delta Tau Delta at 9:15.

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