

# Lion Harriers Run Against Pitt Today

Chick Werner opens his 19th season as head Penn State cross-country coach today at 2 p.m. by sending his harriers onto the Nittany golf course against Pitt's Panthers.

Pitt comes here loaded with a veteran team while the Lions have only two members left from the national championship squad last fall.

Before the varsity race at 2 p.m., as an extra attraction, the State freshman and upperclassmen who failed to make the starting squad will stage a three-mile intra-squad race beginning at 1:30 p.m.

The race is five miles long and will start on the cinder track in Beaver Field. From there the harriers will run past Rec Hall and cross the road to the golf course.

After one short loop about one-half mile, the runners will go two long loops around the course of about 1 1/2 miles. After coming up the big hill on the second loop, the runners recross the road and finish up in the stadium.

The course record of 25:03.2 was set by Penn State's Horace Ashenfelter in 1948.

The Panthers will be clad in Blue and Gold and the Nittanians of course in Blue and White.

Unbeaten in dual and IC-4A and NCAA titles last fall, the Lions will be trying to extend the outstanding record piled up last year.

On the other hand Pitt will be out to revenge a 17-38 defeat panted on them by Werner's harriers in Pittsburgh last fall.

Two runners instrumental in that defeat, Bill Ashenfelter and this year's team captain Dud Foster, will run against the Panthers today.

But aside from these two veterans, Werner will be using an entirely inexperienced squad. Among them are three letter winners last fall, Pete Sarantopoulos, Bob Roessler and Dave Pierson.

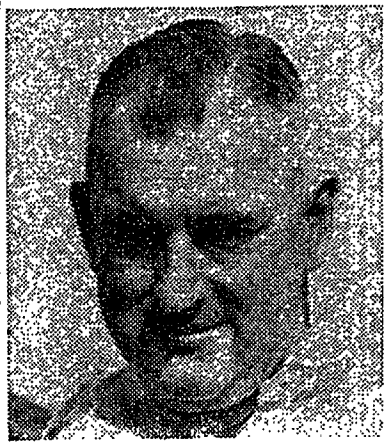
Also running for the Lions is Jack Horner, a fine prospect who was ineligible last fall. Along with Horner one other runner, Bob Gehman, is without a previous varsity race. Attempting a comeback today is John Davidson who two years ago was ninth man on the Lion squad.

Three sophomores have made the Lion squad and have a good chance of scoring today. They are Red Hollen, Pete Judd and Carl Godshall.

State's final entry but by no means least is surprisingly enough a freshman. Lamont Smith won the PIAA mile title last spring and has performed well enough this fall to get the only frosh starting role.

For Carl Olson's Panthers, seasoned harrier performers, Ken Mahanna, Bernie Luterancik and Frank Kuzma are the ones for the Lions to beat.

Mahanna led the Pitt squad to



Chick Werner

their season opening win last week over Slippery Rock and Geneva while Kuzma and Luterancik were not far behind.

Luterancik in taking third last year in the State meet was beaten only by Bill Ash.

Soph Don Delligatti finished up with Kuzma and Luterancik against Geneva so he too must be rated a threat. Dan Somers, a soph, was right behind in fifth and will run today.

Other Pitt runners today are seniors Jack McMahan, and Ed Bermen. New runners in Olson's lineup are Ron Sallade, Chuck Fritz, Jim Betts, Dick Weber and Charlie Winel.

### Snapped Streak

Until Villanova turned the trick in 1949, Penn State had not lost a football opener in 18 years. These two teams will meet for the first time since at Allentown today.

## Penn State Had Strong Harrier Team Last Year

Although Pitt can be sure of racing a good Nittany x-country squad today, it isn't likely that they will ever again have to face so strong a Penn State team as they did one year ago.

Coach Chick Werner will doubtless agree that his IC-4A and NCAA champion squad last season was the greatest in the history of the school.

The thing that made it great—the Lions have had better individual performers than last fall's team boasted—was the amazing depth it possessed. Nine runners all could romp five miles in as well as 27 minutes and most of them were better. Two or even three runners could have the well-known "off day" and the Lions were still certain to score a rout.

### Beat Pitt

After whipping Pitt 17-38 to open the season, the '50 harriers scored a perfect 15-43 win over Cornell. The following week saw a strong Michigan State team drubbed, 19-43. NYU was next to fall to State's "greatest," again by the shutout tally, 15-48. The Lions closed their all-victorious dual season by hanging a 23-48 defeat on Manhattan.

Came the Intercollegiate and the State harriers won again by tallying the very low score of 44 points. The closest foe was Army with 79 points, followed by Manhattan, Michigan State and NYU.

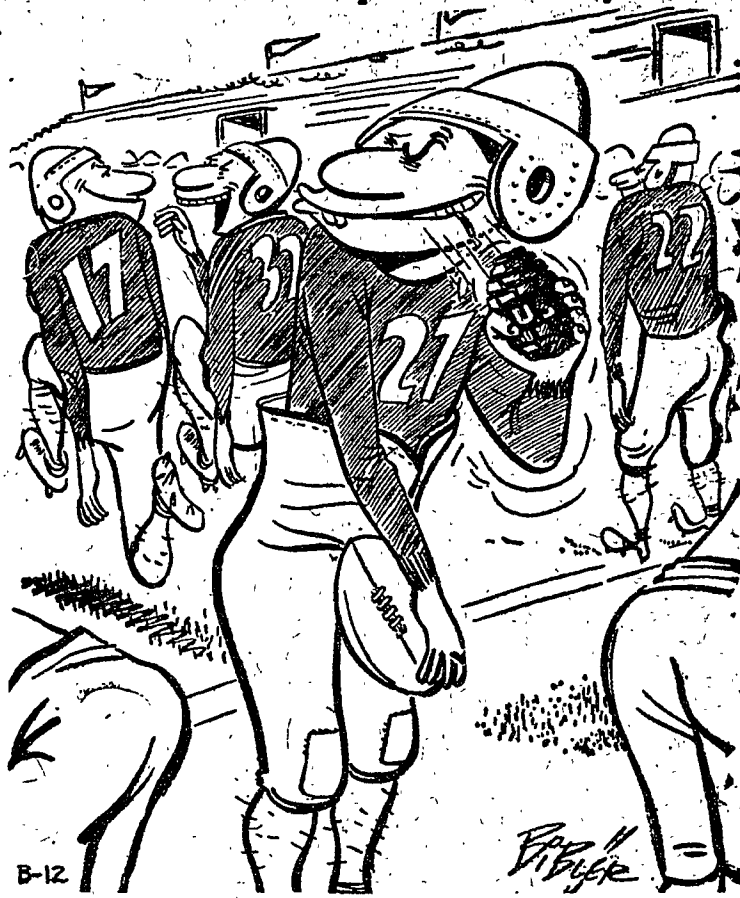
The following week saw the harriers "go for broke" by completing a grand slam of collegiate x-country titles. Michigan State succeeded in making it close, 53-55, but the Lions were victors once again.

### Two Return

To return from the present past

## Little Man On Campus

By Bibler



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"Don't forget now, we let them intercept THIS one."

### Lions On Road

Penn State's football Lions go on the road for their next two games, facing Villanova at Allentown today and Nebraska at Lincoln October 13.

On the debit side, the other five men who helped to make the '50 team so good are numbered among the missing.

Don Ashenfelter, Bob Free-

hairn, Bob Parsons, Al Porto, and Jack St. Clair will be very conspicuous by their absence today.

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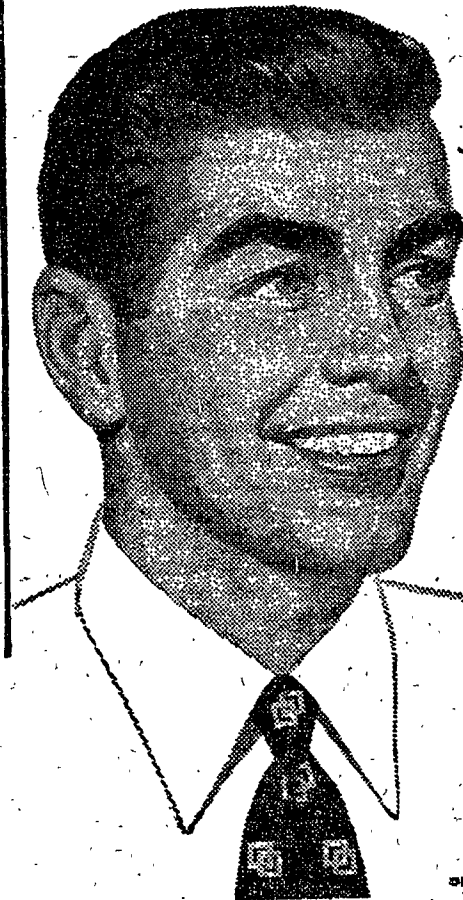
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