

# Michaels Claim Spartans 'Hard Times' Ahead Have Powerful Grid Team For Lion Harriers

By ERNIE MOORE

Biggie Munn is shedding tears in East Lansing this week after two tight squeezes by his Michigan State football team, but Penn State Assistant Coach Al Michaels, who scouted the Spartans in three of their contests this season, isn't feeling a bit sorry for him.

After watching Michigan State whip Ohio State, Michigan, and Marquette on successive weekends, Michaels calls the Spartans, in so many words, "terrific."

"They have offensive backs galore," says Mike. "After their first team backfield wears the opponent down Munn sticks in the now famous 'pony backfield' to finish the job."

## 'Pony Backfield'

Michigan State's "pony backfield" is composed of Bill Wells at right halfback, Evan Slonac at fullback, LeRoy Bolden at left halfback, and Al Dorow at quarterback. All are small, fast, and shifty runners. Dorow also plays in the regular backfield and does the passing for the Spartans.

"The Spartans were terrific against Michigan. Their defense couldn't have been any better. It held Michigan to -6 yards," said Michaels.

## Had Letdown

"They should have beaten Ohio State by two or three touchdowns. It shouldn't have been close. Against Marquette, they just had one of those games. There was a letdown after Ohio State and Michigan and the Michigan State backs fumbled a lot," he continued.

Mike was high in his praise of right halfback Vince Pisano, end Bob Carey, and tackle Don Coleman.

"Pisano is a good, steady football player. Carey is big and rough and they claim in East Lansing that he is the greatest all-around athlete they ever had. Coleman is probably one of the finest line blockers in the country. And he gives 100 per cent effort," he commented.

## Use Everything

The Spartans employ the two platoon system. Offensively they use almost every formation in the books, running from the T, the wing-T, the flanker-T, and the single wing.

With four wins in the record books, Munn's squad is currently fighting California and Tennessee for No. 1 rating in the nation. The Spartans dropped to third place this week after they had to score twice in the last period to turn back Marquette, 20-14, last Saturday.

## 25 Veterans

Munn has 25 letterback backs from last year's team which ran up a eight wins, one loss record against some of the best teams in the nation.

Saturday's meeting between the Lions and Michigan State will mark the seventh time the two teams will have met on the gridiron. Michigan State holds the edge in the series, winning four, tying one, and losing one.

## O'Connor Raps Farm System

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16—(AP)—Leslie O'Connor, who for 23 years was one of Commissioner Kene-saw M. Landis' closest advisers, said today farm systems are destroying organized baseball.

O'Connor told a house judiciary subcommittee that late Judge Landis never liked the farm system. But, O'Connor said, "Judge Landis did not oppose it as much as I do."

Under the farm system, a major league club owns or controls minor league teams. The subcommittee, studying whether baseball violates anti-trust laws, has been casting a critical eye on the farms.

O'Connor said that the rules say no team can control more than 40 ball players. "But in the farm system," he said, "it actually can control hundreds of players."

He contended that this isn't good for the player, the minor leagues or, in some cases, the major league clubs which go in for farming.

## Quick Score By Pottsville Wins IM Tilt

By JIM PETERS

Pottsville scored a touchdown on the opening kickoff and held off a late scoring threat to beat Dorm 23, 6-0, in the opener of last night's intramural football schedule.

Al Strickler of Pottsville intercepted a Dorm 23 pass on the losers' 25 yard line and raced over the goal line with the only score of the game. Dorm 23 had received the kickoff only to have Strickler's interception decide the game's outcome in the opening moment.

## Dorm 23 Threatens

Dorm 23 threatened with a few minutes left in the game by driving to the Pottsville 22. The drive was stopped here, however.

After a scoreless first half, Lambda Chi Alpha, led by Al Hinkle, scored two quick touchdowns to defeat Delta Chi, 13-0, in the only fraternity action of the night.

A 54 yard pass from Cliff Hock to Hinkle on a punt return put Lambda Chi Alpha into a lead it never relinquished. George Resh threw to Peter Houston for the point after the touchdown to make it, 7-0.

## Hinkle Scores Again

Shortly after, Hinkle intercepted a pass to set up a three yard scoring pass from James Kilgore to Hinkle for the game's final touchdown. Hinkle made a diving catch of the ball in the end zone.

Dorm 8 rolled to three first half touchdowns to easily defeat Dorm 13, 20-0, in the third game of the night.

Lucy Miller got his teammates moving early in the first half when he threw a touchdown pass to Thomas Greenaway on a play that covered 33 yards.

## Montoro Connects

Dorm 8 drove deep into Dorm 13's territory again in the first half when Edward Montoro threw a short pass to Anthony Dorell in the end zone. The play covered only three yards. Montoro then fired another pass into the hands of Ralph Laudenslayer for the extra point to make the score read, 13-0.

Before the half was over, Dorm 8 scored again. Miller returned to the spotlight by passing a bulls-eye to Robert Snoch from the 12

## Booters Eye Navy After Cancellation

Penn State's badly battered soccer forces will have some extra time to regroup themselves as a result of a cancellation of today's match by Western Maryland.

Western Maryland officials gave as their reason for the cancellation an error in scheduling, saying that Delaware and Penn State had been scheduled for the same day.

Thus, Penn State will be able to devote the full week to Navy, a team which dropped a 1-0 decision to the Lions last year at Annapolis.

## Minor Injuries

The Lions came out of the Army game with two minor casualties; Frank Follmer, right halfback; and Jack Pinezich, inside right. Both, however, are expected to be ready Saturday when State journeys to Annapolis. Follmer suffered a cut head that required two stitches while Pinezich pulled a muscle in his back.

As for State's performance against Army, Coach Bill Jeffrey was not too impressed, but was quick to point out that no team looks very good when outplayed, as was State.

The Lion coach also hinted that several new faces might dot the starting lineup for the Navy game.

## 2 and 1

Navy has won two and lost one this season. The Middies opened their season with a 3-2 win over Yale and followed that up with a 6-0 trouncing of Western Maryland. Navy's first loss came last Saturday when Princeton edged them, 5-3, in overtime. Navy had tied the count with but three seconds remaining on a penalty kick by Captain Gordon Jayne.

In a series that began in 1922, State holds a decisive 17-6 margin. Two contests have been tied. Four of Navy's wins, however, have come since 1944, an indication that soccer is on the upgrade at Annapolis. Like Army, the number of Navy victories is mighty impressive when you consider that State has dropped but 21 matches in 26 years.

State and Navy will have one thing in common. Both clubs are lacking experienced men this season. The Lions can boast of only four starters from last year's team while Navy has but three battleseasoned men back. Among Navy's losses was Tom Boyce, center forward, who tallied 15 goals in ten matches last year.

yard line. Miller passed to Laudenslayer for the point after touchdown.

In the final game of the night, the Leftovers edged the Cats, 1-0, in an overtime battle that saw the Cats dominate the play during the regular playing time.

## Three Proves Lucky Number For Albert

By GEORGE BAIREY

It is said three is the charmed number but don't try to impress that maxim any deeper into the mind of Bill Albert, Phi Epsilon Pi's answer to Sammy Sneed.

The 21 year old Commerce and Finance senior finally snared the All-College golf championship on his third and final attempt, after failing his sophomore and junior years.

Albert, a native Philadelphian, ousted Rod Eaken, 3 and 2, in the finals of the All-College tourney Sunday. Eaken eliminated Albert in the first round of the 1950 tourney. Albert eliminated Bob Bauer, 2 and 1, in the opening round Saturday and Warren Gilken, also 2 and 1, in the fourth round. John Wiley, last year's IM fraternity medalist, fell before Albert, 4 and 3, in the semi-finals.

Par for the college course is 35-34-69. Albert's 72 Saturday for the first 18 holes did double duty as it also served as his semi-final round in All-College play. The sensational 71 on Sunday added to a 143 36-hole total, 11 strokes better than the second man. Sunday's round of 71 was also scored as the 3 and 2 win over Eaken for the mythical All-College crown.

Albert was only five over par for 36 holes. The new IM fraternity medalist entered the IM medal play for the first time this fall. Albert's best unofficial round for 18 holes is 70.

Like all the other linksmen in school, Albert has high hopes that golf will return to the list of varsity sports in time for the coming season. With rounds like 72-71, Albert would make the going rough for Penn State opponents.

## Two Top Opponents

Of Penn State's nine 1951 opponents, Michigan State and Villanova currently boast the best records.

## Mich. State Looms As Powerful Foe For Wernermen

By JAKE HIGHTON

Cornell was easy for the Lion cross-country runners last Saturday, but the future holds no further ease for the Nittany harriers.

Hard times will set in for the Lion hill-and-dalers this Saturday when the nation's perennially strong, x-country running Michigan State races here.

The Spartans, fourth in the Intercollegiate behind winning Penn State and second in the Nationals, also behind the Lions last fall, are strong again this year despite the loss of Warren Druetzler and Don Makielski.

**Spartans Drubbed Purdue**  
Saturday the Spartans opened their season by drubbing Purdue, 20-41. Although Purdue's Finnish Johannson won the four mile race on Michigan State's course, the Spartans bunched four men in a tie for second.

Spartan Captain Jim Kepford, letterman John "Mickey" Walter, sophomore Ron Barr and a freshman Jim Arnold covered the distance in 21 minutes flat.

Thus the Spartans appear to stack up in close resemblance to the Lions. The Spartans lost Druetzler, one of the top college runners in the country last year, and 12th place NCAA finisher Makielski.

**Lions Lost Four**  
On the losing side, the national champion Lions fared worse. Gone from Chick Werner's 1950 powerhouse are four excellent runners—Bob Freebairn, IC4A fourth finisher, Don Ashenfelter, 13th in the IC's, and Bill Gordon and Al Porto, 18th and 20th, respectively, in the same race.

On the returning side, Michigan State has veterans Walter and Kepford to match the Lions' two 1950 stars, Bill Ashenfelter and Dud Foster.

Further comparison down the line also show close similarity between the two States. To match the Nittanies' amazing Lamont Smith, who is unbeaten in the only two x-country races of his life, the Spartans have a frosh sensation of their own.

That freshman, Arnold, is like the Lions' Smitty, a champion high school miler of the state in which he is now running.

Paired off with the Spartans' soph, Barr, Penn State has Bob Hollen. The Williamsport red-head finished second in his first college varsity race against Pitt and came back the next week to tie for first against Cornell.

## Maryland's Ward Selected as A P Lineman of Week

NEW YORK, Oct. 16—(AP)—Bob Ward, Maryland's great All-America guard who played 37 minutes with a broken finger as the Terps downed Georgia 43-7 last Saturday, was the overwhelming choice today as Lineman of the Week.

Ward, a senior from Elizabeth, N.J., drew praise from coaches Wally Butts of Georgia and Jim Tatum of Maryland, as well as from most newsmen who witnessed the game.

He played 47 minutes, both on offense and defense. Most of those who voted for him in the second Associated Press lineman poll of 1951 said the 185-pound guard rated honors as both defensive and offensive lineman.

## IM Schedules

### Football—

7:00 Penn Haven—Dorm 25—  
7:45 Sigma Pi—  
Sigma Phi Alpha  
8:30 Fireball—Browns  
9:15 Sigma Chi—  
Phi Kappa Psi

### Swimming

Pi Kappa Alpha vs. Triangle  
Sigma Alpha Epsilon vs. Phi Kappa Psi  
Sigma Nu vs. Sigma Phi Sigma

## State College's Leonard Defies Jinx Haunting Local Gridders

By BOB SCHOELLKOPF

With a little less than a year and a half's earnest work on the gridiron completed, State College's own son, Bill Leonard, can at last reveal the attainment of a goal he had always hoped to reach.

The story might have begun while Bill was still at State College High School, where he was a football star for the Little Lions. Just as every other player on his team, he hoped that someday he might make the College team and perhaps even be a star.

After his graduation from high school in 1949, he decided to take a crack at college football. He enrolled at Penn State that fall.

## Townpeople Skeptical

The townpeople had followed Bill's football progress in high school, and expressed their ap-

proval of his stellar performances on the gridiron, but after his enrollment at Penn State their attitudes became doubtful. They recalled local boys in the past, who had ambitions of becoming standout Lion performers, and failed.

Thus, in the fall of 1950, when he was eligible for varsity competition, Bill realized that making the Nittany eleven would be more than just hard physical labor. He rolled up his sleeves and did a workmanlike job for Coach Rip Engle that season. He closed his ears to talk that in State College a local boy couldn't make good. While he wasn't standout material that year, he absorbed much gridiron knowledge that was to be of value later.

This fall with one good season

behind him, Bill felt he was ready to show his real value to the football team, and shatter the belief of the townspeople.

## Gridiron Highlight

Just last week the six-foot, 185-pound halfback reached the high point of his college football career when he accounted for a game-saving field goal and two crucial pass interceptions against Nebraska. So far this season Bill has been a bulwark on both offense and defense.

He was honored as this week's top athlete for his stellar play in the Nebraska game Saturday. But to Bill Leonard there is more than honor as an athlete—his success story reveals an accomplishment that few in his position could attain, but that all would be proud of.