

Ashenfelter Wins NAAU Title

Lion Cross-Country Star Beats Fred Wilt in 10,000 Meter Run

The cream of the nation's distance runners including two of the FBI's best, Fred Wilt and Horace Ashenfelter, failed to catch Bill Ashenfelter as the lanky Nittany senior scored the greatest triumph of his career by winning the National Senior AAU 10,000 meter cross-country championship Sunday in Philadelphia.

Mitten, earmuff and warm-up clad Ashenfelter fought off 15-degree cold, a biting wind and the doggedness of FBI Flyer Wilt to win by a foot with a driving finish over the last 10 yards. Both were timed in 30:26 for the approximately 6 1/4 mile course.

Beats Brother

Ash's stunning upset victory in the Fairmount Park frigid endurance test was his first major triumph in a championship meet after three years of outstanding distance running for Chick Werner's track teams.

The closest Bill had previously come to winning a "big one" was in the 1950 IC4A cross-country run when he took runnerup honors behind Army's Dick Shea.

Aside from defeating Wilt, NCAA X-country champion in 1941 and well-known for his repeated failures to beat the U.S. mile king Don Gehrman indoors last winter, Bill licked brother Horace, another former Penn State distance star Curt Stone, and defending champion in the AAU run, Browning Ross.

Olympic Contender

Horace, NCAA two mile track champion in 1949, was third, clocked in 30:09, and Curt Stone, Olympic 10,000 meter participant and U.S. track champion was fourth in 30:41. Ross ran a poor fifth.

By triumphing over such elite company, Bill establishes himself as a contender for an Olympic berth next summer after his graduation in February.

Penn State's position as a home of distance running champions was evidenced by the fact that four of the first seven finishers were present or former Lions. Herm Goffberg, ex-State X-country runner, took seventh to be the fourth Nittany finisher. Goffberg ran for the United States during the '48 Olympics.

Lindner 15th

Bill Ash represented Penn AC, coached by former Lion runner Jack St. Clair's father, but despite his victory Wilt's New York AC won the team title by 29-35 count over the Philadelphians.

Stan Lindner, another member of the Lion harriers the last two seasons, took a creditable 15th place running for Mutual of Omaha.

Long-striding Bill moved into the lead after 50 yards. From that point on he and Wilt ran close together until the dash for the tape where Bill with a burst of reserve won the National Amateur title.

NAAU Champ



Bill Ashenfelter

Bill Ashenfelter Named Week's Top Athlete

For his brilliant performance in winning the Senior NAAU 10,000 meter run Sunday, Bill Ashenfelter wins the Athlete of the Week award. It is the second time that the Lion cross-country star has been selected by the Collegian sports staff as the week's top athlete.

In turning back some of the nation's top distance runners, Ashenfelter ran the six and one-quarter miles in a time of 30:26 to edge out FBI agent Fred Wilt, Horace Ashenfelter, and Browning Ross.

By winning the NAAU title, Bill marks himself as a definite contender for the 1952 Olympic team.

The win for the last of the Ashenfelter brothers is a brilliant climax to an outstanding college career.

Last season when Penn State won the NCAA cross-country title, Ashenfelter led the Lions to victory by placing eighth. This season he placed fourth as the Lions took third place. In the IC4A meet last season, he placed second, and this year he finished sixth.

Olympic Year Introduces New College Mat Rules

Because of the forthcoming Olympic games, some major rule changes will be introduced in the coming wrestling campaign.

The first and most important rule change will be the stressing of take-downs. This season wrestlers will be stressing take-downs as the most important part of the scoring system, since it is an Olympic year and Olympic and AAU rules do the same.

A wrestler will be allowed to take an opponent down, and then let him up purposely. Last year if a competitor purposely gave a man an escape, he was penalized.

Another important change is that a man on the offense will be allowed to ride the legs only for the purpose of preventing an escape or reverse. Once the offensive man assumes control, he must work up on other parts of the body.

Last season there was a lot of controversy as to whether a man has escaped or reversed before he was off the mat. This year referees have been instructed to call a "break," and bring the wrestlers back to the center as soon as any point of any wrestler's body touches the apron. Previously, a

break was called when one of the wrestlers' shoulder touched the line.

There has also been some speculation in intercollegiate circles about two more weight classes in the EIWA and the NCAA championships in preparation for the Olympics. These two weight classes would be 115-pounds and 191-pounds. Although it is almost definite that these weights will be approved for the NCAA, nothing is definite for the Eastern championships or dual meets.

American TKO'd

NOTTINGHAM, England, Dec. 17—(AP)—Alex Buxton, British middleweight, today gained a three-round technical knockout over Burl Charity of Youngstown, O., when the American was forced to retire with a cut over his left eye. The bout was scheduled for eight rounds. Buxton weighed 159 1/4; Charity 158 1/4.

Gene Wettstone, Penn State coach, directed the United States gymnastic team in the 1948 Olympic Games.

Road Tilts Haunt Lions; Lose to W and J, 49-46

By DAVE COLTON

With 14 more road games staring him in the face, Coach Elmer Gross isn't too pleased for his Lion basketball team has failed to prove itself a travelling team.

Saturday night a supposedly underdog Washington and Jefferson team ran its home winning streak to 19 as it defeated the previously unbeaten Lions, 49-46. W&J hasn't been beaten at home since State did the trick 51-50 in 1949.

Big freshman center Jesse Arnelle (6-5) continued his rapid improvement, and led the Lions with 17 points. Bane Weber was the top scorer of the game as he tallied 18 markers for W&J.

Tough Season

The win was the Presidents' second of the season against three losses. The Nittanians now have a 2-1 chart.

The only other contest the Lions have played away was a practice tilt with St. Francis. Gross' cagers also lost that one.

Scores 17



Jesse Arnelle

| BOX SCORE | | | |
|------------|----|----|----|
| Penn State | FG | F | P |
| Sledzik | 2 | 2 | 6 |
| Makarewicz | 0 | 0 | 9 |
| McMahan | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Williams | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Piorkowski | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Sherry | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| Arnelle | 6 | 5 | 17 |
| Haag | 2 | 0 | 4 |
| Weid'hamer | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Penn State | 6 | 12 | 16 |
| W&J | 12 | 12 | 15 |

With five-eighths of the 24 game schedule away from Rec Hall, it could be a long, tough season for the Lions.

Steel Tourney Calls Cagers Over Vacation

Penn State's cagers have finished their regular season games until Jan. 5 when they meet Colgate in Rec Hall, but the Lions will play two tournament games in the Steel Bowl tourney in Pittsburgh, Dec. 27-28.

Other teams entered in the first tournament in the newly-completed Pitt fieldhouse are Michigan, Pitt, and Virginia.

Pitt Favorite

State will carry a 2-1 record into the classic. The Lions defeated Ithaca, 51-21, Bucknell, 73-63, but lost to W&J, 49-46.

Coach Elmer Gross believes Pitt will be the favorite in the tournament. The Panthers opened with an upset 65-64 win over Columbia, which had previously won 32 regular-season contests. Bernie Artman, a Panther sophomore substitute, stole the ball and dribbled in to score the winning basket with less than 40 seconds to play.

Tall Team

Clarence Burch, a sophomore from Oil City, was the outstanding player for the Panthers, although Don Virostek led Pitt in scoring with 16 points.

Pitt has a mixture of veterans and newcomers this season, and a team taller than most of Coach Doc Carlson's squads. Virostek (6-4) is the tallest, but Art Boyd (6-3) and Mickey Zernich (6-3) give rebounding support. Captain John Kendrick stands six feet one inch, and Burch and Scott Phillips, both sophomores, are six-feet.

NCAA Will Form TV Policy in Jan.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17—(AP)—The full television committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association today ended a "progress report" meeting, but said the 1952 football video policy will not be determined until the NCAA convention at Cincinnati, Jan. 10-12.

Co-chairman Ralph Furey of Columbia University said the group yesterday and today reviewed operational developments of the NCAA's experimental, controlled grid television program last season.

"We won't be able to make any recommendations until we study a preliminary report on a survey

Arnelle's 17 points gave him the three game leadership in team scoring with 31 points. Herm Sledzik is second with 25, while Joe Piorkowski and freshman Jack Sherry follow with 24 points each.

Despite a height advantage against the Prexies, the Lion cagers didn't control the backboards. Gross said "they outfought, out-rebounded, and outshot us."

Regulars Missing

Two of the Blue and White starters only scored one point between them. Whitey Makarewicz continued in his slump as he failed to score, while Co-captain Jay McMahan made only a foul.

The Presidents played without the services of one regular and only limited service by another starter. Ed McGlumphy, who sparked the team in its first win over Eastern New Mexico was injured in practice, and didn't dress for the contest. Joe Richards, the leading scoring threat, didn't play much because of an attack of influenza.

Cut Lead

W&J jumped off to a 12-6 margin in the first quarter which the Lions were never able to overcome. Both teams tallied 12 points in the second quarter and the Presidents led 24-18 at halftime.

State cut the home team's lead with a 16-13 edge in the third period, but the Prexies fought off a last-minute rally to win by three. The Nittanians trailed by only one point with a minute to go, but couldn't crack the Prexies' man-to-man defense.

Mantle Will Marry

MIAMI, Okla., Dec. 17—(AP)—New York Yankee baseball player Mickey Mantle and his high school sweetheart, Merlyn Johnson, obtained a marriage license today.

Members of their families declined to say when or where the couple would marry.

by the National Opinion Research Center which we expect around Jan. 1," Furey said.

The survey, costing \$50,000, extended through six channels, including polling of 270 colleges on the affect of television on their home game attendance.

"As to what the NCAA will do about television next year, I can't say," Furey said. "Our committee's job was to investigate the television picture. The NCAA membership will make the final decision."

Wyoming End Top Receiver In Nation

New York, Dec. 17—(AP)—Dewey McConnell of Wyoming, a 6-foot, 186-pound senior end, won the major college pass-catching championship for 1951 with 47 catches in 10 games.

McConnell, whose defensive play was so good he was named to the defensive platoon of the Associated Press All-American team, gave the Skyline area its second-successive receiving titleholder. Gordon Cooper of Denver won it last year but finished 33rd this season.

Close to Record

It took a strong finish by McConnell, who grabbed 20 passes in his last three games, to nose out Ed Barker of Washington State and Jim David of Colorado A. & M. Barker and David each caught 46, one more than Karl Kluckhohn of Colgate and Fred Snyder of Loyola of California.

McConnell was close to the all-time record of 52 set by Barney Poole of Mississippi in 1947 and tied by North Carolina's Art Weiner in '49. The only other pass catcher in college history to better McConnell's mark was Henry Stanton with 50 for Arizona in 1941.

Barker broke one record by stretching his 46 catches into 864 yards, bettering Stanton's old record of 820 yards set 10 years ago.

Nine Touchdowns

Bill Howton, a Rice senior, averaged 22.6 yards per catch, the best by far among the leaders. He took care of 75 per cent of Rice's aerial gains with 747 yards on 33 catches. Rice completed only 62 passes for 1,014 yards all season.

Jay Grumbling of Virginia Military and Barker shared laurels by scoring nine touchdowns each on passes.

On the basis of catches per game, Kluckhohn and Snyder actually did better than the leaders for they nabbed 45 in nine games. Wes Bomm of Columbia also caught them at a five-a-game clip with 40 in an eight-game schedule.

Spartans' Win Over Irish 'Big Surprise'

NEW YORK, Dec. 17—(AP)—What was the biggest surprise of the 1951 collegiate football season?

If you listen to the gents who covered the big games—the nation's sports writers and broadcasters—they'll tell you there were two outstanding surprises:

1. The ease and power with which Michigan State butchered Notre Dame, 35 to 0, and
2. Stanford's brilliant showing in winning nine straight games for the Pacific Coast Conference title and a bid to the Rose Bowl.

There were many other surprises during the turbulent season just ended, but these two ranked far ahead of all others. In fact, in an Associated Press poll of 103 writers and broadcasters, the Michigan State-Notre Dame game and Stanford's showing each received 17 votes.

Following these was Princeton turning in its second straight undefeated season after losing most of its varsity. Six voters picked this as the top surprise. But, of course, the Tigers didn't lose All-America Dick Kazmaier, and he's a one-man team himself.

Jesse Arnelle, 6-foot-5 New Rochelle, N.Y., athlete, is rated Penn State's best fresh prospect in years.