

# Sports Thru The Lion's Eye

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It's Derby Day and appropriate that Penn State's track team will be "off and running" today on Beaver Field's human race version of Churchill Downs for the first time since 1950.

Not since the Navy meet two springs ago have the Lions hosted any opposition thinclads as they will when Michigan State and Penn State race, jump and throw for the state championship.

Things were so bad for track-lovers this time last year that enterprising Nittany coaches Chick Werner—Olympic coach in his 19th season—and Norm Gordon whipped up an attractive Blue-White intrasquad meet to keep interest among both trackmen and spectators.

It would be clever, but inaccurate to say that Penn State again has home track meets, but no track team. The Lions do have a team and a good one. The truth is simply that the Nittany thinclads are terribly young and inexperienced. Among today's performers, 15 are freshmen, 12 sophs, eight juniors and only six are seniors—in absolute reversal of healthy proportion.

To illustrate State's not-exactly-desirable accent on youth, look at the Lion's four-mile relay history. The boring 16-lap fixture of the Penn Relays hasn't been boring for Nittany track fans. Four straight years, through 1946 and '49, State won it. In '50 a near-record breaking effort by Penn forced Werner's distance aces into second and prevented the race from being billed as the Chick Werner Special.

Once again last year State asserted its supremacy in the event with a veteran quartet of Bob Parsons, Don and Bill Ashenfelter and Bob Freebairn.

Contrast that senior team which averaged 4:21 miles with last week's four-mile team which had two freshmen, Lamont Smith and Jim Hamill, a sophomore John Blood and junior Jack Horner.

On the other side of today's dual, Michigan State figures to, and is eager to, run the Lions off the cinders—just as last fall when Karl Schlademan brought a proud crew of harriers to a 19-41 debacle.

Possible high spots in the welcome return of track to Beaver Field: Two-Mile—Spartan cross country captain Jim Kepford, has done 9:18, doesn't figure to fold as he did at the four-mile mark in cross country . . . Nittany Smitty, with an unofficial 9:19 in the IC4A indoors, could uncork with a follow up to last week's great chase of Army's Shea.

One-Mile—Spartan Mickey Walters, with a 4:18 to boast of, looks like the one best . . . P S's Bob Gehman ran a 4:22 beauty at Navy last year and could surprise.

Halfmile—Rapid Robert Roessler finds 440 too short, 660 just right and 880 long. But on basis of his 2:14.9 Army field house record for 1000 yards last winter, Bob could be the tape greeter . . . Dave Pierson, Blue-White winner in 2:00.3 is well under two flat this year.

Dashes—Spartan Captain Dick Henson looks best on the basis of a flock of Big Ten runnerup spots . . . The Lions Bill Polito did 22.2 in the Pitt 220 last year . . . Captain John Lauer could win the quarter for Lions if his 50.1 440 at Pitt last year counts.

Field—Henry Gillis, fourth in the Drake 120 highs last week and Henson, 23.1 low hurler, look like a Spartan near-sweep . . . Spartan frosh Jim Vrooman, owner of a 6'4" indoor high jump, figures more consistent than P S's Jim Herb who once hit 6'7" but since hasn't shown a resemblance.

## 78th Derby Runs Today

Hill Gail with number one jockey Eddie Arcaro aboard will go to the post today favored to win the 78th annual run for the roses over 16 other three-year-olds at historic Churchill Downs, Louisville, Ky.

The odds-makers were posting Hill Gail and his running mate Top Blend at 7 to 5 but by the time "My Old Kentucky Home" strikes up, the 100,000 fans are expected to cut this to even money or odds-on 4 to 5.

Blue Man reigns as the second choice over the mile and one-quarter first jewel of racing's triple crown at 7 to 2 along with Master Fiddle.

On historical performance basis,

the Arcaro-Hill Gail duo appears unbeatable. From the number one post position, Arcaro will be trying to boot home his sixth derby winner for Calumet's fifth wreath of roses and the sixth triumph for trainer Ben Jones.

Arcaro and Jones records are not matched and only the late E. R. Bradley has had four winners sniff the roses.

## Baseball Parade

By BARRY FEIN

Brooklyn's late inning attack gave them a 3-1 victory over the Chicago Cubs and broke up a no-hitter by righthander Turk Lown in the ninth inning.

Lown nearly pitched the first Cub no-hitter in 35 years to the day. Billy Cox led off the ninth with a clean single. Jackie Robinson doubled, sending Cox to third. Roy Campanella walked. Snider sent an easy bouncer to Bob Ramazzotti who juggled the ball and had to throw to first instead of the plate. Andy Pafko drew an intentional walk, loading the bases again. Gil Hodges' long fly scored Robinson and a single by Carl Furillo gave the Bums an insurance run.

Young Billy Loes, who could be a diamond in the rough and a big factor in the Brooklyn pennant drive, got his second win against no defeats. He relieved starter Clem Labine in the seventh.

The World Champion Yankees who don't hit like they used to, managed to take advantage of poor Detroit fielding to give Eddie Lopat a 4-1 victory over the Tigers.

The Red Sox turned the tables on the Browns as big Walt Drogo came through with a grand slam homer as part of a nine-run blast against Ned Garver in the sixth inning.

The Browns, who are probably getting dizzy from their unaccustomed dizzy heights of the first division have now won nine and lost five.

## 9 Wins Recorded In IM Volleyball

Only four of the scheduled nine games in Thursday night's intramural volleyball action were played, as five of the carded games were decided by forfeit. All of the scheduled games were in the fraternity A division.

Chi Phi, Alpha Gamma Rho, Sigma Nu, Tau Kappa Epsilon, and Alpha Chi Sigma all were awarded forfeit victories.

In the four contests played, Sigma Phi Epsilon defeated Alpha Zeta, 15-2, 16-14. Sigma Chi whipped Theta Xi, 15-1, 15-11. Phi Kappa Psi downed Theta Kappa Phi, 15-2, 15-5, and Alpha Chi Rho went three games to beat Sigma Pi, 15-13, 11-15, 15-2.

Prior to Thursday night's games, five fraternity league winners were determined. Triangle-A, Lambda Chi Alpha-A, Tau Kappa Epsilon-B, Theta Xi-B and Phi Kappa Phi-B all captured their respective league titles. All five teams show perfect records.

## Release Casagrande

BALTIMORE, May 2 (AP)—The Baltimore Orioles decided today another bonus player loaned them by the Philadelphia Phils isn't ready for Triple-A baseball and sent southpaw pitcher Tom Casagrande to Schenectady. The 21-year-old Casagrande will join Ted Kazanski, \$100,000 shortstop, sent to Schenectady earlier this week.

# Leonard Breaks Tie In 5th With Single

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State kept going in the seventh against Ted Tindall, scoring a tally on Kline's single and Tonery's two-bagger to left field.

In the eighth inning, after Sil Cerchie had walked, Hopper got hold of a fast ball by Rutgers' third pitcher, Jim Cerone, and drove it high and far in under the stands in right-center for his third round-tripper of the season. Then after two were out, Troisi singled to left, went to second on first baseman Cathers' interference, to

## Breaks Up Game



Bill Leonard

third on a wild pitch by Cerone, and scored the Lions' final run when Kline was safe on Stanzel's error at third base.

Everson notched his fourth victory, his first in relief, and he really deserved it. "Ace" gave four hits in the four innings he toiled.

Bedenk & Co. will meet Villanova Monday as the Lions begin a six-game road trip that won't see them home again until May 21 against Temple.

Rutgers	Ab	R	HI	Penn State	Ab	R	HI
Lacity, 2b	6	1	3	Tonery, lf	6	1	3
McDon'gh, cf	5	1	2	Mihalich, 2b	4	2	1
Koperw'ts, ss	5	0	0	Cerchie, cf	3	2	0
Monaghan, rf	5	0	1	Hopper, rf	3	2	1
Stanzel, 3b	3	0	2	Leonard, c	5	1	2
Gussis, 1b	2	1	0	Hunchar, 1b	4	0	3
Tindall, p	0	0	0	Troisi, ss	5	1	1
Valis, lf	5	0	1	Kline, 3b	4	2	2
Cobb, c	5	1	3	Vesling, p	1	0	0
Feldman	1	1	0	Everson, p	0	0	0
Cathers, 1b	1	0	0				
Cerone, p	0	0	0				
Porter	1	0	0				
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## NBA Lifts Suspensions

WASHINGTON, May 2 (AP)—The National Boxing Association today lifted its suspension of welterweight Johnny Bratton, Chicago, and his manager, Hymie Waldman.

## Players Absolve Rupp

LEXINGTON, Ky., May 2 (AP)—Ten players on last year's University of Kentucky varsity basketball team said today in a signed statement Coach Adolph Rupp never had done anything that would tend to corrupt them.

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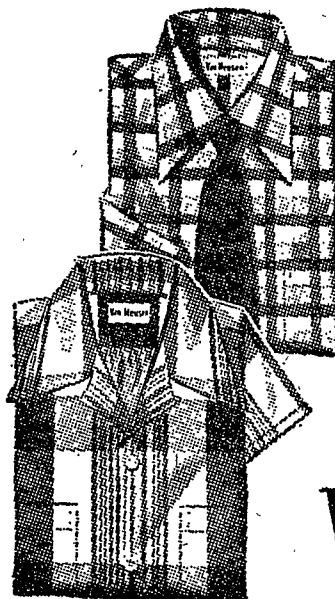
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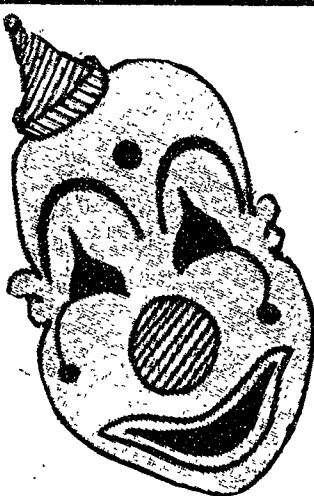
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