

Sports 'Thru The Lion's Eye

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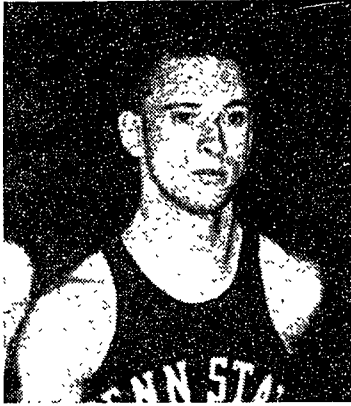
"What can you say about the guy?" That's the question that immediately bobs up when trying to write about a runner like Penn State's quartermiler John Lauer. He's good, yes; he tries hard, yes; he's a great guy, yes; but those beloved adjectives—sensational, tremendous, superb, brilliant, spectacular, amazing, scintillating, beggars description—they don't fit. As far as his exploits on the cinders are concerned, John cannot honestly be termed by any of them.

What can you say about Lauer? You can say that he is captain of Penn State's track team—an honor not to be belittled. That he is a second-hand captain, is no discredit. It merely emphasizes the fact that John has never been a headliner.

You can also say that a deserving guy from a whistle-stop hometown Camp Hill (near Harrisburg) made good for Coach Chick Werner and the Lion track teams during the past three seasons. And, you can talk about Horatio Alger success stories!

Lauer's tiny class B Camp Hill high has never had any of its athletes become captain of any varsity collegiate team.

Furthermore, you can point with pride to John's plodding, workmanlike rise to captain. Prior to Guy Kay's defection and Lauer's subsequent election to the captaincy, John came on steadily and surely. After cutting his 440 time to 53.8 at Lock Haven STC his frosh year, Lauer came to State and won a varsity letter as a sophomore.



With such a prepping, John hit his peak performance at Pitt last year in a dual meet when he blazed down the rugged stretch of the 440 to win in the best competitive time of his career, 50.1.

Today those same Pittsburghers are in town—lightning has been known to strike twice in the same place. If Thor's jag does strike the Panthers again—and the Lions will sure need it—John won't make the headlines any more than if he doesn't win. But John will still be a banner competitor that any track team can be proud to claim.

When a pitcher is working on a no-hit, no-run game in baseball, the worst thing you can do is mention the fact that the hurler is only so many outs away from the Hall of Fame. By the same token, for a coach with the track wisdom of Chick Werner to fearlessly predict a 9.6 hundred yard dash for a sprinter who has never even busted the tape in 10 flat, is a sure way to ruin a "no-hitter."

Yet, Olympic coach Werner prophesies that if the weather conditions are right, his Just Plain Bill dashman will surprise everyone.

A firm believer in the theory that a hardworking kid will some day blossom forth into stardom, Werner figures that today is the day for his protege to bloom—and he will really be blooming and breezing if he runs 9.6.

Last week, the sprinter in question, who never did better than 10.6 in high school, abandoned his Polite role and won the first collegiate race of his life, a swift 220 in 22.2.

During practice this week, the Polite speedster was barreling ahead of other Nittany dashmen by seven yards in a blowout practice race which was won, after Plain Bill pulled aside, in 10.3. No wonder Werner says he is already to blossom. And so he may be today; but 9.6 is very fast, very, very fast—too fast for Pitt's Patellos, and too fast for prediction.

'Stars' Lead IM Soccer

By SAM PROCOPIO

Losing 1-0, going into the last fifteen minutes of play, the All-Stars, last year independent champs, scored a goal to edge out Joe's Boys, 2-1, last night in the intramural soccer tourney. The goal tied Joe's Boys in goals, but the All-Stars' corner kicks, 3 to 0, were the deciding factor.

The victory was the All-Stars' second of the tourney and assured them at least a tie. All other independents were defeated at least once. A victory over Dorm 23 on Monday would clinch the championship, while a defeat would create a tie.

Dorm 23 in the only other independent match of the evening lost to Joe's Boys, 2-0, in the second period when the winners scored their goals.

In the fraternity games Theta Chi captured league M by gaining a forfeit victory over Kappa Sigma, while Phi Kappa Psi edged Theta Kappa Phi, 2-1, to cause a three-way tie in League N—the fourth league to go into a three-way tie. Each league will have elimination playoffs to decide who will enter the finals.

An early score in the first period gave Alpha Tau Omega a 1-0 victory over Alpha Chi Sigma and League O championship.

Lions Trounce Dickinson, 12-1; Score 9 Runs in 'Slugfest' 3d

By CHUCK OBERTANCE

Winning their second game in a row and giving righthander Bill Everson his fifth win, the Nittany Lions crushed the Dickinson nine yesterday, 12 to 1, after a powerful third inning with the Lions scoring nine runs.

Still trying for a NCAA play off bid, Joe Bedenk's charges slammed eleven hits, with pitcher Everson collecting a triple in the big third inning. Four pitchers faced the

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(Continued from page six) and one in the overtime.

Eagle also played a commendable game against Rutgers, scoring twice and assisting in two other tallies. Wolfram, on the other hand, has been hindered by an injured leg, but he is expected to be in good condition today.

Two freshmen, Lucien Girard and John Steinmuller, and John Yohman will make up the second midfield.

Defensively, the Nittany Lions will open with Barr Asplundh, Dick Schaefer, and John Henry. Regular first-stringer John Amber is still having knee trouble, but Schaefer has done such an excellent job filling in that Thiel has decided to start Schaefer.

Reliable Don Bell will handle the goal tending chores. Against Rutgers, Bell stopped 20 shots, but it is doubtful if he will be pressed as hard.

Postwar Record

Penn State's baseball win streak of ten straight games this season was its best of the postwar era.

Lions and gave a total of 12 walks.

The Lions were faced with a must test yesterday at Dickinson and will meet more of the same today when they take the field against Penn. If they are to have any hope of a playoff bid, the Staters must win.

Pitcher Everson scattered ten hits effectively and gave up only one run in the third inning. Yesterday's win gave the Blue and White a 12-3 record for the season.

Load the Bases

Today when the Lions meet Penn, Keith Vesling, with a 2.21 earned run average, will be the probable pitcher. Penn has been both hot and cold thus far. They lost eight straight at one stretch, yet own a 4-2 victory over the Navy team that beat the Lions 4-2. However, the Middies also swept a twin-bill from Penn after their initial setback.

In the first inning yesterday, the Lions loaded the sacks on four walks but failed to score. But they made up for first inning ineptitude with a vengeance in the third. Ace Everson walked and was sent to third on a dou-

ble by leadoff man Chris Tonery. Bill Mihalich bounced out third to first but the Lions' slugging Captain Bill Hopper followed a bases loading walk to Sil Cerchie with a two-run scoring single.

Everson Adds Insurance

Bill Leonard and Hunchar kept the rally flaming with two more successive singles. Carmen Troisi got on base on a fielders' choice and he and Hunchar hustled all the way home on Hubie Kline's sizzling double.

Everson gave himself some triple insurance with a base clearing triple. Tonery got his second hit of the frame but Mihalich popped out and Hopper grounded out to the first baseman unassisted to end the big third splurge.

Mihalich cracked a double in the seventh to score two more runs and scored the 12 on an error in the 9th after he had singled.

Dickinson	Ab	R	H	Penn State	Ab	R	H
Beaver,ss	5	1	3	Tonery,lf	5	2	2
Mahro,cf	5	0	0	Mihalich,2b	4	2	2
Tarr,1b	5	0	1	Cerchie,cf	2	1	0
Stark,c	2	0	2	Hopper,rf	5	1	1
Cook,lf	3	0	1	Leonard,c	4	1	1
Nicholas,rf	4	0	1	Hunchar,1b	5	1	2
Hausler,3b	4	0	0	Troisi,ss	5	1	1
Dudas,2b	2	0	1	Kline,3b	4	1	1
Hawley,p	4	0	1	Everson,p	3	2	1
Howard,p	1	0	0				
Jones,2b	1	0	0				
Pritchard,lf	1	0	0				
Totals	37	1	10	Totals	37	12	11
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