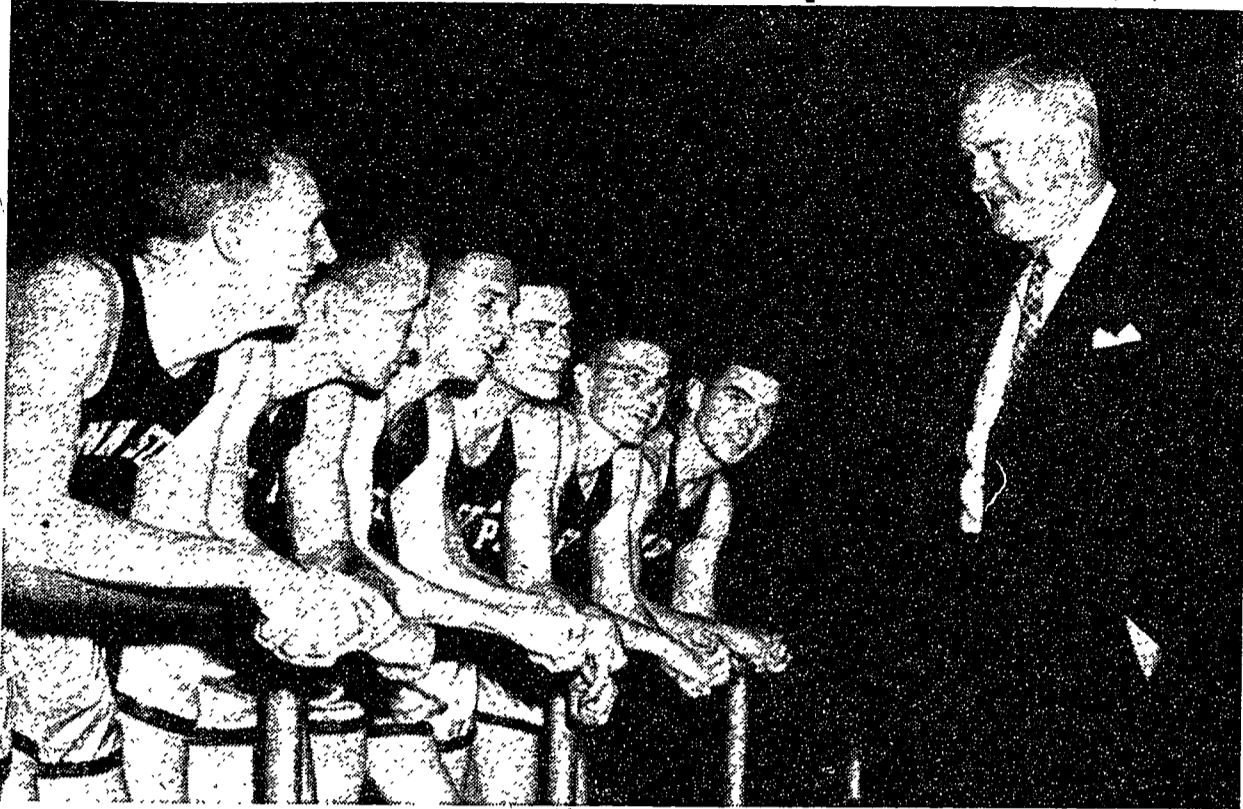


## Chick Reviews '52 Harrier Corps



COACH CHICK WERNER, Nittany Lion cross-country chieftain, shown with his returning corp of veterans who will form this year's nucleus. All the men pictured above were instrumental in pacing last season's team to a 5-1 log, and, with the exception of Dud Foster who was graduated, all are awaiting the opening gun. (l.-r.) Lamont Smith, Captain Jack Horner, Foster, John Chilrud, Red Hollen, and Jim Hamill.

## Tough Cross Country Schedule May Thwart Lion Title Hopes

By JOHN SHEPPARD

Just barely dethroned in the NCAA's last season, but captors of the IC4A cross country crown, Coach Chick Werner's forces of '52 are undoubtedly hoping they can duplicate their previous feats. But . . .

And what a big but that is, for before the Nittany hill-and-dalers can have any premonitions of either the intercollegiate or national titles, they are pitted against some of the better harrier teams in the East.

Viewing the '52 schedule, one can safely predict in advance that the running opposition will be rough.

When a cross country team faces Army, Michigan State, New York University, and Manhattan on successive Saturdays, there's liable to be unpleasantness in the opposing ranks. Especially since State defeated all but Army last year.

In '51 the Lion harriers toppled Cornell, Pitt, Michigan State, NYU, and Manhattan and lost to the Cadets for a remarkable 5-1 log.

With the exception of the Panthers, the Wernermen will encounter the same foes, starting with Cornell, Oct. 4, and ending with Manhattan, Nov. 8. After that the Blue and White match strides with some of the best harriers in the country in the IC4A's and NCAA's.

All opponents will be seeking revenge for the way the home forces treated them last season.

Annually track-laden MS has a chip on its shoulder for the 19-41 setback dealt to them during the '51 campaign.

Manhattan, perennially New York City's Met track champ, was badly mistreated to the tune of 15-48.

Other '52 Lion opponents who will be sporting that victory-hungry look are the Big Red of Cornell and NYU.

After closing their season against those mighty Jaspers of Coach George Eastman, the Nittanies will toil for some A-honors—IC4A's and NCAA's.

Speaking of A-laurels, Penn State's cross country team boasts quite a reputation, having successfully annexed the IC4A team trophy six times since the inno-

vation of the sport some 44 years ago.

Only Cornell, with nine team titles, has won more times. On the other hand, MS has won as often as the Lions.

Since the Big Red haven't been victors for the past 31 years, the Spartans and the Blue and White stand in a class of their own.

### New Opponents Added

Two potential national champions have been added to Penn State's 1953 football card. The highly-rated additions are Wisconsin, of the Big Ten, and Texas Christian University, of the Southwest Conference.

### Football Network

Penn State's football games will be broadcast again in 1952 on a 15-station Central Pennsylvania radio network.

## The Lion's Eye --

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could steamroller every team they meet.

PENN, Nov. 1, away — Steadily growing too big for its Ivy League pants, the Quakers are tabbed as the successor to Princeton as kingpins of the East. George Munger is loaded with talent like defensive demon Ed Bell, end, Captain Bob Evans, tackle, wingback Billy Deuber and fullback Joe Varaitis. Excellent sophs won't hurt a bit. However, the Red & Blue hasn't licked the Lions in five tries since 1936.

SYRACUSE, Nov. 8, away — When a football coach is optimistic, watch out! Orange Coach Ben Schwartzwalder calls his club the best at Syracuse in four years. He lost few veterans and finally has a quarterback in Avatus Stone who can engineer the complex attack, double wing, T and split T.

RUTGERS, Nov. 15, home — Although potentially one of the weakest teams on the Nittany schedule, the Scarlets have given Rip Engle all kinds of "static." Heavily favored Lion teams could only squeeze past Rutgers by 18-14 and 13-7 in the last two years.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 22, away — Football has been snowballing at Pitt so that today the Panthers are almost ready to pop back into the grid limelight known as "Big Time." Despite a poor seven-loss record, Pitt was mowing 'em down at the end of last season. They won three straight and clipped the Lions, 13-7. Outstanding backs will make Dawson and Co. tough ground hogs.

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