

Can Werner's Harrier Corps Crack the Winner's Ring?

By JOHN SHEPPARD

Three men who ran under 21 minutes and two who weren't too far away—that's the Penn State cross country picture for the coming campaign.

If Chick Werner, the old master, can get his other harriers to close the time gaps which separate the fifth, sixth, and seventh runners, the Nittany hill-and-dalers may crack the championship ranks.

On paper, it is safe to assume that they have talent which can be classified in the same category as that of the 1950 team which won five dual meets and swept the IC4A and NCAA crowns. The only factor which may prohibit a banner season is depth.

Sophs In Lead

Reviewing Monday night's time trials—the first of the pre-season training period—one will notice that of the five lettermen who ran under 21 minutes on the 4-mile course, three of them were sophomores—Lamont Smith, Jim Hamill, and John Chirud. The other two, Captain Jack Horner and Red Hollen, are third and fourth year men, respectively.

Horner and Smitty led the varsity pack homer in 20.52. Hollen, who placed second, ran a 20.57 4-mile, and Hamill and Chirud, both of whom finished in a tie for third, posted a 21:10 clocking.

Actually, Smitty and Horner bettered their performance of last year (21:06) and of the '50 national champion trio of Bill Ashenfelter, Bob Freebairn, and Dud Foster who, in the first time trials of that season, ran a 21:03 4-mile time race. So far as times are concerned, Hollen can also be classed in his teammate's category.

Lacks Depth

Hamill's and Chirud's times compare favorably with Bob Parson's 21:09 feat in '50, but here is where the comparison stops . . . and Coach Werner's big problem begins.

So far this season, this year's squad hasn't matched the amazing depth the national champs possessed. Two years ago in similar time trials, the eight men crossed the finish line in 21:30.

In Monday's time runs, however, the sixth man, Stan Lindner, didn't finish until 22:15, the seventh, Jim Cressman, 22:30, and eighth, Bob Gehman, 22:35.

First Clocking

An analysis of the whole situation reveals that the Blue and White might not boast of much depth yet, but one must remember that the squad has only been training for two weeks.

Furthermore, this is the first time that Werner and his aide, Norm Gordon, have had the clock out. And, as the veteran chieftain said the other night, "everything usually goes wrong during the first time session."

"Sophomore Don Austin, for example," Werner continued, "was running fine at the mile and a half mark, but he petered out in the end."

For the remainder of the week Werner and Gordon will attempt to remedy the situation before the next time trials which are slated for Monday.

With only ten days remaining before their opening dual meet with Cornell at Ithaca, the varsity candidates will run through their customary "light-heavy" workouts. That is, one day they will engage in an extra strenuous workout, while the next day they will follow up with one of a lighter nature.

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Jack Horner

Candidates for Ass't Gym Manager Wanted

Candidates for the position of second assistant manager in gymnastics are to report from 4 to 5 p.m. today at Recreation Hall, according to Lloyd Hart-sough, head manager of gymnastics.

Movie, Lecture To Be Given By Gym Coach

Gene Wettstone, Penn State gymnastic coach and a judge at the 1952 Olympics, will lecture and show movies of the 1952 Olympics to the Riding Club at 7 tonight in 317 Willard.

Wettstone will feature films of the Prix de Nations, international equestrian events.

Students who wish to join the club and take part in recreational horseback riding are invited to the meeting by Edna Grabiak, president.

The Riding Club conducts trail rides each Saturday. Students who are members of the club may participate in these rides after they have been classified into beginning or advanced groups.

Because of the demand for recreational riding facilities by the student body, the College has made its horses available at a cost of \$1 per hour.

Series Winner Choice Determines Hotel Room

NEW YORK (AP) — The Hotel Edison here is taking no chances on hard feelings exploding during the World Series.

The management said yesterday it was asking guests registering for the series whether they want the Dodgers or the Yanks to win.

The Dodger rooters were out in one section, the Yank fans in another.

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Sports Briefs

Rams Coach Quits

LOS ANGELES, (AP) — Joe Stydahar, who won two championships in his two years as head coach of the Los Angeles Rams, lost a showdown yesterday with his backfield coach and long-time friend, Hampton Pool.

As a result, Jumbo Joe stepped out and Pool stepped in to the head man's job of the world's pro football champs. He is the fifth pilot of the club since its National Football League franchise was moved here from Cleveland in 1946.

Big TV Coverage

NEW YORK (AP) — The 1½ million dollar radio and television coverage of the 1952 World Series will be the most extensive in the history of the baseball classic.

Telecasts over the National Broadcasting Co. network will go to 68 stations in 64 cities and will be in range of 19 million sets in areas with 93 million population.

Willie Pep to Fight

CHICAGO, (AP) — Willie Pep, 30, former featherweight champion, will try to perk his comeback campaign tonight when he takes on Armond Savoie, Canadian lightweight and welterweight titlist, in a 10-rounder at the Chicago Stadium.

The bout will be televised and broadcast nationally 10 p.m., EST.

Spartans Rated 1st

NEW YORK (AP) — Michigan State's mighty Spartans, who have established a come-from-behind pattern of winning their football games, are the front-runners in the game of picking the nation's No. 1 team.

Rocky Plans Visit

NEW YORK (AP) — Heavy-weight Champion Rocky Marciano will leave here late tomorrow night for his Brockton, Mass., home. The manufacturing town plans a tremendous celebration for the 28-year-old champion on Thursday.

Sports Thru The Lion's Eye

By JAKE HIGHTON
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The beginning of October's "bright blue weather" used to be the signal for the football season to start. Although times have changed in that respect, the first of October still remains the approximate time when major league baseball fans raise the old Brooklyn cry, "Wait till next year." This is the slogan which will have to be pressed into service by Purdue football forces who still have failed to win their opening game after waiting-until-next-year six times.

Why did State—a team nearly everyone gave little chance of winning—not only tie Purdue, but out first down and out pass the two-touchdown favorite Boilermakers?

Naturally there are many reasons, but one was paramount to Coach Rip Engle—the Lions "played with their hearts." Observers must agree with the Ripper.

State's tying rally against Purdue's husky glamour boys with only five minutes to play was very much on will power in addition to the inspired generalship of quarterback Tony Rados.

Starting the third period, the Lions took complete charge of the game to lead, 13-7. Suddenly Purdue squared matters at 13-13 and in two minutes more had scored again—leaving Penn Staters with the sickening feeling that Purdue could score whenever it wanted to. This wasn't true. Soon the Lions proved they could score, not at will, but whenever a score was needed badly. The Nittanies plainly showed that they have the scoring punch.

Other factors in "Victory": The Lions' unusually sharp blocking . . . The jolting defensive work of a Nittany line and secondary which held Purdue's Big Ten yards-per-try leading backfield to only seven more yards than State gained . . . The non-headline making but invaluable practice work of the "foreigners"—the varsity reserves who seldom see action except in scrimmage and Earl Bruce's frosh squad which imitated Purdue all week.

Many persons felt the game was the best seen on Beaver Field in years—including the State-BU 40-34 thriller last year. The Harry Agganis game had more scoring, but was looser and lacked fine play. Saturday's game saw both teams always driving relentlessly to the goal line.

Shades of the air-crazy Southwest Conference: The 60 passes thrown by both schools might well have been the most ever to fill the Beaver Field air in one game.

Praise from the Mighty: After the game Purdue end Bernie Flowers, favorite target of passing ace Dale Samuels, extolled the virtues of State's "wonderful passing game" and said the Lions "will go a long way" this year.

Engle, as honest as a 20-20 football game is long for a coach, said he was glad that State doesn't play Purdue again. One sees what the Ripper mean by recalling the Samuels' bullseye Phil Klezik dropped on the five without a soul breathing on him or Phil Zernbal racing unhindered to paydirt with an interception until he tripped.

Watching the officials doing pre-game warm up jogs—not merely pacing off the customary 100 yard check—makes one wonder when the officials will get around to using a two-platoon system. The subject of the Men in White recalls some of the game's questionable officiating.

In the third period after Purdue's 13-13 tying touchdown, center Bob Smith blocked a try for conversion. But Purdue had 12 men on the field so merely were given a penalty and another try at the goal posts. You figure it out! (Justice triumphed, as the second kick went wide.)

RANDOM SHOTS: One of the years' major rule changes cropped up early in the first quarter when a Purdue lineman took a swipe at Nittany guard Pete Schoderbek. A personal foul banishes a player this year as it did Purdue's "plump Jack" . . . Big Teners take their football seriously. Illinois was already scouting Purdue even though the Illini don't play the Boilermakers until Oct. 25.

Bisons to Host Lions

Penn State's soccer team will make its 1952 debut against Bucknell at Lewisburg Saturday, October 4.

Twin Anniversary

Penn State's two unbeaten football teams were spawned five years ago—in 1947—and 40 years ago—in 1912.

SENIORS CHEMISTRY and PHYSICS

Thursday, October 2 is the last day that pictures will be taken of the Chemistry and Physics seniors.

If you want your picture in LaVie, go down to the Penn State Photo Shop today.