

MSC Harriers May Cause Trouble

By JOHN SHEPPARD

How will Penn State's undefeated cross country team stack up against a strong, veteran Michigan State squad Saturday at East Lansing, Michigan?

If one is judging the teams on the basis of their seasonal records, there is little to choose.

Thus far this season Coach Chick Werner's forces boast a clean slate. They've beaten a mediocre Cornell combine, 15-44, and last Saturday turned in a hard-earned 21-35 victory over a game Army club.

In beating the Cadets, the Blue and White harriers broke a 15 straight dual meet winning string, and also kept their own victory skein intact. To date the Werner-men have won two and also sport a four meet dual winning record which dates back to last fall.

Michigan State, on the other hand, hasn't been as successful. In their opener with Wisconsin, Oct. 11, the Big Ten defending champion X-country team fell victims to a 27-28 upset. Last weekend the Spartans were idle.

If one selects to evaluate the opposing squads on the time factor, a distance factor must be considered.

Time Not too Fast

When the Lion ran against Cornell at Ithaca, they were running over a 5.1-mile course. State's first two placers—Lamont Smith and Red Hollen—covered the hilly route in 28.49 seconds. The Nittanians also won the next three places, with a 41 second spread between the first and fifth man.

How do these times rank in cross country maneuvering? Although it was good enough to enable the Lions to romp to an easy win, it wasn't too fast.

The State harriers could probably have run much faster, but the lack of pressing opposition caused them to let up and coast most of the way.

Smitty First Again

The next weekend against the West Pointers the times showed improvement.

For the second successive week, young Smith crossed the white finish line first. His winning time was 26.35.4. Junior Hollen and sophomore Jim Hamill weren't too far behind. The required distance was 5 miles.

Smith's Army performance was a definite improvement over the weekend before and is a concrete example of how a hill-and-daler, the calibre of Smith, can bring his time down when he's being pushed.

Up at East Lansing the distance is a mile shorter and, thus, the times vary considerably.

State's Course Hilly

The Spartan distance men run over a very flat 4-mile course. It's the type of course where a thinclad has to stay out front or else risk the chance of being left behind.

Over a hilly course like State's, for example, a runner can save his strength until he reaches the crest of one of the hills and then pick up speed while he's going down the other side.

Consequently, this week Werner's pupils have been concentrating on speed workouts to give them the feeling of a steady fast pace.

The only time the Werner-men ever ran a four-mile race was in a time workout several weeks ago.

Chillrud Has Slipped

In that particular clock session, three men—Captain Jack Horner, Hollen, and Smith—ran under 21 minutes and two—Hamill and John Chillrud—weren't too far away.

Such a performance can't be depended upon too heavily, since it was held over three weeks ago and the five men might never run

(Continued on page eight)



Stan Lindner
(Harrier 5th Man)

Nine Net Men Enter Round 4 In IM Singles

Nine net men advanced to the fourth round of intramural fraternity and independent tennis singles competition yesterday. One fraternity man entered the third round play by capturing his second win of the tourney.

In independent play Ken Williams defeated Ron Walker, 8-6, 6-2. Jay Freedman eliminated Ralph Christiansen, 6-4, 6-2. John Gruber captured his third win of the tournament when he won from Bernard Evans, 6-2, 9-7.

Bill Wallis, Sigma Pi, felled Martin Shuwall, 6-1, 6-3, in the fraternity flight one league. In flight two Sam Lemon, Sigma Nu, had little trouble in beating Ed Makarewicz, Theta Xi, 6-2, 6-0.

John Cleary, Phi Kappa Tau, entered the fourth round by defeating Anthony Owoc, Sigma Chi, 6-1, 6-1, in flight three. In flight four, Dick Lindfors, Phi Kappa Sigma, went three matches before downing Herb Cheskis, Zeta Beta Tau, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Paul Brobst, Triangle, also went three matches before winning from Arnold Leider, Zeta Beta Tau, 6-2, 6-8, 6-3, in flight five. In flight six, Gordon Stroup, Beta Theta Pi, posted his third win, defeating Fred Millard, Sigma Phi Sigma, 6-2, 6-4.

Lew Landon, Sigma Pi, entered third round play in flight six. He edged Dick True, Delta Chi, 6-3, 6-3.

Spartans Always Tough

Penn State owns only one win over Michigan State in their six games since 1914. The Lions, who oppose the Spartans at East Lansing Saturday, won the first game and achieved a 14-14 tie in 1948. Michigan State won last year's game, 32-21.

Sports Thru

The Lion's Eye

By JAKE HIGHTON
Collegian Sports Editor



It has been said that "there can be no great advance without controversy." If this is true, Penn State's School of Phys Ed and Athletics is only going forward in the future. For in the short time that Ernest McCoy has been dean in the Nittany Vale his presence has been quite strikingly felt—even if on controversial terms.

Perhaps the dullest roar arising from the hustling Dean's plans is occasioned by his proposals to change the Rec Hall seating setup at winter indoor contests. In McCoy's eyes it is basically a problem where 10,000 students must be fitted into a space for only 5800. Thus he reasons the splitting of game privileges with AA books.

As to the allocation of 300 reserved seats behind the basketball cage for faculty, grads and townspeople, from this quarter it appears to be only fair to the townspeople and the alums to have a chance to see the Nittany boxers, wrestlers, and basketballers who they support directly or indirectly. This, mind you, is from the strictly unmercenary viewpoint.

Perhaps the biggest reason behind McCoy's "reform" movements is his background. Michigan U. alumnus McCoy has just left the Big Ten, or Western Conference, where he has seen such measures in successful operation. At Wisconsin, despite a field house capacity of 12,500, the Badger students have to split their tickets three ways. Indiana and Purdue operate similarly with two-way split AA books.

But the intent is not to support or blast the arguments just as McCoy's chief aim is not Phys Ed—already well established at State. Rather, McCoy is chiefly "interested in the advancement of intercollegiate athletics and recreation." This too is a carry-over from Michigan where McCoy served as assistant director of athletics under the well-known Fritz Crisler. At the Ann Arbor campus, as in the rest of the Big Ten, a faculty board of control handles the intercollegiate athletics and has little to do with the Phys Ed department.

Immediately one asks, with 16 intramural sports served up by Gene Bischoff and Dutch Sykes, how can the recreation program be advanced? Well, the silver-haired Dean has in mind the expansion of intramural programs so that sudden-death eliminations which prevail in football and swimming can be avoided.

Talk of expanded intramural activity quickly brings one paramount idea to the teeming brain of McCoy. He says, "the greatest need is for a sports building for student and faculty recreation alone." McCoy goes on to explain the setup at Ann Arbor. The Michigan sports building is run strictly by the IM department. It is open from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day. It has 12 volleyball courts, four basketball areas, and individual rooms for handball, wrestling, boxing, and squash. (State's Rec Hall has much the same but largely for either class or varsity use.) The IM programs at Michigan are run only at night or Saturday afternoons so the "workers-out" have the premises all to themselves.

McCoy's plans to revive the defunct sports like swimming, fencing and skiing? The tall, distinguished looking McCoy sees little hope for their restoration—and even fears future cuts. As he explains it, football is the team which must support all others because of Beaver Field's facilities and Rec Hall's "smallness." "During the depression years of 1930, all intercollegiate sports came to a virtual standstill," says McCoy, adding that it could happen again.

Maybe you can't agree with some of McCoy's ideas—as many Penn Staters feel—yet you will not only "defend to his death the right to say them," but feel almost certain that such initiative and "life-instilling" qualities as McCoy's can mean only good for Penn State.

McCoy's plans to revive the defunct sports like swimming, fencing and skiing? The tall, distinguished looking McCoy sees little hope for their restoration—and even fears future cuts. As he explains it, football is the team which must support all others because of Beaver Field's facilities and Rec Hall's "smallness." "During the depression years of 1930, all intercollegiate sports came to a virtual standstill," says McCoy, adding that it could happen again.

Sports Briefs

Cage Question

NEW YORK (AP)—The American Professional Basketball League, oldest of the minor cage circuits, will meet today to settle three big problems which may bear on its continued operation.

They are:

1. Whether to accept as a member the Jersey City, N.J., club which plans to feature three players who were involved in collegiate basketball scandals.
2. Whether to permit the Elmira, N.Y., club to use Bill Spivey, former University of Kentucky All-America star who is under indictment.
3. What to do about the resignation of the league's long time president, John J. O'Brien, who is horrified at the thought of using athletes whose records are in any way tainted, and to find a successor for him.

Gopher Ball King

NEW YORK (AP)—Little Murry Dickson of the Pittsburgh Pirates, whose only deficiency as a pitcher seems to be serving home run balls, and Cleveland's big winning Early Wynn are the 1952 leaders in allowing enemy batsmen to reach the fences.

If Dickson could keep his slants away from the batters' strength, he might rank with Allie Reynolds and Robin Roberts. This is the second year in a row the miniature righthander has won the uncoveted gopher crown.

Averages 300 Yds.

NEW YORK (AP)—Any team which can outgain its opponents by nearly 300 yards a game ought to win. And that's just what Bucknell's Bisons have been doing in four games this season to run their football winning streak to 17 straight games.

Bucknell is first in total offense with an average of 482 yards a game, first in rushing offense with an average of 401.3 yards and third in total defense, allowing its opponents an average of 209 yards a game. That figures out to be an average difference of 273 yards a game in the gains of the Bisons and their opponents.

Back of Week

NEW YORK (AP)—Ted Kress, a 20-year-old Michigan Junior who blasted his way to a new Big Ten rushing record, was named back of the week yesterday by the Associated Press in a poll of sports writers and sports casters.

The hard driving halfback, picking up momentum as the season progresses, chugged and churned in a dazzling display of running strength last Saturday while spearheading the Wolverines to a 48-14 victory over Northwestern at Dyche Stadium.

Throw Away Nicotine
ENJOY CARE-FREE FILTERED SMOKING

in
MEDICO
Crest #3 Finest Medico ever made. Exquisite Burgundy Finish.

MEDICO V. F. Q. #2 With NEW NYLON BIT. Exclusive! Guaranteed Bite-Proof! Odorless! Tasteless! Cushion Bite!
MEDICO MEDALIST—\$1.50

When filter turns brown—in Medico Pipes or Cigarette Holders—throw it away, with nicotine, juices, flakes, tars it has trapped. Insert a fresh filter for cooler, cleaner and dryer smoking. Imported Briar.

Wide variety of styles and sizes. Write Medico Pipes, Inc., N.Y. 22, for Booklet D.
MEDICO CIGARETTE & CIGAR HOLDERS—\$1

DUTCH PANTRY

Good Food at Popular Prices
Our Own Baked Goods Fresh Daily

OPEN Every Day 7 a.m. 'til Midnight

230 E. College Ave.

NIGHT FOOTBALL
STATE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL
HOME GAMES -- 8 P.M.

OCTOBER 24 PHILIPSBURG
OCTOBER 31 TYRONE
NOVEMBER 7 LEWISTOWN

Special Price to Penn State Students
ADMISSION NOW ONLY 35c

SHOW MATRIC CARD