

Harriers Who Close Dual Season Saturday



COACH CHICK WERNER and his cross-country corps take time out from their daily practice to pose for the above picture. The Lion harriers will close their dual meet season Saturday against Manhattan. On Nov. 17 the Nittany thinclads will defend their IC4A title over the

Van Cortlandt Park course in New York City. Pictured above (l. to r.) are Doug Weiss, John Chillrud, Bob Roessler, Jim Cressman, Don Austin, Stan Lindner, Coach Werner, Captain Jack Horner, Red Hollen, Lamont Smith, and Jim Hamill.

Smith To Battle Egan For Harriers Laurels

By JOHN SHEPPARD

Frank Egan or Lamont Smith?

As the 1952 cross-country dual meet season draws to its climax, that's a question fans are asking themselves.

Viewed as perhaps the highlight of Saturday's five-mile race between Manhattan and Penn State over the home individual honors between the Jasper's Egan and the Lions' Smith.

The rest of Coach Chick Werner's charges—Red Hollen, Stan Lindner, Captain Jack Horner, John Chillrud, Jim Hamill, and Jim Cressman—should figure prominently in the scoring column. But the outcome of the Egan-Smith distance duel remains a big question mark.

Soph Ace

Captain Egan is the Manhattan senior who, despite his team's unsuccessful showings, has been their number one bright spot.

Smith is the State sophomore distance ace who's one of the principal reasons why the Lions own a 3-1 log.

The emphasis in Saturday's meet is not only on who wins the individual honors, but also as an inkling of how the two harriers will stack up against each other when State defends its IC4A title Nov. 17.

On a comparative time basis Egan appears to have the edge.

Slow Start

His first time out against Iona, he led throughout the five-mile race and finished some 100-yards in front of Iona's Jim Mahoney with a 27:12.5 time.

Smith, on the other hand, didn't turn in as impressive an early season performance in his first race of the campaign.

Up at Cornell Smith ran a 28.49 clocking over the 5.1-mile course to win first place along with teammate Hollen. State beat the Big Red, 15-44, and the score was indicative of the opposing competition.

In a quadrangular meet (Syracuse, St. John's, Navy, and Manhattan) at Van Cortlandt Park the next weekend, Egan ran second to Ray Osterhout of Syracuse, whose time was 25:25.6, the fastest anyone has run over the VCP course this fall. Egan's second-place 26:18 time showed a marked improvement over his previous performance.

State's second meet was against Michigan State and Michigan at East Lansing, Mich. Since the course was only four miles long,

Smith's showing can't be considered.

Against Army the next week, the Kelly Green of Coach Ben Eastman lost, 19-44, but Egan managed to break into the low scoring slots. He finished second to West Point's Bob Day with a 26:06 time. Day was clocked in 25:56.

It was against this same Cadet distance squad that Smith ran his best and fastest race. He covered the five-mile home course in 26 minutes and 35 seconds to cop individual laurels. The same Day, who beat Egan, finished fourth with a 27:45 clocking.

Last weekend at Villanova, "Flin Frank," as he is called by his teammates, wasn't up to his previous par. Consequently, he finished third behind the Wildcat's Fred Dwyer and John Joe Barry. The winning time was 27:17.

Egan Metropolitan Champ
At NYU last week, Smith, along with teammates Hollen, Horner, and Hamill, tied for first with a 26:40 time. Lack of competition prevented fast times, as the first four Lion harriers finished strongly.

Although St. John's dethroned Manhattan in the 26th annual Metropolitan Intercollegiate cross-country championships at VCP Tuesday, Egan did himself proud by placing first. He won the five-mile race in 26:11.8, his fastest time this fall.

Although Smith's fastest time this fall was 26:35, as compared to Egan's 26:11.8, the fact that State runs over its own course will determine how Egan runs.

In the past such thinclads the caliber of Warren Druetzler and Captain Jim Kepford of MSC have been known to crack, after running the tough State course.

Penn Captain Dropped

PHILADELPHIA, (AP) — Bob Evans, stellar lineman and the first Negro football captain in the history of the University of Pennsylvania, was dropped from the Red and Blue squad today on a scholastic eligibility ruling.

Frosh Start Basketball Scrimmages

With the revival of the NCAA freshman ruling, freshman basketball is back at Penn State. And as of Monday, about 100 frosh hopefuls have been working on the Rec Hall courts.

Frosh mentor John Egli has been putting his group through intensive scrimmage sessions in an effort to single out the individuals who will eventually make up his squad.

At the present time, plans are being made for an eight game home card for the cagers, but no official schedule has been released yet.

1st Since '51

Tentative plans call for six games with other schools; an intrasquad game, matching the frosh against the varsity reserves; and a game with the Fraternity intramural champions. The games will be played as preliminaries to the varsity tilts.

The frosh quintet will be the first seen at Penn State since the 1950-51 season when Joe Tocci coached a fine frosh team to an 8-3 season.

Frosh Look Good

Egli has a group of fine looking prospects among the mass of candidates, and will be cutting his squad next week. Until his squad is smaller, of course, Egli cannot organize to any extent, and that will have to remain for the future.

Elmer Gross, varsity basketball coach, naturally has his eye on the proceedings. The products of this year's frosh squad will move on to Gross next year, and the brighter the outlook, the happier the varsity boss will be.

At any rate, when the cage season gets under way, Lion fans should find themselves viewing some very fine preliminary contests.

Now at Army

One-time Penn State Coach Nate Cartmell now tutors Army's cross-country and distance runners.

Sports Thru The Lion's Eye

By JAKE HIGHTON
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What does a team have to do to get some recognition? When Penn State's cross country team defeated Army to snap the Cadets' 15 meet winning streak four weeks ago, not one paper carried a word about it. Of course the doings of runners, other than the thoroughbred variety, have seldom been earthshaking news. But there was a time in Nittany history when two trackmen were big news nationally. The year was 1948 when track and x-country greats, Curt Stone and Jerry Karver, were the most publicized athletes in the nation next to the big man in the football world, Johnny Lujack.

Whether or not there are any Karver's or Stone's in the present crop of Nittany harriers remains to be seen. But with three soph in the top six positions on the varsity, who knows? See what you think:

JACK HORNER, Sr., 23, 5-10, 155, Johnstown—Horner is no corner sitter. In six dual meets last year he was never worse than fourth so was rewarded with the captaincy . . . Coach Chick Werner says he is "the most improved on the squad from the standpoint of native ability as proved in practice, but he is a beginner under stress of competition" . . . His inability to relax and too much conservatism keeps him from being a champion . . . Should improve last year's 20th finish in the Intercollegiate.

LAMONT SMITH, Soph., 19, 5-9, 160, Lehigh—An exact opposite of Horner, Smitty will be one of Penn State's greatest if he can strike that excellent medium between his own recklessness and Horner's conservatism . . . Werner called him "great but green" after last year's NCAA run when he and Penn State's title hopes collapsed 50 yards from the finish . . . He pulled the unbelievable feat of winning the first varsity x-country race of his career as a mere frosh . . . Last winter he ran a sensational 9:18 in the indoor IC4A's—still only a frosh . . . His fourth finish in the IC x-country run last year was the highest any frosh had finished in the 43-year history of the event . . . State's best hope against Syracuse cracker-jack Ray Osterhout in the Nov. 17-IC's.

RED HOLLEN, Jr., 19, 5-11, 145, Williamsport—Red's a coaches' dream. He is as sure to run well as night to follow day. All athletes have bad days but Werner can't recall one for Red . . . With less natural ability than some, Red has steadily improved like wine with age . . . If Red isn't ready for championship deeds yet, Chick thinks it is because his mere 19 years are against him. (Distance running maturity is figured around 25 years.) . . . 15th in the IC's last year, it isn't too bad a bet that Red will be in the top five on Nov. 17.

JIM HAMILL, Soph., 20, 6-0, 160, Coatesville—Jim's best quality is to get extra mileage from a body with lesser quality gasoline than many . . . He is willing to be reckless and possesses lots of guts and courage . . . His biggest stumbling block is what he himself calls a "middle-of-the-race hazard." Jim stays up with the big shots for two miles or so. Then while he is convincing himself that he doesn't belong there, he falls back where he thinks he belongs . . . But keep a watch for his name in the future.

STAN LINDNER, Sr., 25, 6-0, 151, Philadelphia—Stan is the Saich Paige of the harriers. He keeps rolling on and on . . . His form is hardly beautiful, but he is a tremendous workhorse. This constant plugging keeps him on the team—a feat Assistant Coach Norm Gordon calls amazing because of Stan's lack of natural ability . . . Chick likes his work which is an example to the team. He also likes Stan's unselfish attitude in helping others . . . He's so eager to learn that when Werner and Gordon pointed out a hill running weakness the other day, Stan abandoned all else to iron out the flaw . . . Stan's biggest trouble in Nittany x-country is that the races are only five miles. Crazy? No, Stan likes a real distance like the 26-mile Boston AA marathon he ran—all the way—last April.

JOHN CHILLRUD, Soph., 19, 5-11, 155, Schenectady, N.Y.—John has a fine "picture" running style and is by far the smoothest on the Nittany team . . . His bugaboo is conservatism and lack of confidence. Werner puts it this way: If John were to run a 4:20 mile, he would have to have the ability to run 4:10 . . . Can he overcome in two years this barrier to being a champion?

JIM CRESSMAN, Soph., 21, 5-7, 130, Kulpville—Improving all the time . . . Runs too much within himself . . . **BOB GEHMAN, Sr., 21, 5-9, 150, Harboro**—Primarily a miler with plenty of speed, Bob cannot conquer the x-country hills . . . Keen desire for self-improvement. Two springs ago Bob ran a half mile five seconds faster than he had ever done previously, yet he complained to Gordon about "running his first quarter too slow."

BOB ROESSLER, Sr., 22, 5-10, 150—Although x-country has since become an individual sport, Bob finds it useful for its original purpose—condition for track . . . Captain elect of the track team for '53, Bob is a halfmiler . . . May be the key to a flat course like Michigan State's where the NCAA's will be run. **SKIP SLOCUM, Soph., 19, 5-11, 140, Wyncote**—Also a 440 and 880 man in track, Skip is improving after two seasons of x-country . . . He can't maintain a pace and thus has letdowns. Could be good in the hill-and-dale sport if he overcomes this.

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