

# Bobbin' Along

with  
**BOB SCHOELLKOPF**  
Ass't. Sports Editor



With Charlie Speidel's steamrolling grapplers the only other undefeated team in the Blue and White garb this winter season, the Nittany gymnastics combine might very well bite off a large piece of the glory cake for itself before spring sports begin. Gene Wettstone's journeymen gymdandies currently sport a spotless 3-0 record for the '53 season, all the wins coming against top-notch foes—Michigan State, Illinois, and Navy.

In past years the gym sport has been, for the most part, crudely shoved into oblivion by fans, who preferred to follow the boxing, wrestling, and basketball teams, which were making national headlines with their fine performances.

A good case in point is last year, when Penn State's basketball team, with its freshman star Jesse Arnelle raising quite a few eyebrows with his uncanny shooting eye, did so well it entered the NCAA hoop playoffs. Also that year, the Lion matmen went through another unbeaten season.

Now with this kind of competition staring them in the face, the Lion gymnasts had a rough time getting any attention, despite their fine 4-1 record. Their only loss last season came at the hands of a powerful Army team, 58-38. Incidentally, the Cadet gym team has been EIGA champion the past three years.

This year, however, the situation is a little better, with the basketball and boxing teams already having lost several contests. Wettstone's powerful squad of rope-climbers, horsemen, flying ringnecks, and what have you, has been going through its motions in excellent fashion, and, with any kind of luck, should finish the season without a blemish of any kind on its log.

Coach Wettstone, who served as a gymnastics judge at the 1952 Olympics, believes his team has excellent opportunities for the future. Many of the stars of the team, such as Jan Cronstedt and Karl Schwenzfeier, are only sophomores, which should provide the Nittanians with a solid foundation in years to come.

Thus, if the agile acrobats of Mt. Nittanyland can sweep past their next three foes—Syracuse, Temple, and Army—that "underrated" label ascribed to the Lion gym team heretofore will vanish, and Wettstone's charges may get a long-deserved bouquet of roses for a job well done.

### WITH THE LION BASEBALL NINE IN THE ARCTIC:

Although hampered somewhat by snow dunes and glaciers, the 1953 Lion baseballers are going through their paces under the Beaver Field stands... the Nit-

### Stickmen to Play 8-Game Schedule

An eight-game schedule, opening against Swarthmore April 10, will confront Nick Thiel, former Syracuse all-America, in his 19th season as Penn State lacrosse coach.

The Lion stickmen, who last year won 2 and lost 6, oppose Swarthmore, Navy, Rutgers and Cornell on the road.

The schedule:  
April 10, at Swarthmore; 11, at Navy; 18, Hobart, 25, Pennsylvania.

May 2, Syracuse; 9, at Rutgers; 16, at Cornell; 23, Loyola of Baltimore.

**Baseball Managers**  
Sophomores interested in becoming assistant baseball managers may apply at the Athletic offices in Old Main.

**NEW College Diner**  
**Good Food**  
Always Open  
Between The Movies

# Track Team to Compete In Garden for IC4A's

By **DICK McDOWELL**

Chick Werner takes his indoor track team to New York's Madison Square Garden again this Saturday, to participate in the intercollegiate track and field championships.

The Lion mentor has rejected suggestions, however, that his team can unseat powerful Manhattan as the IC4A indoor champion in the 32nd running of the games. Manhattan won the meet last year, and have virtually been conceded the victory.

The Lions figure to be in hot contention for second place, however, with speedster Ollie Sax leading the way. The Kearny, N.J., flash will be competing in the 600 yard run. Sax will be getting his first crack at an intercollegiate title, and is favored to win, although he looks for tough competition from Manhattan's Vern Dixon and Lou Jones, Morris Currota, Seton Hall, Jim Lingell, Cornell, and Joe Gaffney of Villinova.

Along with Sax, Werner will enter his two mile relay team; Rosey Grier, shot put; Jim Herb, high jump; Dan Lorch, pole vault; Red Hollen, two mile; and Ronnie Johnson, running broad jump. Grier, who topped 51 feet against Army this

season is a potential point man for the Lions. The giant griddler will probably get his toughest competition from Columbia's Bob Thompson, who has been improving rapidly in the past four weeks.

Werner rates his two mile relay squad an outside chance to upset Penn and Fordham in that event. The Quakers have an outstanding foursome this season. The Lions, set a new school record two weeks ago at the NYAC meet, hitting 7:46.5, but lost to the powerful Quakers in the same meet. Bob Gehman, Don Austin, Bob Roessler, and Roy Brunjes will be running for the Lions.

Herb, the 1951 titlist, topped 6-5 in the NAAU meet. The Leaping Lion will face stiff competition in Bob Gaffney of Manhattan.

In the two mile test, Hollen will be running for the third time this season. The red head turned in a 9:29 two mile at the last time trials, and could be in at the finish. Penn's Roy Van Zimmerman is favored to win the event.

Both Lorch and Johnson have faced little meet competition this season. Lorch hit 13 feet in the Army meet, his best mark, and Johnson is capable of leaping 22 plus.



**HERE IT IS!**

# PHILIP MORRIS KING-SIZE

**the only leading King-Size cigarette made an exclusively different way to avoid the main cause of irritation!**

**NOW!** PHILIP MORRIS is available in the new KING-SIZE for longer smoking enjoyment.

Remember, you'll feel better when you change to PHILIP MORRIS. In case after case, coughs due to smoking disappear... parched throat clears up... that stale, "smoked-out" feeling vanishes!

So take your choice, but make your choice PHILIP MORRIS—America's Most Enjoyable Cigarette!

**KING-SIZE or REGULAR**  
you cannot buy any other cigarette of equal quality!

**KING-SIZE or REGULAR**  
**YOU'LL FEEL BETTER**  
smoking PHILIP MORRIS

**CALL FOR PHILIP MORRIS**

