

End of Road As . . .

Hockersmith, Goldsworthy, Pawloski Shine for Lion Lacrosse Forces

By TOM WERNER

Many months from now the lacrosse team might come across a player that will resemble Wayne Hockersmith in style and skill, that player will be one of the best Penn State will have, just as Wayne is the best that they have had to date.

The team mentor, Nick Thiel, admitted that three or four like Hockersmith would produce a virtually unbeatable Lion stick squad.

Three Years on Varsity

If anyone remembers their first try at baseball, or football, or trying to run a winning cross-country meet, the lot of them taken together might exemplify a few of the hardships encountered in an initial game of lacrosse. Hockersmith never laid eyes on a lacrosse stick before his freshman year in college, at the Harrisburg center. The books show what must have been the fastest apprenticeship in the game's history, as Wayne went on to become the teams' captain in the capitol city.

Has 18 Goals

With three years as a varsity player behind him, plus one season as captain, Wayne has proven his worth as an all around player, starting his stick career at a defensive post and going on to become the top offensive player on the lion squad.

With one more contest remaining this year, Wayne has thus far compiled 18 goals and is aiming toward an all-time Penn State high, the record now standing at 21. The high spot in the 1953 season came in the Hobart contest wherein he rocketed six throws past the opposing goalie.

Inquiring as to his outstanding attribute in coming from a non-player to one of the best, he could think of none. His teammates, however, were more than willing to attest to his quality of steadiness as opposed to the "hot-and-cold" playing of the rest of the squad. Pure doggedness is a supreme quality in lacrosse, a sport where such persistence can result in bloodshed. Wayne, fortunately, has never been seriously hurt, a testimonial to his ability of self preservation where that ability is best needed.

By BOB DUNN

Even though one won't find any twins on the Penn State lacrosse team, two of its members, Tom Goldsworthy and Bob Pawloski have almost as much in common as any pair of actual blood relationship.

Just look at this list of similarities! To begin with, both live within a stone's throw of each other in Secane, a small community outside of Philadelphia. Each attended Upper Darby High School, and then later Swarthmore center. It was here that they started playing lacrosse under Penn State grad John Finley, a former star pupil of Coach Nick Thiel, as well as a standout football player.

Second High Scorer

Now, both are on campus and are important cogs for the Lion stickmen. They are fraternity brothers in Kappa Sigma.

Tom, now a senior majoring in marketing, has been playing on attack since he took up lacrosse. This year, he is second high scorer for the Thielmen, behind only Captain Wayne Hockersmith. He is fast and deceptive, and has a good, hard shot that is tough to stop. His one game high for the year was in the Rutgers game when he notched five tallies.

Pawloski, who sees action at midfield, is a good passer and playmaker, prime requisites for any midman. Although not as much a scoring threat, he can chip in with that goal when needed.

Break at Center

With no lacrosse to participate in during high school, Bob enlisted his talents in track and soccer, while Tom was a better than fair pole vaulter.

Both felt a big break was getting started in lacrosse at the center. "It helped a lot to get a foundation for the game before we came on campus," Goldsworthy said.

Their all time thrills in lacrosse? Last year's Rutgers game, which the Lions dropped, 16-15, in two extra periods. Although they lost, State outplayed its highly favored opponents.

PIAA Field, Track Teams To Compete

There's a good chance that several new records will be set Saturday when the PIAA track and field championships get underway on Beaver Field.

Suburban Philadelphia schools will be on hand to defend their title laurels in both divisions. Coatesville grabbed unofficial top honors in Class A last year, while Swarthmore was Class B winner.

Coatesville's Rod Perry, winner of the 120-yard high hurdles last year, amid rain and mud, bettered the existing record by one-tenth of a second in the district trials and will be a heavy favorite to repeat.

Another defending champion, Bob Barksdale of Norristown, topped the old record in the high jump last week in the districts, jumping 6 ft. 4 in. It is to be noted, however, that only records made in the state meet are considered as state marks.

Others seeking repeat wins are Roland Simpson, Cheltenham, who won the 440 last year in the near record time of 49.2, Edward Bresnick, Williamsport, in the javelin, and two relay teams, Coatesville and Mt. Lebanon in the mile and half mile respectively.

Class B men who bare watching include Darby's Joe Tyler in the 180 yard high hurdles and Jerry Baker, Ridley Park, in the discus event.

Captain Hud Samson . . . Consistent Linksman

By ROY WILLIAMS

The graduation axe is about to start its yearly havoc this spring, as it usually does, in chopping State's athletic teams apart. Of the five spring sports in which Nittany athletes participate, 20 men will not return next year.

The Nittany golf squad, which is presently resting on the cushion of a five game winning streak, will lose only one member by the way of the graduation route. He is Captain Hud Samson.

Samson, who has played with the Lion golf team for three years, will tee off in his last match against Temple on the golf course, May 30.

Wrestling NCAA Champ

Although the tall, muscle-bound linksman has not won his fame on State's 18-hole golf course, he is a consistent shooter.

The highlight of his career, however, has been in wrestling where he became Penn State's third National mat champion. The honor was his in the 191-pound division. He not only pinned his opponent to cop the title but led Coach Charlie Spidel to his first NCAA title—the first ever won by the East.

Since wrestling took much of his time, the 22-year-old golfer had to win a berth on the varsity links squad. His late start, however, did not stop the NCAA champ from winning his proper golf position.

One of Pittsburgh's contributions to Penn State, Samson played for his high school team at Hill High, Pottstown, and captained them during his senior stint. Samson won the high school

championship at the Pennsylvania State Amateur tourney held at Philadelphia in 1949.

In Naval ROTC

The 6-2, 200 pound senior, who has had six years of driving and putting experience, has been known as a powerhouse on the fairways, but has been somewhat less effective in his putting strategy. Samson has shot in the high sixties or low seventies during his entire golfing career.

SHORT PUTTS . . . He is enrolled in the curriculum of Commerce and Finance, a member of the Naval ROTC division, and a brother at Beta Theta Pi. He will have to put his thoughts of getting into the business world aside until he completes the service requirements of the Navy Department.

Sport SPOTLIGHT



By DICK McDOWELL
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A TOUCH OF THIS AND THAT . . .

Members of the Lion baseball team are still talking about the game-ending unassisted double play that Hubie Kline made against Syracuse Saturday. Catcher Bill Leonard says it was "the greatest play I ever saw in baseball."

The Lions were hugging a 2-1 lead at the time and pitcher Gar Gingerich was in trouble with the Orange batting in the last of the ninth. Gar had runners on second and third and only one out.

It seems that Syracuse is famous for its squeeze bunts and that's what the Nittanies were anticipating. Leonard called for a curve and Syracuse batter Bob Althouse crossed him when he swung hard, smashing a terrific line drive just inside third base. Kline came from out of nowhere to make a diving back handed catch of the ball while the Syracuse runner on third was trying desperately to get back on the bag to prevent a force out. Hubie kept right on coming though, and put the tag on him in the same motion.

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Well, the Marciano-Walcott fight (if we can be so bold as to call it a fight) is still being kicked around. But amid arguments, protests, and three-dimensional investigations, everyone concerned seems to be forgetting that Marciano—the champion—won the fight in a champion's manner—with a knockout.

It was a case of powerful youth against deteriorated age. Sometime within the last eight months the "Pappy Guy" lost his stuff, and when that happens there's no need for protests. Anyway he earned a cool quarter million dollars in a little more than two minutes work. What's he got to complain about?

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Hats off to Don Austin, Chick Werner's fleet trackman. For a lad who never wore a pair of track shoes before coming to college the speedy sophomore does alright for himself. To list a few of his accomplishments: He ran the fastest $\frac{3}{4}$ mile ever recorded in the Penn Relays at Philadelphia. Time 3:02.8. He turned in a sizzling 1:54.7 in the half-mile against Navy, although he finished second. He won the same race against Pitt last week, this time with a 1:56.2. During the past indoor season, he was the mainstay on the Lion two-mile relay quartet. His 1:55 lap in the IC4As was enough to assure the Lions of a third place finish in that event.

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It's too bad that there isn't more interest in lacrosse at Penn State. We'll wager that ninety per cent of the students here have never seen a lacrosse game. They don't know what they're missing. The ancient sport is as fast and rugged as any other in existence today. It combines basketball, football, and hockey, and is jam packed with more thrills than a three-ring circus.

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President Eisenhower ("Ike" that is) must have a wonderful temperament. Otherwise how could he possibly enjoy a game of golf? His recent outing on the Centre Hills links brought this to mind. With secret servicemen, and state police lurking in every sand trap and behind every green, it must be a problem to concentrate on hitting the ball.

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Don't know who or what influenced Milt Campbell to enroll at Penn State but we're plenty happy about it. The high school Olympic star is probably the most heralded athlete ever to enter the Vale.

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The big test comes this week for Joe Bedenk's baseball team, currently sporting a fine 11-3-1 record. The Lions meet West Virginia in a double header this afternoon and travel to Philadelphia Saturday to meet Temple in the season finale. Three wins here, or even two out of three, could give the Nittanies a berth in the district playoffs, which are almost a certainty again this year. Duquesne, however, is still unbeaten. But the Dukes have to face Pitt, Syracuse, and Colgate this week.

Campy, Kell Top Sluggers

NEW YORK, May 19 (AP)—Roy Campanella of the Brooklyn Dodgers and George Kell of the Boston Red Sox are setting their sights early for the 1953 major league slugging crowns.

Campanella, whose bat has been blazing during the first month of the season, has accumulated 79 total bases in 100 at bats for a lusty .790 slugging average that tops the National League.

Averages compiled by the Associated Press disclose that Kell is the American League pace-setter with a robust .620 slugging percentage, achieved one 57 total bases in 92 trips. Averages include Sunday's games.

NEW POST CARDS SHOW PENN STATE

A new series of colored post card views of Penn State have been published by Modern-Ad, Butler, Pa., and are now on sale at a number of the local book stores, news stands, drug stores and 5 & 10 cent stores as well as the book exchange in the TUB.

Just off the press, the new cards are made direct from Kodachrome and Ektachrome color transparencies which portray the natural color beauty as seen by the camera. This is the first appearance of the Kodachrome card in this part of Pennsylvania although they have been very popular with tourists in other parts in recent years.

The present series includes Old Main, Lion Shrine, Flower Gardens, Plant Industries Building, McElwain Hall and Hamilton-Thompson Halls. Mr. Richard C. Miller, who photographed the views and also distributed the cards, promises to add additional views from time to time and keep the cards up to date.

Baseball's Big Leagues

The Standings
By The Associated Press

AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	Won	Lost	Pct.	Behind
New York	18	9	.667	—
Chicago	13	12	.519	5
Cleveland	15	11	.577	2 1/2
Boston	15	12	.556	3
Washington	15	15	.500	4 1/2
St. Louis	12	16	.429	6 1/2
Philadelphia	12	18	.400	7 1/2
Detroit	8	22	.267	11

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
	Won	Lost	Pct.	Behind
Philadelphia	16	8	.667	—
Milwaukee	16	8	.667	—
Brooklyn	15	12	.556	2 1/2
St. Louis	13	11	.542	3
New York	13	15	.464	5
Chicago	9	14	.346	6 1/2
Pittsburgh	10	17	.370	7 1/2
Cincinnati	7	14	.333	7 1/2

*Standings do not include yesterday's games.

Night Games				
AMERICAN LEAGUE				
New York 4, Detroit 2				
Philadelphia 2, Chicago 1				

NATIONAL LEAGUE				
St. Louis 2, Pittsburgh 1				
Philadelphia 6, Cincinnati 3 (6)				
Brooklyn 0, Milwaukee 0 (3)				

Arnold Most Improved

Henry "Hank" Arnold, of Springfield, is the 1953 winner of the Leo Houck award presented annually to the Penn State boxer who shows the most improvement during the year. The award was established in 1950 in memory of the former Lion coach. Donor is John R. "Whitey" Horn, of Allentown.

Riding Club to Meet

The Penn State Riding Club will honor graduating seniors at its final meeting at 7 tonight at the College stables.

Members who plan to attend have been asked to notify Marilyn Yingt. Transportation will be provided if requested.

Rod Eaken, of Reading, has set his sights on eastern intercollegiate golf honors in 1954. The Penn State stylist reached the semi-finals in 1952, and the finals in 1953.

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