

X-Country, Soccer Prepare for Openers

Wernermen Paced By Hollen, Smith

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Two aces are nice to have, but they don't always guarantee a winning hand, and no one is surer of this than Chick Werner, head Nittany track coach. Red Hollen and Lamont Smith are the two aces in the Lion cross-country line-up.

When playing poker one can deal from the bottom or stack the deck, but this is not so in cross-country. Stamina, ambition and fleetness are the foundation upon which the team is built.

Out of practice sessions, which will start as soon as candidates report, Werner hopes to come up with the added depth needed to round out a winning team. The amicable coach pointed to Don Austin, Jack Chillrud, and Jim Hamill as his main hopes to fill in these gaps.

Little help can be expected from last year's freshmen, since they did not compete in cross-country.

Last year's team boasted a four and one mark, defeating Cornell, NYU, Manhattan, and Army while losing to Michigan State.

In the IC4A championship meet the Lions placed fourth, finishing behind Michigan State, Army and Syracuse. Hollen posted a time of 25:13 as he finished sixth. Hamill placed 11th, Smith 28th and Chillrud 57th.

By the time the Cornell hill-and-dalers arrive here for the opening meet of the campaign, Werner hopes he will have a few other high cards to go along with his two aces. Maybe he will even have a few extra aces stuffed up his sleeve by that time.

The schedule:

- Oct. 10 Cornell (h)
- 14 Navy-Georgetown (a)
- 31 Michigan State (a)
- Nov. 7 Manhattan (a)
- 16 ICAAAA (a)
- 23 NCAA (a)

Panzer College Honors Speidel

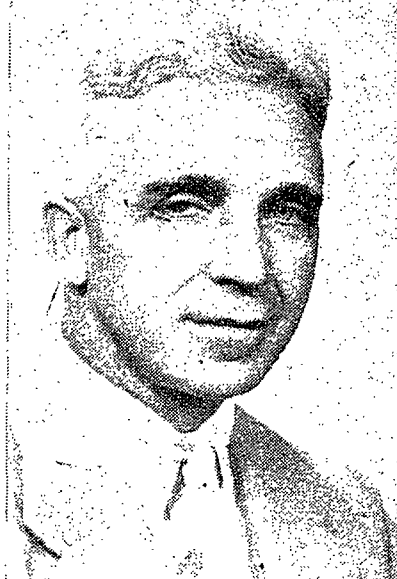
Charlie Speidel, Penn State wrestling coach, was named 1953 "Graduate of the Year" by the alumni bulletin of Panzer College, East Orange, N.J., in recognition of his team's achievement in bringing the National Collegiate title to the East for the first time.

Speidel's matmen also copped the Eastern Intercollegiate title for the third straight year and are unbeaten in 29 consecutive matches.

Fall Sport Coaches



Chick Werner (X-Country)



Rip Engle (Football)



Ken Hosterman (Soccer)

Ten Vet Booters Will Bolster Squad

Ken Hosterman, new Nittany soccer coach, will have a job on his hands trying to fill the vacancy left by Bill Jeffrey. He has one consolation, though—Jeffrey may be gone, but some of the players he trained are still around.

Among returnees from last year's top-notch team are such high scorers as Jack Pinezich, Lynn Thomann and Bill Norcik. Other men from last season's team, which lost only to Navy, include Don Shirk, Joe Mijares, Ralph Hofman, Hap Irvin, Huber Kline, Paul Dierks, and Red Harris.

Graduation ended the college careers of such stalwarts as Kurt Klaus, Ellis Kocher, and Frank Follmer.

Pinezich is the outstanding returnee, and Hosterman will probably be expecting a lot of him. Operating from his center forward slot last season, he established a new all-time scoring record by tallying 23 markers.

Last season's team had a record of seven wins, one loss and one tie. The team possessed a fine balance. It displayed a high-scoring attack and a tight defense.

Practice will start as soon as enough candidates arrive, Hosterman said. He said he felt he had a good nucleus around which to build a team, but he would have to "concentrate on rebuilding the entire halfback line."

Hosterman expressed approval of the schedule, which has the Lions on the road for the first four games and then at home for four out of the last five.

Sporting the Lions

Penn State's freshman footballers will assemble as soon as classes begin Sept. 21. The season's first test will send the Lion cubs against the Pitt frosh Oct. 24. Games also are booked with Navy and Pennsylvania freshmen.

In IC4A competition, the Penn State cross-country team has finished fifth or better 23 times out of 31 attempts. The Lion harriers, in nine attempts, have won or tied for first place three times in NCAA title competition.

The Nittany Lions' two top lacrosse players won honorable mention on the 1953 all-America

selections. Players so honored were Wayne Hockersmith, Camp Hill, and Dick Schaefer, Yeadon. Hockersmith played in the annual North-South all-star game while Schaefer was voted the year's

most improved player. Both have been graduated.

Three sports will be represented by captains on Penn State's 1953 football teams. In addition to the gridiron co-captains—Don Malinak and Tony Rados, Steelton—baseball will be represented by Keith Vesling, Clarendon, and basketball will be represented by Jack Sherry, Philadelphia.

Penn State annually plays four home football games.

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