

Lion Harriers May Meet Talented Alumni Squad

Plans Uncertain; Stone, Ashenfelters on Roster

By HERM WEISKOPF

One of the most colorful races in recent years may be run this Saturday at the College between members of the cross-country team and representatives from past Penn State squads.

Plans are still tentative and nothing is definite, Chick Werner, Nittany coach, emphasized yesterday. The alumni are not positive they can come, he said. Many of them have families, or business obligations, and therefore they can not plan too far in advance. Werner stressed the fact that the meet will not be official.

According to present plans the meet will get underway at 11 a.m. Saturday. The runners will not cover the full five mile course, instead, the Lion track mentor said the distance would be cut to "probably three or four miles." Werner said that he had no report on the condition of the alumni hill-and-dalers.

Ash Olympic Champ

The group which challenged the harriers consists of Bob Freibairn, Bob Parsons, Bill and Horace Ashenfelter, Johnny Bates, Al Porto, Johnny St. Clair, Herman Goffburg and Curt Stone. Some of the runners, especially Horace Ashenfelter and Curt Stone, are still outstanding competitors.

Ashenfelter's leap to fame via a sensational upset win in the steeplechase during the 1952 Olympics is well known. He is definitely one of the top U.S. distance runners. Stone also came up with some brilliant races last year as he set new American standards in the 5000 and 10,000-meter events. He is also the current holder of the NAAU six-mile title. Stone participated in the 1948 and 1952 Olympic games. Horace Ashenfelter and Stone ran together for several Nittany cross-country teams.

Need Rain

Werner said he was not sure who would run against the alumni. Several runners, Red Holleh, Jim Pastorius and Don Austin, reported injuries after Saturday's meet with Cornell. Despite the pain, however, all three finished the race.

The Lion coach placed the blame on the hard ground on the golf course which the runners had to cover. He said that the lack of rain has hardened the ground a great deal. The harriers had only one day's practice during the week of the Cornell meet because Werner said he feared they might suffer shin splints from the hard turf.

State's Rados, Garrity Gain In NCAA Rating

Tony Rados, veteran Lion aerial artist, and standout end Jim Garrity, hold top positions in the passing and pass-receiving departments in the NCAA's latest grid statistics.

The ace signal caller advanced from 18th to 9th place among the nation's outstanding passers over the past week. As of the Boston University skirmish, he has completed 28 of 60 attempts, good for 4 TD's and a 46.7 average. His completions have carried a total of 356 yards, and only four attempts have dropped into opponent's hands. In the TD pass department, the Lion griddler is tied with two others of national rank in holding first place.

Jim Garrity, second State griddler to attain national fame, is in a three-way tie for third place. The NCAA rates pass receivers according to the number of aerials they pull in.

The sterling Lion end has been on the receiving end of 13 Rados tosses, one of them leading to the golden chalk mark and a TD. His role in the pass plays accounted for 174 yards.

These two Blue and White stalwarts have been gaining more and more national attention as the season progresses, and if they continue to do so, should be ranked along with the year's "greats" in grid competition at the close of the season.

State First

Penn State in 1953 earned the distinction of being the first eastern school to win National Collegiate wrestling honors.



Bill Ashenfelter
May Compete Saturday



Curt Stone
Former Lion Harrier

Frosh Grid Tilt Canceled Again

What is that phrase that makes the rounds about nothing being certain except death and taxes? It has the freshman football squad of Coach Earl Bruce and Co. mumbling to themselves today, after learning that their scheduled game Saturday with Lock Haven State Teachers College JV's has been suddenly called off. This is the second cancellation this season.

The reason for the sudden and disappointing action is that recent games have left the Lock Haven squad rather depleted in manpower. The Teachers were to have brought to State College holdovers from their varsity squad, and those who saw little or no service in varsity games. But, due to a high injury total, Lock Haven officials have found it impossible to spare any members of the squad for JV action.

This is the second postponement of the season so far for the gridders. Earlier, Penn was to have appeared on Beaver Field Nov. 14, but the Quakers canceled the tilt. In their place Lock Haven was scheduled. Now, Nittany officials are dicker for still another opponent for sometime later in the season.

As things stand now, Pitt will help the Lions open the 1953 card Oct. 24 on Beaver Field. This shapes up as a top attraction for

Homecoming Weekend. It's no secret that the Panthers are on the way back up the football ladder and have been bringing some top grade Western Pennsylvania grid talent to the Cathedral of Learning, the likes of which have not been seen since the glory days of the late Dr. Jock Sutherland in the 1930's.

The Nittany coaches, too, feel they have some fine talent with which to supply Rip Engle's varsity in the future. The Lions seem to have a well-balanced offense, looking especially strong in the air. Bob Jennings, one of three quarterbacks fighting for the starting berth, has been hitting receivers steadily in practice sessions and may get the starting call against Pitt.

Fairway Squad Repeats

Penn State's golf team won nine straight in 1953 to duplicate its unbeaten campaign of five years before.

Fireballs Cop First IM Grid Win, 18-0

By DAVE BRONSTEIN

Riding high on the steady right arm of ace Walt Laska, last year's independent intramural football champions, the Fireballs topped the Lovers, 18-0.

The night's action saw four games played and only five TDs recorded.

Tau Kappa Epsilon defeated Sigma Chi, 1-0, and Alpha Zeta topped Pi Kappa Phi 7-0. The Bearcats scratched a 6-0 victory from the Phantoms.

Laska started things off early for the Fireballs by forwarding to Dave Eskey, another member of the '52 championship team, and the initial score. The same combination accounted for the second TD with one minute remaining in the first half.

The Lovers had an opportunity to score in the second half when Wally Cook took a 60-yard pass and downed the ball on the Fireballs' 30. At this point the Fireballs' defense held.

The elusive Laska ended the night's scoring by intercepting a pass and throwing to Chick Young standing alone in the end-zone.

All the Bearcats needed to overcome the Phantoms was a first half touchdown pass from John Clark to Bob Nieman to Dick Bowman. The Phantoms failed to figure out the Bearcats' defense in the second half and the game ended 6 to 0.

The right arm of Ben Harvey, Tau Kappa Epsilon, topped Sigma Chi, 1-0, in overtime. Frank Rich put Sigma Chi into the TKE's territory in the overtime but on the next play Harvey threw to Walt Cron to overcome the play and gain the victory.

Alpha Zeta defeated a stubborn Pi Kappa Phi team, 7-0. Alpha Zeta moved deep into Pi Kappa Phi's territory from where Don Miller took the pigskin around his own end and the score. Bob Sutter accounted for the extra point.

Valentini Manages Track

Newly-elected manager of the 1954 Penn State track and field team is Mario S. Valentini, of Bronx, N.Y. His three first assistants will be David R. Young, Bethlehem; Andrew W. Staures, Indiana; and Bruce E. Vogelinger, Dunmore.

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