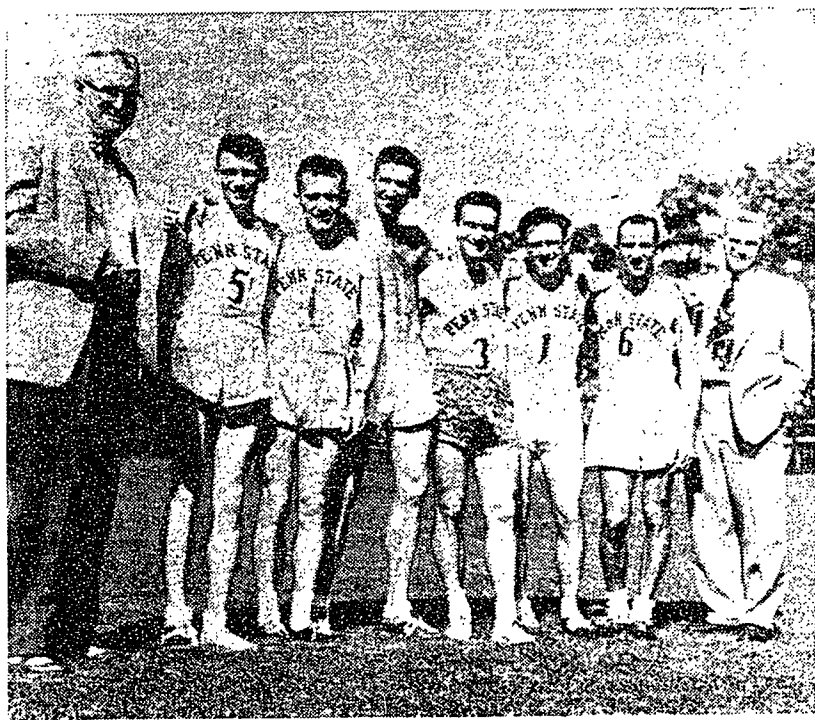


Lion Frosh Ready For Grid Opener

With three days of practice left for Penn State's freshman football forces, Coach Earl Bruce and his associates have narrowed down their choices for Saturday's opener. The Lions will host the Pitt frosh.

Admission will be 90 cents. Students will be permitted to use their AA books, according to Harold Gilbert, assistant athletic director. Students attending the game will use ticket number two and number three for the varsity game in the afternoon.

Runners Reunion . . .



—photo by Hoopes
LION CROSS-COUNTRY COACH Chick Werner, left, poses with the alumni harriers who raced against the Nittany varsity Saturday. From left to right, trackmen are Bob Freebairn, Bob Parsons, Bill Ashenfelter, Johnny St. Clair, Curt Stone, and Al Porto.

Alumni Lose Race— But Not Humor

By HERM WEISKOPF

After Saturday's cross-country meet between the alumni and the Penn State varsity one of the "oldtimers", laughingly remarked, "That's what happens when you're back home in your living room and suggest something like this."

Good humor seemed to be contagious and was evident before and after, as well as during the contest. Bill Ashenfelter needed the varsity hill-and-dalers constantly. Before the race he remarked, "You guys may win the race, but we'll whip you in a game of hearts any day." His reference to the game of hearts stems from the fact that this card game is almost a legendary sport among the Nittany harriers.

Slocum, Freebairn Sprint

Every time the ex-Lion runners passed the crowd a round of applause went up from a group of women who were ardently rooting for the "graybeards." After the race it was learned that these feminine rooters were wives of the "rocking chair runners."

Two hundred yards from the finish of the four-mile race, which the Lions won, 27-28, Skip Slocum of the Nittanians and Bob Freebairn, of the alumni team, were neck and neck. Chick Werner, Nittany cross-country Coach, yelled to them, "Don't let him beat you." Then added, "I mean both of you." Both runners began to sprint, and for a few strides were even, then Slocum broke away and crossed the finish line one second in front of Freebairn.

Porto's "Longest" Race

"Why didn't you tell me he was a 220 man," Freebairn remarked with a chuckle after he learned that Slocum runs the 100 and 220-yard dashes for the Nittany track team.

Al Porto, who finished 15th for the alumni, wiped the sweat from his face and commented, "That was the longest race I've ever run."

One of the most remarkable aspects of the race is that some of the alumni had not run in quite some time. Nevertheless, they showed themselves to be smart

runners. They set a respectable pace and almost brought home the laurels. Every one of the "oldtimers" competed on at least one Penn State team that won a national title.

"Although the alumni lost the meet, they can walk away with their heads held high," Werner said, "for they ran a race as it should be run—they gave it all they had. No matter where they were in the race they were always trying to beat the guy in front of them."

A group of runners clustered together after the meet to comment on the race and swap opinions—and jokes. Werner remarked to the alumni, "You know boys, you may not believe it, but this fellow Gordon (Norm Gordon, assistant cross-country coach) is probably the best runner that ever graduated from this school. If you don't think so, just ask him."

The game, starting at 10 a.m., will be played on the Beaver Field practice area adjacent to the tennis courts.

Starting positions from tackle to tackle seem to have been definitely nailed down.

Guards Not Definite

At center, Dan Radakovich looks like the man for the job. Sam Valentine, with the inside track for the starting berth, is injured. His fractured rib has not healed fast enough to permit him to see action against the Panthers.

Tackles Are Heavies

The guard positions will be handled by Ron Downie and Dick DeLuca. The latter is somewhat of a question mark, however, having suffered a twisted ankle in a workout earlier in the week.

Two good looking heavyweight tackles, who have been impressive in scrimmages against the varsity, have the number one spots. Ignatius Hokaj, who tips the scales at 228, and Jack Calderone, a mere eight pounds less, should fortify the Nittany line.

Who Pitt will face at ends and in the backfield is still not certain. Bruce would not even attempt to designate his wingmen, but hinted his six top backfield choices.

Wingback Is Tossup

Milt Plum and Bill Colangelo, both counted on to carry the burden of the Lion passing and punting chores, will probably alternate at quarterback.

Ray Alberigi looks like the left halfback, with Dick McMillen at fullback. It's still a tossup whether Jim Lockerman or John Bruno will start at wingback.

Fans attending Saturday's fracas will see a battle of similar offenses. Pitt will counter the Lion's winged T offense with the straight T of their own.

Hard Luck Guy . . .

Vesling's Injuries Fail To Halt Brilliant Career

By BOB DUNN

When a football player is forced to sit out part of two successive seasons with the same injury, he could well be placed in the category of a "hard luck" performer. Such is the case of Keith Vesling.

Vesling, a hard-working senior halfback for the Nittany Lions, suffered a dislocated left elbow last season. This forced him to miss

almost half the team's games in a season where the Lions went on to post a record of seven wins, two losses and one tie.

This year the injury bug popped up again in the Wisconsin game. This time, fortunately, the elbow injury was not as serious, and Vesling is back in harness.

Pitt Game His Best

Vesling played defensive back his first year, then handled the important wing-back position in Coach Rip Engle's winged-T last season. This is a key blocking spot and many a play is dependent on how well Vesling carries out his assignment. He hasn't disappointed very often.

Vesling can also do a pretty fair job of toting the pigskin when called upon. He cited the Pitt game last year as perhaps his best ground-gaining day of the season.

Played at Warren

The Ciarendon product is probably as well known on campus for his outstanding performances on the baseball diamond as a pitcher for the past two years. During that time he helped lead Coach Joe Bedenk's nine to winning seasons, and was the ace of the mound staff in 1952 when the Lions entered NCAA playoffs at Omaha, Neb.

Vesling's grid days at Warren High School gave him a good start toward his football and baseball careers. He recalls playing in the county all-star football game at Erie as a big highlight.

Recalls NCAA's

Vesling is a member of Beta Theta Pi fraternity, and is majoring in physical education. His future plans may include a hitch in professional baseball, "although the Army may have its say first," he said with a smile.

While on the subject of baseball, we inquired as to his best remembered experience with the Bedenkmen. The aforementioned NCAA playoffs were the subject of conversation.

Was Winning Pitcher

"We were playing Texas," he recalls, "the team favored to win the tournament. We helped eliminate them from the tournament by defeating them in the first game."

He forgot to mention that a fellow named Vesling was the winning pitcher against the Longhorns.

In football, last year's Pitt game stood out in his memory. It will be remembered he helped the Lions to a 17-0 decision with some fifty running, while blocking well from his wing-back spot. This year, a thrill would be helping the Lions successfully hurdle the remaining part of the grid schedule.



Keith Vesling
Lion Halfback

Injuries Plague Booters

Penn State's soccer eleven will reach the half-way point of the season's card when it plays Colgate this Saturday. After the Army match, however, Coach Ken Hosterman has several headaches to cure before the Nittanians will be "up" for the Red Raiders.

The typical type of play, which is always present in State's soccer encounters against Army, left the Lions with several injuries. Army copped its third win of the season with a 4-3 edge over State, after they had beaten Buffalo State Teacher's College, 7-0, and Ithaca College, 4-1. Yale and the Cadets played to a 1-1 deadlock.

Hubie Kline, senior outside left booter, injured his knee, but is expected to be in the lineup next Saturday. Hap Irvin, the Booters captain, has been slowed down by a blistered heel. Galen Robbins, junior halfback, is also troubled with a bad knee, and Dick Matacal is suffering with a swollen instep and blisters.

"We played exceptionally well at times," Hosterman said, "but sometimes we began to play Army's brand of non-positional rough ball." In the third quarter, State tire first half.

This was only the second time

during the past three seasons that any team has posted four goals against the Nittany soccer defense—and both times the Cadets were the boys who did it. "Our timing at the fullback slots was off," Hosterman remarked.

Although State allowed the Cadets four tallies, the Lions still hold a substantial seven point offensive scoring margin of fourteen goals to their opponents' seven. State's improvement at the goalie slot and all-around defense will be a point of concentration this week.

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