

Thinclads Face Navy Power

Lions Open Dual-Meet Slate Today

By DICK McDOWELL

A powerful Navy track and field team invades Beaver field today as the Nittany Lions open their 1954 dual meet season. The meet, tabbed by experts as a real toss up, is scheduled to get underway at 1 p.m.

The Middies bring with them a 5-0 record, including wins over Princeton, Yale, Pitt, Penn., and Georgetown. Yale was the 1953-54 IC4A indoor champion.

On the basis of past individual performances, neither team clearly has an inside track on a win today. The Lions could get the edge in the sprints, weights, the mile, and the relay, while Navy will probably pick up its points in the remaining field events, hurdles, and two-mile run.

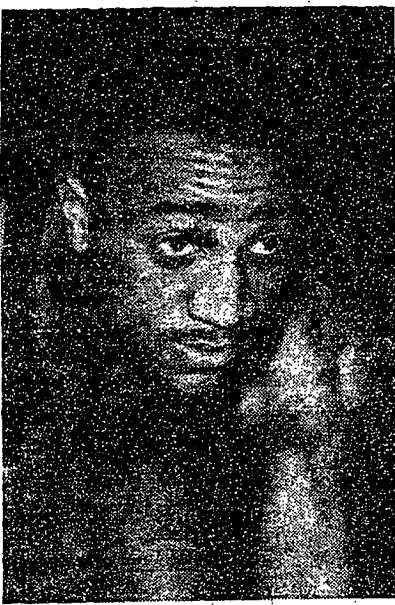
Lion coach Chick Werner, inaugurating his 21st season at Penn State, will be counting heavily on his two weight men, Rosey Grier and Charlie Blockson, veteran Red Hollen, and sprinters Art Pollard and Ollie Sax.

Grier will get the call in the shot put, discus, and javelin, and there's a pretty strong feeling running among the experts that he might crack the Penn State mark, a record he already holds. His sidekick, Blockson, will be pushing him hard in the shot and also in the discus. The Lion's Dan Hutchinson will probably be Werner's number one man in the javelin.

Dan Lorch, who has had his ups and downs in the pole vault will be doing the honors for the Nittanians tomorrow. He's expected to get plenty of competition from Navy's Bill Pierce.

Neither team is expected to have a strong entry in the high jump. Pierce will probably top the Navy list while Joe Van Tassel, and Bob Pearlstein figure as Werner's best entries.

Scorching battles loom in all the running events. Pollard has been getting closer to Barney Ewell's mark in the 220 yard dash with every try and it's not inconceivable that he might crack it.



Art Pollard
He'll Run 100 and 220

The flashy sophomore won the 100 in the Penn Relays last week and has run the century in 9.6 in the past. Bruce Austin and Skip Slocum might figure here also.

In the 440 Sax will probably have his hands full with the Middies' captain, Ted Czaya, described often as "the guy with a cast iron stomach." He hates to lose. Penn State's Dave Leatham will also run in this event.

Czaya ran a 1:54 in the 880 against the Lions last year and looks like a winner again today. However, Don Austin, Roy Brunjes, and Bob Matz can't be counted out. They'll all run for the Lions.

Doug Moorhead, John Chillrud and Don Austin will handle the mile run for the Nittanians, and Red Hollen, Ted Garrett, Moorhead, and Jim Pastorious will enter the two-mile race.

Ron Younkens will face an extremely strong Navy field in the 120-yard high hurdles and 220-yard low hurdles. Younkens will probably be the only Lion entry in the hurdling events.

The Lion Mile relay team, one of the best in the east, will face a Navy team that at times can be plenty tough. Pollard, Sax, Leatham, and Slocum will be passing the baton in this event.

The meet is the first of three straight on the Beaver Field cinders for the Nittanians. They tackle Pitt next Saturday and then meet Michigan State the following week.

Grid Tuneup Closes With Bucket Bowl

Two well-balanced football teams square off today in the annual Blue and White intrasquad battle "Bucket Bowl" at Beaver Field, climaxing a 20-day spring practice session.

The contest is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m. immediately following the Penn State-Navy track meet.

Opposing coaches announced their starting lineups yesterday, but indicated that any number of changes might be made before game time, depending on which team wins the pre-game toss.

The white squad, captained by end Jim Garrity, will be after its first win in three years against the Blue Joe Paterno, Tot Toretti, and Earl Bruce team up in the coaching department here and expect a strong club. However, nobody is going out on the limb this year with any predictions.

Frank Patrick, Jim O'Hara, and J. T. White command what appears to be an equally strong Blue eleven and neither team figures to have a definite edge. The game is traditionally close and chances are that's the way it will be again today.

The contest will be played under intercollegiate rules with two exceptions. There will be no kickoff. The team winning the toss will put the ball in play on the 40-yard line. And there will be no attempt for points after touchdowns.

Probably the most interesting feature in this game today will lie in the quarterbacking, where Engle seeks a replacement for Tony Rados. Veteran Don Bailey and freshman Milt Plum will handle the duties for the Blue team, while Bob Hoffman, and two freshmen, Bill Colangelo, and Palumbo, team up for the White.

The remainder of the two backfields appear just about equal. Halfbacks Lenny Moore and Ron Younker, and fullback Frank Della Penna will get the call for the White, while Buddy Rowell and Bob Allen, halfbacks, and fullback Bill Straub are likely Blue starters.

On the Blue line, Leo Kwalik and John Arnst will be at ends. Scott Wampler and Gene Danser at tackles, Pete Petroff and Earl Shumaker at guards, and Captain Don Balthaser at center.

The White forward wall will lineup with Ryan, and Garrity at ends, Dan DeFalco and Otto Kneidinger at tackles, Keith Horn and Chuck Sowers at guards, and Frank Reich at the center.

Coaches indicated however, that these lineups will go only if the respective team wins the toss, and that some defensive changes will be made.

Phys Ed Conclave Attended by 175

Approximately 175 out of 230 students attended the first convocation in the history of the College of Physical Education and Athletics held Thursday in White Hall.

Charles W. Stoddart Jr., director of extension for the college, spoke to the students about the availability of jobs in and out of Pennsylvania and of the approximate salaries they could expect. He also told of his work with the students.

Freshman Baseball

The freshman baseball squad will play Kiski Prep today in an away game. John Egli, freshman coach, has named Ed Drapcho to do the pitching.

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Sam's Song

By SAM PROCOPIO
Collegian Sports Editor



Somebody suggested that I call my last column the "Swan Song." I feel, however, the same way as Herbert Stein, city editor of the Daily C. three years ago, who wrote:

"This being the last issue of "You Name It" (in this case "Sam Song") before I fade away like other old editors, I should bid the campus a slobbering farewell but what the hell—it's wet enough in State College without any help from me."

As I look back on the years I worked for the Daily C., I see that somewhere there's someone who gave me rich memories which I will never forget. It all started back when I was covering intramural sports. I couldn't have had better contact men than Gene Bischoff and Dutch Sykes, director and assistant director of intramurals.

They had many problems, but still they were always willing to give me a helping hand. Last year, when the monsoons hit campus, the IM directors had a problem. The rain threw them somewhat off schedule. In their case, it's a catastrophe when you have two or three sports overlapping. Well, Sykes asked me: "If you newspapermen have any correspondence with the weatherman, give us good weather for the next four days." I couldn't help him. Of course, if I had any correspondence, State College, Pa., would be the only town where the sun would shine.

Who could ever forget the first wrestling match he had attended at Rec Hall. I, like most other students, observed the sport for the first time here at Penn State. At first I hadn't the slightest idea what was going on, but soon I became one of the avid fans.

I remember the time when the Lion 26-match streak was at stake against Maryland. The score, going into the final match, was 13-11 in favor of Penn State. Hud Samson, heavyweight, who saved the day, had the fans on the edge of their seat and/or in cheers when he almost secured a pin for the fifth time. He obliged the fans' ovation on the sixth attempt in 7:50 for a Lion victory . . . Then in the same dual meet when Rod Norris of Maryland edged Jerry Maurey, 5-3, in the last 15 seconds with a take down. He not only handed Maurey his first defeat, but was the first to score a point against him all season . . .

The priceless gem, however, is the memorable night of March 28, 1953 when the Lions had two National Collegiate champions—gymnastics and wrestling. Wrestling's NCAA title, waged at Rec Hall, was a "man bites dog" affair. Penn State is the first school ever to win the title in the East.

I could never forget the most graceful, physical, and ease-demanding performance ever exhibited at Rec Hall by the Swedish Gymnasts . . . then there are the craziest like the "freeze" in basketball. I saw one at Bucknell and the other at Rec Hall against Pitt . . . the time at the Fordham-Penn State game where 15,000 brave spectators sat in the snow infested Beaver Field stands and saw the Lion gridders win out 28-21. But the oddest part came when the game was held up for one half hour because the home team—Penn State—was snowed in.

Although the Lion gridders dropped their skirmish at Wisconsin it was great watching an All-American in operation—Alan Ameche . . . how can I leave without remembering the 20-10-19 game against the Mountaineers of West Virginia. I was criticized for commenting on the game. But I still think about it and feel that "we were robbed."

It was great to work shoulder to shoulder with Dean Earnest McCoy, Ike Gilbert, Lou Bell, Jim Coogan, Ridge Riley, Bill Ackerman, the coaches, and many of the players.

There are many persons and memories that I have missed, but it would take a book to mention them. All I can say is "Thanks a million."

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Frosh Trackmen Meet Middies, Penn Today

Fourteen freshman track and field men get their first taste of competition today when Penn State meets Navy and Penn in triangular meet at Annapolis, Md.

The Lions open their season this afternoon while the two varsity teams battle at Beaver Field. Assistant track Coach Norm Gordon, who is handling the yearlings at the meet, will enter men in 14 events.

Perry Burdon, Dave Nash, Buster Thomas, and Don Mohler will join forces in the mile relay event. The four will also be entered in several other running events. Participating in the meet along with these four are Don Woodrow, John Cunningham, Paul Roberts, Don Mowry, Herb Hollowell, Dave Winston, Harry Ruerer, Augustus Mercurio, Steve Simon, and Dick Thier.

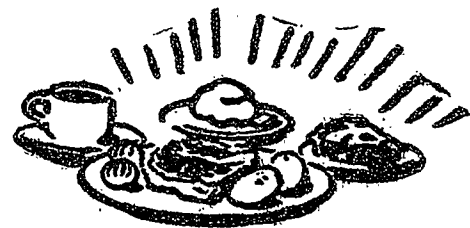
Burdon will run in the 220, 440, and broad jump in addition to

Sexy Six, Iron Men Enter V-Ball Finals

The Sexy Six and the Iron Men advanced to the finals of the independent intramural volleyball playoffs. The Iron Men took an opening round playoff game from the Scorpions by the score of 15-5, 16-14. The squad continued its winning ways with an easy 15-8, 15-13, win over the Hawks.

The Sexy Six drew a first round bye and then defeated Irvin Heights, who previously defeated the Nighthawks, 15-8, 15-5. The Sexy Six dropped the first game, but came back strong to eliminate the boys from Irvin, 4-15, 15-6, 15-6.

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