

# Sport SPOTLIGHT

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It's not too early to start counting chickens. With only three more weeks remaining on Penn State's 1953-54 athletic schedule, it's definite that the Lions are going to finish in the black. In fact, when the total win-loss record of Penn State athletic teams is totaled up this June, it's a good bet that Penn State will rank with any college in the country—and head and shoulders above most of them. Here's the way the individual records line up:

**FOOTBALL**—Rip Engle enjoyed one of his best seasons since coming to Penn State last fall. His gridders turned in a 5-3 log with wins over some of the nation's most respected teams. After losing to Wisconsin and Penn the Lions thumped Boston University, Syracuse, and Texas Christian in order before losing a 20-19 thriller to West Virginia at Beaver Field. They snapped back however with successive wins over Fordham, Rutgers, and Pitt.

**SOCCER**—Ken Hosterman moved into the coaching position here last year, filling a wide gap left in the absence of Bill Jeffrey. Under Hosterman the booters rode through seven matches, finishing the season with a 5-2 log.

**CROSS COUNTRY**—Chick Werner's harriers accounted for the only unbeaten record in the fall campaigns. The hill-and-dalers swept over four opponents during the regular season. In the ICAA championships the Lions finished third, and were fourth in the National Collegiate championships.

**BASKETBALL**—The Lions came from out of nowhere at the tail end of the cage season to become the toast of the collegiate ranks. After winning 14 games against five losses during the regular season, the cagers received a bid to the NCAA playoffs. They promptly caught fire and drove into the semi-finals of the tourney before losing to LaSalle, the eventual champions. En route they bowled over Toledo, Louisiana State and Notre Dame before whipping Southern Cal for third place honors. Elmer Gross' cagers finished the season with an 18-6 mark.

**WRESTLING**—The end finally came to Charlie Speidel's 32 match win streak last winter but his matmen still finished the season with a fine 8-2 mark. Both Navy and Pitt were able to turn back the Nittanians. In post-season tournaments the grapplers placed third in both the eastern and national championships.

**GYMNASTICS**—Penn State's gymnastics team—regarded by Coach Gene Wettstone as his finest ever—cornered both the eastern and national championships for the second straight year, capping off a spotless 6-0 season.

**BOXING**—Eddie Sulkowski had to cope with inexperience last season and could muster only one win and a tie in seven matches. However, that seven-meet experience brought rapid improvements and the Lions captured third place in the eastern championships. The big surprise, however, came in the national tournament when Sulkowski's sluggers battled to a third place finish.

**BASEBALL**—Despite six postponements, the Lion baseball team has been able to play nine ball games, winning six of them. The Nittanians are just hitting their stride now and with eight games left, still could be strong contenders for the District Two bid for the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

**TRACK**—Chick Werner has one of his best teams in years off and running this spring and has been on the winning side of two meets. The thinclads have two dual meets to go and then enter ICAA and NCAA competition.

**GOLF**—Another unbeaten team this spring. The Nittany linksmen, with 3 wins tucked away, have five to go. The Lions have won 12 straight in a two-year span.

**TENNIS**—After losing their opening match to Navy, the Nittany tennis squad has rebounded to five straight victories and could go the rest of the season without another loss.

**LACROSSE**—The stickmen appear to be the only other Lion team that will finish in the red this year. But Nick Theil has to fight the biggest obstacle known in sports—inexperience. More than 90 per cent of the men who report as candidates for Lacrosse have never played the game or have never seen it. The Lions have been able to win only one game this season, losing six.

The total comes to 63 wins, 26 losses, and one tie. Quite a record. Sure there was only one national championship (there could be another before the spring is finished) but there isn't a college in the nation that has done so well in so many sports. Three third places, and one championship is quite a record in national competition. And a .700 won-lost percentage in twelve sports against the best competition in the nation is phenomenal.

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## Stickmen Must Stop Star Attack

If Penn State's lacrossemen have any intention of upsetting Swarthmore Saturday, they will have to think of a way to stop a trio of attackmen that includes two All-Americans.

Senior All-Americans Orville Wright and Bill Holloway will be joined by Halsey Frost, moved up from last year's midfield by coach Avery Blake. Wright and Holloway were almost single-handedly responsible for the 22-6 smearing of the Lions last season.

Three New Yorkers will probably make up the starting midfield for Blake. Seniors Fred Kyle and Ed Wallach, along with junior Larry Handley will be backed up by three sophomores, two juniors, and a freshman. Jay Ochroch will spark a defense that has shown fine play throughout the latter half of the season after getting off to a shaky start.

Jim Davis, a junior from Aliquippa, will guard the goal. Davis saw reserve action against the Lions last year.

**STRAY SHOTS**—Dave Arnold has certainly earned the name of "The Hard Luck Kid." A series of mishaps has kept Arnold on the sidelines throughout the season, except for one game. And it was in that game that one of these mishaps occurred.

Arnold recovered from a pre-season shoulder separation in time to dress for the Hobart game. He was used sparingly in the first half, but in the second half re-injured his shoulder.

Now Arnold is convalescing after having recently undergone an appendectomy. It is very doubtful that he will see any action for the remainder of the season.

### Four Reach Intramural Tennis Semifinals

Four players have advanced to the semi-finals of the intramural singles tennis tournament.

John Cleary, Phi Kappa Tau, beat Richard Kuhn, Sigma Phi Sigma, 6-3, 6-1; Fred Zucker, Phi Sigma Delta, edged Thayer Potter of Phi Delta Theta, 7-5, 9-11, 6-3; Ed Seiling, Phi Delta Theta, topped Irwin Shimmel, Zeta Beta Tau, 6-0, 6-1; and Bill Wallis, Sigma Pi, beat Marvin Kleinman, Phi Sigma Delta, 6-1, 6-4.

In the semi-finals, Cleary and Zucker will meet and Wallis will play Seiling.

### Homan New Captain

Bob Homan of Wantagh, N.Y., is the newly-elected captain of Penn State wrestling. The lanky 123-pounder, who won Eastern title honors as a freshman in 1952, owns a career record of 26 wins and 7 defeats. He handed Pitt's three-time National champion, Hugh Peery, his only collegiate setback.

## Fast Track Seen For Lion-MSC Meet

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The weatherman promises sunshine and a fast track tomorrow when Penn State and Michigan State square off at Beaver Field in the Lions' final home meet of the season.

Last week Penn State and Pitt churned through muddy puddles and had to cope with a wind-blown rain storm through part of the

## Frosh Runners To End Slate Against Cornell

Penn State's freshman track team will end its outdoor season today when the tracksters go against the Big Red of Cornell at Ithaca, N.Y. Coach Norm Gordon and his 14-man squad left the University yesterday for the meet.

Herb Hollowell, outstanding point scorer in the Pitt encounter with 23 markers, will participate in five field events and possibly the sprints. Buster Thomas, a New Jersey flash, is entered in the 100, 220, broad jump, and mile relay.

Harry Fuehrer, a consistent scorer in the pole vault, will aim to set a new freshman standard in his specialty.

Perry Burdon, middle distant runner from Ridley Park, will not participate because of an injured thigh muscle. Dick Mohler will run the 440.

The yearlings are expected to be strong in the distance events with Paul Roberts, Don Woodrow, and Don Mowry. Dick Winston, holder of the freshman 120-high hurdle record, will add punch to the Nittany lineup. Winston will enter both hurdle events and the broad jump.

### Orioles Option Fridley

BALTIMORE, May 13 (AP)—Outfielder Jim Fridley of the Baltimore Orioles was sent to Richmond of the International League last night to square away a mix-up involving pitcher Mike Blyzka.

meet. But according to weather reports, conditions should be good tomorrow and sunny weather yesterday and today should mean a fast track.

The Spartans, one of the top teams in the mid-west, stand as a big hurdle for the Lions, who are seeking their third straight win in as many attempts. Chick Werner's thinclads wind up their dual-meet schedule next Friday when they engage Manhattan in New York City.

On the surface the Spartans look just as strong as the Lions' two previous foes—Navy and Pitt. The Nittanians had to go all out to beat both squads. The Middies succumbed, 68-63, and the Lions edged Pitt, 67-64. It's unlikely that this one tomorrow could be any closer but there is no guarantee that it won't be.

Michigan State has seen action in only one dual meet, but has run in three top relay carnivals. Carl Schlademan's squad whipped Notre Dame last week. Before that the Spartans participated in the Drake, Ohio, and Big-Ten relays.

There are no official team victors in these meets, but unofficial tallies showed the Spartans to be among the leaders in all three meets.

Werner's biggest hopes for a victory rest in weight men Rosey Grier and Chuck Blockson, sprinters Art Pollard and Ollie Sax, and distance men Red Hollen and Doug Moorhead. Grier and Blockson alone have accounted for 42 points in the Lions' two meets. Pollard has garnered 20 points in four wins (100 and 220 yard dashes), while both Moorhead and Hollen own two wins each in the mile and two-mile runs. Sax won the 440 against Navy, and finished second last week. He'll be a key man on the Lion mile relay team.

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