

# Jaspers Test Thinclads Today

## Lions Close Dual-Meet Campaign

By DICK McDOWELL

Chick Werner's high flying track and field team, seeking its first undefeated season since 1950, wraps up its dual-meet campaign today against favored Manhattan College at New York's Van Cortlandt Park.

The Lions, with a 3-0 log, will be tackling what is considered to be the east's top team this year. George Eastment's Jaspers currently own a 15-dual meet win streak.

However, the Nittanians' powerful drive over three top-notch opponents—Navy, Pitt, and Michigan State—indicates the Lions could be death to the New Yorkers tomorrow.

A rain front that moved across the east coast yesterday, however, could disrupt things today. Rainy weather is forecast for New York this afternoon and that will undoubtedly mean a slow track resulting in slow times.

### Stronghold of Point Getters

Werner will be counting on a stronghold of five or six men for most of the Lion points. Sprinters Art Pollard and Ollie Sax, field men, Rosey Grier, Chuck Blockson, and Dan Lorch, and distance veteran Red Hollen should be the Lions' leading point winners.

Pollard, who has made his mark as one of the nation's top sprinters, will be gunning for honors in the 100- and 220-yard dashes, and is a solid bet to win both. The Coatesville Comet tied the Penn State mark in the century last week with a sizzling :9.6 clocking, and came within .1 second of the 220 standard. His time there was a :20.8.

### East's Best Duo

Grier and Blockson combine to give Werner what is probably the East's best one-two punch in the weights. Both are potential winners in three events—shot put, discus, and javelin.

Lorch, who reached his best height in the pole vault against Michigan State Saturday—a record breaking 13' 6 1/4" mark—has established himself as a real threat in that event. The Nittany captain, winner of the indoor IC4A crown in 1952, may bring home precious points.

### Sax Outstanding

Sax's outstanding performances in the 440-yard run this spring have given the Lions a bit of a boost in the running events. The junior swifty was disappointing in his first two races (Ohio and Penn Relays) but found his form when the dual-meet schedule got underway and since then has shattered the quarter-mile record twice.

Hollen has been in command of the grueling two-mile race in all three of the Penn. State dual



Chick Werner  
His Lions Seek No. 4

meets and has been improving steadily. He and Ted Garrett both will be running today.

Werner will probably be counting heavily on his mile relay team again this week. The quartet is another Penn State record holder. Sax, Pollard, Dave Leatham, and Skip Slocum combined last week for a brilliant 3:16 mark, smashing the record they had previously set against Navy.

Elsewhere in the Penn State lineup, Doug Moorhead will handle the mile duties along with Hollen. In the broad jump Werner will use Ron Johnson and Bob Pearlstein and Rus Snyder will enter the high jump.

Don Austin and Roy Brunjes get the nod in 880-yard run and Ron Youkers will double up in both the 120- and 220-yard hurdles.

The Lions return to New York next Friday and Saturday for the IC4A championships. The Lions, along with Manhattan, Yale, Pitt, and Navy, are considered top contenders.

## 'KK Klan' Starts Hitting . . .

# Kennedy, Kline Begin Batting Barrage

George Ettenger maintained his .419 average to pace Penn State in batting, but resurgences at the plate by Pat Kennedy and Hubie Kline have made it a three-way battle for the team crown.

The "KK Klan" of Kennedy and Kline is currently sporting two of the hottest bats around. Kennedy and Kline have accounted for 16 hits in the past four contests and have displayed no tendency of slowing down.

In the past three games Kennedy has banged out five hits in 11 trips to the plate to boost his mark 96 points to .349. Kennedy has picked up at least one hit in each of the past eight encounters.

Kennedy's most important hit of the 12 he has collected in 39 at bats was his leadoff home run in the top of the ninth against Villanova on Wednesday. This smash knotted the score at 3-3 and started a five-run rally that gave the Lions a 7-3 win.

### Kline Ten for Sixteen

Since going zero for three against Rutgers on May 5 Kline has smashed ten hits in 16 tries. The Nittany third sacker has tripled his hit output in the past four games and has moved his batting average from .185 to .349.

In the past three games Ettenger has banged out five hits in 12 at bats to keep his batting mark the same as it was a week and a half ago. The stocky catcher had an eight-game hitting skein end-

ed Saturday by Temple. Ettenger rebounded in the next two games with two singles and a triple against Navy and two more bingles off Villanova hurling.

The solid hitting of this trio has paced the Lions in the past four battles and has permitted the team to run its winning streak to six straight.

### Russo Just Under .300

Second sacker Charlie Russo is just two points shy of the .300 circle. He pounded out four hits in his past 14 swings. Ron Weidenhammer, the other half of the double play combination, was able to manage only two safeties in 13 at bats and dropped 36 points to .250.

Bedenk's new outfield of Rex Bradley, Skip Gerdes, and Pete Cherish got eight hits in 32 official trips to the plate in the past three tussles. Bradley is batting .279, Gerdes .250, and Cherish .142.

## Gilbert to Present Top Athlete Award

Harold R. Gilbert, assistant director of athletics, will present a trophy to the winner of the "Penn State Athlete of the Year Contest" at 7:45 p.m. Monday on the "Spotlight" program over campus radio station WDFM.

Thirteen Penn State athletes were selected as tops in their respective sports by a first round ballot. One of these 13 will be awarded the trophy.

This is the first time the contest has been run. Participating in the voting are radio stations WMAJ and WDFM; the Centre Daily Times; the Alumni Football Newsletter; and the Daily Collegian.

## Hogan Hopes to Break World Record in '100'

SAN FRANCISCO, May 20 (AP)—Hector Hogan, the Australian who has run the 100-yard dash in record-equalling 9.3 on grass tracks arrived today confident he can break the mark on America's cinders.

He was met at the airport by Tom Moore, director of the California Relays to be run at Modesto Saturday.

## Major League Baseball

NEW YORK, May 20 (AP)—Brooklyn's snail-like start in defense of its National League crown has placed Dodger freshman Manager Walter Alston more on the spot than ever.

A batting and fielding slump that has engulfed all but a couple of Dodgers has pushed the Brooks out of first place. In the tight National League race, they're a game out of first but they're also only one game in front of the seventh place Chicago Cubs. But for the fact that no other club has been able to put together a sizeable winning streak, the Dodgers might be much lower than their current tied-for-second position. They've won only two more games than they've lost.

If Alston was a bewildered and disillusioned man today, who could blame him? When he was named to succeed Charlie Dressen as manager of the two-time pennant winning Dodgers he was told he was taking over one of the hardest hitting and smoothest

fielding teams ever assembled.

"All I heard when I took over," he said, "was what a great hitting club this was and what power it had. I haven't seen it—all through spring training or during the season.

"That's the thing that's got me worried. Take out three or four games and we haven't had any power at all. That exceptional power I'd heard about just isn't around.

"I don't know what it is. We've had the unusual two hours of batting practice before every game and we've worked out on every off day but one. I don't know where the answer is."

### Canadians Sign Faloney

EDMONTON, May 20 (AP)—The Edmonton Eskimos football team today signed Bernie Faloney, 21-year-old quarterback with the University of Maryland last year. He was the first draft choice of the San Francisco '49ers.

## Hamner Yells 'Gestapo', Gets Apology

PHILADELPHIA, May 20 (AP)—Owner Bob Carpenter of the Philadelphia Phillies apologized today for public embarrassment caused second baseman Granny Hamner by a private detective the club hired to see whether players were observing the curfew rules.

The club owner told a press luncheon he didn't blame Hamner for being angry after the player caught a private investigator tailing him home from the ball park. The private eye was arrested Tuesday night after Hamner reported to police he was being followed.

### Demanded Showdown

Hamner had demanded a showdown with Carpenter over what he termed the "Gestapo tactics" of having players shadowed by detectives.

"I resent this and I intend to do something about it," the 27-year-old player said. Hamner, who has

developed into one of the National League's top infielders, said "I keep myself in shape and never, at any time, has it been necessary to have me followed by a private detective."

### Carpenter Responsible

Carpenter said he accepted complete responsibility for the hiring of the detectives to check on his players and that he intended to keep on making periodic checks. He explained that this had been club policy since he bought the franchise in 1946. The 38-year-old baseball executive said he was sorry about the way the checkup was handled.

"Hamner is entirely justified in his attitude," Carpenter said. "If I were in his place I would be even more outraged than he is. It was my mistake I hired the wrong man to do the job. I still have great confidence in Hamner. He's one of our best players."

Carpenter said the shadowing was not started because any players were suspected of breaking

training, but as a regular practice of the club. "Our curfews must be observed," he went on. "We are in a very costly business and I have to be sure my players are in shape for a major league season. I shall continue to check on my players both on the road and at home . . ."

### Hamner Cools Off

Hamner said later he was sorry "I blew my top." He added that he did not intend to appeal to the club's player representative, Robin Roberts. "We'll forget the whole thing," was the way he made peace with the front office.

"This stuff of treating me and other ball players like 2-year-olds is going to wreck our club," said Hamner. "We can win the pennant. We have a better team than in '50 when we won. But this un-called-for Gestapo tactics will ruin our chances if it's not cut out right away."

Hamner is the second best hitter in the National League right now with a .365 average.

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