

Harriers, Booters Set to Open

Sophomores Pace Lion Thinclads

By HERM WEISKOPF

Sophomores have taken over the spotlight on this season's cross-country squad. Coach Chick Werner said yesterday that the success or failure of the team will depend largely upon four second-year men on the varsity roster.

The Nittany mentor pointed to Paul Roberts and Don Mowry as the two top sophomore runners. "They are gaining poise with each step," Werner said.

Penn State's hill-and-dale outfit is minus three of its leading performers from last year's undefeated squad. Captain Red Hollen, Jim Hamill, and Lamont Smith will be absent from the 1954 team. Although Werner will have a tough time finding replacements for these three, he couldn't help but smile yesterday when he thought of his sophomore crew.

Returns 'Pressed'

Stalwarts from last year's team such as Doug Moorhead, Ted Garrett, John Chillrud, and Jim McKelvey are being "pressed" by the sophomores. This is a coaches' dream, for it means that even the returning lettermen will have to fight for a position on the squad. Jim Pastorius, Skip Slocum, and Bruce Austin—all veterans—plus sophomores Dick Mohler and Don Woodrow, round out the varsity.

All four sophomores went out for freshman cross-country last fall. Although the team did not have any actual meet competition last season, it went through a rigid training program, the results of which are becoming evident now.

First Meet

With the opening meet of the campaign coming up Saturday there will not be any time for time trials, Werner pointed out. Navy and Villanova are slated to provide the competition in the opening meet. Last year the Lions outlegged Navy and Georgetown in a triangular meet at Annapolis. Smith set a new course record, covering the five miles in 26:40.5. The old mark of 26:50 had been set in 1952 by George Cappazoli of Georgetown.

Hollen came in second in that meet and Moorhead was third with a clocking of 27:16. Chillrud was tenth and Garrett 13th in the race along the banks of the Severn River.

Hilly Course

Werner has had his squad working out on the Centre Hills golf course in preparation for Navy's hilly layout. This is the third week of practice for the hill-and-dalers—none too much to get set for a rough five-meet schedule.

Cornell will host the Lions next week at Ithaca and then the runners will take on one of the perennial cross-country powers in the nation—Michigan State—in the first home attraction. Two weeks later the Nittany harriers will travel to Pittsburgh to battle the Panthers' talented team. The Smokey City thinclads edged the Lions for second place in last season's IC4A championships. Most of Pitt's team will be on hand again.

Manhattan, usually one of the top teams in the East, will come to the Nittany Valley for the Lions' final meet before the IC4A and NCAA title runs.

Turner Meets Andrews

CHICAGO, Sept. 28 (P)—Gil Turner, the whirlwind slugger from Philadelphia who is pointing for another welterweight title shot at Kid Gavilan, faces sturdy Al Andrews tomorrow night in a 10-round rematch at Chicago Stadium.

The durable Andrews, also a busy-fisted, crowd-pleasing fighter, lost a close decision to Turner when the two tangled in a savage brawl at the stadium last Aug. 18. The match will be televised nationally (CBS) at 10 p.m.



Chick Werner
Has Dual-Meet Opener

Grier Selected As Top Lineman

Roosevelt Grier, mammoth Nittany Lion tackle, has been chosen by the Daily Collegian's sports staff as Penn State's lineman of the week.

The six-foot five-inch 240-pound product of Roselle, N.J., was selected on his outstanding line play in the Lions' 14-12 conquest of highly-rated Illinois Saturday.

Grier, believed by many to have a good chance for All-America honors this year, was a consistent thorn in the Illini's side with his bone-crushing tackles.

The giant griddler is spending his fourth year with the varsity, and has been a regular for the past two campaigns.

Penn State's giant football tackle, Rosey Grier, Roselle, N.J., last spring won the IC4A shot put title.



Ken Hosterman
Lion Soccer Coach

Soccermen Study 'Boots' After Win

By ROY WILLIAMS

In preparation for the season opener Saturday when Bucknell visits Penn State, soccer Coach Ken Hosterman will be putting emphasis on the fundamentals of the game this week. The Lions have only three more practice sessions in which to review and correct the mistakes of a 4-1 victory over the Cosmopolitan Club Saturday.

"Our scrimmage served the primary purpose," Hosterman said Monday, "of showing our mistakes and weaknesses."

Hosterman, who will open his second season at the soccer reigns, said he would concentrate on the Lions' positional play and passing attack this week.

"Our passing was sporadic," Hosterman said. "Sometimes it was good, but too many times we were holding the ball too long. Several times we kicked the ball too far in front of us instead of relying on short passes."

Ball-Handling Poor

Hosterman said the Lions' positional play was fair, but that the ball-handling could stand considerable improvement. "The line was holding the ball too long, and was trying to kick the ball through our opponents instead of around them."

After a weak passing display in the first half, the Lions stepped up their offensive machine in the last half. Despite the outstanding defensive play of fullback Ralph Hoffman of the Cosmopolitan Club, the Lions moved in for 23 shots at the opponent's goal. A meager percentage, however, was recorded with the Lions tallying only three times.

"We were being beaten to the ball, too," Hosterman said in a constructive criticism of his 11-man squad. Until early in the fourth quarter, Penn State dominated the second-half play. Then the Cosmopolitan Club weaved an effective offensive pattern on three successive tries only to be stopped on the scoring attempt.

Coach Praises Newcomers

Hosterman was high in his praise for several newcomers to the Nittany soccer team. In the second half Hosterman substituted freely with John Lawrence, junior goalie, fullbacks Jim Edmunds and Harry Little, and linemen Dutch Walz, Ward Hill and Tom Nute.

When questioned about his fullback positions, Hosterman said Paul Dierks and Galen Robbins, both converted halfbacks, worked well together, but needed more work on their positional play. "At times they were too close together and on a parallel line," Hosterman explained, "with the fullbacks in such a position the opponents can score much easier."

Brennan Picks Schaefer

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Sept. 28 (P)—Don Schaefer, junior from Pittsburgh, has won the number one fullback spot at Notre Dame by his performance against Texas, Coach Terry Brennan said.

Lion Coaches Rank Syracuse With Illinois as 'Tough' Foe

A poster hanging in Rip Engle's office shows a picture of Syracuse halfback Ray Perkins, the Orange's top ball carrier.

Beneath it a caption reads:

"You have to gang tackle this guy."

That in a sense explains just how the Lion coaches are looking at the coming clash with Syracuse Saturday. Rip Engle and his staff feel this one will be as tough if not tougher than the Illinois game.

J. T. White and Frank Patrick had plenty to say about that when they returned from the Orange's game with Villanova Saturday.

"Syracuse is a very good team," White said. "The backs are big and fast and the line has plenty of weight and speed."

"Perkins is regarded as one of the best backs in the East and we'll probably have trouble with him."

Perkins, a converted end, scored one touchdown and kicked three extra points Saturday, sparking the Orange to a 28-6 opening game victory against the Wildcats.

White also had praise for the Syracuse passing game.

"They have possibilities for a great passing attack," he said, "although they didn't have to rely on it Saturday. They tried passing in the first half but didn't do much in the second half because they didn't have to. It's running game was terrific the second half."

The Orange, which almost dumped the Lions

last year until a blocked punt gave them a 20-14 victory, are always a tough opponent for the Lions. Two years ago, they beat a favored Penn State team 25-7, and went on to win the Lambert Trophy.

Against Villanova Saturday Coach Ben Schwartzwalder's squad gained 286 yards from the line of scrimmage while holding a good Wildcat team to only 86.

Although Schwartzwalder lost 14 lettermen from last year's team which won five, lost three, and tied one, 15 letterwinners returned when the team opened fall practice.

With this nucleus and a host of good newcomers the Orange coach, in his sixth campaign at the New York school, appears to have fashioned another good team.

Perkins, Sam Alexander, Bill Wetzell, and Mickey Rich, form a swift moving backfield with plenty of weight. And along with Rich, the quarterback, Schwartzwalder can rely on Perkins to share the passing duties.

Basically Schwartzwalder employs his own concoction of the T-formation and unbalanced line, and occasionally uses flankers. Last season the Orange operated from both the T and winged-T. However, they used the T exclusively against Villanova Saturday.

The game Saturday will mark the 32nd meeting of the two schools. The Lions hold a 14-12 edge in games won and five contests ended in ties.

Indian's Skipper Fears Polo Grounds Fences

NEW YORK, Sept. 28 (P)—Senor Al Lopez, soft-spoken skipper of Cleveland's Indians, has a hunch the Polo Grounds' short foul-line fences may be deciding factors in the first two games of the World Series.

"This is one ball park where 'pull' will get you someplace,"

Lopez cracked as the American League champs went through a two hour batting and fielding drill today in the New York Giants' Harlem home.

Home run territory down the right field line is only a 257-foot shot. Along the left field line it's 279 feet. Walls are of concrete, breaking sharply from the foul lines.

Balls carom off the concrete in crazy ways, and Lopez said "It takes time to learn to play 'em off the walls. The best way is to pull

your outfielders closer together, and let the left or right fielder play the carom, with the center fielder backing 'em up. There's no defense against a blooper hit down the foul line, so you play to hold balls which hit the walls to singles if you can."

Al Rosen, Larry Doby, Vic Wertz and Bobby Avila had a field day hitting them into the stands against all kinds of pitching served up by such flingers as Art Houtteman, Bob Feller, Mike Garcia and Coach Red Kress.

Friday Is Deadline For IM Golf Entries

The deadline for entering the intramural golf-medal tournament is 4:30 p.m. Friday. Competition is open to all University students except those who have played varsity golf.

Play will consist of 36-holes and will start at 1 p.m. Saturday. The first 18 holes will be played on the University golf course. The final round will be run off Sunday.

The field is open to both fraternity and independent men. Each organization may enter two men. Independent students may enter as individuals.

NEWMAN CLUB
 Business Meetings followed
 by Dancing at the TUB
WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 29
 7:00 P.M. Refreshments
 All Catholic Students

ATTEND TONIGHT
GRAD NIGHT
 CONVOCATION
 ... SCHWAB AUD. - 7:30 P.M.
 G.S.A. ELECTIONS
 ... WHITE HALL - 8:30 P.M.
 MIXER
 ... WHITE HALL - 9:00 P.M.
 The Campuseers