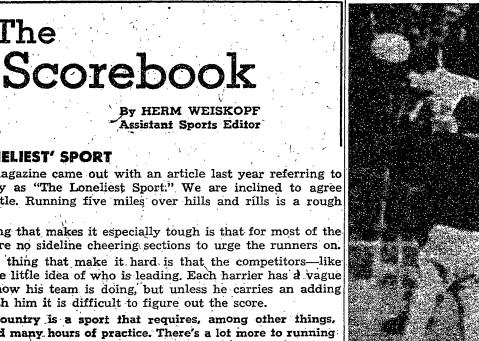
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THE 'LONELIEST' SPORT

Sport magazine came out with an article last year referring to cross-country as "The Loneliest Sport." We are inclined to agree with that title. Running five miles over hills and rills is a rough grind.

One thing that makes it especially tough is that for most of the race there are no sideline cheering sections to urge the runners on.

Another thing that make it hard is that the competitors-like boxers-have little idea of who is leading. Each harrier has a vague concept of how his team is doing, but unless he carries an adding machine with him it is difficult to figure out the score.

Cross-country is a sport that requires, among other things, stamina and many hours of practice. There's a lot more to running than just making your feet go. One thing every hill-and-daler must learn is the art of pacing. Rhythm in running and breathing must be kept whether going uphill or downhill or speeding to the finish line.

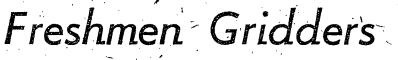
If this rhythm in breathing is lost the runner will be hit by the plague of all athletes-fatigue. Getting into shape is another problem. After a summer's layoff it takes a rigid training program to get set for the opening meet.

Quite a few Penn Staters seemed amazed when they learned that the Nittany cross-country team had lost its opening battle of the season Saturday. Navy and Villanova edged Penn State in a triangular meet at Annapolis, ending the Lions' six-meet win skein which dated back to 1952. It's nice to win, but it seems that crossy country victories at Penn State have been taken for granted. Penn Staters sweat and worry about whether the Nittany football team will make a first down, but few of those same fans even knowwhich team the cross-country squad is running against on any given weekend.

This is not a blast at football fans or Penn Staters. It is quite obvious why few persons know or care much about the hill-anddale sport. First, it is hard for anyone to comprehend the efforts of a cross-country outfit unless he has competed in the sport or has some direct connection with it. Second, cross-country is not a spectator sport, and, therefore, does not receive the publicity which other sports are fortunate enough to get. Right now football has captured the heart of the American sporting public, leaving little dale sport. First, it is hard for anyone to comprehend the efforts of captured the heart of the American sporting public, leaving little ment held last Saturday and Sunroom for other sports to get notice. This can be easily pointed out day. right at the University. We are willing to bet that more Penn right at the University. We are willing to bet that more Penn Staters know the score of Saturday's Purdue-Notre Dame football of 71 and a second round total with 151 totals; Don Lee, Phi Del-game than know the score of the Lion's first cross-country meet of of 73 for a 36 hole total of 144. Paul Thomas, Lambda Chi Alpha, why cross-country takes a back seat to other athletic endeavors.

Saturday's loss at Annapolis was only the third defeat for the harriers in the past five campaigns. During that same time the Lions have won 18 regular season encounters and have captured three championships. In 1950 the Blue and White harriers won the Intercollegiate Amateur Athletic Association of America and National Collegiate Athletic Association crowns and the following season copped the former title again.

To sum it up, the student body is used to having the crosscountry team win. The Lions have done such a good job of winning major league earned run titles in that they have been taken for granted by the students. There's a 1954lot more to winning cross-country meets than can be read in news print. Athletes sometimes get over-confident, but it now seems as past nine seasons to win earned though it is the students who have come up with this attitude. Just run honors in the National remember, those who compete in "the loneliest sport" are the un-sung heroes in their own way. And heroes should not be taken for granted.



Cross-Country Team Will Meet Big Red

By HERM WEISKOPF

For the past two seasons the Lions' cross-country team has found Cornell—Saturday's opponent—easy pickings. However, judging the future by the past is not aways wise.

Two years ago Penn State scored the minimum of 15 points and defeated the Big Red in Ithaca and last season the Lions trampled Cornell in the opening meet of the campaign, 19-39.

Doug Moorhead, one of the stalwarts on this year's team, finished in a three-way tie for first in the most recent battle with Cornell. Other returnees for the Lions from last season's win over

Cornell. Other returnees to the Big Red are Ted Garrett, John Chillrud, Jim Pastorius, and Jim of the Severn River.

Norm Gordon will also take a Garrett and Chillrud crossed the tinish line in a tie for sixth with identical clockings of 28:12. Pas-meet with the Big Red's frosh. dentical clockings of 28:12. Pastorius finished four seconds later Navy toppled the Nittany year-in eighth and McKelvey came in lings Saturday at Annapolis, 23-38, 14th.

A lot has happened since last year's meet. Cornell can no longer be looked upon as a "cousin." For one, Penn State has lost some of a bit and the Big Red will be gunits top harriers from last season's ning for revenge. Although the scene and the participants may have changed, the Lions will be undefeated squad. Another factor which makes Cornell a more for-midable opponent is that the reltrying to follow the same script. atively inexperienced Lions will be competing away from home

for the second straight weekend.

Moorhead First at Navy Moorhead finished first in the riangular battle with Navy and ceiving. Villanova on Saturday, moving up wo notches from his third place finish of the year before. Pastorius and Garrett were the only

in the first meet of the season for Gordon's outfit. Cornell may have been a push-over during the past two years, but the scene has changed quite

Jim Garrity, Penn State end and co-captain, last year led East-

ern college football in pass re-

Allegheny College's newly-ap-pointed football coach, Red Moore,

is a former Penn State grid captwo other Lions to finish in the tain.

SOCCER halfback Gerry Gillis-

pie out-maneuvers a Bucknell

defensive player to get away a

head ball in the Lions record-

breaking 14-1 win over the Bi-

sons Saturday in the season

opener.

Frank Ross and Bernard Bay-

with a 186 final total. Of the 79 entries in the tournamiller, Sigma Chi, tied for fifth ment, 71 were fraternity entries. Last year's winners were Bob Smith in the fraternity field and the season. With these handicaps to operate against, it is easy to see Dickel shot a 70 and a 75 for a Paul Christman, Alpha Chi Rho, Jim Boyanowski in the indepen-



Johnny Antonelli of the Giants and Mike Garcia, Cleveland's husky righthander, continued an interesting trend by winning the

Antonelli, with a 2.29 average, was the seventh southpaw in the that department.

The recent southpaw trend in the National League started with Howie Pollet, then of the St. Louis Cardinals, capturing the crown in 1946.



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shoulders. Easy lines W. College Ave., State College Encounter Navy Shumaker Selected Ο 'Lineman of Week' Penn State's freshman football team plays the first of three oppo Earl Shumaker, standout left nents Saturday when they encounter the Navy plebes at Annapolis. guard on Penn State's undefeated football team has been chosen 'Lineman of the Week' by the Lion freshman Coach Earl Bruce recognizes the problem as much MONEY as anyone in building a new, synchronized team year after year. Lineman of the week by the Daily Collegian sports staff for his Bruce, who is now entering his 26th season as a coach, each year fine play in the Lions' 13-0 romp over Syracuse Saturday. The Nittany lineman was a consees his freshmen advance into the varsity. Two freshman backs of last year's team that upset the Middles thers hold. State hasn't beaten the UNSOLD BOOKS tinuous thorn in the side of the in a snow storm are now on the University of Pittsburgh fresh-varsity. Quarterback Milt Plum from New Jersey was the Lion field general and the punter while Boy Albertain Unaversity of Pittsburgh fresh-men since 1949. The final game on the abbre-viated schedule is a home en-Orange, making bone-crushing tackles and throwing key blocks all afternoon. will be returned

Ray Alberigi, Jessup, was the touchdown maker. Alberigi returned a punt 62 yards for Penn State's first score.

In 1952, it was Lenny Moore and Bob Hoffman who led the yearlings. That year Navy won 21-13.

Little is known yet about the quality of the Middy frosh. A good sprinkling of Pennsylvania boys is expected, though, to make up the Navy lineup. Last year 16 out of 42 Navy footballers were from the Keystone State.

The second game of the Nittany schedule is a contest in Pittsburgh against the University of Pitts-burgh on Oct. 23. In this affair the Baby Lions will endeavor to break the fortune that the Pan-

viated schedule is a home encounter against Bullis Academy on Nov. 5. The Academy is a new-comer to the Lion's schedule. over the past weekend for his performance.

The Eastern College Athletic Conference named the Lion grid-der as one of its "unsung heroes"

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