

Werner 'Plans' to Upset Panthers' X-Country Team

By HERM WEISKOPF

Nittany cross-country Coach Chick Werner seems to believe in fighting fire with fire. The Lion mentor has based his hopes of beating Pitt Saturday on none other than a native Pittsburgher.

Werner has pinned his hopes on Jim Pastorius, a scrappy junior who will captain the Lions Saturday.

"Jim would like nothing better than to beat Pitt, especially in his home town," Werner said yesterday. "And we're hoping that his constant needling of others on the team will turn the trick. He has really 'found' himself this year. At the start of the season he was just another scrub; now he's about the No. 2 or 3 man on the team."

Pitt and Penn State will renew their cross-country rivalry in Pittsburgh after a two year lay-off. Until the Panthers dropped the Lions from their schedule the Blue and White harriers had been handing Pitt a steady string of defeats.

Carl Olson's Panthers will be heavily favored to win their 15th consecutive regular-season meet. However, Werner's psychology could be just the tonic the Lions need to trip the Panthers.

In the Lions' first meet of the campaign—a triangular battle with Navy and Villanova at Annapolis—Pastorius finished sixth. Against Cornell and Michigan State he came in fifth, and in Saturday's race with the alumni he also placed fifth.

Alumni Race Helped

The race with the former Penn State cross-country stars "definitely did the team a lot of good," Werner said.

Pitt and Penn State last met in 1951, with the Lions winning, 19-36, at Schenley Park, Pittsburgh. A year earlier the Panthers were defeated, 17-38, at the University. In 1950 the Lions won both the IC4A and NCAA championships. The 1951 team copped the IC4A crown and placed fourth in the nationals.

Four of Pitt's top runners this season have been Arnie Sowell, Thornton Smith, Captain Alan Gunderson, and Jim Moore. Sowell, who has been making a habit of coming in first, is one of the top harriers in the east and will be tough to beat on the Panthers' 4.2 mile course. Moore is another big threat. On several occasions this year Sowell and Moore finished in a tie for first.

Light Workout Yesterday

Werner put the Lions through a light workout yesterday. On Monday and Tuesday the hill-and-dalers went through heavy practice sessions.

Doug Moorhead, who has placed first in two of the Lions' three regular-season encounters, will be Penn State's top threat. The conscientious junior crossed the finish line first in the triangular meet with Navy and Villanova and also against Michigan State. At Ithaca, N.Y., against Cornell, Moorhead came in second.

Werner will once again be relying heavily on sophomores Dick Mohler, Don Mowry, Paul Roberts, and Don Woodrow. This quartet of sophomores has shown steady improvement. Veterans Gene McKelvey, John Chillrud, Ted Garrett, Bruce Austin, and Pastorius will round out the Nittany squad.

Lions Rated Sixth In Lambert Ratings

Penn State has dropped to sixth place in the Lambert Trophy ratings this week, according to listings released yesterday by the trophy committee.

Army's Black Knights moved far in front in the weekly ratings followed by Navy, Boston College, and fast-climbing Pitt. Colgate and Yale are tied for fifth followed by the Lions.

Bucknell, Delaware, and Boston University bring in the next three spots.

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Chick Werner
Hopes to Halt Pitt

Only married men on the Penn State football squad are halfbacks Ron Younker and Buddy Rowell.

AL Owners to Rule On A's Fate Today

NEW YORK, Oct. 27 (AP)—The American League meets tomorrow to try to decide—once and for all—whether the Athletics will stay in Philadelphia or move to Kansas City.

First item of business at the special meeting will be a vote on approval of an eight-man syndicate of Philadelphia businessmen as new owners of the A's.

The House of Mack, Connie and his two sons, Roy and Earle, have signed the papers for the transfer of their stock to the syndicate in a deal involving approximately four million dollars. The money is supposed to be in escrow.

Six of the eight clubs must approve any new owner. Any three can block approval.

Charles D. "Chick" Werner, veteran Penn State track coach, is a former University of Illinois luminary.

4 IM Grid Teams Cop Third Straight

Two independent teams and two fraternities continued their winning ways last night at Beaver Field as the third round of intramural football began.

The Geechee Birds, Pollock 4, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Sigma Pi emerged victorious when the hard-fought battles came to an end.

In the first game, Jim Erb displayed an excellent passing arm in leading the Geechee Birds to a 7-6 win over the Bobcats.

Trailing two first downs to none as the second half started, the Bobcats came to life when Sam Beagle intercepted an Erb pass on the Birds' 45-yard line.

The Cats took full advantage of the break and on two plays scampered 28 yards for their first first down.

With seven minutes left to play in the game the Bobcats' Burt Jones intercepted another pass on the Geechee Birds' 22 yard line.

On fourth down quarterback Ray Adams tossed to Beagle who relayed the ball to Don Fitz in the endzone to give the Cats a momentary lead.

However, with less than four minutes left Joe Calvin, a Geechee Birds lineman, blocked and intercepted an Adams pass and raced 25 yards to score the winning touchdown.

A respected Nittany Dorm 44 team, led by captain and quarterback Hubie Kline, was stunned by Pollock 4's relentless attack.

Bob Grief proved himself one of the most capable passers of the intramural football season to date. With 20 seconds left to play in the first half the Pollock quarterback fired a bullet pass from the 15-yard line to John Wagner in the endzone for their first score.

As the game progressed into its final minutes Nittany 44, trailing 6-0 and three first downs to none, began to get panicky.

Kline fumbled a punt and instead of falling on the ball, he hurriedly tried to pass it to a teammate. A hustling Bob Rathfelder intercepted the pass on the Nittany 30 and waltzed away untouched to clinch the game, 13-0.

Pi Kappa Alpha had little trouble solving Delta Chi's offensive attack and won its game, 1-0. Pi Kappa Alpha virtually won the game on the first play when Andy Sherke threw a 20 yard pass to Frank Allen for the first of three first downs.

Sherke, John William, and Bruce Williams were outstanding for the winners. The latter two combined twice to produce the other first downs.

Delta Chi's hustle and strong-armed quarterback, Tom Ceraso were not enough to overcome Pi Kappa Alpha's excellent teamwork.

In the last game Sigma Pi's Joe Frederick tossed to Ed Suley late in the second half for the game's only tally. Dick Jones caught Frederick's extra point pass to make the final score 7-0.

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