

# Rough Schedule Awaits Runners

Chick Werner and his indoor track team will give the road map a good workout starting Jan. 21. From that day until the start of the spring semester, the Lions will take part in four meets.

Philadelphia's Convention Hall will be the first stop. On Jan. 22 the squad will see action in the Washington Evening Star meet in the nation's capitol. A week later the Lions will travel to Boston, and on the following Saturday will be in New York for the Millrose Games at Madison Square Garden.

Many of the country's top track and field stars, plus several foreign standouts, will take part in this season's indoor action.

### Relay Team

When Penn State opens its season at the Philadelphia Inquirer Games it will be faced with the task of defending the mile relay title it copped last year. Werner will use Art Pollard, Skip Slocum, and Roy Brunjes on the relay quartet, with the final runner to be selected from among Bob Matz, Bruce Austin, Rod Perry, and Dick Mohler. Should the Blue and White harriers win the event again this year they will retire the second Liberty Bell One-Mile College Relay Series trophy.

Much interest will also be centered around the Inquirer Mile and the Lawson Robertson Memorial Two-Mile.

### Santee in Mile

In the mile battle Wes Santee will be pitted against Freddie Dwyer, 1953 winner, and Len Truex, last year's victor, among others. Olympic 3000-meter steeplechase champion Horace Ashenfelter will be seeking his fourth straight win in the two-mile event. The top threats to the supremacy of the former Penn State great are Bob Sbarra of Manhattan; Scot titlist Alex Breckenridge, who is attending Villanova; Joe LaPierre, IC4A champ; and Fred Wilt, the "FBI Flyer." Wilt, whose two-mile record was broken by Ashenfelter last season, is attempting a spirited comeback.

The competition will also be exceptionally keen in the other

meets. This year's mile run at the Washington meet is being billed as one of the greatest of all time. Santee, who is now the top active miler in the world, will match strides with Denmark's Gunnar Nielson, the No. 2 runner at this distance. Two other ace American milers, Bob McMillen of Occidental College and LaPierre, are booked for the race at the National Army. The meet mark of 4:13.4, set last year by Truex, is expected to fall.

Besides the mile relay foursome, Werner will put his pole vaulters, hurdlers, and sprinter Pollard into action in the first four meets.

## Frosh Grapplers List Three Meets For '55 Campaign

In preparation for their three encounters of the current season with Navy, Lock Haven and Pittsburgh, Penn State's freshman wrestling crew has been busily engaged in practice sessions on the Rec Hall mats for the past two months.

The freshman grapplers will receive their first taste of competition Jan. 29, when they travel to Annapolis, Md., to meet the first-year midshipmen.

This is the second successive year that Penn State has fielded a freshman wrestling squad. Last year's yearlings finished with a 1-1 record, losing to Pitt and finishing on the other end against

# From This Angle...

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The nation's basketball dopesters, who sighed with relief after they dragged themselves through ten dizzy weeks of football upsets, are back in hot water again finding the most unpredictable "predictables" at every turn. It just isn't an expert's year.

Almost every major cage powerhouse, many seen as untouchables when the 1954-55 season got underway, have been victims of at least one upset and some have been startling to say the least.

Of course Kentucky's loss to Georgia Tech tops the list. Adolph Rupp's Wildcats were riding their usual victory wagon, heavily favored to win their 121st consecutive home game when the Rambling Wreck came to town. The Engineers won it, 59-58.

Even more puzzling have been the ups and downs of such highly rated teams as LaSalle and Duquesne. The Dukes' first startler came at the hands of George Washington but it was discounted as just a bad night after coach Dudy Moore's team swept to the Dick McDowell Holiday tournament at New York's Madison Square during the yule season. It had to top LaSalle to win that one.

Then St. Francis (Pa.)—another highly rated team that fell to several nobodys—whipped them after already losing an early season contest to the Pittsburgh club. Then Dayton, a 15-point victim earlier, whipped the Dukes on their own court. Of course Moore has had his star Dick Ricketts for only limited duty because of an ankle injury and that could make the difference.

LaSalle, however, is, and has been at full strength all season but still took its unexpected lumps. The defending national champs (National Collegiate AA) dropped games to Utah and the Dukes despite the presence of super-star Tom Gola.

Any one who can figure out what's going on among several of Penn State's coming opponents, Pitt, West Virginia, and Penn must possess some sort of mystic power because these teams have

the Lock Haven State Teachers.

Coach Charlie "Doc" Speidel will have the problem of selecting eight starters for the Navy meet from an early turnout of 32 men.

However, as the Navy encounter is more than two weeks away, the problem of "weeding out" will not become intense until the near future.

The freshman grapplers will also meet the Lock Haven State Teachers squad on Feb. 14 at State College and on March 5 will travel to Pittsburgh to engage their other 1954 opponent.

been creating quite a little hubbub of their own. Penn was named as the class of the Ivy league in pre-season callings and has been proving it most of the way. However, after winning six straight games, the Quakers bowed to Pitt 81-75 at the friendly Palestra. It is questionable, however, whether that one could be considered an upset or not because the Panthers have been probably the hottest—coldest running team in the east.

Given plenty of rope in the pre-season picture, the Panthers began poorly and lost their first four before they finally began to win. Then they became sensational for three games, lost another, and won three more before unheralded Geneva knocked them off on their own floor. Westminster followed it up and the latest team to whip the floundering Pitts was Syracuse, which breezed into town with a 2-7 record.

The Mountaineers have found themselves victims of the upset dilemma, too. Reportedly loaded with enough material to field a pair of teams, the West Virginians started with a bang. They won five, then lost three straight, and were just beginning to move again when Carnegie Tech—an earlier victim—bumped them off on their home floor.

John Egli, the genial Penn State coach, got a first hand taste of upset with his own team this season, when his Lions went to Detroit for the Motor City Tourney.

The Nittanies moved into town on the crest of a 90 point per game average and were given the favorite's role in the tourney. But unnoticed Wayne, carrying a 2-5 record, bumped them in the opening round. To add to the mix-up, the Tartans went on to upset St. Francis in a later ball game, revenging an earlier defeat by that team.

There have been many more upsets, too numerous to mention here, and at the present rate they probably will fill a good sized volume by season's end.

Maybe the best thing for the press to do right now is forget the word upset and let nature take its course, because at the rate the unexpected is happening this year, maybe there really isn't such a thing as an upset. It still makes a good story, though, and probably always will.

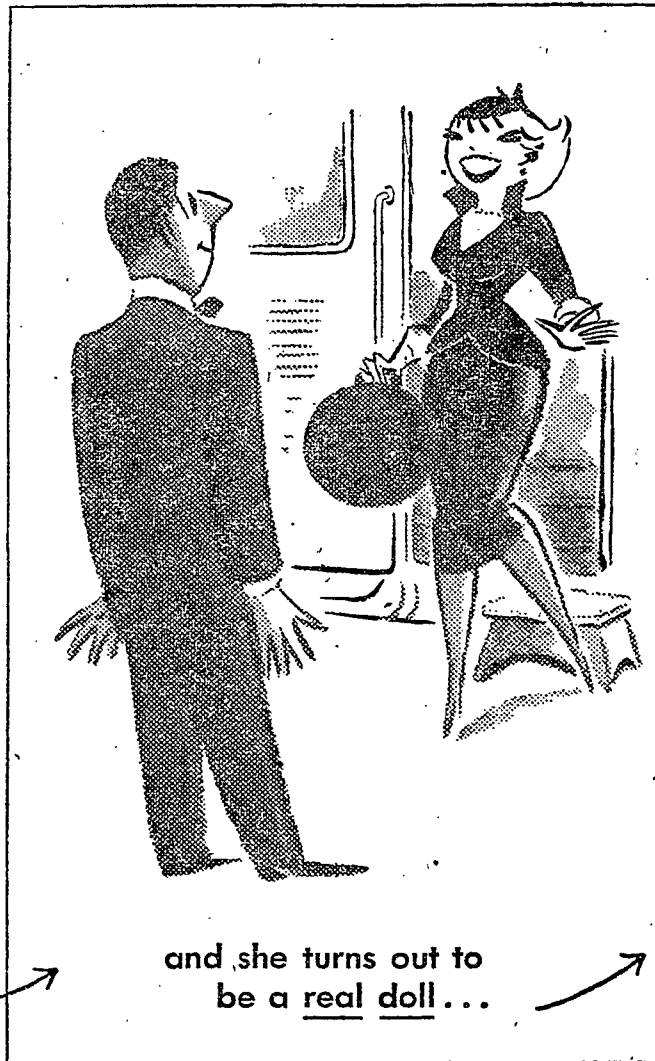


Dick McDowell Holiday tournament at New York's Madison Square during the yule season. It had to top LaSalle to win that one.

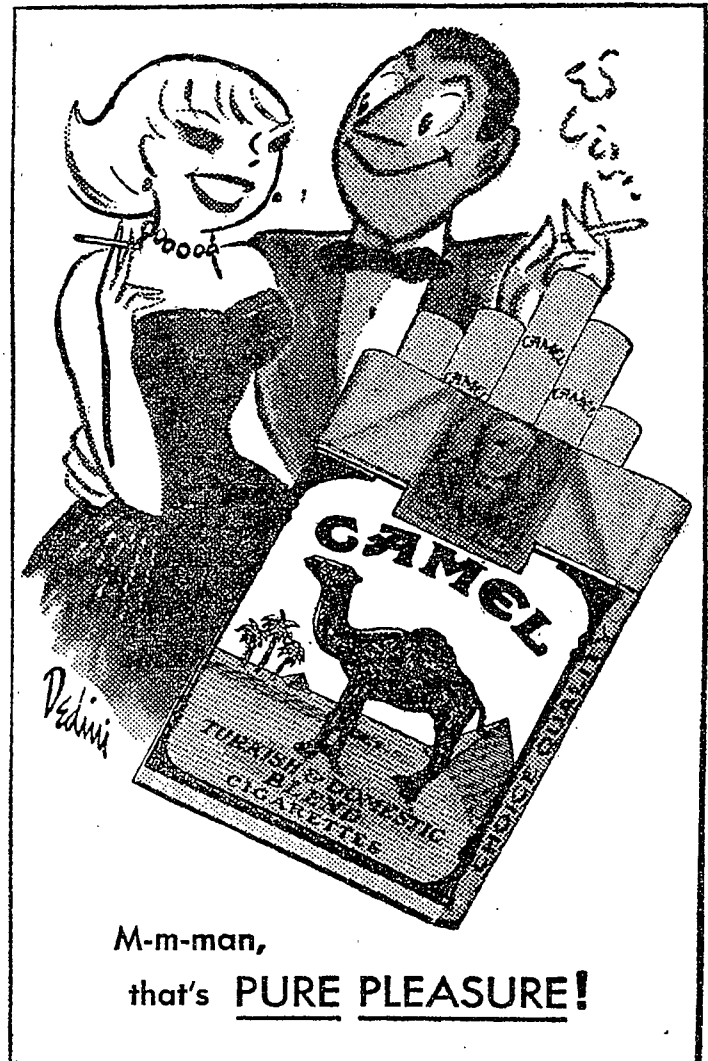
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