

Spartans Will Host Top Indoor Meet 8 Advance In IM Cage League Play

Michigan State's power-laden track squad will host Missouri, Ohio State, and Penn State Saturday in what is being billed as the outstanding intercollegiate indoor meet of the season.

Karl Schlademan's Spartans have depth, balance, and plenty of talent despite the loss of 10 lettermen from last year's squad. Only five of the 36 trackmen on the Michigan State team are seniors. Twelve of the returnees are lettermen.

Ed Brabham paces a group of five sprinters. Last season the Spartan speedster finished fourth in the NCAA 220-yard finals with a 21.3 sec. clocking. The 20-year-old junior from Brooklyn, N.Y., has run the 220 in 21.2 sec. and the 100-yard dash in 9.9 sec.

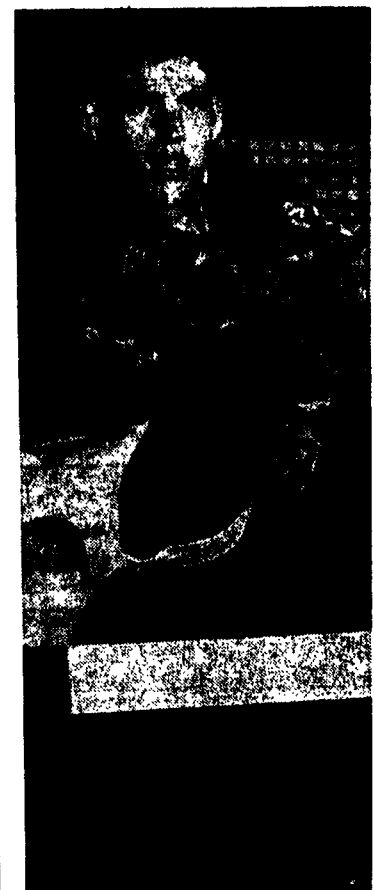
Travis Buggs, Julius McCoy, Tom Flynn, and Walt Burger round out the quintet of sprinters. Buggs is a letterman who has been hampered by football injuries. He was Indiana sprint finalist while in high school and last year placed in the Big Ten 60-yard run indoors. McCoy, former all-State basketball star from Farrell, is currently playing with the MSC cagers. Last season he equaled Brabham's 21.2 sec. showing in the 220. Flynn and Burger are both sophomores with good potential.

In the hurdles Schlademan will match junior Joe Savoldi, a runner who has been tabbed as a possibility for the Olympic team in the decathlon, against Penn State's fine group of timber-toppers. Savoldi is a standout in the hurdles, high jump, broad jump, and the weights. In a dual meet with Notre Dame outdoors last year Savoldi competed in five events. Savoldi, a 6-3, 210 pounder, will provide stiff competition for Lion hurdlers Rod Perry, Gary Seybert, Bill Youkers, or any other "kangeroos" coach Chick Werner selects for the meet.

John Coleman, Howard Neely, and Herb Harding form a trio of promising sophomore hurdlers for the Spartans.

One of the world's best quarter milers is Spartan captain Kevan Gosper, a 6-2 senior from Australia. Gosper is the British

Empire Commonwealth champ and record holder with a blistering 47.1 for the 440-yard run. Last year he ran the 220 in 21.2



Joe Savoldi
Ace Spartan hurdler

sec. Gosper also ran a 47.8 sec. quarter in the Central Collegiate meet and a 48.9 sec. 440 to cop the Canadian National Exchange event in 1954. Bob Brown and his brother Richard have shown ability in the 440, with the former also a possible starter in the hurdles. Ron Suss is counted on to aid the Spartans in the 220 and 440. Two sophomores who have been demonstrating terrific speed in the middle distance runs are Frank Taylor and Pat Sutton.

Although the injury jinx has hit Dave Hoke, the 6-1 junior from Oklahoma is rated as Schlademan's No. 1 half miler. Hoke overcame his aches and pains during the cross-country

campaign and had a fine season.

Richard Stutman is the only returning letter winner in the half mile, but Ted Tetzlaff, a versatile soph from Alberta, Canada, who can run well in anything from the 440 to the mile, will be on hand for varsity action this year. Bob Baird is another second year runner who has displayed promise.

Terry Block is ranked as the Spartans most promising sophomore in the mile. Five other sophs—Rondle Davis, Gaylord Denslow, Robert Skane, Tom Goretzka, and Bob Luce—have all been tabbed as rising stars. Denslow is a crack cross-country runner and the team's best two-miler. Goretzka, a five-year army veteran who was a two-time State Class A mile finalist, is now attempting a comeback. Schlademan will also be counting heavily on senior John Proctor in the two-mile run.

Michigan State is "loaded" in the high jump. Jim Vrooman is a consistent 6'3" jumper who copped the Big Ten indoor crown two years ago. Doug Stuart, who, like Gosper, hails from New South Wales, Australia, and Don Hillmer, the most promising Spartan high jumper in recent years, round out a trio of jumpers that will be hard to beat. Stuart was a member of the British Empire Team last summer and last winter captured the Michigan AAU laurels with a 6'6 1/2" leap. Hillmer finished second in the Drake Relays a year ago.

Charles Coykendall, a senior, and sophomores George Best and Steve Lemmers give the Spartans the best pole vaulting threesome it has had in years. Coykendall is being counted on for a 14' showing this campaign. Schlademan will rely on Alex Waier, Savoldi, Brabham, and possibly Gosper in the broad jump.

In the weights it will be Dave Goodell, Richard Muessig, and Ed McKillop. Goodell is expected to hit 50' in the shot this year.

Michigan State's track team, good as it may be, will be acting as host to three other cracker-jack squads in one of the hottest indoor battles in many a season.

Flipse to Speak

Dr. Robert J. Flipse, associate professor of dairy science, will discuss 'Radio-Isotopes in Research' at the Pre-Vet club meeting at 7 tonight at Sigma Pi.

Instructors who had aroused the ire of students during the 1900 to 1920 era were buried with a tombstone usually bearing an inscription like: "Sacred to the memory of _____, Gone but not forgotten."

Bailey Joins Danser With Canadian Pros

Don Bailey, Penn State quarterback during the past football season, has signed a contract to play for the Hamilton, Ontario team in the Canadian football league.

Bailey will join Lion teammate Gene Danser on the Canadian club.

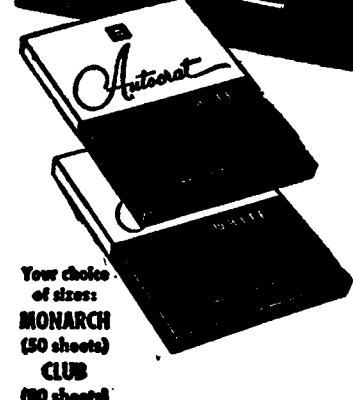
The Nittany gridders turned down a National Football League draft offer to play with the Washington Redskins.

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Merriman Traded
CHICAGO, Feb. 8 (AP)—Outfielder Lloyd Merriman was obtained today from the Cincinnati Redlegs by the Chicago White Sox for cash and two minor league players to be named later. Merriman, 30-year-old lefthanded batter, hit .268 in 73 games for the Redlegs last season.

Gymnasts Seek 2nd Win Against Navy Saturday

Gene Wettstone's Nittany gymnasts go against the Middies of the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis Saturday in search of win number two for the '55 campaign.

Fresh from a 66-62 upset at the hands of Illinois Saturday which did away with the Lion winning skien that had extended since 1952, Wettstone's performers will visit the Midshipmen holding an even 1-1 slate.

The Middies own an unblemished record so far this season, with an impressive 72-24 shellacking of Pitt highlighting their list of wins.

Lions Own 9-8 Edge
In 17 years of competition with the Middies, Lion gymnasts own a slim 9-8 edge in meet victories. They made Coach Chet Phillips' gymnasts their third victim last year by a 65-31 count.

Captain Bob O'Malia is absent from last year's Navy squad, but Burt Munger has returned as its standout performer, along with Bill Kronzer and Charlie Chaverria.

Against the Panthers, Munger took first in tumbling with a fine 264 out of a possible 300 points.

Top Lion Gymnast
Captain Karl Schwenzfeier has so far been pacing the Nittany gymnasts. In two outings he owns double wins in calisthenics, the horizontal bar, and flying rings.

However, calisthenics along with the trampoline, will not be events in any of the Lions' remaining five dual meets since they are not standard Eastern events. They appeared in the Nittany's two inter-league contests with West Virginia and Illinois.

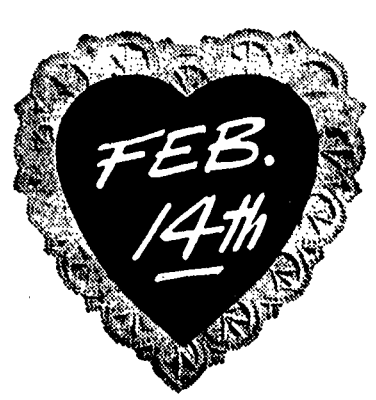
Following the Annapolis visit, the Lions go against Army at Rec Hall, Pitt at Pittsburgh, Temple at Rec Hall, and round out the season's dual meets against Syracuse away.



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