

Werner Rates Terriers As No. 1 IC4A Threat

Boston University, which finished second in last season's IC4A indoor track title scrap, is rated by Lion coach Chick Werner as the team to beat in Saturday's championship meet.

Last year the Terriers were edged by Yale in the scramble for the team crown, 19-18½. Boston University's main strength is in the field events and the distance races.

Two individual defending titlists top the Terriers' lineup for the meet at Madison Square Garden. Bruce Hescok, who won the pole vault championship, and broad jump king Bernard Bruce will be back to defend their crowns.

A 14' 2" leap earned Hescok the IC4A pole vault honors last year.

Billy Smith is the Terriers' No. 1 threat in the mile run, and teammate George Terry is a standout in the two-mile event.

Other Threats

But Boston University is not the only team which is expected to be in the thick of the battle for team laurels. Yale, Villanova, Manhattan, and Penn State are also given a good chance of coping the throne. Manhattan had won the title three consecutive years until the Eli's tripped them last season.

Yale is expected to pick up a lot of points in the field events. On Tuesday the Eli's won their third straight Big Three indoor crown, nipping Harvard, 56 3/5-53 2-5. Stewart Thompson of Yale will be one of the top competitors in the shot put. His 52' 1" heave took first place in the Big Three title scramble. Dick Goss, who registered a leap of 23' 5" in Tuesday's meet, is one of the outstanding broad jumpers in the East.

Runners Race Villanova

Villanova will be relying mostly on its one and two-mile relay squads, sophomore pole vaulter Don Bragg, and runners Charlie Jenkins and Alex Breckenridge for points. Jenkins will compete in the 600-yard run and Breckenridge in the two-mile grind.

George Eastment, Manhattan mentor, will center his hopes on Bob Sbarra in the two-mile, Bill St. Clair and Jim Doulin in the mile, and Charlie Pratt in the hurdles in an effort to regain the championship.

Werner said he felt the Lions ranked right behind the Terriers in the fight for team honors.

More than 650 athletes will be taking part in the 34th running of the IC4A championship meet—a meet where Ol' Man Upset is bound to pop up and where the "unexpected is expected."

Gymnasts --

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season, but Nittany Leroy Fritch capably stepped into his shoes and toured the 20-foot hemp in 4.2 seconds for top honors.

At this point the Lions had to do no more than appear in the final event—rings—to score their fourth win of the season. They led the Panthers, 48-32.

Although Schwenzfeier suffered his first setback on the rings, his 265 was good for a second behind Ray's standout 273 performance—high for the night. Kline took a fourth, but Shima and Randy Cronau coupled with Ray to give the Panthers a 10-6 edge in the meet's final event.

The Lions return to Rec Hall Saturday for an afternoon duel with Temple.

Sports Briefs

Groat Signs Contract With Pittsburgh Pirates

PITTSBURGH, Feb. 23 (AP)—Shortstop Dick Groat, recently discharged from the Army after a two-year stint, today signed his 1955 contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Groat, one-time basketball star at Duke University, was a standout in his rookie year with the Pirates in 1952, batting .284 and fielding in stellar fashion.

The 24-year-old Swissvale, Pa., resident came to terms after a brief conference with Branch Rickey Jr., a vice president of the club. Salary was not disclosed.

Only two Pirates now are unsigned—outfielder Frank Thomas and pitcher Vernon Law.

Santee Withdraws From Pan-Am Games

NEW YORK, Feb. 23 (AP)—Wes Santee, America's fastest miler, ran out of time and won't compete in the Pan-American games in Mexico City next month.

The lean cowboy was withdrawn today from the track and field squad because the University of Kansas wouldn't permit him to leave school for the required two weeks, said Jim Kelly, chairman of the U.S. Track and Field Committee.

He was replaced in the 1500 event by Bob McMillen of the Armed Forces who will run in the metric mile with Fred Dwyer, another fleet serviceman.

Eagles Sign Lamone

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 23 (AP)—The Philadelphia Eagles today announced the signing of three more players, including their fifth draft choice, West Virginia guard Gene Lamone.

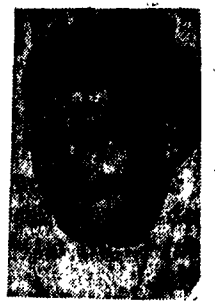
Also signed are William Buford, former Morgan State tackle, and Don Green, a Miami, Fla., tackle. Buford was waived by the Green Bay Packers last season before the season opened. Green played with the Los Angeles Rams and the Chicago Cardinals in 1953.

Walsh to Aid Irish

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 23 (AP)—Athletic Director Ed (Moose) Krause today announced the signing of Bill Walsh of the Pittsburgh Steelers as Notre Dame football line coach.

From This Angle...

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SPORTS POTPOURRI

Penn State's basketball fight with Pitt, climaxing the biggest sports day of the winter season Saturday, promises to be a real thriller if past performances mean anything. Can't help thinking that a guy could live a couple of life times before he might see as hectic and thrilling an ending as the Lions' 91-85 triple overtime stint against the Panthers at Rec Hall last season.

The home winning streak (now at 43 straight) was probably never in such serious jeopardy as it was that night. The Lions came from behind three times before finally pulling away in the final five-minute period. Unfortunately, most Penn State fans didn't see the game, held in the middle of the semester vacation.

One historic affair with the Pitts, however, will register in the minds of most of the current student body. That was the famous 24-9 game of the 1951-52 season when former Pitt coach Doc Carlson had his team freeze the ball against the Lions. While organizer George Ceiga played "A-Tisket-A-Tasket" and rival players chatted on the playing floor, Penn State fans howled in indignation.

One irate coed even brought a plate of doughnuts onto the floor for relaxing, and sometimes re-clining players.

However, the Nittanians probably won't run into those tactics Saturday when they meet the Panthers. Coach Bob Timmons' team has beaten the Lions once this season and want nothing more than to knock off their NCAA-bound neighbors for the second time.

SPEAKING OF the coming Rec Hall sports show, Penn State fans will certainly get their share of action when the four-event day gets underway. The freshman team gets the program started with its game against Pitt, followed by a top-notch gymnastics meet with eastern power, Temple. Everybody takes a short break for dinner and then a slam-bang double header will get under way at 7 p.m.

Lehigh University promises to show probably the strongest lineup of wrestling power Rec Hall fans have seen on a single team in a good many years. The Engineers and Charlie Speidel's matmen square off at 7 p.m. The second half of the big twin bill will, of course, feature the Lion basketball

team against the unpredictable Panthers.

THE BIG EVENT of the week-end, however, will be taking place in New York's sports cathedral, Madison Square Garden, where Penn State will be competing in the annual Inter-collegiate indoor track championships. Chick Werner's Lions, winners of the IC4-A outdoor meet last spring, will be making one of their strongest bids in recent years.

Penn State's only victory in the 34-year-old meet came in 1942. The Lions have come close many times since but have never quite been able to repeat on the victory rung. They tied for fourth place last year and two seasons ago finished third. This year it looks like a toss-up between Werner's star-spangled team and ever-strong Boston University.

Werner will be placing most of his hopes in weight men Rosey Grier and Chuck Blockson, hurdler Rod Perry, sprint king Art Pollard, and a fast improving mile-relay team.

Frosh Grapplers Search for Heavy

With the final meet of the season just nine days off, freshman wrestling coach Don Watkins has come up with a problem that will mark the Lions as a distant underdog in their final struggle unless solved and soon!

Scheduled to meet the Pittsburgh freshmen on March 5 at Pittsburgh, Watkins has found himself without the services of a heavyweight. Call has gone out to all available freshmen interested in the mat game and who can meet the qualifications of a heavy.

Although the curtain is about to be dropped on the 1955 season, Watkins said the experience gained would be invaluable to aspirants for the 1956 varsity. Those interested should contact Watkins immediately in Recreation Hall.

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