

Thinclads Overshadowed Despite Fine Showing

Manhattan's victory in the intercollegiate indoor track and field championships on Saturday has been hailed as a great team effort. However, Lion coach Chick Werner feels that several of his own athletes are worthy of post-meet laurels.

Two hurdlers—Bill Youkers and Rod Perry—were among those praised by Werner. Youkers was described by the Nittany mentor as being "out of this world." He won his preliminary and quarter-final heats and finished a very close second to Charlie Pratt of Manhattan in the semi-finals. Youkers came in third in the finals.

Perry left the University Hospital to compete in the IC4A title meet. He ran despite the fact that he had a badly injured heel. Perry was also hampered because he had been

Vikings Top League I IM Leaders

Two leading independent games stepped in the intramural basketball spotlight during Monday night's action.

In the first game, the Ag Hill Diners (6-0) met the Vikings (5-1). A win for the Diners would have clinched the League I title, but the Vikings had other ideas. After battling to a 15-15 deadlock at halftime, the challengers broke loose and outscored the Diners in the second half, 19-11.

The Vikings' 34-26 upset victory cast the league into a two-way tie for first place. By March 9, however, the league problems will either be settled or a playoff game will be necessitated. On the 8th the Spartans (4-3) meet the Diners, and the following day the Wenshobees (1-6) play the Vikings.

In the other major game, the Geeche Birds stepped one game closer to the League J title. After a close first half, the Birds crept in front of the Crusaders to stay. The Birds, led by Jim Erb's 10 points, won the defensive battle, 18-12.

Kappa Alpha Psi tallied 34 points in the second half and smashed Triangle, 49-13. All the winner's regulars scored five or more points.

In other games, the Wesley Five outscored the Engineers, 27-18; Theta Kappa Phi defeated Alpha Zeta, 30-26; Ski outlasted the Wenshobees, 22-19; and the Eagles and House of Davis received forfeit victories.

The results of Friday night's basketball games were: State Club over Cougars, forfeit; McElwain Men 21, Penn Club 12; Pershing Rifles over Mibs, forfeit; Town Council 34, Skyrockets 18; Delta-sigs over Helenio Club, forfeit; Irvin Aces 41, Gophers 17; Williamsport A.C. 28, Hyfliers 15; Setters 55, Watts Warriors 18; Hamilton Six 25, Snorks 20.

unable to practice for two weeks prior to the meet.

The first time Perry hurt his heel was in the Millrose Games on Feb. 5. A week later at East Lansing, Mich., in a quadrangular meet with Michigan State, Missouri, and Ohio State, he was injured again.

Despite these handicaps, Perry won his preliminary, quarter-final, and semi-final heats and wound up a close second to Pratt in the finals.

Courageous Effort

In speaking of Perry, Werner said "He put on a great exhibition of courage. Very few athletes would have wanted to have continued." Perry returned to the University Hospital following the IC4A meet.

Shotputter Rosey Grier and broad jumper Herb Hollowell were also commended by Werner. Grier shattered the Penn State indoor shot put mark which he had set two weeks earlier in the quadrangular meet with a heave of 53' 4 1/2". This toss, Grier's final effort of the meet, earned him the IC4A shot put championship. Grier's old criterion was 51' 10 3/4".

Stellern Favored

John Stellern of California was rated by many as the pre-meet favorite in this event, and Grier's win boosted him higher than ever among the top shotputters.

Hollowell placed fourth in the broad jump with a leap of 22' 4 1/2". The amazing thing about his showing was that it was made despite the fact that Hollowell had seen action only once before this season and because he was unable to practice for meets due to inadequate training facilities at the University.

Werner called Manhattan "a very inspired team which turned in its best performance of the year."

The Nittany coach will leave for Japan tomorrow to take part in a track and field clinic for the Far East Military Command.

Larry Snyder, Ohio State coach, will join Werner on the flight and will aid in the clinics. Werner and Snyder will give instructions in track and field events at Tokyo and Yokohama and will return early in April. Both coaches were on the coaching staff for the 1952 Olympic Games.

Pitt Frosh Top Nittanies 82-75

Pittsburgh's freshman basketball team combined superior height and excellent shooting to edge Penn State 82-75 at Rec Hall Saturday.

The Lions led for the first quarter but fell behind at half time 47-44, as Howie Lester and Julius Pegues paced the Panthers with 20 and 13 points respectively. The Lions led 12-2 in the first three minutes of the game but the Pitt yearlings came back to score 10 straight and tie it up.

Throughout the game Penn State climbed ahead only to fall behind as the Panthers controlled the backboards with their tremendous height advantage.

Ron Rainey turned in another of his excellent performances as he led the Lion scorers with 20 points and played fine defensive ball. Don Chapman scored 18 to take runnerup honors.

Independents Start IM Handball Play

Wednesday night marked the opening of the independent intramural singles handball tournament as fraternity action continued into its third night of play.

The first independent contest resulted in Harry Richman's gaining a forfeit victory over Larry Jacobson. In other independent matches, Joe McHugh trounced George Schimmel, 21-7, 21-8; John Burgan took two out of three games from Dick Pettit, 20-21, 21-11, 21-3; Dan Mullen easily defeated Jim Greeley, 21-6, 21-4; and Don Vinkovich humbled Joe Muenzmay 21-5, 21-6.

The fraternity matches saw Elliot Fox, Phi Sigma Delta, edge Joe Erwin, Theta Kappa Phi, 21-17, 21-19; Joe Mark, Alpha Rho Chi, eliminated Bill Tagg, Alpha Gamma Rho, 21-17, 21-6; Fred Fricker, Phi Kappa Tau, gained a forfeit victory over Jack Schonberger, Alpha Epsilon Pi; and in the last match of the evening, Ken Sacks, Alpha Zeta, staged a strong rally to nip Dick Cheskis, Zeta Beta Tau, 14-21, 21-15, 21-19.

From This Angle...

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NCAA LOOKS STRANGELY FAMILIAR

A speculating glance at the National Collegiate Basketball Tournament brings a familiar ring from last year's exciting affair. Penn State will not be meeting the Mid-American conference winner in the opening round this time, but the road is just as rocky as it appeared for the Lions when they entered the field in 1954.

The Big Ten winner has drawn a bye and the Memphis State-Penn State victor will be faced with that test at Evanston, Ill. in the second game. Minnesota and Iowa are both in the running for the title.

Kentucky looks like a sure bet to be around to meet the winner of that scrap. The Wildcats, ranked second in the nation, draw a first round bye and will battle the winner of the Marquette-Mid America game.

Should the Lions happen to move past these teams, and land back in Kansas City for the semi-finals again this year, the odds are pretty fair that defending champ LaSalle will be waiting for them again.

So right down the line, it looks just as tough in 1955.

The Penn State's sports publicist, Jim Coogan came up with a little item yesterday that stands pretty big in this mind: Only three major football teams in the nation—Penn State, Kentucky, and Oklahoma—have been without one losing campaign in nine post-war years since 1946.

Oklahoma boasts the top record of 77 wins, 10 defeats, 3 ties, followed by the Wildcats with 64-25-5, and Penn State with 57-21-3. A pretty enviable record!

Faith was shaken a little bit more with all-American selections again when I read the United Press' selections for the 1955 basketball season. I certainly didn't agree with the UP's selection of the Lions' Jesse Arnette as an honorable mention choice. He rates a lot higher than that in this book. The crowning blow came, however, when I saw Rod-

ney (Hot Rod) Hundley's name included on the list.

Anyone who could rate him with players the calibre of Arnette certainly should take another, but closer look. So the guy has a repertoire of dizzy tricks that brought him some publicity, but there are other measurements for an all-American. What has he done to help his coach, his team, and the sport?

Agreed he has a wealth of ability, but then, let him prove himself through his ability and attitude before he becomes associated with an all-American team.

The Lion-Lehigh wrestling match Saturday should certainly be ranked among the all-time Penn State sports thrillers. It was one of the most unique athletic events this writer has ever witnessed. One of those kind that leave you sagging.

The win was a definite warning to eastern foes that Charlie Spiedel's fine squad will be a rugged contender when the Eastern Championship tournament opens this month at Rec Hall. The two-day mat show will be held Friday and Saturday, March 11 and 12.

One man's choice for Penn State's top sports fan: President Milton S. Eisenhower. Prexy hasn't missed a Rec Hall athletic event this year (and I doubt if he missed any last season). Even made it to all three of Saturday's triple-header events. It's good to see that upstair seat in regular use. A fine credit to a president who is vigorously interested in the athletic program of his University.

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