

Trackmen Enter IC4-A's; KAPsi Cops IM Track Title

'Nine' Plays Final 2 Tilts

Grier, Pollard Head Defending Thinclads

Penn State's thinclads will face a rugged field this weekend in defense of their 1954 IC4-A crown in the New York championship.

Included in the heavy opposition is Manhattan—expected to give the Lions a run for the team title in addition to individual titles held by shot man Rosey Grier and sprinter Art Pollard.

Pollard defends his title in the 100-yard dash with Lenny Moore and Charley Pratt, Manhattan, plus Johnny Haines, Penn's ace sprinter, likely contenders for his title. Haines has done 9.5 and defeated Pollard once this year in a dual meet. Pollard will also run the 220.

Hurdlers Rod Perry, Bill Youkers, Gary Seybert, and Bob Young will run the 120-highs and 220-yard low hurdles. Pratt is also expected to be a Manhattan entry in this event.

The mile relay will be counted on heavily to bolster the Lions' attack in the shot, discus, and sprints. Jack Morin, Dave Leatham, and Skip Slocum, will pass the baton in that order with Bruce Austin anchoring.

Ted Garrett, a possible Lion placer in the two mile, will face Manhattan's Bob Sbarra, second in the two mile in the Penn Relays plus an experienced field of two-milers from the East, including Al Gunderson, Pitt, whom Garrett defeated two weeks ago.

Doug Moorhead and Jim Pastorius will again handle the one-mile duties for the Lions. In the 440 Penn State could cause some trouble in the qualifying heats when its mile relay team splits up. Morin, Austin, Leatham, and Slocum have Manhattan's Bob English running against them when the Jasper's go after every point in an effort to grab the title.

In the shot and discus Grier and Charley Blockson will handle the one-two work for the Lions. Sophomores Herb Hollowell and Harry Fuehrer will enter two events with Hollowell handling the broad jump and Fuehrer the pole vault. Ken Bantum, Manhattan, was fourth in the Penn Relays with a mark of 152-1 in the discus, and then wound up second to Grier who edged the Jasper weightman by 7/8 inches in the shot.

Manhattan is expected to hold power in the mile with Jim Doulin, a sophomore who has done 4:14.5, half-miler Bob Godman, and Jack Shipley, a 6-3 high jumper. The Lions will not enter the 880, javelin, or possibly the high jump.

National champion Larry Fornicola posted an unbeaten record in his final year of wrestling at Penn State. The Bellefonte youth won 13 straight.

Lehigh, Penn Games May Lead to Playoffs

The curtain comes down on Penn State's Centennial baseball season following a 3:30 game with Lehigh this afternoon and a 2:30 engagement with Penn tomorrow—both at home.

In the wake of a possible NCAA District Two playoff bid for the fourth time in Lion baseball history, Joe Bedenk's Nittanians carry a 15-4 record and an eight game winning streak into this afternoon's contest.

Bedenk's only returning lettermen when the 1955 season got underway, Ronnie Weidenhammer, Captain Charlie Russo, Rex Bradley, and Pat Kennedy, will be putting in their final appearance for the Lions in tomorrow's game.

Either contest could make or break the Lions' chances for a playoff bid, but one factor gives them a before-game edge in today's contest—they're unbeaten in nine Beaver Field games this year.

Stan Szymanski is scheduled to face the Engineers with Joe Bedenk's brilliant sophomore hurler, Eddie Drapcho, set for tomorrow's season finale with the Quakers.

Szymanski has picked up his 12 1/2 innings on the mound strictly by relief performances, while Drapcho, now 9-1, has 88 1/2 innings behind him. And in that time, the poised southpaw has struck out no less than 83, while giving up only 19 bases on balls.

Forty hits off Drapcho have accounted for only 18 enemy scores to give him a fine 1.7 earned run average.

At the plate, Weidenhammer's consistent bat has set a torrid pace for the Lion nine. With an eight game hitting streak under his belt going into today's contest, he's batting a robust .449. In 19 games he has fanned only once and gone without a hit only twice.

Other bright spots in the Nittany lineup are Bob McMullen, hitting at a .455 clip in 14 games, Jim Lockerman, who is above .300 at the plate, and Bradley and Kennedy.

Five of Bradley's 22 hits have gone for two bases, one for three, and he's connected for one circuit clout. Kennedy leads all comers in the slugging department with four home runs, two triples, and a double.

No matter what the outcome of the two remaining games, Bedenk and his 1955 Lions can look back to a fine season. With 15 wins behind them to date, they've already vastly improved on last year's 9-7 record.

Few college athletes are drafted by the professionals in two sports. Yet, Penn State's Jesse Arnette was tapped by the Fort Wayne Pistons (second choice) in basketball and by the Los Angeles Rams (tenth choice) in football.

By VINCE CAROCCI
Kappa Alpha Psi copped the fraternity team title in the intramural track tourney last night on the strength of two first places, a third, and a tie for third—good for 17 points. Beta Theta Pi finished second with nine points.

Wendell Todland won his second event in two nights to chalk up 10 points for the winners. Todland raced to a :10.5 victory in the 100-yard dash to match his winning trial time last Tuesday night.

Todland broke the intramural broad jump record Wednesday night with a leap of 21 feet. Jim Blocker and Sonny Robinson, last year's high jump winner, finished in a tie for third with leaps of 5-6 1/2 to send the house into last night's competition with nine points.

Finishing second behind the Kappa Alpha Psi lad was Dave Eskey. Beta Theta Pi, while Joe Hayes. Phi Kappa Tau, wound up third. Al Fine, Sigma Alpha Mu, finished fourth and Don McKitt-rick. Delta Sigma Phi, placed fifth to round out the top five.

Dick Foster, Tau Phi Delta, pacing himself for three-quarters of the way, turned on the steam in the home-stretch to win the 440-yard dash with a time of :55.1. Dave Barney followed Foster across the finish line for second place.

Clarence Watts, Kappa Alpha Psi, added three more points to the winners total by finishing third, a few steps ahead of Don Kistler, Alpha Sigma Phi. Lloyd Mengle, Delta Sigma Phi, captured fifth place.

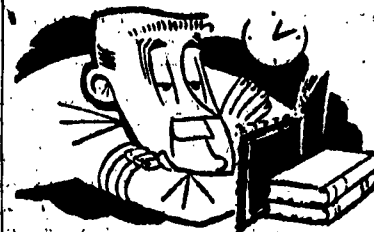
Beta Theta Pi's 880-yard relay

team, consisting of Bill Crampton, Rex Bradley, Bill Hess, and Eskey, ran away from the field as it posted a victory in 1:36.5.

Sigma Phi Epsilon grabbed second place with Phi Kappa Sigma finishing third. Alpha Zeta ended up in fourth place while Theta Chi finished fifth.

Delta Upsilon's relay contingent was scratched from the race due to an injury to one of the team's runners in Tuesday's time trials.

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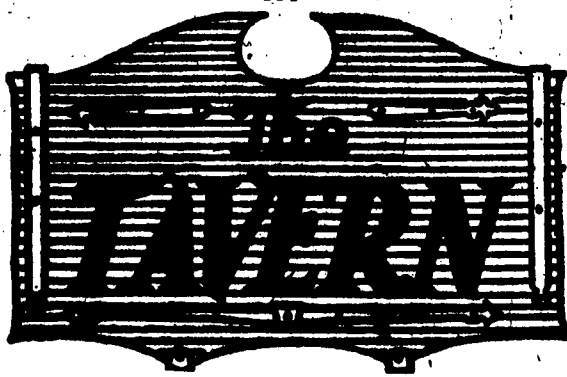
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