

# Jaspers Stop Harriers, 22-39

## Moorhead Second In Final Lion Meet

By RON GATEHOUSE

As has been the story all season long—the Lion cross-country squad closed its Centennial campaign Saturday on a sour note, losing to strong Manhattan in New York City, 22-39.

Running on muddy Van Cortland Park, the Nittanies managed to place but two runners among the first 10 to finish—consistent Captain Doug Moorhead, second, and Don Woodrow, fourth.

The loss, fifth of the season for Chick Werner's hill and dalers in as many dual meets, marked the first time in 15 years a Penn State harrier squad has gone through a season without at least one win.

The Jaspers' widely acclaimed runner—Captain Bob Sbarra—did a repeat performance of his appearance against the Lions last year by taking top honors. This time he covered the five mile course in 25:41. Although his time was considerably short of the Park record, it was a fine showing in view of the adverse condition of the course.

Moorhead finished about 150 yards behind Sbarra, coming in at 26:10. Woodrow was clocked at 26:24, seven seconds behind the number three man, the Jaspers' Ed McLaughlin.

### Jaspers Remain Unbeaten

The win enabled Coach George Eastman's harriers to compile an unblemished 1955 season card. The Jaspers had previously downed Iona, Dartmouth, Army, Navy, and St. Johns.

In Saturday's meet the Jaspers' Bill St. Clair, running second to Sbarra in most of Manhattan's meets this year, could manage no better than sixth.

The other four Lions losses this year came at the hands of Navy, Cornell, Michigan State, and Pitt.

### Enter IC-4A's Monday

The Nittanies will again travel to New York City Monday for the annual cross-country festival of the East, the IC-4A meet. November 28 they move to East Lansing, Mich., for the national collegiate tourney.

### The first 10 finishers:

1. Sbarra (M), 25:41
2. Moorhead (PS), 26:10
3. McLaughlin (M), 26:17
4. Woodrow (PS), 26:24
5. DePhillips (M), 26:31
6. St. Clair (M), 26:31
7. Malloy (M), 26:43
8. Howard (M), 26:47
9. Gormally (M), 26:59
10. Mullers (M), 27:04

## Only Dorm 14 Still Unbeaten In IM Bowling

After four and one-half weeks of intramural bowling action only Dorm 14 of independent league A, boasts an undefeated record. Dorm 14 has won 16 straight to pace the IM bowling leaders.

In league A of fraternity play, Delta Tau Delta remained on top with a 14-2 slate. Alpha Gamma Rho is one game behind with a 13-3 record.

Phi Kappa fell off the pace in fraternity loop B, giving up the lead to Theta Delta Chi and Delta Sigma Lambda—each with a 12-2 record.

Sigma Chi, 15-5, broke a three-way deadlock in league C to top the ten-team circuit. Alpha Sigma Phi, idle last week, is in second place with a 13-3 slate.

In loop D of the fraternity division, Sigma Alpha Mu, 18-2, slipped to second place despite its four game sweep last week. Beta Theta Pi, with a 15-1 card, moved into the lead by .380 percentage points.

In independent ten-pin action, Newman Club, 12-4, gained undisputed possession of first place in league B, breaking a tie with the Dark Horses.



LENNY MOORE coming back into his own Saturday at Beaver Field against Syracuse, scores almost untouched from the two-yard line in the third period. Appearing for the second time this year before TV fans, the elusive Lion speedster bolted

through the left side of the Syracuse line to cut Syracuse's lead 20-14. The wide "hole" opened up for Moore exemplifies the fine blocking turned in by the Lion line against the Orange.

Photo by Rohrbaugh

## Moore Leads Attack; Plum, Straub Shine

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Among the linemen there were such banner performers as Co-captain Otto Kneidinger, who time and time again removed would-be Orange tacklers from bringing down a Lion ball carrier, and junior guard Sam Valentine, who has been gaining season-long praise with his patented, bone-crushing tackles.

Moore, who had been as good as most college backs for the Lions' first six games, wiggled from beneath the blankets and emerged the great performer that he is. For Moore himself, for the rest of the Lion team, for the coaches, and for the fans, it was like old times.

Never before this year had the Beaver Field crowds stood up and cheered, applauded, and given out with boisterous shouts as they did when the swivel-hipped Reading speedster rambled past the line of scrimmage and eluded the Syracuse secondary for such gains as 13, 15, 20, and 29 yards.

In all, he amassed 145 yards on 22 carries and scored his second touchdown of the year. And, standing alongside his offensive thrust was his solid defensive play. His 11th-hour tackles and sterling blocking hardly once went unnoticed.

For Plum, who saw 50 minutes of play—twice as much as any Lion quarterback had performed in any one game this year—there was the experience of giving Penn State fans what was probably their best glimpse of field generalship this year.

There was also the feeling of a job well done for the Lion signal-caller, for he scored one touchdown, kicked three all-important extra points, and completed four of eight passes.

Straub's performance was probably his finest of the season too. He was consistently a terror on defense from his linebacking slot, and on several occasions he slashed through the Orange line for sizeable gains.

The Lion machine spit and sput-

tered for 29 minutes and 40 seconds of the first half. Meanwhile, Brown had scored twice and successfully converted once to provide the Orange with a glaring 13-0 lead.

But at that point sophomore fullback Joe Sabol began to repeat the performance he turned in before the TV cameras in the Boston University game. He intercepted an Ed Albright pass on the Syracuse 38 and raced to the 10. Twenty seconds remained. Plum elected to pass, and on first down, found Billy Kane on the Orange two, and the junior halfback dove to paydirt. Plum converted and the scoreboard read 13-7 with 12 seconds to go in the half.

The second half, again for the first time this season, was just about all Penn State. Brown scored but so did Moore and Plum.

In the waning moments of the last period Valentine recovered an Orange fumble on the Syra-

cuse 46, and the Nittanies rambled to a first down on the losers' one.

In the parade of statistics, the Lions were out in front in first downs, 16-12, although they were behind, 8-6, at the half-way mark. The Nittanies—Plum to be more definite—outpassed the Orange, 54 yards to 21. Syracuse led in rushing yardage, 265-238.

But the second and minute hands of the Beaver Field clock were vertical, the game was over. Coach Rip Engle was wearing his broadest smile of the season, and mixed, happy conversation took up where the shouting has ceased.

### Four 'Cousins' on Card

Four of Penn State's 1956 football opponents have yet to beat the Lions. Ohio State and Holy Cross each lost to the Lions once. Boston University lost three times. North Carolina State dropped four prior meetings.

## Gatehouse Ties For 1st Place In Grid Picks

Assistant Sports Editor Ron Gatehouse took advantage of a day of upsets in collegiate football Saturday to tie Sports Editor Roy Williams for the lead in the Daily Collegian's weekly grid poll.

Gatehouse—although posting an unimpressive 7-8 card—gained the deadlock on the virtue of Dartmouth's 14-7 victory over Columbia. Williams picked Columbia in the poll.

The Collegian sports editor finished the day with a 6-9 mark. Both men now post 66-39 slates, good for a .628 percentage.

Sports writer Fran Fanucci picked up a game on the Nittany Lion coaches to tie them for second place, one game behind the leaders. Fanucci hit on seven of the 15 picks.

J. T. White, representing the coaches, suffered his worst day at the polls when he missed on nine of the 15 selections. Fanucci and the coaches now sport 65-40 records for a percentage of .614.

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