

# Lion Harriers Will Miss Monday's NCAA Meet Into Fraternity Swim Finals

By ROM GATEHOUSE

Penn State cross-country teams usually take a back seat to no one when it comes to seasonal powers—this has been proven time and time again by Lion showings in the two annual post-season harrier tourneys—the IC4-A's of the East and the National Collegiates.

But, after suffering its worst season since 1940, the Lion squad will not be represented in this year's national meet, to be held Monday in East Lansing, Mich.

Chick Werner, Lion cross-country mentor since 1933 (excluding 1943-45), last night announced that he would not enter any of his Centennial harriers in Monday's national collegiate cross-country finale.

Werner refused to comment on his decision, but the Lions' 1955 record is reason enough for Penn State not entering this year's NCAA tourney.

In four dual meets the Lions failed to manage a victory. They were downed by Navy, Cornell, Pitt, and Manhattan.

The 1955 IC4-A's were held in New York City last Monday and, for the first time in Werner's stay at Penn State, the Lions were not represented on a team basis. A

minimum of five runners was required to make a school eligible for the team trophy, but only Captain Doug Moorhead and junior Don Woodrow competed among the East's best.

Moorhead finished sixth and Woodrow failed to place among the top 20 in the field of well over 200 runners. Both had been consistent high finishers and the only bright spots in the Lion lineup over the past season. For Moorhead, it was his third season of varsity action at Penn State.

## Lions Lose—

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break when fullback Bob Grier intercepted a Milt Plum pass on the 50 and returned it to the Lion 32. Six plays later, despite a dogged line fight by the Lions, Pitt drove over from the two-foot line to take a 6-0 lead.

After scoring on a strict ground power offense in the third quarter to take a 14-0 lead, Pitt kept the Lions handcuffed with action seesawing until the final three minutes when guard Bill Schmitt recovered a Lion fumble on the losers' 35. Quarterback Corny Salverterra went off on a 62-yard TD run two plays later, but the point was missed for a final 20-0 count.

And for Lenny Moore, the Sugar-Bowl minded Panthers with ends Joe Walton and Big John Paluck causing a majority of the headaches with the weather helping them, it was the end of a great career, but a direct turnabout after his sudden surge during the last three weeks. He picked up 10 yards in 13 carries for his career low.

## Booters—

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scorer, Bob Cherry, scoring minutes before the period ended.

Pitt centered its defense around Packer, whose apparent over-anxiousness may have caused him to miss a number of goals. But in the fourth quarter the All-American center forward broke out of his slump and scored two goals. The record-breaking goal, scored five minutes before the game's end, went through six Pitt players who were guarding the goal.

The other Lion goal was scored by Don Shirk, who capped his soccer career with an amazing display of soccer dribbling which was even more amazing due to the blinding snowstorm and poor condition of the field.

Despite the elements, the Lion booters passed and handled the ball with apparent ease. Ward Hill, Jim Hedberg, Steve Flampanis, and Ralph Brower played top-notch defensive ball with goalie George Geczy turning in another of his consistent performances.

Pitt, although threatening throughout the game, was able to try only 12 shots while the Nittanians attempted 27.

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By LOUIE PRATO

Beta Theta Pi will be gunning for its fourth straight intramural swimming championship tonight when it meets Tau Kappa Epsilon at Glennland Pool. The Betas enter the finals on the basis of last night's win over Delta Upsilon, 26-15. TKE gained the honor by eliminating Phi Kappa Sigma, 29-12.

DU won two of the five first places from Beta but couldn't keep up to the defending champion's all around team strength. Fritz Page, Chuck Fegley, and the 120-yard relay team of Ron Lynch, Ben Witmer, Ed Lyon, and Page were the first place winners for Beta.

Page won the 60-yard back stroke in 40.4 and Fegley copped the diving contest. Witmer, back stroke, Lynch, 60-yard free style, and Karl Schwenzfeier, diving, were runner-up winners for Beta.

Steve Stevens tallied almost all of DU's 15 points. Stevens won top honors in the free style and 60-yard breast stroke, and placed third in the diving event.

TKE completely frustrated its opponents, Phi Kappa Sig. in the other semi-final. The losers could pick up only three second and three third places as TKE swept all five first places.

Al Rossi and Karl Snyder continued in their sparkling roles for the winners. Rossi walked off with first places in the back stroke and

diving events while Snyder was first in the free style and second in diving. In addition, both Rossi and Snyder were on the winning relay team.

Sil Patellis was the other winner for TKE, taking first

honors in the breast stroke. Walt Cron and Rick Lambert made up the rest of the winning relay team. The other TKE point was scored by Hal Byers, who placed third in the breast stroke.

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