

# Time, Depth Major Problems Facing Indoor Track Coach

By VINCE CAROCCI

With a dual meet with the Cadets of Army just eight days away, indoor track Coach "Chick" Werner is faced with the task of solving his two biggest problems—lack of time and depth—in order to gather a formidable squad for the Lions first meet of the 1956 campaign.

The meet, that was scheduled shortly before the Christmas vacation, prevents the Nittany mentor from holding the usual time trials to determine the nucleus of his squad.

"The meet comes so soon after the vacation that it is impossible to hold time trials from which I may select my starting team," Werner said.

"With so little practice before, and none during the vacation, it's impossible as yet to tell just who will make the trip," Werner continued. "It looks as though the team will have to be picked from our (Werner's and assistant coach Norm Gordon's) observations in the next few practice sessions."

**Lions Lack Field House**  
Another handicap facing Werner is the lack of a field house for his charges to use. "That is the least of our worries, though," he said. "We just have to do the best we can with what we have."

Werner expects sprinter Art Pollard, this year's captain, and hurdler Rod Perry to carry the bulk of the team's load in the coming season.

Pollard heads the list of Lion sprinters and also is the top anchor man on the team's relay entries. "Pollard has been one of our top performers in the past two seasons and will again be heavily depended upon this year," Werner said.

Pollard, who Werner said is one of the best hurdlers in the country, tied Harrison Dillard's 50-

yard indoor hurdles world's record in 6.0 seconds flat in last year's Inquirer Games. The speedy junior from Coatesville also finished a close second to Dillard a few weeks later in Boston.

**Hurdles Strongest Event**  
According to Werner, the hurdles will be the team's strongest event. Along with Pollard, the track mentor has Dick Winston, Gary Seybert, and Bob Young to select from.

Speaking about Winston, Werner said, "Right now, he looks better than Perry did when he first came out." Winston, a fourth semester sophomore, was ineligible for last year's team.

Seybert, a veteran from last year's squad, has shown considerable improvement in the short time that the team has been practicing while Young has shown enough potential to keep the top hurdlers hopping.

Werner expects to choose his distance runners — one of the team's weaker events—from last season's cross-country captain, Doug Moorhead, Don Woodrow, newly-elected harrier captain, and Paul Roberts—with one or two others coming into consideration.

The Lion coach finds himself without one of his top distance



"Chick" Werner  
Indoor Track Mentor

runners, Ted Garrett, who graduated last June.

Bruce Austin, a senior and a veteran trackman, and senior Bob Matz head the list of middle distance runners. Both are also better-than-average relay men.

Charlie Blockson, competing for the first time without former teammate Rosey Grier, is the Lions' top threat in the weight events. The husky senior broke the Lions' indoor shotput mark—formerly held by Grier—two years ago with a toss of 51' 3 1/2".

Highjumper Bob Findley has impressed Werner in past workouts. Findley, who jumped 5' 10" while at Mercersburg Prep School, has shown steady improvement since his freshman year, Werner said.

Two juniors, Harry Fuehrer and Herb Hollowell, are expected to be the leading candidates for the pole vaulting and broadjumping events respectively. Both men have had past experience in varsity track, and are being counted on to furnish a strong punch in the Lions' track events.

# Swiss Gymnasts Arrive Yesterday in New York

By FRAN FANUCCI

The Swiss gymnastic team, which will meet Penn State next Saturday in an exhibition at Rec Hall, arrived in New York City from Switzerland yesterday by airplane. The team is staying at the Paramount Hotel.

A televised exhibition from Madison Square Garden tomorrow night will inaugurate the 22-stop tour which will end midway in February. The Swiss will journey to Union City, N.J., Sunday where they will pit their wares against the Swiss Gymnastic Society, once a dominant factor in sending men to the Olympic games.

The world famous gymnasts will perform at West Chester State Teachers College Tuesday and at the University of Pittsburgh Thursday. They will arrive in University Park Friday afternoon.

According to reports the Swiss are placing the Nittany Lions on the top of their "looking forward to" list. This probably stems from the fact that the Lions have lost only one dual meet in the last two years, and also boast of two Olympic candidates in Karl Schwenzfeier and Armando Vega.

**Gym Coach Gene Wettstone** announced yesterday that there are still a good share of \$1 unreserved seats available for the Swiss-Penn State meet next Saturday.

And through the Swedish Gymnastic team, which performed at Penn State the last two years, the Swiss learned that this is one place where foreign teams are received with great enthusiasm by the student body," gym coach Gene Wettstone said.

Probably the most famous of the visiting gymnasts is Jack Gunthard, captain and Olympic gold medal winner, who recently placed first in the all-around competition in the National Gymnastics Festivals in Zurich. Gunthard's specialty is the horizontal bar.

# Lion Cubs Test Cornell Wrestlers

Wrestling fans will not only get an opening season look at Penn State's varsity tomorrow night, but will also have an opportunity to see what Coach Charlie Speidel will have coming up to his varsity during the next four years.

The double bill of wrestling will feature the freshman mat squad going against Cornell's first-year team in the preliminary to the varsity match.

The Lion Cubs, unlike their Big Red opponents, will enter the meet with no outside competition, and even less pre-season practice.

Cornell's frosh defeated Lehigh's freshman Engineers in a thrilling 14-12 result.

Speidel released a tentative starting lineup for his freshman team, but emphasized that although it was as accurate as possible for the Cornell meet, it was "definitely only tentative" for the two future meets with Lehigh and finally Navy.

With pre-season practice drastically affected by the two-week holiday lapse, Speidel has only had a glimpse of what kind of mat material has turned up in the frosh ranks.

Speidel said his probable lineup would include John Logue (123); Don Peters (130); Dean Seltzer (137); John Evans (147); Bill Labone (157); George Gray (167); Bruce Gilmore (177); and Clem Newbold, heavyweight.

According to Speidel, Evans, Gray and Gilmore have been promising prospects, but that he may have a lineup change at 157 and 167 pounds. Frank Luzzo, Speidel said, could move in at 167 with Gray sliding into the 157-pound slot.

## Freeman Still Ahead In Scoring Parade

By The Associated Press  
Ohio State's Robin Freeman, who was out in front of Furman's Darrell Floyd in the major college basketball scoring race at the end of 1954, came to the end of 1955 in the same position.

NCAA Service Bureau statistics through games of Dec. 31 show Freeman on top for the fourth straight week with an average of 33.5 points a game and Floyd second with 31.4. They held the same positions a year before, but at the season's end Floyd was champion and Freeman finished third. They're the only repeaters in the top 10.

# Golfer Berg Named Year's Woman Athlete

CHICAGO, Jan. (AP)—Golfer Patty Berg, 37, today named woman athlete of the year for 1955, calls herself a "meat and potatoes" player.

"By that I mean that last year I was hitting the greens in regulation," said the redhead who won six major tournaments. "That's the meat and potatoes of golf—the key to the game."

"Every winter down at my home in Fort Myers, Fla. I give my game a complete self analysis," she told a reporter. "A year ago, I decided that my drives and long irons could stand some improvement. So I concentrated on that phase in practices. This winter I'm going in for chipping and putting."

**Started Slow**  
"But I didn't start out 1955 any too well," continued the little veteran of 22 years of competitive golf. "At Jacksonville I was plenty wild all over the course, and after the first round was 13th in the field."

"Then I got a long distance phone call from my stepmother and dad. I told them I didn't know what I was doing wrong but it was something. You know what they did? They began studying pictures they had taken of me playing three weeks previously."

**Unusual Coaching**  
"They called me back and said that those pictures revealed that there was a flaw in my stance—something I unwittingly had been doing. Well, I went out, got my stance back in order and finished second in the tourney. That's what I call remote control coaching."

In 1955 she became the first woman to take both the money-winning title (\$16,492) and Vare Trophy based on a low scoring 74.47 stroke average in the same season. She polled 200 points in the voting, beating out golfer Babe Zaharias by 54 and tennis player Doris Hart, who was third, by a whopping 107.

**Pettit Solid Choice**  
NEW YORK, Jan. 5 (AP)—Bob Pettit of the St. Louis Hawks was the only unanimous choice among 20 players named today for the sixth annual National Basketball Association All-Star game.



"THE WORLD'S MOST FAMOUS SKIER," Ernie McCulloch, demonstrates his championship form in the slalom, one of the most demanding events in any sport. McCulloch, who holds practically every important ski championship in the world, will be featured in the Outing Club film, "How to Ski," being shown tomorrow in the HUB.

# Outing Club to Show Ski Film

The Winter Sports division of the Penn State Outing Club will sponsor a series of movies titled "How to Ski" in conjunction with the course of instruction in skiing being offered to its club members. The movies will be shown in the HUB auditorium at 2 p.m. tomorrow.

**Selected Top Skier**  
The half-hour color and sound films will feature Ernie McCulloch, coach of the Canadian Olympic team and director of the world-famed Mont Tremblant ski school. McCulloch, United States National and International Downhill Champion in 1951 and 1952 and holder of every major skiing title in the United States and Can-

ada, was recently selected "The Skier of the Half Century."

The films are divided in three segments, part one for beginners, part two for intermediate skiers, and part three for experts and advanced skiers. The movies give an entire course of instruction, from such fundamentals as walking on skis through the difficult turns and christies.

**Explanation to Be Given**  
The techniques will be shown several times at normal speed, then in slow motion, and then once more at normal speed. An explanation on sound track will accompany the demonstrations.

Part one of the film demonstrates and explains equipment, the step-turn, walking, sliding, methods of climbing and rising from falls, and other necessary fundamentals. The film is also

useful to more advanced skiers, since they can use it as a refresher and perhaps even pick up pointers.

**Features Lifts, Tows**  
Part two features the proper use of lifts and tows, and demonstrates some further advanced turns. The final segment reviews the most difficult turns—christies, step and jump turns, skating, and then finally the downhill racing techniques and McCulloch's slalom techniques.

The Outing Club will also offer an illustrated booklet, which is coordinated with the movie, and which features several action photos featuring McCulloch doing the difficult techniques. The cost of the films will be fifty cents for each showing, but those enrolled in the skiing course will be admitted free.

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