

# Lion Trackmen in Home Debut

## 'Nine' Tests Rutgers Today

### Marines 'Invade' Beaver Field; Visitors Weak in Sprint Events

By VINCE CAROCCI

Captain Art Pollard and hurdler Rod Perry will lead the Penn State trackmen to battle against the Quantico Marines in the Lions' 1956 home debut at 1 p.m. today at Beaver Field.

Pollard will again head the Nittany offense in the sprint events—the 100 and 220-yard dashes. Gary Seybert, entering the meet despite a sore left leg, and Dean Rossi, round out the Nittany 100-yard dash men.

Bruce Austin and Jim Norton were named by Coach Chick Werner as Pollard's counterparts in the 220. The Leatherneck sprinters, considered to be one of the weakest entries on the team, are topped by Cordell Brown, formerly of Utah State. The Marines have lost every 100-yard dash thus far this season.

Perry will team up with sophomore Dick Winston—making his first home varsity appearance—to lead the Nittanians in the 120-high and 220-low hurdles entries. Bob Findley will join Perry and Winston in the 120 hurdles while either Findley or Seybert will enter the 220-lows.

#### Strong in Hurdles

The hurdles, on the other hand, are one of the Marines strongest events, led by former Morgan State standout, Josh Culbreath—considered by many track experts to be the top 400-meter hurdler in the country. He may enter the sprints and mile relay, however.

Veteran Doug Moorhead, Don Woodrow and Paul Roberts—making his first start of the season—will do the Nittany mile running.

The Lion mile entries are expected to face some strong Marine opposition, headed by Bill Taylor, former Southern California distance man. Taylor, who set the pace for Wes Santee during the indoor season, ran the mile in 4:18.2 against VMI and Georgetown earlier this year.

**Moorhead, Woodrow in 2-Mile**  
Moorhead and Woodrow were named as the only two Lion entries in the two-mile run. Les Noel is expected to be one of the Marine runners, with Taylor another possibility.

For his 880 entries, Werner named Dave Nash, Ron Lewis—also making his first start—and Robert White Austin and Jim Norton were headed the 440 chores.

In the field events, Charlie Blockson and John Tullar were selected as the Lion shot putters with Charlie Aungst joining them in the discus.

Fred Stark tops the Leatherneck weight men. He holds Quantico's all time discus record with a 145'1 1/2" against Camp Lejeune. The Nittanians lone entry in the pole vault, Ogier Norris, has a



Art Pollard  
Lion Sprint Star

tough task ahead of him when he matches leaps with Quantico's Tom Flaherty, Georgetown graduate, and Bob Ehrhart, Northwestern. Both Marine vaulters have hit over the 13-foot mark in each attempt this year.

#### Cantello Tops Javelin Entries

Tullar, Dick Coats and Jim Durdan, the Lions' javelin trio, have their work cut out for them when they face Quantico's Al Cantello and Frank Delfries. Cantello, former LaSalle great and two-time All-American, has thrown over 232 feet this season.

Meeting an only fair Marine contingent, Findley, Norris and Alex Milligan will shoulder the burden of the Lion high jumping assignment.

Dave Bronstein and Winston will carry the Lion colors in the broad jump against Bernie Bruce who has recorded a 23'9 1/2" effort this year.

Gene Wettstone, current coach, fielded Penn State's only unbeaten gymnastics teams in 1943, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1953 and 1954.

Three Penn State grid aides—Earl Bruce, Jim O'Hara and Sever Toretta—formerly coached on the high school level in Pennsylvania.

### Nittany Netmen Seek Second Win At Georgetown

The Nittany netmen will be looking for their second victory of the season at Georgetown this afternoon.

Dissatisfied with the Lions' showing in their victory over Bucknell last Tuesday, Coach Sherm Fogg has instituted some changes in the lineup that will see action today.

Playing in the number one spot will be Fred Trust, one of the winners in Tuesday's fray. Behind him will be Ed Seiling who lost playing the top spot in the Bison match.

Captain Chuck Christiansen and Dean Mullen will follow in the three and four spots, both having won their Bucknell matches.

In the number five position Al Williams will replace Doug Zuker and in the sixth post, Joe Eberly will take over for Larry Adler.

In the doubles list Coach Fogg has replaced and reshuffled for what he hopes will be a winning combination.

Trust and Seiling, an early season duo, will combine in the first doubles game, followed by Christiansen and Eberly. The third game for two will feature Williams and Mullen, a new combination.

The Hoyas hold a 5-3 edge in series play that began in 1923. Last year the Georgetown team swamped the Lion squad 7-2.

This year Coach Fogg expects to have a tough fight on his hands. After expecting a much better showing and then having been disappointed in Tuesday's fracas, Fogg said that he could not foresee how the team would fare in Washington.

After the Georgetown contest the Lions will play a home match against Lehigh Wednesday afternoon before taking to the road again for a turn against the Orangemen on May 12 at the Syracuse University campus.

Penn State's two top performers in track and field—hurdler Rod Perry and sprinter Art Pollard—both hail from Coatesville, Pa.

Army and the University have met 13 times on the golf links and the Cadets have yet to emerge victorious.

### Nittanians Place 8-2 Record On Line; Drapcho to Start

Coach Joe Bedenk's Lion baseballers wind up a four-game home stand this afternoon when they meet the University of Rutgers at 2:30 on Beaver Field. Ace lefthander Ed Drapcho, 4-1, will be on the mound for the Lions with Wally Olson or Bob Leonard the choice for the Scarlet.

The Lions have been consistent winners at home and on the road, winning two of the last three at Beaver Field. The third game was postponed because of rain.

On the other hand Rutgers has difficulty in winning almost any games on the road, while at home they are continually over the .500 mark.

#### Have 8-2 Record

In ten games this year the Nittanians have won eight and dropped only two. Syracuse and Army are the only teams to beat them.

Bedenk, sticking to his "winning combination," will use the same lineup today as he has used all season. Drapcho's battery partner will be sophomore Don Stickler, who has displayed good defensive and offensive talent. At first base will be sophomore Gary Miller. Lou Schneider, the only senior in the infield, will cover second base.

#### Good Clutch Hitter

Schneider was expected, at the beginning of the season, to be a weak hitter and a good glove man, but the little second sacker has been one of Bedenk's top clutch hitters.

Guy Tirabassi, the weak fielding but hard hitting shortstop, will return to the lineup after a week's absence. Due to a dental examination required to enter Pittsburgh's medical school, Tirabassi had to miss last week's game with Colgate.

#### Baidy at Third

Sophomore Steve Baidy will be at third base, and in the outfield Captain Bob McMullen, the other senior in the lineup, will be in left field, junior Jim Lockerman will be in center, and sophomore John McMullen will be in right.

The Lions have one remaining home game, next Saturday with Navy. They travel to Bucknell for a single game Tuesday, and then to Washington, D.C., for a double-header with Georgetown Thursday.

Bob and Jack McMullen, Penn State outfielders, come from a baseball-playing family in Centre county.



Don Stickler  
Sophomore catcher



Lou Schneider  
Lions' leadoff hitter

## Landy Coast Favorite

LOS ANGELES, May 4 (AP)—Seven athletes are due to race in a mile classic in Memorial Coliseum tomorrow and every performer except one is expected to turn in the greatest effort of his life.

The exception, and the big favorite to win the race, is John Landy of Australia.

Friendly, modest John, a 26-year-old schoolmaster from Australia, very likely will shade four minutes, the first runner to do so in the United States.

But few expect him to match or surpass his best—the world record time of three minutes, 58 seconds he set in Turku, Finland, in 1954.

### Banks' Homer Downs Roberts, Phillies, 2-1

Chicago, May 4 (AP)—Chicago's Bob Rush ended a 14-game losing streak against Philadelphia today as Ernie Banks slammed a two-run homer off Robin Roberts to give the Cubs a 2-1 decision over the Phils.

Rush had not defeated the Phils since June 5, 1951.

The special mile race, which will be televised by CBS between 2:45 and 3 p.m., Pacific Daylight Time, is a shining sidelight in a dual meet between two of the best track teams in the nation, national champion Southern California

and threatening UCLA. Ready to race against Landy are Ron Delany of Villanova, Jim Bailey and Bill Dellinger of the University of Oregon, Lon Spurrier, the ex-California star who holds the world half-mile record.

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