

# Lion Netmen Seek 5th Victory, Face Mountaineer Hosts Today

A .500 season has peeked over the horizon for the Lion tennis team, the horizon extending to Morgantown, W. Va., where Nittany netters will today oppose the Mountaineers for the first time in intercollegiate tennis history.

The Lions will be seeking their fourth straight win, having started a comeback against Lehigh, going on to victories against Syracuse and Wednesday's game against Juniata. Should the Nittany team win today's contest, the count will stand even at five victories and five losses.

Coach Sherm Fogg was optimistic after the easy Juniata victory. Foregoing the chance to pick up a second straight shutout win, something that would take a bit of research to see when it happened last, Fogg inserted second stringers into the doubles line-up to give next year's starters as much experience as possible before the end of the year.

West Virginia's 1955 record was an unspectacular 4-8. Despite the fairly close proximity of the schools, the Mountaineers have not played any common opponents, thus affording no approximate comparison with the Lion team.

West Virginia's squad will boast five returning lettermen from last year's team. Top positions on the Mountaineer crew will be occupied by Al Griffiths, last year's lead-off man, and promising sophomore starter Bob Ewing, in the number two spot. Veteran John Lynch will occupy the number three post.

Coach Fogg is planning to take only the regulars to Morgantown, although he expressed confidence when asked about the team's chances in today's match.

The Lion line-up will feature Ed Seiling leading off with Fred Trust and Captain Chuck Christiansen following in that order. Fourth man will be Dean Mullen, seeking to extend his victory streak to six straight. Larry Adler will be back in the number five position, with Doug Zuker having earned a regular starting berth in the number six spot.

Today's doubles teams will be sifted from the regular singles players, with Seiling and Trust slated for the opening duals salvo followed by the Joe Eberly-Christiansen and Mullen-Adler duos.

After today's match the Nittanians will play two more games, both on the road, against Bucknell and Pitt. Fogg expects both matches to be battles. The Bisons have regained their number one player since dropping a close 5-4 match to the Lions earlier in the season. Pitt, so far, is sporting an 8-2 record, a fairly ominous sign.

# Beta Theta Pi Leads IM Athletic Race

By MATT MATTHEWS

Beta Theta Pi surged into a 123 point lead over Delta Upsilon in the latest Intramural Fraternity Athletic standings released by the IM office.

The Betas came from fourth place with 338 in the last standings to the first spot on the strength of 155 points accumulated in the badminton tournament, 85 in handball doubles, 55 in volleyball, and 155 for a second place finish in bowling.

# 5 Soccer Titles Won; H'shoes In Semi-Finals

Theta Chi, Phi Sigma Kappa, Alpha Epsilon Pi, Phi Delta Theta, and Kappa Sigma captured loop soccer crowns in action Wednesday, while the horseshoe tourney reached the semi-final round.

Phi Sigma Kappa pulled the big upset as it eliminated Phi Kappa Sigma, 3-0, on corner-kicks.

Joe Adams, Kappa Sigma, boomed home the lone goal in the Kappa Sigma-Delta Upsilon duel.

The Kappa Sigs snatched the Loop B crown from DU's with the victory.

In League L, Theta Chi defeated Alpha Chi Rho for the title. In League D, Phi Delta Theta shutout Pi Kappa Phi, 2-0.

Tau Phi Delta sent Loop K into a three-way tie as it blanked Sigma Chi, 1-0.

The Booters took the Indie Loop B title when they defeated the Ironmen for their third straight win.

In the horseshoe tournament Larry Bartlett and Joe Hyson, Sigma Nu; Billy Kane and Garry Crothers, KDR; Owen Best and Fred Montanari, Phi Kappa Sigma; and Steve Baidy and Larry Metzger, Alpha Chi Rho; became the semi-finalists Wednesday.

The Betas now have 788 points to Delta Upsilon's 665.

DU's 505 first place finish at the release of the last report suffered during the badminton, handball doubles, volleyball, and bowling tourneys when they picked up only 160 compared to Beta's total in the four tournaments of 450.

Phi Kappa Sigma dropped from second to third in the latest release. But they cut the gap between them and DU to 14, 665-651.

Although DU and Phi Kappa Sigma are holding a dog-eat-dog contest for the second spot, the real shake-up in the standings will occur in the next six positions. Only 100 points separate the number four house and the number nine house.

Sigma Nu (536) leads Alpha Zeta (514) by 22 points. Alpha Zeta in turn leads sixth place Alpha Sigma Phi (474) by 40. Alpha Sigma Phi made the biggest jump of any team when it moved from 22 to 6 mainly on the strength of the bowling championship.

Kappa Delta Rho is in seventh with 461, Delta Sigma Phi (439) is eighth, Alpha Chi Sigma (436) is ninth.

Number 10 is Phi Kappa Tau (407). Other top teams include: 11. Zeta Beta Tau (395), 12. Theta Chi (390), 13. Phi Gamma Delta (385), 14. Phi Sigma Kappa (382), 15. Delta Chi (375).

Five sports remain to be decided: horseshoes, soccer, golf, tennis, and track and field.

A Glance at . . .

# SPORTS

By VINCE CAROCCI  
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The Pittsburgh Panther and Ohio State track teams invade the Beaver Field cinders tomorrow afternoon to do battle with the Nittany runners in what could be the closest meet of the year for the team, according to Coach Chick Werner.

Every year, the trackmen schedule one big home attraction for the Penn State fans. Last year it was a triangular meet with Michigan and Navy—this year it is the Panthers and the Buckeyes.

Undoubtedly, most of the fans will go to the meet with one main idea in mind—to see just how good Arnie Sowell is. But, taking a look past Sowell's brilliant record and glancing, instead, to the past performances of all three clubs, one gets the idea that this will be more than another run-of-the-mill track meet. It could be one of the closest fought encounters in Penn State annals.

After a little digging here is what this writer, with a big help from Coach Werner, came up with. Taking into consideration the facts that the weather will be good and Sowell will run the middle distance events rather than the mile as was reported in Wednesday's Pittsburgh Press, this is the way the final results could turn out.

**ONE-MILE RUN**—Wendall Harford, Pitt, could easily win this although Ohio State's Jack McClain is not to be counted out. Jim Moore, Pitt, is a strong contender for third with either the Lions' Don Woodrow or Doug Moorhead finishing fourth. Time—in the vicinity of 4:15.

**440-YARD DASH**—Sowell, without a doubt, with Lion Bruce Austin second followed by either Pitt's Ed Saunders or Ohio State's Ed McArdle. Time—:47.8

**100-YARD DASH**—Art Pollard figures to be number one man although he will probably receive strong competition from Pitt's Herb Carper and Ohio State's Glenn Davis. Dave Peays, Pitt, rates the number four spot. Time—around :09.7, although Pollard has a good chance of bettering the school mark of :09.6.

**120-YARD HIGH HURDLES**—Rod Perry, if he enters, looks like the best bet although Davis should give him a good battle. Pitt's Paul Thrash figures for third with Nittany Dick Winston a dark-horse contender. Time—14.4, give or take a little.

**880-YARD DASH**—Sowell in a breeze with teammate Perry Jones finishing second. Ron Lewis, Penn State, could wind up third with McClain fourth. Time—1:51.

**220-YARD DASH**—Pollard again since he was rated one of the top three 220 men in the country last year and has looked good all year. Peays or Austin should fight it out for second. Time—somewhere around the :21 mark.

**TWO-MILE RUN**—Lloyd Bartel, Ohio State, rates the number one spot with Harford and Woodrow next in line. Time—9:37.

**220-YARD LOW HURDLES**—Davis, followed by Thrash or Perry. Winston should finish fourth. This is another question mark since Perry's status is still in doubt. Time—approximately :23.3.

**MILE RELAY**—Pitt, with Sowell running anchor, should grab this event. Penn State may win if it can grab a very big lead and hold off Sowell in the final lap. Time—3:14 or 3:15—the school record may fall.

**SHOT PUT**—Charlie Blockson, if he continues his commendable showings, could be first with the Buckeyes' Bill Rush or Penn State's John Tullar second. Distance—around 53' 2".

**DISCUS**—Ohio State's Bob Webb and Blockson are rated toss-ups here. Rush figures for third with Tullar fourth, although he has impressed Werner with his improvement during the past week. Distance—164'.

**POLE VAULT**—Fletcher Gilders, Ohio State, is probably the tops among the entries with the Buckeyes' Jim Weaver and Stan Lyons next in line. Height—13' 8".

**HIGH JUMP**—Wayne Milestone, Ohio State, is picked as the number one entry with the Lions' Bob Findley and Alex Milligan and Pitt's Charles Hefflin fighting it out for second. Height—approximately 6' 2".

**BROAD JUMP**—Davis, most likely, with Sowell or Winston second. The Buckeyes' Norm Jackson could finish third. Distance—23' 7".

# Gerhart Unsung but Indispensable

By JOE CHEDDAR

There is a certain breed of athletes who, though just as competent as the others, fails to make the headlines and draw raves in print. The same athletes are considered indispensable by their coaches, however.

The Lions' Gus Gerhart, probably the most unsung golfer on the squad, is one of this breed. Gerhart has compiled a terrific record of 16 wins against only two losses in three years as a Nittany regular; yet he has always been overshadowed by someone else.

As a sophomore Gerhart appeared in four matches, losing only one. Last year he was unbeaten in eight dual meets, but played in the shadow of Warren Gittlen and, later in the season, Jim Mayes. Once again this year he has lost only one match—that in the season's opener against Navy—but still is overshadowed by Mayes and newcomer Pat Rielly.

Gerhart, like most golfers, learned the game as a caddy. He started 10 years ago at the Galen Hall Country Club course. He learned the fundamentals there and two years later made his high school team as a freshman.

His high school coach, Bill Brumbach, was well acquainted with the game and apparently taught him well. He won four letters, qualifying for the state schoolboy championships his last three years.

In his senior year he placed third in the State championships. An interesting sidelight is that he and Leo Kukkola, now a teammate, finished with identical 222 scores and had to play off for second place. Kukkola won out on the third hole of a sudden-death playoff.

The summer between his junior and senior year in High School, he won the Berks Country caddy championship. At the time he was only 16 years old.

The summer after he graduated,

he qualified for the National Junior Tournament at Eugene, Ore. At Eugene he participated in a 72-hole medal play tourney, and finished 21st among 100 qualifiers.

This past weekend he overcame a three-year "jinx" held over him by the EIGA tourney by qualifying for the finals. For two years previously he was sailing along, apparently assured of a berth, when he began having trouble and failed to qualify.

As a sophomore he missed qualifying by three strokes, and last year by only one. A double-bogie on the last hole cost him his chance last year.

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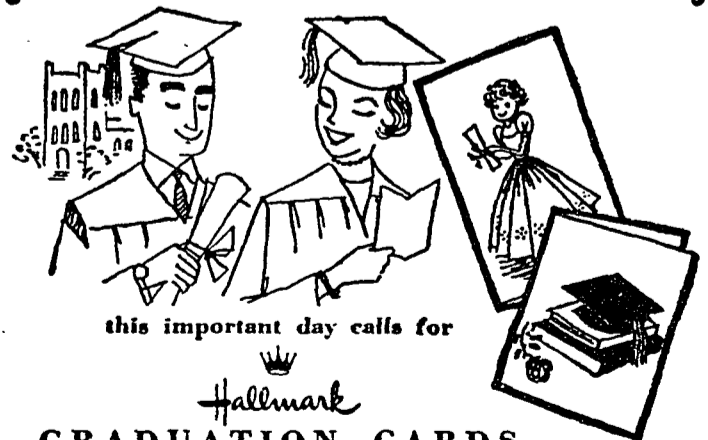
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