

Lion Cross-Country Balance Important Factor in 1st Win

By VINCE CAROCCI

The first meet for the Nittany Lion harriers is safely recorded in the winning column, but without team balance—an oft repeated word in Penn State cross-country circles—it may have been a different story.

The team-balance plan which Coach Chick Werner had been stressing for weeks paid off in a 26-29 win for the Lions despite the absence of sophomore Ed Moran among the top finishers.

Moran did not finish the five and one-sixteenth mile course. Going into approximately the last 600 yards or so of the race, Moran's stomach muscles tightened up so badly that he had to drop out of the contest then and there.

Stayed With Midler

No one knew exactly what caused Moran's muscles to tighten up—the point was that he was forced to drop out of the race after staying with the eventual winner, Cornell's Mike Midler, for the first three miles. Both runners had the same time at the three-mile mark.

Despite Moran's misfortune, his two sophomore teammates, Fred Kerr and Clem Schoenebeck, finished in a tie for second with 28:13.5 times.

Cornell's Dave Eckel, the 1955 Heptagonal champion, finished fourth in 28:31, followed by teammate Nath Cravener in 28:47.5.

Three Clinch Victory

Bob Thompson, Captain Don Woodrow, and Jay Kirby clinched the victory for the Lions by finishing sixth, seventh, and eighth. Thompson's time was 29:16, Woodrow's 29:26, and Kirby's 29:36.

With Moran finishing, the Lions would have definitely won by a greater margin. But as it was, team balance saved the day and gave the Nittanies their first victory since the 1954 season.

Times Satisfactory

Coach Chick Werner said that the times recorded by his club were fairly respectable in view of the fact that four of his first five men were sophomores, running on the Cornell course for the first time. He added that the wind may have had some effect on the times.

Werner had a bit of praise for Kerr and Schoenebeck, saying



Fred Kerr Dependable harrier

that they came through in the dependable fashion that they had shown since the beginning of practice.

Navy Next

With the Cornell meet out of the way, Werner will now direct his team's effort to the Navy encounter on the University golf course Saturday.

He said that "if there is a breather on our schedule, Navy is it." He also said that this first home meet will give his runners a chance to show what they have since they will be running on familiar ground.

Navy has yet to win a meet this season, finishing third in two triangular tests. Pittsburgh—a Lion opponent—and Villanova both topped the Middies on Oct. 6 at Navy, and St. Johns and Manhattan—another Lion foe—subdued them last Saturday.

West Coast Grid Picks Aid Fanucci

When it comes to West Coast football knowledge, Fearless Fran Fanucci can't be beat—or so it would appear from the results of The Daily Collegian's fourth football poll.

It will be remembered that two far west games—Oregon State-California and Washington-Oregon—were among Saturday's 'Limb' entries. Only Fearless Fran correctly predicted the outcome of these two games. (Oregon State and Washington won.)

Coast Games Difference

Vicious Vince Carocci, who doesn't know a Golden Bear from a Huskie, flubbed these two and now must share first place with Fearless Fran. The two West Coast games were virtually the difference as Vicious Vince pulled an 8-7, two less than Fearless Fran. Fearless and Vicious have 40-20 records, good for a .667 percentage.

Lucky Lou Prato could have made it a three-way tie for the lead except he goofed on the Oregon State victory. His 9-6 mark leaves him second at 39-21 and .650.

Patrick Picked Purdue

Frank Patrick is the latest coach to display that the boys closest to the game obviously can't see the woods because of the trees. It was another 8-7 day for the coaches, and, thanks to Vicious' similar showing, the miserable mentors are a 'close' last with 37-23 and .617.

Individual accomplishments that merit recognition are Patrick's choice of Purdue over Notre Dame, Fearless' Auburn pick, and the 14-14 tie reached by Texas A. & M. and Houston to hand our experts an automatic "wrong." Also a low bow goes to Duke, who fooled everyone by dumping Southern Methodist, 14-6.

Bowling Club Seeks Coeds

The Women's Recreation Association bowling club is offering free instruction to coeds at 6:30 p.m. every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday in the White Hall alleys.

Activities of the club include a tournament and intramural league set up among club members and competition with other colleges and universities—regional and national.

An intramural league will start in two weeks for both beginners and advanced bowlers.

A team from the club competes with coeds from Bucknell, Juniata, and Lycoming on the annual winter sports day at the end of the semester.

Every two months the five top bowlers in the club represent Penn State in the National Intercollegiate Telegraphic Ten Pin Tournament. Last year the Nittany coeds placed third and seventh in the spring tournament.

Scanning SPORTS

By FRAN FANUCCI, Sports Editor

HOLY CROSS POST-MORTEMS . . .

The Nittany Lion football spirit, which Coach Rip Engle has boasted about, was never more expressed than at the end of Saturday's game with Holy Cross. The Lion football players kept the football used in the game, signed all their names to it, and then gave it to Jay Livsey, who was injured late in the game. Livsey, according to team physician Alfred Greiss, suffered a brain concussion, but is in excellent condition and will be released from the infirmary in a day or two.

Holy Cross Publicist Bill Crowley said in the press box that he never saw a Holy Cross team look so bad as it did against the Lions.

During the second half of the game a helicopter, bearing the sign "Happy Birthday Ike," hovered over the Beaver Field practice turf and proceeded to "dance" in the air. The stunt attracted a few hundred fans from the stadium, but the result was disappointing. State Troopers assigned to Beaver Field ordered the helicopter to land, and what the consequences were is still unknown.

Engle, commenting on the letter written to this writer last week concerning the ability of the football team, said "I wonder (if Mr. Warren likes to discuss moles fighting other animals twice its size) if he ever saw a small mole fight a big mole."

Dan Radakovich, Lion center, was named "top lineman on the field" by the press writers covering the Holy Cross game. Sam Valentine earned the honor two weeks ago for his outstanding play against Penn. Radakovich has been called "the best center in the East" by the Lion coaching staff.

Army's overwhelming loss to Michigan Saturday came as a surprise to the Lion team, but not to Michigan coach Bennie Oosterbaan. Oosterbaan said that if he left his varsity in the game it would have scored at least 100 points. Michigan won 48-14. It was the worst defeat for Army since Penn routed it, 48-0, in 1940.

This statement by a New York Daily Mirror writer was in Sunday's Mirror edition: "Penn State travels to Ohio State Saturday for one of the day's most attractive intersectionals. The Nittany Lions won't be outclassed." Engle and his staff sure hope so.

The Ohio State game, Saturday, is reported to be a sellout. Over 82,000 fans will watch the Lions and Buckeyes meet for the first time since 1912. The Lions won that game, 37-0, but an interesting sidelight is the fact that Ohio walked off the field after a rousing fist fight. It seemed that the Buckeyes were the favorites and were surprised when the Lions ran roughshod over them, so fists began to fly and when the Buckeyes had enough they quietly walked off the field.

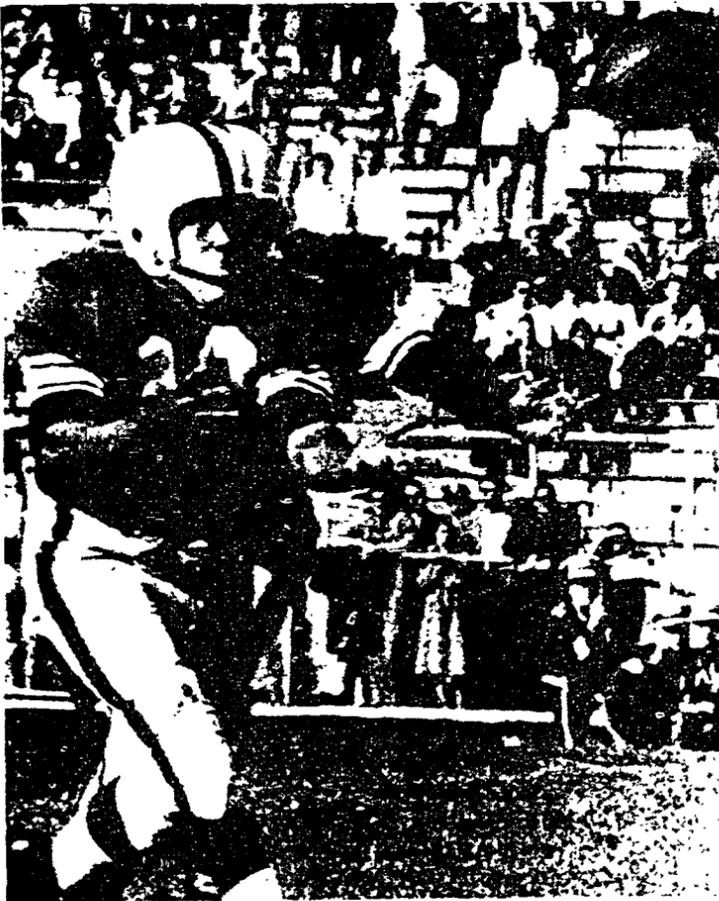
The gridders head into the "murderous" portion of their schedule with Ohio State. Following that game West Virginia journeys here on Oct. 27, and the following week the Lions head for Syracuse, and if Engle's charges suffer no injuries in that span then the Grey Eagle has nothing to worry about until next year.

Buddy Rowell, former Lion halfback and now with the Quantico Marine football team, was in the press box scouting Holy Cross. The Marines meet the Crusaders in a few weeks.

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DUE TO A score-board omission, the Beaver Field press corps had difficulty identifying Penn State's three-armed Chappy Hill, here shown using all three arms in intercepting a fourth-quarter Holy Cross pass. Actually, the arm on the right belongs to an unidentified Lion defender. Hill's defensive move ended the Crusaders' final and deepest scoring threat of the day.

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