

Spartan Runners Strong Again

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It will be a battle of established stars against a crop of potential standouts when the Lion harriers host Michigan State's powerful Spartans, Saturday.

Coach Chick Werner's sophomore-studded harrier squad will be facing the strongest opponent on its 1956 schedule when it tangles with the undefeated Spartans—last year's National Collegiate Champions.

Michigan State easily won the national title last year and finished second to Pittsburgh in the IC-4A meet.

Four of the top five men from that championship team are back to plague their opponents. The fifth man, Ed Townsend, was lost through graduation.

Henry Kennedy, a junior from Canada, heads the list of returning veterans which includes Gay Denslow, Selwyn Jones, and Terry Block.

Kennedy won both the intercollegiate and IC-4A individual championships last year. He also set the National Collegiate Course Record when he ran the Spartan's home course in 19:28.3 against the Lions last year. Michigan State walloped the Nittany harriers, 18-43.

Denslow, Jones, and Block add strong depth to Coach Karl Schlademan's squad. Denslow finished sixth in the national championship race, Jones eighth, and Block 11th.

In the IC-4A's Denslow was eighth, Jones seventh, and Block 35th. It was the failure of Block and Townsend to finish higher in the individual standings that cost the Spartan's the IC-4A championship; Townsend was not listed in the first 68.

The Spartans have given a good indication that they will be just as strong this year by winning their first two meets this season.

In the Michigan AAU Senior Cross-Country Championship meet held at Detroit Oct. 6, they ran off with top honors—Michigan State, 19, Western Michigan, 43, and on down the line.

Kennedy lived up to his reputation by winning the race in 21:10.3. Denslow was second in 21:33, Jones fourth in 21:46, and Ron Wheeler sixth in 22:31.5. Block finished 12th in 23:39.

The Spartans then walked away from Ohio State a week later by capturing 10 of the first



Gay Denslow Spartan harrier

11 places. Kennedy was again the winner in 20:01.8, Denslow was second in 20:29, Jones third in 20:34, Wheeler fourth in 20:56, and Block sixth in 21:56. However, the Buckeyes are not noted for having strong cross-country teams.

Commenting on the Spartan squad, Assistant Coach Norm Gordon said that they are "the Oklahoma of cross-country—power, power, power."

However, Gordon said that their record is not going to scare the Lions out of the meet. He pointed out that the Lions had met some strong Michigan State squads before and come out the winner.

Pierce, Lemon Tops

NEW YORK, Oct. 23 (AP)—Billy Pierce, slightly-built Chicago White Sox lefthander, and Cleveland's Bob Lemon, who went the distance only five times in 1955, put together the best complete game records among major league pitchers in 1956.

Gridders Rated 18th in AP Poll; Michigan State 1

Penn State's once beaten Lions jumped into the top twenty grid teams in the nation yesterday on the basis of its 7-6 upset win over Ohio State.

It is the first time that the Nittany gridders have entered the select group this season. They were not mentioned before the upset win. The loss bounced Ohio State from fifth to ninth.

Michigan State's unbeaten Spartans took control of first place for the first time this season by walloping Notre Dame, 47-14. Oklahoma, in first place since opening day, dropped to second despite its 34-12 win over Kansas.

Georgia Tech is in third place with a comfortable lead over fourth-place Tennessee. Michigan is fifth, Southern California sixth, Texas A&M seventh, Baylor eighth, Ohio State ninth, and Mississippi and Texas tied for 10th.

Iowa, Pittsburgh—a Lion opponent—Syracuse—the Lions' next opponent after West Virginia—Tulane, Virginia Tech, George Washington, Penn State, Miami (Fla.) and Clemson complete the top 20.

Michigan State, Oklahoma, and Georgia Tech are the only teams in the 1000-point bracket—Michigan State with 1459, the Sooners with 1356, and the Yellowjackets with 1182.

TCU suffered the biggest drop when it fell from fourth to a tie for 10th after its 7-6 loss to Texas A&M. Ohio State's fall was next in line.

Munn Would Like Sooner Series

EAST LANSING, Mich., Oct. 23 (AP)—Michigan State athletic director Biggie Munn said today he would like to schedule a football series with Oklahoma.

Munn said, however, it would be "impossible" to talk about a 10-year contract as one report of the projected series had it.

"We're waiting for the Big Ten schedule meeting in December to find out what is decided on the round-robin conference scheduling for 1959 and 1960," Munn said.

Milton Plum, Penn State quarterback, currently is listed among the top college punters in the nation.

Penn State owns three wins in three starts over Boston University since the football series was inaugurated in 1953.



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