Spartan Runners Gridders Rated Strong Again

By VINCE CAROCCI

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

Coach Chick Werner's sophomore-studded harrier squad Lions jumped into the top twenty

national title last year and fin-ished second to Pittsburgh in the

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 Ter-ry Block.

Kennedy won both the inter-collegiate and IC4-A 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 42

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 IC4-A's Denslow was eighth, Jones seventh, and Block sixth 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 at the 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.

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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 - C o u n t r y Championship meet held at Detroit Oct. 6, they ran off with top honors—Michigan State, 19, Western Michigan, 43, and on down the line.

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Gordon said that they are "the Oklahoma of cross-country—power, power," power, power,

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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 literal states and states are records among major league later by capturing 10 of the first literal states are literal 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 distance only five times in 1955, schedule meeting in December to put together the best complete game records among major league later by capturing 10 of the first projected 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 game records among major league ing for 1959 and 1960," Munn said.

18th in AP Poll;

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.

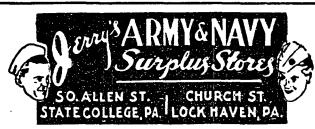
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Georgia Tech is in third place with a comfortable lead over fourth-place Tennessee. Michigan is fifth, Southern California sixth, Texas A&M seventh, Baylor eighth, Ohio State ninth, and Mississippi and Texas tied for 10th.

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.

Milton Plum, Penn State quar-terback, currently is listed among three starts over Boston Univer-the top college punters in the na-sity since the football series was

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