

Harriers 7th in NCAA Run; Spartans Repeat Winners

By VINCE CAROCCI

The Lion cross-country team's dependable duo, Captain Don Woodrow and Sophomore Fred Kerr, led the local harriers to a seventh-place finish in the 18th annual NCAA run yesterday at East Lansing, Michigan.

Michigan State, 1956 IC4-A champions, retained its national crown by romping to victory with 28 points—the second best team score in the history of the meet, Drake hold-

ing the record with 25 set in 1944. Woodrow, flashing the form which brought him from the Lion shadows late in the season into the limelight as an outstanding team leader, topped the Lion entries with a 17th place in 20:45.

Kerr, the most consistent performer on the squad all season, grabbed a 23rd place in 28:54 over the four-mile Spartan course.

Sophomore Bob Thompson finished 54th in 21:39.1; Clem Schoenebeck took the 60th spot in 21:49; Ed Moran was 85th in 22:26.1; and Jay Kirby was 86th in 22:28 to complete the Lion scoring.

However, Walt McNew, an overlooked entry from Texas University, grabbed all the glory when he staged a tremendous finish to overhaul favored Henry Kennedy, Michigan State, in the final half-mile to win first place.

Kennedy, the defending individual intercollegiate champion and winner of the IC4-A run last week, had led all the way before finally fading in the stretch, finishing third. It was the first time that the Spartan junior had been beaten all season.

Jim Beatty, North Carolina, took second place honors, followed by Kennedy and his two teammates, Gay Denslow and Selwyn Jones.

The final team standings read: 1. Michigan State, 28 points; 2. Kansas, 88 points; 3. Texas, 89 points; 4. Illinois, 128 points; and 5. St. Joseph's of Philadelphia, 166 points.

Looking at the meet from the Lion angle, it could be considered the closing to a very successful season for Coach Chick Werner's runners.

Rebounding from a winless year in 1955, the sophomore-laden Lions posted a 4-1 record during the regular season. In post-season competition, the harriers were third in the IC4-A test at New York and seventh in yesterday's run.

At the beginning of the year, it was Werner's three sophomores—Kerr, Moran, and Schoenebeck—who sparked the team to victories over Cornell and Navy.

Following a shutout loss to Michigan State, the Lions went on to defeat Manhattan and Pittsburgh with Woodrow finally realizing his potential to take complete control of team leadership. He finished in a four-way tie with the sophomores against the Jaspers and won his first intercollegiate race against the Panthers.

Cervi Resigns As Nat Coach

SYRACUSE, N.Y., Nov. 26 (AP)—Coach Al Cervi of the Syracuse Nationals of the National Basketball Assn. resigned today.

Team Capt. Paul Seymour will succeed Cervi as a player-coach. Cervi was in his ninth year as coach of the Syracuse pro basketball entry.

In his resignation, he said: "I think it is the best thing for the team."

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Optimistic Rip Proved Right About Lions

By MATT PODBESEK

Remember when the wise old "Grey Eagle" stood on the steps of Recreation Hall at the pep rally for the opening game of the 1956 gridiron season and said that his boys were not "the biggest, nor the fastest, but we've got a lot of spirit and we're gonna surprise somebody."

Nearly everybody in that audience said to themselves, "Who's he think he's kiddin. We de-emphasized sports and don't stand a chance. Why Penn's strong this year; they'll probably beat us. Rip, this is the end to that winning season streak of 17."

Engle himself admitted that he had received opinions from high school and professional "experts" who claimed that the 1956 edition of the pigskin Lion just didn't have it and would be lucky to win three games.

But the old "Grey Eagle" took his doctor's advice and planned a calm season. He even became optimistic at times, praising his boys as the highest spirited eleven that he ever coached.

As everyone knows, Rip kept that winning season record intact with a 6-2-1 record and pulled those surprises.

After the Pitt deadlock last Saturday, Engle said, "This has been the happiest season I've had in 27 years of coaching. These boys have been willing to put forth every extra effort."

But when asked to single out his individual top performer, he simply smiled and replied, "How can I like them all. They're my boys."

Pitt lost everything by the tie—the old Coal Bucket symbolic of the Tri-State championship and the Lambert Trophy, sometimes symbolic of eastern supremacy—but Engle wanted an out-and-out win and took responsibility for Milt Plum's field goal attempt.

Although Milt wanted to go for the big marker, the gambler from the bench called a three-point try. But the ball floated soft and off to the right by a foot for a miss.

Engle claimed that given another crack, Milt would have made it and that would have been the game, although more than nine minutes remained and Pitt would have sufficient time and additional incentive to produce another scoring drive. But Engle felt certain his sixth-ranking defense nationally could contain the ground-minded Panther attack.

Engle pulled a few other surprises, such as the 7-6 win over

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U.S. Track Forces Cop 7 Gold Medals In Olympic Action

MELBOURNE, Nov. 26 (AP)—United States track and field forces, having captured seven of the 11 Gold Medals already won by America's athletes, figured to add two more tomorrow and increase their unofficial team lead over Russia in the 1956 Olympics.

The high-riding Yanks are winning Gold Medals and setting Olympic and world marks at a record rate, having already captured seven of nine events in the men's track and four of seven weightlifting medals.

As a result, the U.S. is far in front in team point totals with 172 points to 107 for the second place Russians. Germany is third with 52½. Sweden fourth with 42 and Italy fifth with 40.

Three Gold Medals each were determined in track and weightlifting Monday and the U.S. picked up two in each, setting Olympic records in the process of boosting the Yank Gold Medal total to 11. Russia's Gold Medals total four. No other nation has managed to win more than three.

Tom Courtney, the former Fordham flash from Livingston, N.J., won the 800 meters as expected, beating England's Derek Johnson to the wire in 1:47.7. That smashed Mal Whitfield's 1952 record of 1:49.2.

Rev. Bob Richards of Laverne, Calif., captured the pole vault title with a jump of 14 feet 11½

inches, thus becoming the first man to win the event two times running. Bob Gutowski of LaJolla, finished second to Richards with a leap of 14 feet 10½ inches. George Mattos, another American, from Santa Cruz, Calif., placed fourth with a jump of 14 feet 3¼ inches.

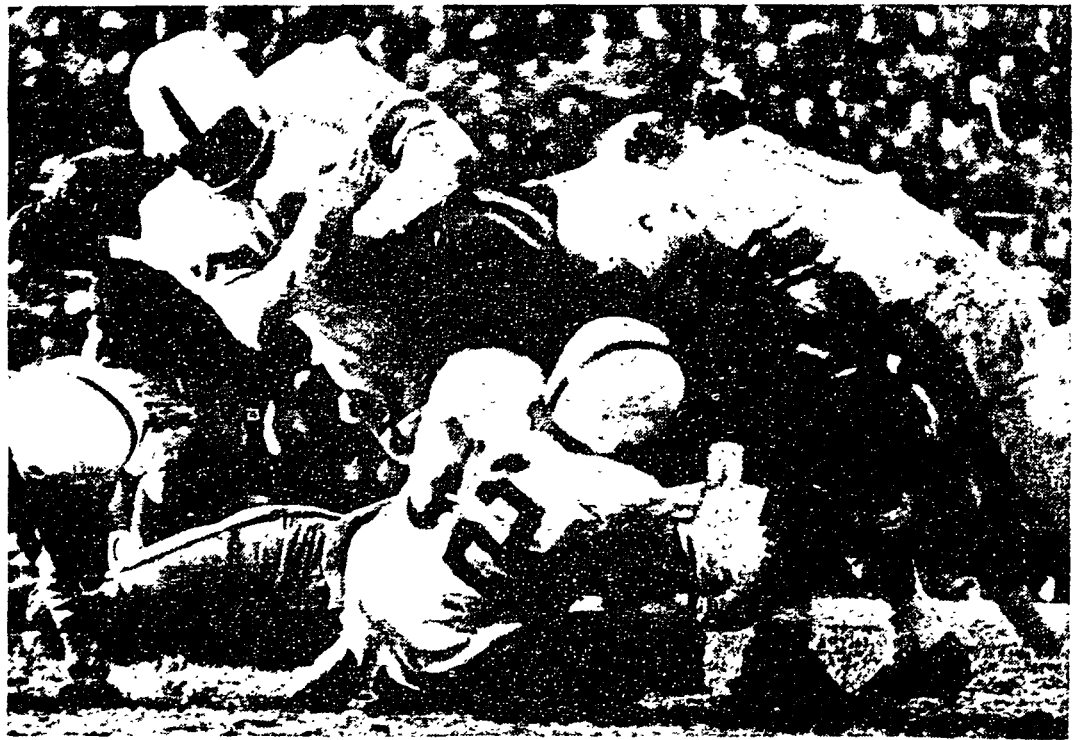
A stiff cross wind and a slow runway kept Richards and Gutowski from going any higher.

As expected, Paul Anderson, 303-pound behemoth from Toccoa, Ga., and Tommy Kono of Sacramento, captured first place in weightlifting, breaking Olympic records in the process. Anderson set an Olympic mark with a total lift of 1,102 pounds in the heavyweight division and Kono added a world record lifting 986¼ pounds in the light heavyweight class.

Russia's Arkadii Vorobiev won the middle heavyweight title with a lift of 1019.25 pounds to defeat Dave Sheppard of York Pa., whose best was 975¼.

an Ohio State eleven that was headed for its third consecutive Big Ten Title, but lost its drive after the Engle "spirits" moved through Columbus.

So when that pessimist on the hill speaks, look out for the real meaning. The old "Grey Eagle" doesn't speak through that pessimistic helmet anymore.



THREE LIONS—Maurice Schleicher (32), Al Jacks, (upper left) and Paul North (right)—gang tackle Pitt quarterback Cory Salvaterra on an option play in Saturday action.



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