

Evenly-Matched Cross-Country Teams Reliable Crow Leads To Collide in IC4-A Championship A&M to Top Honor

This year's IC4-A cross-country meet promises to be one of the most hotly-contested and evenly-matched contests in recent years.

Such was not the case last year when Michigan State breezed to the title with a low total of 34 points. A distant second was St. Joseph's with 148. Penn State was third with 158 points over the 5-mile Van Cortlandt Park course at New York City.

With seven of last year's top ten finishers having graduated, this year's meet to be held Monday on the same course will highlight several of the cross-country and track runners who will be dominant in the sports for the next few years. Many of the teams which are entered in the meet are comprised mostly of sophomores and juniors.

Among Manhattan, Fordham, St. John's, St. Joseph's, Penn State, Michigan State, Notre Dame, Syracuse, Pittsburgh and Cornell, there is not one team that could not depend on the others if the opposition is not in

top form. Manhattan proved this last week by upsetting the Lions on the Van Cortlandt course. The Nittany harriers ran their worst race of the season by setting too fast a pace for the first mile and faltering under the strain near the end of the race. Manhattan, on the other hand, ran what the Jasper runners believed to be "by far their best race" of the season.

Such has been the case throughout the East this fall with each of the top teams trading victories and defeats over minor falterings of their opponents, leaving a garbled picture of how the teams will finish Monday. The picture is further clouded by the entries of two strong refugees from the Midwest, Michigan State and Notre Dame.

Michigan State, the defending champions, have lost the 4th, 5th and 12th place finishers from last year's meet. Returning from last year's team are individual champion Henry Kennedy and 15th ranked Ron Wheeler. Also running for the Spartan squad which defeated a flu-weakened Nittany team, 24-31, earlier this fall will be sophomores Forrdy Kennedy and Bob Lake and Olympic 400-

meter silver medalist Dave Lean. St. John's, which won the Metropolitan Intercollegiate Championships over Manhattan, will be in the thick of the fight for the IC4-A led by Pete Close and Lionel Stevens.

Fordham, which took third in the Metropolitan meet after their previously undefeated sophomore sensation, Don Luisi, was forced to drop out of the race, will also be a top contender with Luisi, Art Cunningham, Walt Cooper and Tom Ward.

St. Joseph's, a victor over Fordham, must be rated a top-challenger with its well-balanced squad of Joe Sloane, Brian Wood, Bob Haggerty, Bob Farrell and Jim Shields. Syracuse, beaten by only four points by St. Joseph's, will be led by a promising sophomore, Ben Johns.

Also among the top contenders will be Cornell, Pitt and Notre Dame. Cornell has two outstanding runners in Mike Midler and Dave Eckel. Pitt has two outstanding sophomores in Ron Rush and George Walters and last year's third place IC4-A finisher, Vince Timon. Notre Dame, led by Ed Monnelly, was a 21-34 victim of Michigan State two weeks ago.

By The Associated Press

One important reason why Texas A&M, is rated the nation's No. 1 college football team is that John Crow, a 210-pound halfback, never has failed to turn in a first rate performance.

Crow did even more than usual as the Aggies topped Southern Methodist last Saturday and his efforts were recognized today when he was named Associated Press Back of the Week.

Still Crow barely edged out a pair of backs who waged a dizzy duel that left spectators wondering which was the outstanding player of the Utah-Army game.

They were Utah's junior quarterback, Lee Grosscup, and Army's sophomore halfback, Bob Anderson.

Grosscup, principal offensive weapon of the Redskins, pitched 26 passes and completed 14 although the Cadets were looking for passes and doing their best to break them up. He scored one touchdown, passed for two and set up all five Utah tallies with pass plays that gained from 20 to 25 yards.

Anderson, a hard-running 200-pounder, gained 214 yards on 30 carries, threw two perfect running passes, one for a touchdown, caught one pass and scored three touchdowns to bring his season total to 13.

Another back who drew special mention was Tom Greene, Holy Cross quarterback. He completed 15 of 27 passes against Syracuse, scored 14 points himself and played fine defense football.

Others named in the back of the week balloting were:

Frank Riepl, Pennsylvania; Bill Austin, Rutgers; Tom Morris, Princeton; Ron Johanson, Harvard; Randy Duncan, Iowa; Art Johnson, Michigan State; L. T. Bonner, Illinois; Duane Orris, Kansas; Bobby Schwarze, Citadel; Bob Hardage, William and Mary; Walt Fondren, Texas; King Hill, Rice; Ronnie Morris, Tulsa; Jim Jones, Washington.

IM Bowling Swept By Fowl Fours

The league leading Fowl 4-and-1 team monopolized bowling honors in Monday night's independent league matches. Len Brenner rolled a 224 game to take high singles and Lou Klukosky won high series laurels by compiling 566 points in his three games. A third game tally of 941 and the 4-0 win over the Ten Pins completed the "Fowlers" sweep.

In the other action on the Recreation Hall alleys for Independent League A, Pollock 11 defeated the Hucksters, 4-0; the Bruins beat Nittany 34, 3-1; the Hamilton Hornets tied McKee I, 2-2; the Vets, (sharing top league honors with the "Fowlers"), defeated McKee II, 4-0; and the Capitalists beat the RAR's, 4-0.

In League B, Navy defeated Jordan II, 4-0; the Brats won over the Aces, 3-1; the Zeros beat the Dark Horses, 3-1; Twenty and Three tied the Peanuts, 2-2; McKee III and IV rolled over WDFM, 3-1; and the AVB's defeated the Gutterballs, 3-1.

The Dark Horses and the Zeros tied for team honors with high games of 815. Doug Mechling of the Dark Horses bowled a 215 for Bonner, Illinois; Duane Orris, high single game and Larry Cool's 555 for the AVB's was high series. The Vets and Fowl 4-and-1 still hold the third position at 13-7.

Hustling Jim Hedberg Called Backbone of '57 Soccer Team

He's just a shade over 5'9" tall and weighs only 150 pounds but he's the backbone of the 1957 Penn State soccer team—Jim Hedberg.

Since 1955, his sophomore season, Hedberg has been an outside right starter for Coach Ken Hosterman's booters. But he is about as well known to the public as the man who invented Sputnik.

However, there is no denying the fact that Hedberg has been an instrumental force in the success of the Nittany soccermen for the past three years—especially this season.

The easy-going Hedberg may be underrated by the public but not by his teammates. Said one Lion booter the other day. "It seems like Jimmy is the key to our success. Whenever he plays a good game, the whole team has a good day. But when he falters, we falter."

"He's been a real hustler," Hosterman says of his ace terminal. "He never stops running. What he lacks in finesse he makes



Jim Hedberg ... energetic booter

up by hustling."

One reason Hedberg remains in the background while his teammates steal the headlines is his low scoring output. In three years Hedberg has tallied only eight

goals—and five of them have been registered this fall.

"Just because he doesn't score, doesn't mean anything," soccer captain Ralph Brower said. (Brower has played with Hedberg since 1955.) "He is continually setting up a shot for someone else."

"He could take more glory for himself by scoring," another teammate commented, "but instead, he passes off. The players think he doesn't shoot enough."

But the best compliment of all was heard after the Lions had beaten Army last week at West Point.

"Without Jim, we'd fall to pieces," someone said. "He gives us the spirit to win."

That's Jim Hedberg—a little man doing a giant's work.

Coaches' Cage Clinic

Moe Becker, of Canton, and Jim O'Donnell, of Altoona, accepted invitations today to join the instructional staff for Penn State's annual one-day basketball clinic Saturday, November 30. Both are outstanding schoolboy coaches.

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