

Side Horse, Rope Climb Loom as Weak Events Werner Seeks Replacements In Hurdles, Sprints, Weights

By MATT MATHEWS

Coach Gene Wettstone has pulled two of his starting gymnasts from a hat—or more correctly, from a phys ed class—in his two weakest events, the side horse and the rope climb.

Dave Palmer, side horse entry, is one of the "hatmen" who was discovered in a phys ed class and made the varsity team. Wettstone has been impressed by the ability and desire

of Palmer and has named him to the starting line-up for Saturday's season opener at Temple.

"He has come along real fast in the two months he's been out for the team," commented Captain Bob Foht while watching Palmer go through his routine on the side horse.

Palmer will work with junior Lou Savadove and sophomore Lee Cunningham on the horse. None of the three have ever competed in this event in inter-collegiate competition and it is the feeling among observers that this may be the weakest link on the team.

The Lions lost their top man in this event, Jack Biesterfeldt, through graduation. But Biesterfeldt is still around aiding Wettstone with the freshman squad and specializing in the difficult side horse event with the varsity members.

Bill Fosnocht is the other phys ed find. Fosnocht is climbing for a starting role in the 20-foot rope climb.

At the present, the number one Lion entry in the climb is Jack Hiding. Against Temple last year, Hiding finished third as the Lions swept the event with Phil Mullen and Dick Rehm capturing the top positions. Mullen will not be eligible to compete until next semester.

When asked about the Lions' chances in the event, the veteran Hiding replied, "Our top three entries (Hiding, Vince Newhouser and Don Littlewood or Fosnocht) should be under five seconds." (Temple's best time last year was a 4.8.)

Hiding has been clocked down to 3.9 seconds, according to Wettstone's stopwatch, although his average is slightly above the four



John Hiding ... reaching for a first

second mark. These are expected to be the weakest events in the Lion line up, but should be strong enough to at least break even with the Owls. Both events should be strengthened during the spring semester when Mullen becomes eligible and side horse competitor Frank Donatelli attains a third semester status.

By GEORGE FRENCH

Finding replacements for Rod Perry, Dick Winston and John Tullar will be no easy assignment for varsity track Coach Chick Werner.

The loss of Perry and Winston by graduation and Tullar by scholastic difficulties has left key positions to fill in the hurdles, weights and sprints before the opening indoor dual meet with Navy on Feb. 1 at Annapolis.

Perry—the most versatile of the three—is a former ICA indoor and outdoor hurdles champion. As a sophomore in 1955, the Coatesville Comet tied Harrison Dillard's indoor world's record of 5.0 seconds in the 50-yard high hurdles. Perry also put the shot over 45 feet, high jumped, ran the 220-yard dash and competed on the Lion's mile relay team last year.

Winston—also one of the best hurdlers in the East last year

was the Nittany squad's best competitor in the broad jump and 100-yard dash. Last spring Winston's 22' 10 1/2" effort in the broad jump took first place and gave the Lions a 67-64 win over Pitt.

I won the discus throw with a throw of 166' 4" and placed third in the shot put with a 49' 7 1/4" effort in the ICA outdoor championships last spring. He was elected captain of the track team last spring, but is no longer in school.

The shot put is Werner's chief point of concern. With the loss of Perry and Tullar, there are at present only three candidates to fill the job—footballers Alex Strojan and Chuck Janerette and IM heavyweight boxing champion Dick Wilson. None have any varsity experience throwing the weights.

Werner emphasized that candidates for the team need not have any previous experience and that he would welcome any candidates that have the desire to compete in varsity or freshman track.

The outlook is not so bleak in the sprints and the hurdles. In the hurdles Werner has four promising prospects—John Ferreira, Conny Sharpe, Barclay Tagg and Pete Kopsac—and veteran Ted Lopushinsky. A trio of talented sophomores—Dick Hambricht, Bob Szeyller and Jim O'Conner—will join veterans Chet Cotton and Buster Thomas to give the Lions more depth in the sprints than they had last year.

Candidates for either freshman or varsity indoor track should report to Werner or freshman Coach Norm Gordon at 4 p.m. as soon as possible on the Recreation Hall track.

Except for three basketball games, Penn State's three indoor athletic teams will be on the road through December and January. The only basketball game in December will bring Colgate to Recreation Hall December 14.

Delta Upsilon Leads In IM Trophy Race

By virtue of a first-place tie in the intramural boxing finals, Delta Upsilon is now in first place among 53 fraternities for the All-Year Point Award trophy with 370 points.

Lambda Chi Alpha, who shared first place honors in the boxing tournament with DU, is second with 305 points.

Alpha Sigma Chi, who got off to a very good start with a championship in intramural football, dropped to third with 260 points. Alpha Sig picked up only 35 points in boxing.

Alpha Tau Omega and Tau Kappa Epsilon are in fourth and fifth place with 205 and 185 points respectively.

So far this year DU has won two championships—one in swimming and the other the first place tie in boxing.

DU received 130 points for their swimming championships and 170 for their boxing tie.

Other points came in touch football (40), golf medal play (5) and tennis singles (25).

Lambda Chi also moved up as a result of boxing. Here they

scored 170 points. Other sports were football (30), golf medal (70), tennis singles (10), and swimming (25).

It copped golf medal honors when Dick Burgoon won the individual championship.

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Phi Delt Outmaneuvers ATO for Bowling Crown

By NORM LOCKMAN
Phi Delta Theta outdistanced the strong Alpha Tau Omega keggers and trooped home with the first semester's Fraternity League A Bowling championship on Wednesday night after action on the Recreation Hall alleys. Sigma Alpha Epsilon nudged the front-running ATO squad out of an apparent lead-pipe-cinch victory spot with a 3-1 win.

Phi Delt came through to nab their crown with a 3-1 victory over Theta Xi. The team—Paul Trimmer, Bill Forker, Tom Fitzpatrick, Bob Waddell and Paul Richardson—had a 33-11 record for the period. (ATO's record was 32-12).

ATO, the high-scoring combin-

ation in the league, was dumped by an SAE squad bowling with the advantage of a 100 point handicap.

Other action on the lanes saw Kappa Delta Rho beat Alpha Zeta, 3-1; Sigma Nu defeat Alpha Epsilon Pi, 3-1; Phi Mu Delta win over Delta Upsilon, 3-1; and Kappa Sigma defeat Theta Delta Chi, 4-0.

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