

Engelbrink Elected Captain For '59 Cross-Country Team

By GEORGE FRENCH

Dick Engelbrink has been elected captain of the 1959 Nittany Lion cross-country team succeeding Fred Kerr.

Against Manhattan, the 20-year-old junior from Glenside ran a 26:03 over the five-mile Penn State cross-country course—the third fastest time ever turned in by a Nittany harrier.

The only faster times—25:39 against Michigan State and 25:42.3 against Manhattan—were recorded by track captain Ed Moran.

In the IC4-A championship meet at Van Cortlandt Park in New York City, Engelbrink was the first Lion finisher, placing eighth in the 140-man field.

Besides running cross-country, Engelbrink has been a valuable asset to the indoor and outdoor track teams, running in the half-mile, mile and two-mile events. In last year's IC4-A outdoor meet, he placed fifth in the two-mile run.

In 1957, Engelbrink slashed a half-second off the freshman records in the mile (4:18) and



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the half-mile (1:55), which were set in 1956 by Moran. In other cross-country awards,

Moran was nominated as the most outstanding athlete on the team and Steve Moorhead was elected honorary captain of the freshman harrier squad.

Moran was the team's most consistent winner during the season. He holds the Penn State records for the mile (4:09.7) and the half-mile (1:50.2). In track meets last summer, Moran ran a 4:01.7 mile and a 3:43.7 1500-meters (roughly equivalent to a 4:00.2 mile.)

Moorhead—the 1958 Pennsylvania Class "A" schoolboy mile champion—missed setting a new freshman cross-country record by just a second in the Gettysburg meet.

Walter Cottom was elected head manager for the 1959 team and John Springer was named first assistant.

Varsity letter winners included Kerr, Moran, Engelbrink, George Jones, Ernie Noll, Herm Weber, Chick King, Denny Johnson and head manager Dean Rossi.

Freshman numeral winners were Mike Miller, Fred Larson, Dave LaHoff, George Machlan, Larry Millhouse, Fred Thorwart, Denny Dinsmore and Moorhead.

The Sportseer



Rafer Johnson Impresses Moran

By Lou Prato Sports Editor

Rafer Johnson's selection as the sporting world's "Man of the Year" for 1958 by the nation's two leading athletic journals—Sports Illustrated and Sport—came as expected to most of the sports populus.

Johnson, the president of the student body at UCLA, made quite an impression last summer with his Decathlon performance against the Russians during the State Department-sponsored European Track and Field tour.

But what is the towering Negro athlete really like? For the answer to this question we contacted Penn State's talented trackman Ed Moran, who made the good-will sojourn along with Johnson and 58 other American athletes.

"Rafer was one of the finest men on the team," Moran said. "He was very well-liked and seemed very educated. And he took everything in stride. Gaining all that fame didn't phase him. He didn't have a swelled head at all and he acted the same after the trip as he did before.

"He was one of the most reserved persons I have ever met . . . very quiet and never boisterous. And he only spoke when he had something to say.

"Rafer was real nice to the kids, too. He took a couple cartons of Tootsie Rolls" with him and everywhere we went the kids flocked to him. They loved him."

"Did he get involved in any amusing experiences?" we asked.

"It's funny you'd ask that," Moran laughed, "for he did. He bought a guitar in Moscow and played it throughout the rest of the trip—Poland, Hungary and Greece. He had a very nice voice and he could really play that guitar. He kept us laughing all the time with his funny remarks."

"Did the fact that he was a Negro affect the Russians in any way?"

"Not in the least," Moran answered. "In fact, our interpreter told us that the Russians treat the Negroes better than the Whites because they hear that the Negroes are being persecuted over here. The Russians were surprised we had so many Negroes on our team. Over a third of the men's team was made up of Negroes and there were only three or four whites out of 20 on the women's team."

"How did you enjoy the trip yourself?" was our next question. (Continued on page eight)

Lehigh to Be 'Real Test' For Undefeated Matmen

Despite the 19-10 victory over Colgate in the season's opener three weeks ago, the quality of this year's Penn State wrestling team is still unknown.

But that "mystery" will be cleared up by Saturday night when the Lions host perennially-strong Lehigh at Recreation Building.

Even the Nittany grapplers themselves will admit to the inferior standing of Colgate's wrestling team in comparison to Penn State's. But not so with Lehigh. For the Engineers, like the Lions, are ranked among the top wrestling powers in the country.

Add this to the long-standing rivalry between Lehigh and Penn State—41 meets—and one can see why Saturday's clash is so crucial.

It's too early for Coach Charlie Speidel to pinpoint a starting lineup—and even if he did have one he probably wouldn't reveal it. However, the crafty Lion mentor has indicated that he will probably go along with the one that preformed against Colgate except for a few minor changes.

That starting array against Colgate included Joe Cramp at 123, Don Wilson at 130, Dan Johnston at 137, Neil Turner at 147, Sam Minor at 157, George Gray at 167, Hank Barona at 177 and Johnston Oberly at heavyweight.

If any changes are made they will probably be done at 137, 157 and heavyweight. Veteran Guy Guccione, who failed to make weight for the Colgate affair, is battling Johnston and sophomore Jerry Seckler, who was eliminated in a pre-meet practice session, is going against Minor.

Oberly, one of the hottest prospects to hit the campus in years, suffered a dislocated knee in the Colgate tilt and may

not be ready for Lehigh. His status is still unknown. However, sophomore Bob Gilmour will be available in his place.

Speidel is leaving room for changes in the other weights, too—although they are long shots movements depending on what happens at this week's practice sessions. These possibilities include Bill Hardham at 123, Gordon Danks at 130, Don Barber at 147, Farris at 167, and Ed Haines at 177.

However, with Speidel anything can happen—and it usually does.

Graham Shows Interest

NEW LONDON, Conn. (AP)—Otto Graham, a football great, is coming here over the weekend to look over the Coast Guard Academy.

Since the academy is looking for a head football coach and Graham is available, there's no secret about the purpose of his visit.

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Md. Selects Nugent Coach For Football

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP)—The University of Maryland, apparently seeking to become once again a ranking football power, yesterday chose promising Tom Nugent of Florida State as its new head coach.

Nugent, who led FSU to marked success during his six years as head coach and athletic director, takes over from Tommy Mont, who was forced to quit Dec. 8 after three dismal seasons.

Nugent was given a four-year contract. The salary was not disclosed.

Nugent, 45, took over in 1953 at Florida State. He brought football there from a pickup sport in 1947 to a 1958 record of seven wins and three losses.

He is credited with the development of the "I" formation, the so-called "typewriter huddle" and the double quarterback formation.

Before going to Florida he coached four years at VMI. His 10-year coaching record includes 53 wins, 45 losses and 3 ties. His team played Oklahoma State in the Blue Grass bowl Dec. 13.

Pitt Football Game Changed to Nov. 21

The 1959 Penn State-Pitt football game will be played in Pittsburgh on Saturday, Nov. 21, instead of Thanksgiving Day as previously announced.

In making the joint announcement last month, Penn State athletic director, Ernest B. McCoy, and Pitt athletic director, Thomas J. Hamilton, said that the 1958 game was switched to Thanksgiving Day in order to serve as the kickoff event for the City of Pittsburgh's Bicentennial Celebration.

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