

Undefeated '59 Lion Trackmen Annex IC4A Outdoor Crown

Sykes Takes Over Reins Of Huge IM Program

The 1959 Nittany Lion track team turned in one of the best records in the gilded history of the sport at Penn State. Undefeated in dual meets, the Blue and White thinclads also set records and garnered several medals in three big relay carnivals — Quantico, Penn and Coliseum — and climaxed the season by annexing the IC4A outdoor crown.

The Nittany spikers, under the tutelage of Head Coach Chick Werner and his assistant, Norm Gordon, romped to wins over Navy, Ohio State, Michigan State, Pitt and Manhattan in regular meets.

They ran up sizable point spreads over every team except Pitt. They beat the Panthers 67½-

away with a 76½-54½ victory as Engelbrink set a new 2-mile record and the phenomenal mile relay team, which broke a record in every meet, smashed its first mark of the young season.

As the season progressed, the Lions' winning margins increased.

Pole vaulters Ron Beard and Dick Gross, javelin thrower Jon Musser, miler Moran, quarter-miler Dick Hambright, and two-miler Engelbrink set new standards in the 98-43 conquest of potent Ohio State.

The following week Michigan State fell victim to 101½-39¼ Penn State onslaught, while Moran clipped off the fastest mile ever run in a dual meet—4:02.1. King established a new school record in the 880-yard run and Engelbrink did likewise in the 2-mile. Bob Szezyler and John Tullar broke meet marks in their events.

Avenging a mid-winter squabble in the IC4A indoor championships, the Nittanies

overpowered the Manhattan Jaspers 94-37 in the dual finale. Jim Schwab set a Penn State record, throwing the javelin 223' 11½" and Moran wrote his name in the local books for the last time with a 1:49.6 effort in the half-mile.

The Penn State tracksters climaxed their season at the 83rd annual IC4A outdoor championships in New York City when they ran up the overwhelming total of 46½ points, almost twice that of their nearest competitor, to gain the coveted crown symbolic of eastern supremacy in the world of track.

In post-season competition Engelbrink finished third in the mile at the N.C.A.A. championships, and Moran took third in 1500-meter run at both the National AAU's and the more recent Pan-American Games.

Moran also competed on an American team that traveled in the Scandinavian countries this summer. —by Johnny Black

The vast Penn State intramural athletic program which is rated one of the finest in the country has a new director.

Clarence "Dutch" Sykes, took over this summer for Gene Bischoff who retired after building the program to what it is today.

Sykes was formerly intramural coordinator and was Bischoff's assistant since 1946. Don Watkins is now Sykes' assistant.

Penn State's intramural program was started in 1931 by Hugo Bezdek. He is the same Hugo Bezdek who managed the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1918 and 1919 and later coached Penn State's Rose Bowl team of 1923.

Since then under Bischoff's guidance, the Intramural program, popularly called IMs, has grown to 17 sports.

Last year nearly 5,000 students or one half of the male student body participated in the 3,202 scheduled contests. Total participation in all sports was 29,790.

The success of the program

depends mainly on individual teams. Any fraternity, group, or residence hall may sponsor a team but it is responsible to play out its schedule.

Teams are entered by representatives of the individual group at the IM office in Recreation Hall.

Basketball over the years has been the most popular IM sport as far as participants go. Football and volleyball are close behind.

The last sport to be added to the program was bowling in 1955. The bowling season lasts 24 weeks with a split season.

The Intramural program is scheduled to open this year Sept. 29. Touch football and tennis singles will be the first events.

The type of football played is different from the usual game. IM rules forbid downfield blocking and limit teams to nine men.

Any man on the team is eligible to catch a pass and it takes 20 yards to score a first down.

Golf medal play and bowling (Continued on page 26)



Ed Moran ... graduated star miler

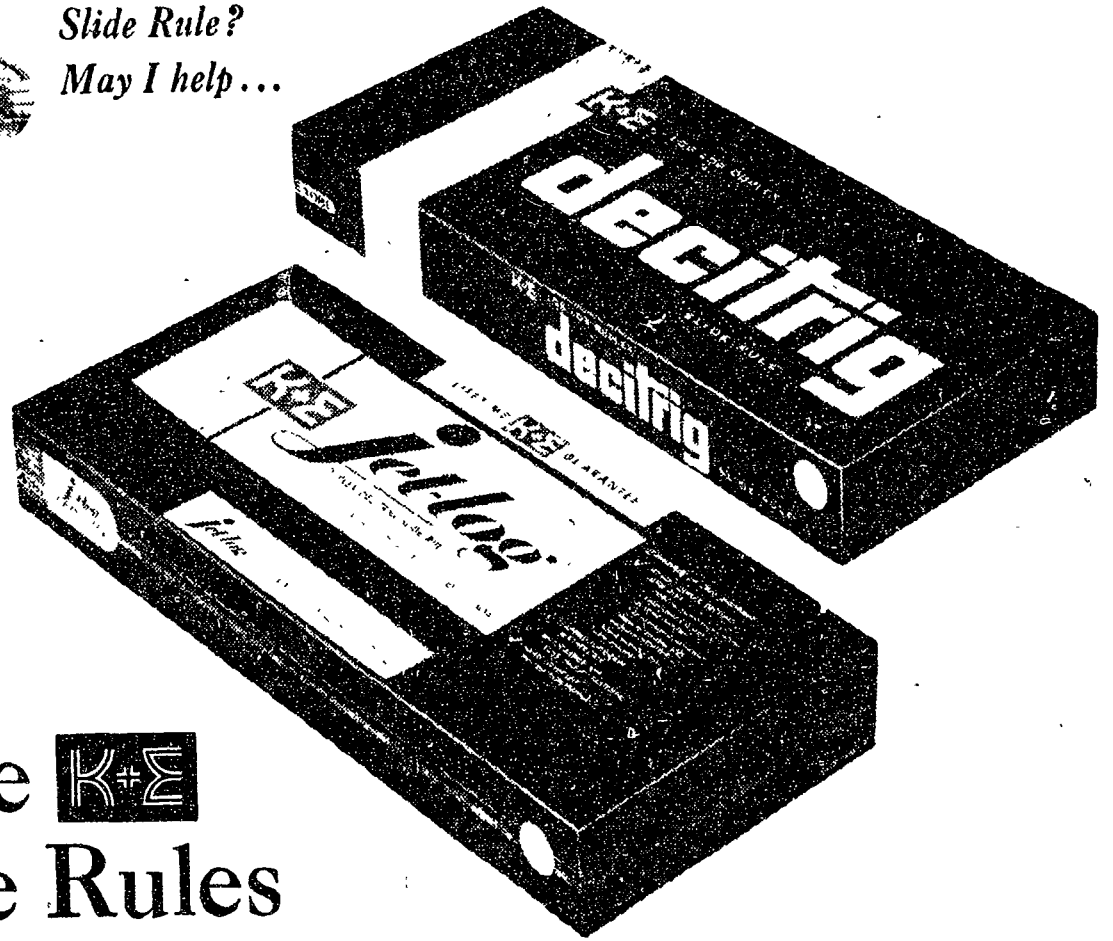
63½ but did so without the aid of their top five runners — Ed Moran, Chick King, Dick Engelbrink, Bill Schwab and Don Davies, who were performing in the Coliseum Relays in Los Angeles the same weekend.

The Wernermen opened their season in fine style at the Quantico Relays, capturing the distance medley and 2-mile and 4-mile relays. Fred Kerr pulled an upset in winning the 10,000-meter run and Moran won the invitational mile.

Navy provided the first dual meet opposition and the Lions ran



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