

Lion Harriers to Meet Panthers Here Today

By DICK GOLDBERG

In the animal kingdom, when a lion and a panther are pitted against each other, the lion is the favorite to win. The odds on the Nittany Lion - Pittsburgh Panther cross country match should correspond.

The Lions have a well-balanced squad, led by their captain Dick Engelbrink. "The Eagle", as he is called by his teammates, led the harriers to an 18-37 smashing of Cornell last week.

He finished first in the opening dual meet of the season, carding a 26:44 time and crossing the line 100 yards ahead of his nearest competitor.

Herm Weber stacks up as the number two man on the Nittany squad. Weber placed second against the Big Red, running a strong consistent race. His time over the five mile course was 27:04.

Steve Moorhead is top sophomore on the squad. He was first man on last year's freshman team, winning two meets this year, in the Cornell meet, he finished third in a time of 27:09.

Denny Johnson rounds out the harrier "Big Four." Johnson took fourth place in last week's meet finishing in 27:32.

Chick King, Mike Miller and George Jones fill out the Lion harriers first line. King, a double letter winner, took eighth against Cornell.

Miller and Jones finished eleventh and twelfth, respectively. Miller, a sophomore, placed second and third in his two outings as a freshman. Jones is a returning mono-rammer from last year's team.

Jack Williams, Dave LaHoff, Bill Schwab, Larry Millhouse and George Machlin will be the other five runners entered by Coach Chuck Werner.

The Pittsburgh Panthers have one outstanding man in their troop, Ron Rush.

Rush, in last year's Pitt-Penn State meet, took first place ahead of Ed Moran, Fred Kerr, Engelbrink and Weber. He has also won both meets the Panthers have run this year.

Rush was best characterized by coach Werner as running a smart race although not being overpoweringly fast.

Pitt has faced two opponents so far this season, Slippery Rock and Ohio University. In their season opener, the Panthers lost to Slippery Rock, 27-30. They trampled Ohio in their next meet, 15-40.

The other Panthers who will be competing are Reed Clarke, Micky Jubina, Bill Hinchberger and Bob Stuck.

The Nittany Lion freshmen will also try for two wins in a row as they face the Panther fledglings in a home meet.

Coach Norm Gordon will go with basically the same men who beat Cornell, 27-28. The top

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Steve Moorhead



Mike Miller

... strong running sophomores

Lion Booters Seek First Victory Today

By BILL BARBER

With its two previous attempts chalked up to experience, the Penn State soccer team will once again attempt to nail down that elusive initial victory when they meet Syracuse at 10:30 today on the Orangemen's new field, Hookway Track.

In the 34 years Nittany soccer squads have played Syracuse, the Lions have won 28, lost one, and tied five.

Lion soccer coach Ken Hosterman has high hopes that his team can gain that first victory today. Hosterman claimed the Lions showed considerable improvement in drills this week and have been hustling more.

"We have to win this one and we can if we play the type of game we're capable of playing. This is the game that's going to help the team gain some of their confidence back, if we can win, that is," Hosterman said.

Hosterman's shifting lineup suffered another shock this week when Lou Van Rafelghem failed to report to practice all week and thus Hosterman was forced to exclude him from the starting unit.

Replacing Van Rafelghem at outside left will be sophomore, Fred Tappert. Tappert saw action

against Bucknell and West Chester but this is his first starting assignment.

Filling out the line will be Howie Farrer at inside left, versatile Gary Miller at center half, captain Pete Wadsworth at inside right, and Jim Hockenbrock at outside right.

The halfback unit has been strengthened with the return of Gene Raiford at right half. Raiford was forced to sit out last Saturday's game due to an ankle injury. Center half will be taken by Bill Reinson while Mike Ackley will take over at left half.

The fullback slots will remain the same with Wayne Rodgers and Al Nieto holding the starting slots.

Dave Grubbs has established himself as the starting choice in the goal for the third straight week. The lanky sophomore put on an excellent exhibition against West Chester last week, making an almost impossible save on a tough penalty kick. Larry Fegley should also see service in the nets.

Syracuse coach, Pete Cataldi, hinged his fortunes on the development of the sophomores and inexperienced players in the Orange lineup.

"We have a lot of inexperienced kids in there and I'm not quite sure what's going to happen. Undoubtedly we're a green team but we'll try to give Penn State a good battle," the Orange mentor said.

"We always pick up something playing against State even though we lose. I personally think Penn State has one of the toughest and best coached soccer squads in the East," said Cataldi.

Last Saturday the Orange opened against Clarkson College with a 2-1 victory.

Frosh Gridders to Meet West Virginia Mounties

Coach Earl Bruce's freshman gridders will lay a three year unbeaten record on the line this afternoon at Morgantown, West Virginia, when they open their season against the Mountie frosh.

Though it will be the first game for the Lion Cubs, the

West Virginia vealings have already been initiated to intercollegiate competition and currently boast a 2-0 record.

They beat the VPI frosh, 14-6, in their first contest then used 45 men in whipping Fairmount State Teachers College, 19-6.

West Virginia took a 62-man freshman contingent to football camp for pre-season practice and have been working out about three weeks longer than the Nittany novices.

Coach Bruce nominated his starting lineup after sending his charges through a final light workout yesterday before boarding the bus for West Virginia.

Starting at center will be Joe Blasenstem, a 5-11, 187-pounder from West Philadelphia, Bernie Sabol from Coal Township and or Bud Torres, 5-10, 187, from Francis Waresak, 5-10, 190, from Pottstown will get the nod at the guard slots.

Bruce has a couple big boys!

starting at tackle—235-pound Arnold Habic from Swissvale and 210-pound Harrison Rosdahl, a Ridefield Park, N.J., import.

Holding down the terminal slots at the end of the line will be John Delegram, a 6-1, 184-pound Bentleyville product, and 6-2, 209-pound Dave Harrison from Moorestown, N.J.

In the backfield Reading's Chris Weber, 5-11, 180, will operate out of one halfback spot with Dick Cunningham, 6-0, 187, or Harold Powell, 5-8, 158-pound seatback from Lewistown, will start at the other half.

A third New Jersey player, Pete Liske will quarterback the Lion Cubs and Dave Hayes, a 6-1, 208-pounder from Bellmore, N.Y., or Bud Torres, 5-10, 187, from Jeannette will fill the fullback slot.

BEAT ARMY

the **BLACKBOARD**



by Johnny Black
Assistant Sports Editor

COMPLEXION OF ARMY GAME CHANGED

The surprise ambush that the Indians from the plains of Illinois sprung upon the U. S. Army in Champaign last Saturday completely changed the complexion of today's clash between the Lions and the Mules.

Although the fray still rates as one of the top attractions in the East, the fact that Black Knight scalps are already hanging from the Redskins belts has had a dimming effect on the spotlight that is focused on Michie Stadium today.

That spotlight must now be shared with the Navy-Syracuse contest. Although Navy was upended by SMU last week, Ben Schwartzwalder's Warriors from Syracuse have looked progressively more impressive in each outing and if they can sink the Midshipmen in the Oyster Bowl at Norfolk, they will rate with the winner of the Michie Stadium battle as the top independent in the East.

Had Army gotten past Illinois safely the Cadet-Lion game would probably have held a little more prestige than the Navy-Syracuse clambake. At any rate, an Army victory last week would have kept the Mules in the Top Ten rankings and would have made the Lions' roar carry more authority in the gridiron jungle should they outduel the Black Knights today.

TOP EASTERN CONTENDERS

But regardless, the winners of these two games today will definitely be the top contenders for the East's most vaunted cup—the Lambert Trophy—and the emphasis will shift to two big games later in the season—the Penn State-Syracuse clash and the traditional Army-Navy classic.

The Illinois win has made another change in the crystal ball fate of the Lions. After the Illini lost its opener to Indiana they were tabbed as a mediocre eleven. But a look at the statistics shows something else. Illinois out-statisticed the Hoosiers in every department, including the all-important fumble category. They literally handed the game away, for, according to the Illinois quarterback coach who scouted the Lions last week, the Indians bobbled the pigskin no less than 17 times.

Illinois proved its latent strength by dumping Army and thus caused an upsurge in interest in the Illinois-Penn State game slated for Cleveland's Municipal Stadium two weeks hence.

CADETS NOW ALERT

Having lost their scalps once, the Cadets have regrouped their forces and will be especially alert against the impending attack by mountain lions from the Nittany Ridge.

The soldier-gridders have been very effective at staving off this attack in previous years, but the jungle beasts have increased in ferocity this fall and are given the best chance in many a year of wiping out the Hudson River militia.

Spirit was running higher on the Beaver Field practice plots this week than it has for a long time, according to Captain Pat Botula. It has been no secret since their opening triumph over Missouri that the Nittanies are headed for one of their best seasons and have aspirations of a sunny mid-winter jaunt to a bowl. As we used to say in California, "They have caught the scent of Roses."

These Lions have depth, they have stamina, they have football savvy and this week they added that indomitable spirit. We predicted earlier that this could be the year. We also said it would hinge on certain key games. The game today is the first of this key series. The outcome will go a long way in determining whether the Nittanies' aspirations will be realized.

If it is spirit that is going to be the deciding factor today, the Lions are in.

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