

Harriers Have Top Prospect in Norman

By DICK GOLDBERG

If you listen to cross country coach Chick Werner, the Nittany Lions have the finest freshman prospect they have ever seen—and possibly the best prospect in the East—in Gerry Norman from Bristol, England, by way of Toronto, Canada.

Monday, at the IC4A freshman meet, Norman made Werner look like a prophet when he came in first, beating the best freshmen in the East. He toured the three mile Van Cortlandt Park course in 14:30, winning by 50 yards over his nearest opponent.

"This was the fastest time any freshman has turned in since I have been a coach," Werner said. He has been guiding the Nittany cross country fortunes for the last 25 years.

Norman, who was in the RAF before he attended State, originally comes from Bristol, England. He attended school there and won many scholastic meets. He ran competitively for the Royal Air Force winning a number of overseas meets.

This year, in the frosh dual meet season, he has taken three firsts and one second. Norman holds the Penn State three mile record and the Naval Academy course mark.

Frosh coach Norm Gordon also entered three other runners in the fledgling IC4A test. They were Lionel Bassett, Howie Deardorff and Paul Brownback.

Bassett racked up fourth position in the meet. Gordon said that "Bassett typifies the runner who, with a lot of practice, finally blossoms into a full grown harrier." Last year, in the PIAA championships, Bassett finished 29th. This year, he has garnered in dual meets, a second, two thirds and a fifth.

Deardorff finished 16th and Brownback came in 68th.

Syracuse Tops NCAA Statistics

By The Associated Press
If there is any offensive department in which mighty Syracuse does not lead in major college football it is just an oversight, and possibly will be corrected shortly.

The Orangemen already held the lead in scoring and over-all yard gaining, and last Saturday they went to the top in rushing offense, and even took over a first in touchdowns scored on passes.

The NCAA Service Bureau statistics revealed yesterday Syracuse's six scoring tosses last week against Colgate equaled the best any team ever made against a major opponent, and brought its season total to 17 in eight games.



Gerry Norman

243, 231 Games Rolled In IM's

Dave Kuhn and Martin Materkowski turned in sparkling individual performances as they led their teams to victory in IM bowling.

Kuhn rolled a 243 high game and a series total of 574 in leading the High Fives to a 3-1 win over NROTC-1B. The Navymen, however, took the high team score with 885.

In League A action, Materkowski led Dawson's Scholars to a 4-0 win over the Spares with a 231 high game, and his 587 high series was tops for the evening. Dawson's also rolled the highest team score of the league with an 850.

The Three Hundreds topped Glenn Road for another 4-0 win. Recording 3-1 victories were Delaware over the Runkle Ramblers, the Devils over the Herkimers, Bucks House over the Splinters and the Slipsticks over the Vets.

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'Rookie of the Year' Honors Go to Giants' Willie McCovey

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Named National League rookie of the year, Willie (Stretch) McCovey of the San Francisco Giants looks forward to 1960 for his first real test.

"Next season should really show how I'll do in the big leagues," the 6-foot-4 first baseman said yesterday.

Manager Bill Rigney has no such doubts.

"Watch him go in 1960," said Rigney. "He could be baseball's next 400 hitter."

Willie's choice for rookie honors was unanimous by the 24-member selection committee of the Baseball Writers Assn. of America.

He crashed into the majors July

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