

Weber, Norman Combo Brightens Harrier Hopes

By JIM KARL

Herm Weber, who never ran a cross-country race until he entered college, and a former member of the Royal Air Force head the list of prospects preparing for Penn State's cross-country opener with Cornell Oct. 1.

Weber and Gerry Norman, who came to the Lions via Bristol, England, should help make up for the loss of last year's stars — Dick Engelbrink, Chick King and George Jones.

Norman, tabbed by coach Chick Werner as one of the best prospects in the East, won the freshman IC4A title last year. The tall Englishman toured the course in 14:30 and finished more than 50 yards ahead of his nearest competitor.

Norman attended school in Bristol and won many scholastic meets. While running for the Royal Air Force, he continued his winning ways. Last year during the frosh dual meet season he took three firsts and he holds the Penn State 3-mile record and the Naval Academy course mark.

Weber, a 3-year veteran who will captain the Harriers this year, has shown improvement since his freshman year when he finished fifth in the freshman intercollegiate.

The Lion captain says his philosophy on running includes two basic ingredients — proper conditioning and mental discipline. "Only with these two things is one able to run five miles at a time," he said.

Denny Johnson and Weber are the only other seniors on a predominantly young team. Johnson performed capably and was consistently among the top four or five harriers to finish.

Two juniors from northern Pennsylvania, Mike Miller and Steve Moorhead, also are being counted on heavily. Moorhead was the top sophomore on last year's squad that won three in a row before dropping decisions to Michigan State and Manhattan.

Lionel Basset, Howie Deardorff and Paul Brownbeck, all sophomores, looked good in their frosh debuts last year.

The team has been practicing



GERRY NORMAN

without the services of head coach Werner the past week.

Werner and a few other prominent U.S. track coaches, among them Ollie Jackson of Abilene, Christian and Jeff Mortensen of Southern California, headed an Olympic tour to Rome in August.

Asst. coach Norm Gordon has been running things in Werner's absence.

All freshmen interested in trying out for the cross-country team should report to freshman coach Norm Gordon in 237 Rec Hall or on the golf course as soon as possible.

Gordon says anybody, regardless of past experience, will be given a chance to make the team.

Lion Booters Count On 7 Lettermen

Soccer coach Ken Hosterman will be counting on seven holdovers from last season to wipe out the memory of the dismal 1959 campaign.

Last year the Lion booters compiled a 2-7 record, marking their first losing season since 1944 and only the second in the history of the school.

Hosterman thinks State has an excellent chance to move back into the winner's circle this year. Fullback Wayne Rodgers, who played his high school soccer at Olney High in Philadelphia, will captain the 1960 booters.

The other returning lettermen are junior fullback John Miller, junior goalie Dave Grubbs, senior halfbacks Bill Rierson, Gene Raiford, Carlos Astiz, and wingman Lou Van Hafelgheim.

Hosterman is counting on three promising sophomores — Ed Hinojosa, Jay Stormer and Russ Naylor—to fill the gaps in the forward line.

Others that could help the soccer team get back on the winning trail are Julius Beshosko, Tony Mattei, and Ken Link. All three were members of last year's squad.

Coach Hosterman feels his squad has plenty of potential, but adds that it is too early to know just exactly how things will turn out.

"Not all of the boys are back, and some that are haven't reported yet," he said.

Another factor that prevents Hosterman from becoming overly optimistic is the threat of pre-season injuries to key personnel.

The Lion mentor lost Howie Maierhofer in '58 and Bill Fiedler in '59 through pre-season injuries. Both were captains and had been named to the All-American squad.

News About Lion Grid Foes

WVA Heads Home; Pitt Set for Bruins

JACKSON'S MILL, W. Va.—Whipping fast into readiness for one of the nation's toughest college football schedules, West Virginia's fuzzy cheeked Mountaineers break camp today and head for Morgantown where they meet Maryland Saturday.

Coach Gene Corum realizes that if his first squad is to achieve so much as a .500 record against the murderer's row of opponents, it must start fast. Maryland and Virginia Tech, the Sept. 24th opponent at Richmond, are considered the pivotal games on the schedule.

After that come such national powerhouses as Illinois, Pitt and Syracuse—picked by Stanley Woodward to finish among the top five—along with eighth-ranked Penn State and a young Oregon team laden with potential greatness. A victory over any of these teams, which make up half the schedule, would rank with the upset of Pitt last year among West Virginia's all-time wins.

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — Pitt has entered the final stages of its pre-season training and although the first game is Saturday against UCLA at Los Angeles, it's still too difficult to evaluate the Panthers.

From all indications, it looks like a strong team but the schedule might be too tough to handle.

Passing and the offensive line play are the two big question marks. Coach John Michelosen won't know how good his tackles are until after the first game. "Tackle is definitely the big question mark," Michelosen said. "It's hard to tell how the sophomores will come along. Dick Mills is the only letter winner."

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — What are Illinois Football Coach Pete Elliott's sentiments about pre-season rankings which have his Illini

near the top nationally?

"I don't believe pre-season predictions have any effect on a team. Right now, our players just think from one practice to the next. The week of the opening game, (against Indiana here Sept. 24), we'll probably hear a little discussion of the ratings, but success or failure still is based on what a team does on the field on Saturday afternoons.

"Most of these ratings were made before we lost halfbacks John Counts and Gary Kolb. There is not a runner on our squad who has Counts' speed."

What do you like about the 1960 Illinois team, and what are your biggest problems Elliott was asked?

"I think we have excellent tackles. Fullback will be strong as long as we have Bill and Jim Brown. The fact that we have two experienced quarterbacks (John Easterbrook and Mel Meyers) certainly is an asset," Elliott said.

Dodgers Top Phils

PHILADELPHIA (P) — The Los Angeles Dodgers scored one unearned run on two errors in the 10th inning to gain a 2-1 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies in the first game of a two-night doubleheader at Connie Mack Stadium last night.

—Joe Paterno, Penn State backfield coach, served as co-captain for the Brown University eleven in 1949. He was a quarterback.

Gridiron Notes

Lion grid captain and end Henry Oppermann took his first contact work this week and may see action in State's opener against Boston University at Beaver Stadium Saturday . . . Another first unit end John Bozick is still on the doubtful list because of a knee injury and so is Wayne Berfield, a guard . . . Soph tackle Terry Monaghan will miss the opener altogether because of a sprained knee . . . Penn State's 44,000-capacity all-steel stadium will be formally dedicated at Saturday's game . . . Beaver Stadium is the East's newest stadium . . . Navy was the last school to open a new stadium in 1959 . . . Indiana also will dedicate a new stadium Oct. 8 . . . Penn State will be after its seventh straight triumph over Boston University . . . About 12 members of Penn State's 1909

team including their coach Bill Hollenback, hope to be on hand for the 1960 opener . . . The 1909 team whipped Grove City, 31-0, 51 years ago in the first game to be played on Beaver Field . . . The Lions will be seeking their 22nd consecutive winning season this fall . . . Penn State has dropped an opening game only three times in the last 17 years . . . The last was at Nebraska in 1958.

Parade Canceled

NEW YORK (AP) — Plans for a parade honoring members of the American Olympic team on Friday were canceled yesterday at the request of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Mayor Robert Wagner last week invited a group of U.S. athletes to attend a reception in their honor. The invitation was sent to Dan Ferris, of the Olympic committee in Rome.

Ferris replied yesterday that because there would be only 23 track athletes and 12 basketball players arriving, Olympic officials recommended that the reception be canceled.

MAJOR LEAGUES

American League	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
New York	82	55	.599	—
Baltimore	82	57	.590	1
Chicago	80	59	.575	3
Washington	70	69	.504	13
Cleveland	68	70	.493	14 1/2
Detroit	63	76	.453	20
Boston	61	78	.439	22
Kansas City	48	90	.348	34 1/2

Last night's games not included.

National League	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Pittsburgh	86	52	.620	—
St. Louis	77	59	.566	7 1/2
Milwaukee	78	60	.565	7 3/4
Los Angeles	73	63	.537	11 1/2
San Francisco	68	70	.493	17 1/2
Cincinnati	63	77	.450	23 1/2
Chicago	63	81	.439	30
Philadelphia	51	86	.372	34

Last night's games not included.

PROBABLE PITCHERS

American League

New York, Dittmar (14-8) at Kansas City, Herbert (10-15) N.

Baltimore, Fisher (12-9) at Detroit, Bruce (3-6)

Washington, Lee (8-4) at Chicago, Score (4-9) N.

Boston, Sullivan (6-15) at Cleveland, Latman (5-5) N.

National League

Los Angeles, Koufax (7-12) at Pittsburgh, Law (19-7) N.

Chicago, Cardwell (7-13) at Milwaukee, Pizarro (6-7) or Jay (7-7) N.

Cincinnati, Hook (10-16) at St. Louis, Sadecki (8-8) N.

San Francisco, Jones (16-14) at Philadelphia, Roberts (9-15) N.

—Ernie McCoy, Penn State athletic director, is a graduate of the University of Michigan where he played baseball, basketball, and football.

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