

Nittany Lion Harriers to Face Undefeated Mounties Today

By BILL BARBER

The Penn State cross country team will put its spotless 3-0 record on the line this afternoon against undefeated West Virginia at 4:45 on the University golf course.

The fast moving Mounties have ripped off six straight victories over Ohio University, Fairmount State, Waynesburg, Richmond, V.M.I. and Pitt prior to today's tilt.

Their closest scrape with defeat came against Pitt last Saturday when they squeaked past the Panthers, 27-28. The Lion harriers routed Pitt, 19-40.

Coach Chick Werner, running his squad through a light workout yesterday afternoon, expressed great pleasure with the showing of his team in practice this week.

"This has been a great week for the Penn State cross country team. Right down through the entire squad there has been improvement in attitude, zip, and in general condition," Werner said.

"It takes this long before the first semblance of condition shows through and we're very glad it has come through at this time," the Lion coach said.

"The aches and pains that have been disturbing everybody seem to have disappeared. I wouldn't be surprised that if everybody has a good day, the performances will be pretty creditable," Werner said.

Captain Herm Weber will lead the Penn State contingent today. The Lion senior has done a great job this season, garnering two firsts against Cornell and Pitt.

In the Michigan State meet, Weber battled the Spartans' Clayton Ward for third position, but in the final 200 yards, he fell behind and had to settle for fourth.

Gerry Norman, State's sophomore sensation, will be shooting for his eighth straight first place today against the Mounties.

Norman lost the first meet he ran for Penn State when he placed second to Cornell's Dick Chapman in last year's freshman opener.

But since then he hasn't been defeated.

He won his next three freshman meets, took the freshman IC4A crown, and has added three varsity firsts this year.

Norman's greatest perfor-



RELIEVING THE TENSION—Penn State cross country stars Steve Moorhead (L) and Denny Johnson (R) engage in a little horseplay before practice yesterday. Captain Herm Weber looks on. The unbeaten Lions go against West Virginia (6-0) at home today.

mance came against Michigan State, the defending national champs, when he ran away from the field last Saturday to win in 25:45.8. He was 20 seconds ahead of teammate Steve Moorhead.

Moorhead, who figures to be one of the top Lion milers when the track season gets under way, has done a commendable job for the harriers this season, tying for first at Cornell and taking a second in the Spartan meet.

At Pittsburgh, the Lion junior was troubled with illness and finished back in tenth position.

Lion sophomore, Howie Deardorff, has posted a respectable record for his first year of varsity competition. Deardorff's best performance came against Cornell when he was involved in a five-way tie for first. Since then he has recorded a fourth and a seventh.

Lion seniors, Ernie Noll and Denny Johnson, also will be out to improve their slates against the Mountaineers today.

Noll finished out of the money for the first time this year against Michigan State. Before that he

had tied for first at Cornell and tied for fourth against Pitt.

Johnson has carded two ninth and a tenth this season.

Also going for the Lion harriers today are Fred Larson, Lionel Bassett, Mike Miller, Walt Miller, Dave LaHoff, and Herb Carver.

This is Carver's first race. The Lion junior ran four years of track and cross country in high school before coming to Penn State.

Gridiron Notes

Penn State will be seeking its fourth straight triumph over a Big Ten opponent tomorrow against Illinois at Champaign . . . The Lions and Illinois have met twice before, with State winning both . . . The Lions won 14-12 in 1954 and last year they posted a 20-9 win in Cleveland . . . The other Big Ten win was over Ohio State, 7-6, in 1956 . . . Four game figures show that Illinois holds an edge over opponents in almost every statistical department . . . The same goes for Penn State . . . The Lions are making the trip to Champaign by TWA charter from Harrisburg . . . They're scheduled for a workout in Illinois' Memorial Stadium this afternoon . . . After that they'll be quartered at the Lincoln Lodge Motel . . . The Lions will return home

after the game, arriving on campus at approximately 12:15 a.m. Sunday morning . . . Tomorrow's game will mark the last for Penn State against a Big Ten opponent until 1963 when the Lions will tangle with Ohio State at Columbus . . . Thanks to sophomore specialist Charlie Raisig, Penn State's punting has improved over previous years . . . Raisig has punted 20 times for 725 yards and a 36.3 average . . . Halfback Jim Kerr is Penn State's leading scorer with four touchdowns good for 24 points . . .

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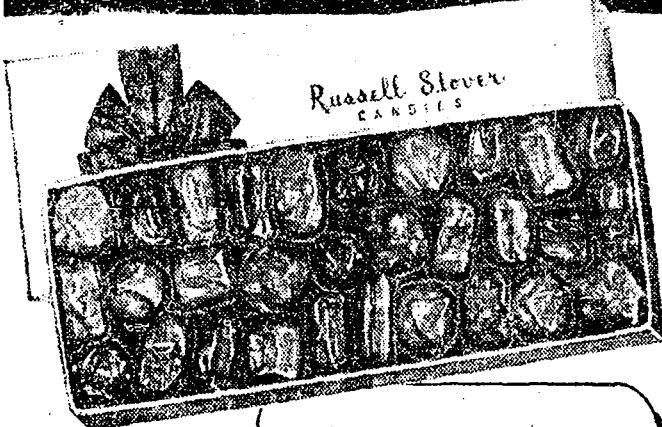
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