

Rain, Cold Weather Hurt Lion Thinclads

By DENNIS KNECHT

The sound 89 1/3 - 41 2/3 thrashing that Penn State's track team suffered at Navy Saturday may not have been as bad as it looks on paper.

The fact is that the Lions were not ready for the meet because weather conditions put a serious crimp in coach Chick Werner's practice plans.

"We got beat and that's all there is to it," Werner said after the poor showing. "We don't make alibis."

But the Lion coach had an explanation for the bad whipping.

"Tuesday was the only day we had to practice the week before the meet," he said. "Navy was just in better shape than we were."

This is not an excuse, it's a fact.

The trouble started when rain ruined plans to hold time trials on Saturday. Trials are usually held a week before the first meet of the season to give the coaches an idea of the team's potential. They also serve as a basis for selecting the top men in each event.

RAIN, COLD and strong winds continued through Monday, ruining another practice. However, Werner did manage to time his top distance men—Howie Deardorff, Gerry Norman, Steve Moorhead and Mike Miller—in the four-mile relay.

Miller was the only one of the quartet who did not place in Saturday's meet. Deardorff and Norman finished first and second in the mile run, and the other way around in the two-mile scoring eight points apiece. Moorhead placed third in the 440 and 880-yard runs.

Werner didn't blame the loss entirely on the lack of practice.

"I THINK they would have beaten us anyway, because they have a good team," he said. "But it wouldn't have been by such a big score."



Howie Deardorff

Graham Upset In Mat Action

By ED CARPENTER

The defeat of a top-seeded wrestler highlighted last night's intramural wrestling at Rec Hall. John Graham of Delta Theta Sigma, who was runner-up last year in the 176-pound class, was trounced by Curtis Bierly of Alpha Kappa Lambda, 11-3.

Winning their second matches were Ralph Strouse, a 150-pound independent who pinned Worthy Bingham of Northumberland in 3:40; Dan Gamaldi, a 158-pound independent who pinned Lawrence McDevitt of Chester in 5:04; and Hyman Shulman of Phi Sigma Delta, who pinned Ed Kabala of Phi Kappa Tau at 2:43 in a heavyweight bout.

Summary

- 122—Lingo, BTPI, pinned Grover, TKE, 1:30; Paine, LCAI, pinned Larson, PMDel, 2:45; Luciano, Cumberland, pinned McCreezy, Juniper, 3:22.
- 123—Hana, PMDel, pinned Riegl, Tri-angel, 3:40; Weiss, BTPI, pinned Yearick, SigChi, 2:45.
- 124—Thiel, PDTH, dec. Heiser, LCAI, 7-1; Ryer, FKPhi, dec. Dunn, PLPhi, 5-3; Morrison, FGDel, dec. Barlow, SigNa, 4-2; Gilmore, Jor. I, pinned Dax, Legona II, 3-7.
- 125—Strouse, Independent, pinned Bingham, Northumberland, 3:40; Reddinger, DU, dec. Correl, DSPhi, 2-1.
- 126—Reed, Independent, pinned Boba, Ballman, 4:45; Gamaldi, Independent, pinned McDevitt, Chester, 5:04; Lucas, DPhi, ref. dec. Pangburn, DTD, 5-5; Moll, TPDel, pinned Cutler, ZBT, 2:34; Ryner, PEPI, dec. Gilbert, Acacia, 3-3; Kinross, Chi Phi, pinned Karas, KDS, 1:30; Kaestli, FKPhi, dec. Trexler, TALK, 5-4.
- 127—Hobbs, SigNa, won by forfeit; Anderson, Independent, pinned Hartman, EK, 2:44.
- 128—Bierly, AKLambda, dec. Graham, DTSig, 11-3; Kahler, PLPhi, pinned Allender, AGRho, 4:19.
- 129—Shulman, PSDel, pinned Kabala, FKPhi, 2:43; Shusterman, Independent, pinned Galkowski, Clearfield, 3:50; Donald, Mt. ZI, won by forfeit.

Night Clash With Owls

Penn State's football game with Rice at Houston next Oct. 6 will be played at night. The Nittany Lions played two night games last fall, losing to Miami and beating Boston University.

Australian Mile Star Retires Undeclared

CAMBRIDGE, England (AP)—Herb Elliott, Australia's unbeaten miler, retired from competition yesterday and dashed hopes of a "mile of the century" duel with New Zealand's Peter Snell.

"It is no use attempting to run a record mile unless you give yourself completely to training," Elliott, a natural science major at Cambridge University, said. "I realized I was not interested in smashing records any more and that I should do something about it."

Elliott, who smashed the 4-minute barrier 17 times, held the world record of 3 minutes, 54.5 seconds for nearly four years until it was beaten three months ago by Snell's 3:54.4.

Track fans had been looking forward to the meeting of these two great milers in the British Empire Games at Perth, Australia, later this year.

"I regret that I will not run in the Commonwealth Games in my home town of Perth," Elliott said. "I would have liked a crack at Snell. I suppose I have been living with this decision since I came to Cambridge more than a year ago."

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Netmen To Count on Sophs To Improve 4-8 Record

By KEN DENLINGER

Tennis coach Sherm Fogg seems a bit reluctant to predict the fortunes of this year's net squad, but for a good reason. There is a chance that his starting lineup at Pitt tomorrow will include four sophomores and it is hard to say what the untested newcomers will do in varsity competition.

"Potentially we could have a real fine team," Fogg said yesterday. "Of course the other teams will be strong also. We'll be depending a great deal on these sophomores to carry us along."

The newcomers who will be counted on to improve the netmen's dismal 4-8 record of last year are Alan Isaacman, Csaba Balazs, Steve Seitchik and George Coulter.

ISAACMAN, former William Penn of Harrisburg star, is a steady player, one who's not likely to be affected by opening meet pressure.

Balazs is described by Fogg as a "player who is improving every day" and may open in the number four position.

Seitchik, while not the fastest man on the courts, seems to be able to anticipate opponent's shots and counter with well placed volleys of his own.

Coulter could break into the starting lineup, but will probably be used for doubles action the first few matches.

The return of last year's number one man Jim Baker and senior Whit Gray give the Lions some semblance of experience to go along with the sophs.

Baker, hampered by a leg injury late last season, appears to have regained top form. "He'll be



JIM BAKER

our best man again this year," Fogg said.

Gray, IM singles champ two years ago, has one of the most awkward styles around. However, that same unorthodox manner produced a 6-4-1 record last year and should improve with added experience.

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