

Improved Thinclads Set For IC4A Championships

By DENNIS KNECHT

If a track team were awarded points and could win the IC4A Championships on the basis of how much it had improved since the beginning of the season, there would be little doubt that Penn State would win the trophy in today's and tomorrow's meet in Villanova Stadium. The Lions started slowly, and lost to Navy by almost 50 points in the first dual meet of the season, but over the past six weeks have built up a strong unit that would, by comparison of scores, have little trouble with the Midlands now.

On the Lion track team it is not a question of will there be an improvement, but who will improve the most for the coming meet.

"STEVE POPP is our most improved man this week," coach Chick Werner said before leaving for Villanova yesterday. "We've been using a weight harness to build up his speed and he's responded very well. He should run his fastest time this week."

Unfortunately a team can't win only on improvement, and Popp will be up against two of the world's fastest men, Villanova's Frank Budd and Paul Drayton, in the dashes today and tomorrow in the Championships.

Popp could knock two-tenths of a second off his best time of 9.8 in the 100-yard dash, but Budd holds the world record of 9.2 and Drayton's fastest time is 9.3.

State's distance runners—Steve Moorhead, Gerry Norman and Howie Deardorff—have the best chances of winning, or placing high in their events.

NORMAN AND Yale's Bob Mack will battle for the three-

mile mark of 14:11.8. The Lion distance star's best time for the distance is 13:56.

Only Georgetown's John Reilly has a better time (1:48.7) than Deardorff's 1:50.6 in the 880. Either man has a good chance to break the record of 1:49.1.

Moorhead's best time in the 3,000-meter steeplechase is 9:16. He'll be up against the Wildcats' Pat Traynor, last year's winner. Deardorff and Moorhead are entered in the mile, but may scratch. Their best times are 4:10.5 and 4:11.4, respectively.

BOB GRANTHAM is entered in three events—120 high hurdles, broad jump and hop, step and jump. He has a good chance of placing in the two field events with distances of 23'9" and 47'2".

State's pole vault record-holder Ron Beard (14'5") and teammate Ciro Risoldi (14'4") will face a tough field which includes 15-plus vaulters Rolando Cruz from Villanova and John Baltiza of Maryland.

Jerry Wettstone, Lion high jump record-holder at 6'6 1/2", and George Casey (6'5 1/4") will also be up against a tough field led by Boston University's John Thomas, whose best for the season is 6'10".

The Lion's other entrants in-



HOWIE DEARDORFF

clude Mike Miller in the 440-yard hurdles, George Barnhill in the 120 hurdles, John Courtney in the discus, Tom Urbanik in the shot put and Risoldi and Dick Walker in the javelin.

Golfers, Netmen in Finales Against Cornell Tomorrow

By KEN DENLINGER

The Penn State golf and tennis teams started their respective seasons on just the same level. Both were led by steady captains and both were counting heavily on the development of untried sophomores.

Tomorrow both teams end their seasons against a common opponent—Cornell—but in between they have been as far apart as East Halls and Sackett.

FOR GOLF COACH Joe Boyle, the season has been one of sheer pleasure. He has witnessed the steady play of captain Bob Swahn as well as the development of sophomores Jim Tabor, Dave Liebau, Roland Gartner, Joe Baidy, and Bill Robinson into winning competitive golfers.

Swahn will be playing in the last match of his collegiate career,

while Tabor will be out to gain his eleventh victory in a row. The team as a whole has compiled a record of ten wins against a lone setback.

For tennis coach Sherm Fogg, the season has been one of frustration. He too has seen the fine play of his captain Jim Baker, but sometimes Baker's efforts were not good enough. The Lion senior will also be playing the final match of his collegiate career, and will be looking for his seventh win against four defeats.

FOGG'S SOPHOMORES have developed considerably, but haven't been able to win with any degree of consistency.

The record of Alan Isaacman (3-7) matches the team's won-loss mark. Csaba Balazs in the number four position has won but one match, while Steve Seitchik in number five has won two.

One last bit of similarity; both teams won their first matches of the season, the golfers defeating Georgetown, the netmen downing Pitt. It would be nice to end the year in similar fashion.

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