

Individual Performances Highlight Track Season

By DENNIS KNECHT

For many individual members of this year's outdoor track team, this was the best season they have ever had. But for coach Chick Werner, the 2-2 dual meet record and the Lion placings in invitational carnivals made this year, "just an ordinary season."

"I don't want to belittle any of the boys on the team," Werner explained, "because most of them did the best they could. We bettered a few records, but as a team we didn't do too well."

Werner, State track coach for 29 years, has a fine record including an undefeated season in cross country, indoor and outdoor track last year.

AFTER a 4-1 cross country and 0-3 indoor track dual meet records, the outdoor team started slowly in the first meet.

Navy humiliated the thinclads, 89½-41½, April 14. After that the Lions started moving. They just missed beating Michigan State in the home opener on Beaver Field. The score was all tied at 63-63 before the last event, the mile relay, won the meet for the Spartans.

The Lions got their chance though the next week and defeated Pitt, 93½-37½. A week later they smashed the powerful Quantico Marines, 81½-59½.

MOST of the outstanding members will be graduating this year, among them Captain Steve Moorhead, Gerry Norman, Ron Beard, Jerry Wettstone, Tony Wayne and Dick Kessler.

Norman, who was outstanding all year, has competed in only two years of varsity competition, but has completed his four-year course in three years and will not be back next season.

Norman is ranked as one of the nation's top distance runners after a fine performance in the 5,000-meter run in the Los Angeles Coliseum Relays two weeks ago. He broke the meet record by two seconds in the event with a 14:25.5 clocking in placing fifth.

Norman ran the two-mile in State's dual meets and finished the season undefeated. His best time was 9:00.5, just missing Dick



STATE LEADS: Steve Moorhead (right) and Howie Deardorff run almost side-by-side half way through the mile run against Michigan State May 5. They tied for first place in 4:16. The Spartans won the meet by capturing the mile relay.

Englebrink's school record of 8:59.9.

THE LION star also ran the three-mile, winning the event in the Ohio Relays in 14:03.8, but his best time for the distance came in the 5,000 race at the Coliseum, where he was clocked in 13:56 at the three-mile mark.

Jerry Wettstone set two State high jump records during the year. He holds the indoor mark at 6'6¾" set against Ohio State and the outdoor mark of 6'6¼" set against

Beard, pole vault record-holder at 14'5", has shared the spotlight this season with teammate Ciro Risoldi. Beard tied Ogie Norris' three-year old 14' record in the Ohio Relays. Risoldi was the first to break the record, vaulting 14'4¼" in the dual meet against Pitt.

Beard set the present record two weeks ago against Quantico. MOORHEAD won quite a bit of fame in the mile and 3,000-meter steeplechase. His best time for the mile was 4:10.5, and the best for the steeplechase was 9:16.

Howie Deardorff, the only thinclad with considerable experience who will be back next year, shared the spotlight with Moorhead in the mile with a top mark of 4:11.4. Deardorff also set the 880-yard meet record in the Pitt meet with a 1:50.6 clocking. He finished sixth in the IC4A Championships in 1:51.4.

Werner was especially pleased with his team's showing in the last two dual meets. Against Pitt, 12 of the 25 athletes who completed made the best showings of their career while four records fell.

AT THAT TIME Werner said of the team, "This isn't the most talented team we've ever had but it's the tryingest team. I can't ever remember an all-out record, such as this one, at Penn State before."

Against Quantico, a team which had almost upset IC4A champion Villanova earlier in the season, the Lions scored a tremendous 22 point victory. No one, not even Werner expected that big of a victory.

Outstanding Sophs Lead Linksters to 11-1 Season

By JOE GRATA

State's golf team defeated Cornell, 5-2, at Ithaca, N.Y., Tuesday to conclude its schedule with a 11-1 record.

The Lions found eastern powerhouses Maryland, Navy, Bucknell, and the Big Red easy prey this year and also demonstrated strength when three times they blanked opponents by 7-0 scores.

West Virginia's linksmen marred State hopes for an undefeated season, however, in the sixth match when the Mountaineers were victorious, 5-4. The importance of the meet became more evident Tuesday.

"West Virginia was the last team I thought we'd have any trouble beating," State golf coach Joe Boyle said earlier this week, "but the end result of our season was much better than I expected."

Outstanding performances by five sophomores accounted heavily for State's success. Together they turned in a 42-13 log and were out of the lineup only five times. Although this year was their first in collegiate circles, the outstanding quintet started strong, ousting three of four returning lettermen from the lineup before the season began.

CAPTAIN BOB SWAHN was the only returning letterman to see action in more than three matches. Swahn, a senior, turned in an 8-4 season slate.

Teammate Paul Hummer, a junior, played in the number seven slot this year. Despite seeing little action as a sophomore, he came on strong this year and turned in a 9-3 record and chalked up the team's biggest winning margin when he defeated Pitt's Larry McCullough, 10 and 8.

Among the notable achievements for the golfers was a vast improvement in the season record, upping last year's 8-4 slate. The Nittany linksmen also jumped from ninth to third in the Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Association tournament.

By winning eleven matches, the linksmen tied the State record for the most wins in one season. Robert "Top" Rutherford, Sr.'s team turned the trick in 1942 with a 11-2 mark.

ONE OF THE best individual performances here in years was turned in by sophomore Jim Tabor, the Lions' number one man. Tabor, whose father is a professional at a Harrisburg country club, was unbeaten in 12 matches.

Roland Gartner, another sopho-



JIM TABOR ... posts unbeaten record

more, played well at the number two post this season, turning in a 9-3 record. Gartner was recently elected next year's captain. Others of the soph quintet include Joe Baidy, Bill Robinson, and Dave Liebau.

According to Boyle, each has shown vast improvement. Liebau was a semi-finalist in the EIGA individual championships.

"BY THE TIME next spring rolls around, all the boys will have more experience," Boyle said. "They'll have an ideal opportunity to consider and correct mistakes over the summer."

Next year's schedule forbids any optimistic outlook. All the teams State met here this year will be met on the opponents' links next season. One weekend will find the Lions on the road for a Friday match at Maryland with Navy to follow Saturday.

Syracuse and Colgate will also involve a weekend trip. Penn. said to have a team of promising freshmen, should be another strong opponent.

INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Jim Tabor, 12-0; Roland Gartner, 8-3; Paul Hummer, 9-3; Bill Robinson, 8-3; Bob Swahn, 8-4; Joe Baidy, 6-3; Dave Liebau, 6-4; Dick Gillison, 1-2; Dave Miller, 1-0.

Crawford Captures IM Softball Crown

Crawford House captured the independent league softball championship last evening with an 8-6 come-from-behind win over Watts.

With two out in the fifth and down 6-2, Crawford scored three times. They tallied three more runs in the sixth and held Watts scoreless in the seventh to gain the margin victory.

Crawford earned the right to meet Watts by defeating Franklin, 7-5, Clearfield, 3-2, and the Nittany area champ 20-5. The team composed a lusty .439 batting average enroute to the championship.

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of the greatest basketball players in Penn State history."

State outdid quite a few basketball powerhouses for the 6'5" cager who averaged 21 points and 16 rebounds a game.

From Indiana the Lions are getting another 6'5" player whose credentials are also quite good. This cager was all-sectional, all-regional and all-semi-state in Indiana.

The other player that has said he will enter next fall is 6'6" and was an all-sectional choice in the tough WPIAL this year.

EGLI AND SIMPSON expect to come up with a couple more players before the summer is over which could make for quite an interesting freshman team.

With all the talk about the freshman though, it's easy to almost overlook what could be a much better than average varsity team next season. Egli has two veteran performers in co-captains John Mitchell and Earl Hoffman. Along with these two, he has 6'8" Ulo Kart, 6'5" Jack Marin, ball handler Bobby Donato and three or four outstanding frosh that are expected to make a real run at a starting berth.

In particular Egli and Simpson are high on Bob Weiss, Terry Hoover and Ron Avillion. Egli expects Weiss to be one of State's best ball players in quite a while and the 6'7" Hoover and 6'6" Avillion both could be starters.

The 20-game schedule won't hurt the Lions' chances either. State will play ten contests on the road and eight at home, plus a holiday tournament at Charleston, W.Va. The schedule calls for games with Maryland, Lehigh, Syracuse, Colgate, Pittsburgh, Temple, Bucknell, Carnegie Tech, West Virginia and Rutgers.

AUGUST 11 this writer is going to appear on a half hour television show on Channel 11 in Pittsburgh. The appearance is a direct result of the column I wrote concerning the wrestling tactics of the Pitt Panthers. But besides wrestling, Beano Cook, director of the show and sports public relations director at Pitt, says he is going to ask a question about basketball. His question will be: "Why does Penn State ignore basketball?"

And this will be my answer. "Mr. Cook, Penn State is no longer ignoring basketball. The administration finally woke up."

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