

Bassett 'Bread and Butter Man' As Lions Defeat Michigan State, 25-30

By JOE GRATA

Lionel Bassett turned out to be "bread and butter man" for the State cross-country squad Saturday as the Lions defeated a powerful Michigan State contingent, 25-30, to continue unbeaten in three outings.

Captain Howie Deardorff finished first for State in 25:37.2 minutes, the second fastest time ever recorded on the five-mile University course. But Bassett's sixth place finish spelled the winning margin.

Bassett, a two-year letterman, was jogging in eighth place at the end of four miles. Aware that two Michigan State distance runners just ahead of him might be enough to swing the score in the Spartans' favor, Bassett stepped on the gas and passed MSU's Mike Kaines and Don Castle to ride home as No. 6 man.

BASSETT'S performance was commendable in the fact that his final mile was covered in a brisk 5:09 minutes compared to Kaines' 5:35 and Castle's 5:33. Had the race ended after the four-mile mark, the Lion harriers would have been upended by the impressive Spartans.

The victory over Michigan State was a follow-up of wins over Pitt and Cornell on an uphill dual-meet schedule which comes to a climax Saturday when the Nittanics entertain a Navy squad that stands undefeated in three starts.

Saturday's meet also marked the Nittanics' home opener and the home coaching debut of coach John Lucas who succeeded Charles (Chic) Werner as cross-country and track boss late this summer.



HOWIE DEARDORFF

Werner, now executive director of the U.S. Track and Field Federation (the organization voicing so much opposition concerning the A.A.U.'s regulations on amateur track and field athletes), attended the meet as official starter.

Colonel Ellis B. Ritchie, professor of military science and head of the University's Army R.O.T.C. program, served as official timer.

Finishing behind Deardorff in the "grudge match" where the Lions sought and gained revenge for a 27-28 victory the Spartans handed them last year were Michigan State harriers Roger Humbarger (25:48) and Orlin Larson (25:52).

STATE WAS also "up" for MSU because the Spartans edged



COLIN GRANT

the Lions for the ICAA championship last year. Michigan State finished the race at New York City's Van Cortland Park with 82 points while the Nittanics scored 90 for runner-up honors.

Sophomore Colin Grant, placing fourth, was the second State harrier to cross the finish line. Grant, who made the jaunt in an impressive time of 25:56, was trailed by another State sophomore, Dick Lampman.

Monogram winner Joe Nichols ended up ninth, Dick Tuft, 13th, and letterman Ted Imswiler, 14th.

Yesterday the Lions underwent a rough workout. Hundreds of spectators caught a glimpse of State's harriers as the runners jogged north along Route 322 during the five o'clock rush hour.

Fullmer Faces Tiger In WBA Title Fight

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Champion Gene Fullmer, the awkward-appearing belter from Utah, risks his World Boxing Association crown an eighth time tonight facing Nigerian Dick Tiger, a sharper hitter with as much strength.

Neither 160-pounder has set any pattern of action for the 15-round closed-circuit television battle at Candlestick Park with Fullmer's share of the world championship at stake.

"Whatever way he wants to fight me is the way I'll fight him," declares the 33-year-old Tiger whose given name Ihetu was discarded long ago when he started boxing with the leaping style of a tiger.

SINCE THEN, he's improved steadily, using a close-in style at attack with the left hook his best weapon and a straight right to the body almost as dangerous.

Despite reports the challenger was having trouble making the 160-pound limit, the odds in his favor have climbed the past few days from 7-5 to 8-5.

Even when the odds were 7-5, Fullmer expressed disdain for the declaration, "If I didn't think I could win, I wouldn't have offered to fight him."

Fullmer ended his workouts last Friday but Tiger boxed on Saturday and scheduled a workout yesterday on the eve of the fight. His manager, Jersey Jones, indicated a problem with weight when he announced yesterday's drill.

"We're not concerned about the weight, but Tiger is," said Jones. The 31-year-old champion with the flat fighter's nose won his

title here in August, 1959, stopping Carmen Basilio in the 14th round of the National Boxing Association elimination bout. Since then the NBA has become the WBA.

WHILE THE WBA recognizes Fullmer, Paul Pender of Massachusetts is called champion in his home state and in New York and Europe.

Tiger holds the British Empire title but the British Boxing Board recognizes Pender as world champion.

The challenger never has been stopped en route to a 45-12-2 record and has won seven straight. He boasts 21 knockouts, including one over Florentine Fernandez in six rounds.

Fullmer's record is 55-4-2. He got a decision over Fernandez in a title fight 14 months ago. The champion has been stopped once — by Sugar Ray Robinson.

Pitt Oldest Grid Foe

Oldest opponent on Penn State's 1962 football schedule is Pittsburgh which first squared off against the Nittany Lions in 1893.

Theta Xi Wins Fourth Straight, 18-0

By ED CARPENTER

Combining all possible ways of scoring in a football game, Theta Xi won its fourth straight decision of the season last night by swamping Zeta Beta Tau, 18-0.

The scoring was opened early in the game when Theta Xi's Buddy Hughes tagged ZBT's Lanny Bowtyz in the end zone for a two point safety. Minutes later Theta Xi marched down to ZBT's 18, and on fourth down Marlin Biesecker kicked a three-point field goal. Neither team managed to score during the remainder of the half and Theta Xi led at intermission, 5-0.

With seven minutes gone in the second half, Hughes pounced on a badly centered ball on ZBT's seven. On the first play from scrimmage, quarterback Biesecker scampered over for the score and added the conversion to make it 12-0.

With two minutes to go in the game, Biesecker intercepted a pass at midfield and returned it to ZBT's 20. Three passes later the Theta Xi quarterback hit Gene Sterner in the end zone for the six-pointer. The PAT failed and the game ended with Theta Xi on top, 18-0.

In other fraternity action, Sigma Phi Epsilon remained unbeaten by defeating Beta Sigma Rho, 14-7.

BETA SIG scored first on a

sixty-yard pass from Rich Bronner to Bob Rutenberg in the first minutes of play. The conversion was made by Art Makadon.

SPE tied the score some ten minutes later on a twenty-yard pass from Jess Kozusko to Bill Shoop. The PAT was made by Jeff Heim. The winning score by SPE came on a two-yard pass from Ron Baron to Kozusko. The play was set up by a pass from Baron to Shoop which brought the ball to the two-yard line. Heim made the conversion which ended the scoring.

Phi Delta Theta, last year's IM champion, had a tough time defeating Alpha Kappa Lambda, 2-0.

IN OTHER fraternity action, Mike Soccio figured in his team's

two scores as Tau Kappa Epsilon defeated Sigma Alpha Mu, 14-0.

Phi Kappa Sigma scored a first half touchdown to defeat Phi Kappa Theta, 6-0.

Alpha Phi Delta scored a safety in overtime to defeat Sigma Tau Gamma, 2-0.

In independent action, unbeaten Birch defeated Locust, 1-0; Larch beat Poplar, 7-0; Jordan I edged Hemlock, 1-0; Lawrence up-ended Butler, 3-0; Nittany 33-4 shutout Nittany 39-40, 13-0; Armstrong defeated Elk, 13-6; Cumberland won by forfeit over McKean; Columbia swamped Franklin, 31-0; Somerset squeaked by Carbon, 1-0; Jefferson shutout Nittany 35-8, 7-0; and Indiana tripped Bradford, 7-3.

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