

Deardorff Third in IC4A Race But Nittanies Suffer as Team

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 NEW YORK, N.Y., Nov. 19 — Villanova's Vic Zwolak and Pat Traynor finished first and second on the Van Cortlandt Park course today to pace the Wildcats to a team victory in the 54th annual IC4A Cross-Country Championships.

Zwolak, formerly a track standout for the Quantico Marines, sped over the five-mile distance in a record-setting time of 24:47.3 minutes.

Penn State's Howie Deardorff crossed the finish line third in 25:42 minutes, but preliminary tabulations showed the Nittany Lion harriers ended up somewhere in the middle of the team standings. The exact order of finish was not available.

BECAUSE FRESHMEN races in the college and university divisions and the college division varsity run preceded the IC4A race, statisticians were "up to their ears" with information. They weren't expected to complete official tabulations until late today.

Michigan State, defending IC4A title holders and winners of the race five times in the past six years, came through with runner-up honors. Both Villanova and MSU were pre-race favorites to win.

Villanova scored a low total of 49 points to capture the team title, with the Spartans of Michigan State trailing by four with 53. An unofficial tally showed that the Lions accumulated a total of almost 300 points.

The Lions' freshmen squad, paced by an eighth place finish by Fred Swanson and 15th place finish by George McCormick, placed third for team honors

behind Villanova and Providence College, both of whom scored 88 points.

State's Joe Nichols finished 23rd and Dick Lampman, 58th. Ted Imswiler and Dick Tuft ended up somewhere in the 80's and 90's. Lionel Bassett, the other State entry, dropped out of the running after suffering from cramps and a severe headache.

Colin Grant, inflicted last week with a severe inflammation of the achilles tendon, did not make the trip to New York.

The weather in New York was cold and the tricky Van Cortlandt Park course was wet. Snow flurries fell during most of yesterday.

Coach John Lucas said that the Lions' performance was "terrible."

LUCAS CALLED Deardorff one of the best distance runners in the United States and noted that the Nittany team captain ran neck-and-neck with Zwolak and Traynor until the two-mile mark.

"Zwolak himself ran well enough to beat any runner in the country," Lucas said. "At the finish, Howie trailed him by more than 200 yards."

Nichols, showing constant improvement over the Lions' unbeaten dual-meet season, also drew praise from the State coach.

Lucas said that the junior runner "turned in a great and remarkable performance."

Lampman turned in his worst race this year when he finished 58th. Lucas remarked that Lampman's run was "poor and unexcusable."

"All the scores haven't been tabulated yet," Lucas said, and we're not sure exactly where we finished. Even if I did know, I wouldn't want to say.

"Next Monday we'll be trying to bounce back in the NCAA meet at East Lansing (Mich.), though. We'll give it all we've got."

"I was especially pleased with the freshmen. They saved some of our prestige."

Finishing behind Swanson and McCormick for the Lion frosh were Geoffrey Webb (25th), Steve Hayden (39th) and Roland Rose (56th).

Pirates Trade Groat to Cards

ST. LOUIS (AP)—The St. Louis baseball Cardinals announced yesterday they obtained Dick Groat, captain of the Pittsburgh Pirates and 1960 National League batting champion and most valuable player, in a four-player trade.

The Cardinals, who needed batting power and a seasoned infielder, got shortstop Groat and pitcher Diomedes Olivo in exchange for shortstop Julio Gotay and pitcher Don Cardwell.

Pirate General Manager Joe L. Brown said in Pittsburgh, "We regret losing Groat. But we are getting a great potential ballplayer in Cardwell. I feel we are strengthening our pitching staff."

Satisfaction with the deal was also stated by Card General Manager Bing Devine, who said Groat "has the experience and the skill we've needed. I'm sure he'll be a steadying influence on Julian Javier (second baseman) and add a lot of life and leadership to our infield."

Cardinal manager Johnny Keane, speaking at his home in Houston, Tex., backed Devine's comment about Groat and added: "He's one of the best in the league at handling the bat."

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