

Lion Runners 12th in NCAA's; Deardorff Finishes Race 8th

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EAST LANSING, Mich., Nov. 26—Tom O'Hara, a junior at Loyola of Chicago, captured individual honors at the NCAA Cross-Country Championships here by speeding over the four-mile Michigan State University course in 19:20.3 minutes.

San Jose State, one of the pre-race favorites for team honors, did just that by scoring a low total of 58 points to continue Western United States' dominance of the nationals. Villanova, winner of the ICAA race in New York City last week, finished as runner-up with 69 points.

Penn State distance runner Howie Deardorff, who crossed the finish line third at the ICAA run, climaxed his four year cross-country career by turning in his most impressive performance as a Nittany Lion harrier.

THE STATE team captain finished eighth, but not before forcing his rivals for individual honors to sweat out the final mile of the race.

Deardorff led the entire pack of runners by a scant margin at the end of three miles but couldn't

quite maintain his torrid pace over the final mile of the Akers Golf Course trail. His final time was 19:49 minutes, called by State track boss John Lucas, "the fastest time ever recorded by a Penn State athlete in the nationals."

As a team, the Nittanies finished 12th. At last week's ICAA event, State finished ninth. In the 1961 NCAA race, the Lions concluded a 4-1 season with an eighth place finish in the nationals.

State runner Lionel Bassett placed 51st (20:51); Joe Nichols, 61st (21:03); Dick Lampman, 65th (21:16), and Dick Tuft, 70th (21:25).

ASIDE FROM Deardorff's showing, coach Lucas said he wasn't pleased with the rest of the team "although they ran as hard as they could."

Lucas also called Deardorff's performance "tremendous," and said the team missed Colin Grant because "he was one of our leaders." Grant suffered a severe inflammation of the achilles tendon in his right leg about three weeks ago.

Finishing second in the NCAA race was Villanova's Pat Traynor, also the runner-up in the ICAA championships.

The Wildcats' Vic Zwolak, the ex-Marine who set a new record on the Van Cortlandt Park course in the ICAA's, ended up in fourth place.

The top ten finishers in today's NCAA run covered the course in less than 20 minutes, probably the fastest 10-man finish in the 24-year-old history of the event.

INDIVIDUAL CHAMP O'Hara, a former Chicago schoolboy star, succeeds Oregon State's Dale Storey. Known for having won the 1961 NCAA crown by running over the course bare-footed, Storey did not finish among the top 10 runners, however, because of an injured foot.

Defending team winner Oregon State didn't place among the top five teams.

Dan Murphy, a sophomore from San Jose State, placed third in 19:32 minutes. Coach Lucas called Murphy, running in the first race he has ever lost or has not set a new course record, "the greatest long distance prospect in America."

The event concluded the cross-country season for the Nittany distance runners who finished with an unbeaten (4-0) record during the regular dual-meet season.

By The Associated Press
 Southern California's unbeaten and untied Trojans, seeking to bring the West Coast its first national football championship since 1939, clung to the No. 1 spot yesterday in the major college rankings of The Associated Press.

The hot Trojans, 14-3 come-from-behind victors Saturday over UCLA, beat out their Jan. 1 Rose Bowl foe, Wisconsin's Badgers, who climbed from third to second. Wisconsin won the Big Ten Conference championship Saturday by nipping Minnesota 14-9.

THE TROJANS picked up 19 of the 43 first place votes. Third-ranked Mississippi got 12, Wisconsin 9 and ninth-ranked Penn State 3.

Mississippi, idle last week, tumbled from second to third after a tight ballot battle with the Badgers. The undefeated Rebels collected 350 points.

Oklahoma's Sooners, who won the Big Eight crown and an Orange Bowl bid with a 34-6 triumph over Nebraska, soared two notches, rising from 10th to eighth.

Texas and Penn State remained right where they were a week ago despite victories. The Longhorns, who stung Texas A&M 13-3, were fourth, and the Nittany Lions, who conquered Pitt 16-0, remained ninth.

Whether Southern California

wins the national championship undoubtedly will depend on what happens in the Trojans' game at Los Angeles Saturday with vastly-improved Notre Dame. The national championship will be determined by next weekend's poll.

Only three other clubs among the top ten have unfinished business. Mississippi faces Mississippi State at Oxford, Alabama tests Auburn at Birmingham and Oklahoma goes to Oklahoma State.

THE TOP TEN	
1. Southern Cal. (19)	397
2. Wisconsin (9)	360
3. Mississippi (12)	350
4. Texas	299
5. Alabama	230
6. Arkansas	187
7. Louisiana State	135
8. Oklahoma	132
9. Penn State (3)	129
10. Minnesota	64



Howie Deardorff

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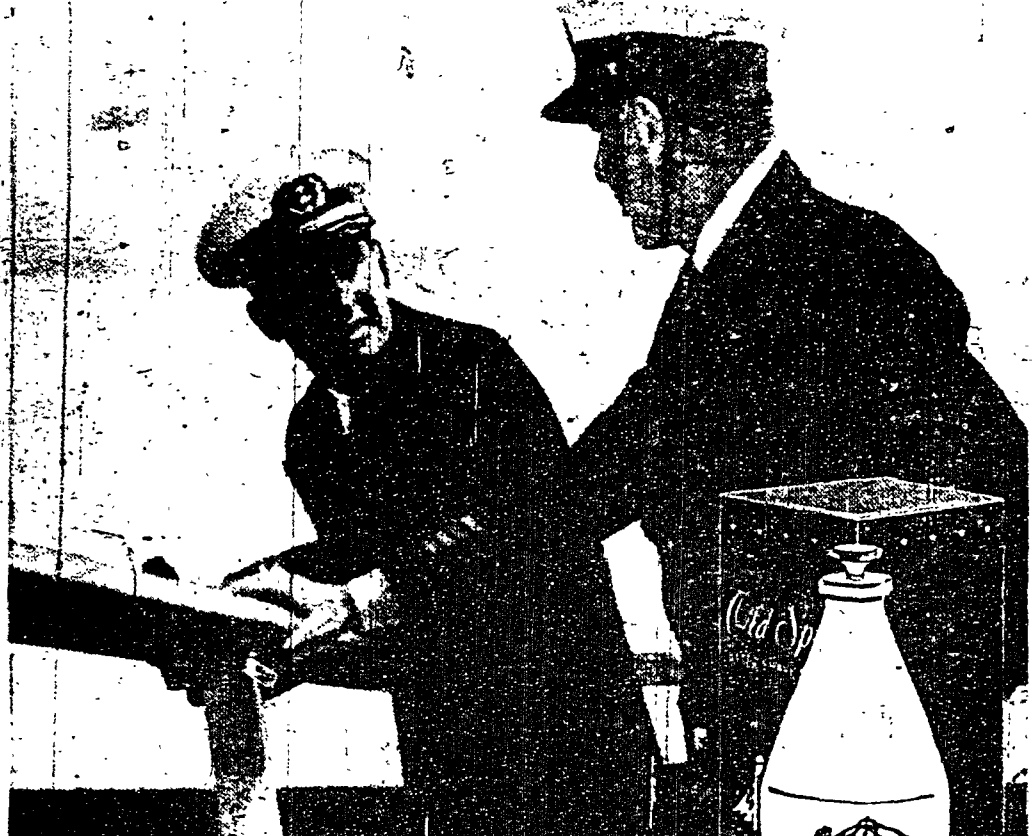
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