

Groves checking out another season

Penn State track coach Harry Groves probably has nothing against freshmen athletes, but few will find their way into Groves' starting cross country lineup this season it appears.

"Any team that enters a season relying on freshmen," Groves said, "is going to lose its shirt. Any coach can give a freshman experience, but it's more important at this

stage to be concerned with his development."

Putting together this year's squad in preparation for the season opener at Villanova on Sept. 29, Groves had 50 runners show up for last week's practices. Only 12 athletes will be permitted to compete each week but Groves mentioned, "Hopefully, they won't be the same 12 guys each week."

Lettermen returning from last season's 4-0 team are co-captains Charlie Maguire and Bob Hillman, Gary Gittings, George Christopher, Ken Wilson and Ron Secord.

Hillman won't see much action in the season's early going due to a student teaching commitment, but was still chosen as a co-captain because, Groves said, "He was a good man for the job and the guys voted him in."

All the runners have been attending daily workouts in accordance with a program Groves designs for each individual athlete. The emphasis in cross country, the Lion mentor said, is on development and not experience.

"Effort, time and guidance are important," Groves continued, "and so is strength and muscular development in the upper body. Strength in the lower body comes, of course, through running."

He said the purpose of weight lifting to strengthen the upper body is primarily to increase circulation.

Concerning this year's competition, Groves indicated he will begin checking out rosters and previews in a few days.

"You give all your opponents the benefit of the doubt until the season gets underway," he cautioned.

The conservative Groves did mention a meet with Georgetown and William & Mary as a good one. "Both schools are distance-oriented and the meet should be very interesting," he said.

Groves said he will give all 50 athletes out for the team a good look. "Some will not make the team, and will be club runners," Groves said, "but this year's club athletes may be next year's varsity athletes."

—Dave Dunlop

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Women's field hockey

Experienced team returns

There won't be too many new faces on the women's field hockey team this year. Field hockey coach Tonya Toole can count on six returning varsity starters to offer opponents an experienced team.

The team features returning right wing Anne Findlay and inner right Julie Soriero. Findlay played her way to the National Field Hockey Tournament last year, one of two Penn Staters to make the national squad. Five were selected as far as the Mideast team. Soriero fired in 15 goals last year to become the leading returning scorer.

Other returning starters include left wing Lyndell Shindler left halfback Linda McConnell, right halfback Barb Doran, and left fullback Gwen Kranzley. In addition Toole will have her pick of 22 women returning from a week of hockey camp.

The team will be out to better last year's 5-3-1 record. They will face a tough card against Cortland, Lock Haven, West Chester, and Buckell.

Toole will get her first look at the team in a scrimmage against Wilson College on September 22.

—Bill Guthlein

Lady golfers lack depth

If all the matches on the women golfers' fall slate called for two-player teams, as does the Eastern regional championships, coach Annette Thompson would probably be anticipating an outstanding autumn.

However, Thompson has to come up with at least four for the remainder of the small autumn schedule, and this may be a problem. Her number one player, Andrea Dutcher, is out student teaching this term and won't be back on the links 'til spring, leaving Thompson with only two proven players.

These two, Marcia Gullo of State College and Julie Smith of Syracuse, N.Y., were important factors in last year's 7-1 record, and they will carry the Lady Lions through the fall. "They've both been playing all summer, and playing well. I think we'll give a real good showing in the Easterns," said Thompson.

One other returnee is Mary Ellen Cain, whom Thompson labels as a hard worker.

Thompson has two new prospects this fall in freshman Linda Hook, from State College, and Sophomore Janet Ifert of Punxsutawney, Pa. Hook had a 13 handicap in high school.

The gals' fall schedule includes a two-way match with Brockport and Madison College here on the White Course, and a match at Cortland, N.Y., in addition to the Easterns, which will be held at Seabury, Mass.

"Brockport will probably be the toughest," remarked Thompson. "They've got three or four girls returning with three years experience. Madison College doesn't have the depth. Cortland, because it is a phys. ed. school, could be good or bad overnight. I'm confident concerning the Easterns," she added.

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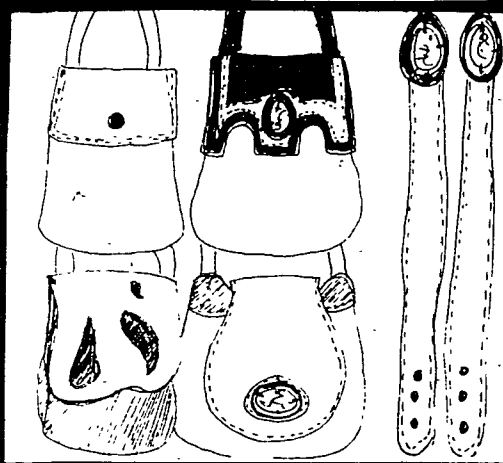
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