

Lady runners winning hosts

Penn State's Kris Bankes placed first in a field of 50 entries in the women's cross country Eastern Regionals held here Saturday, leading the Lady Lions to a first place team finish.

Bankes covered the course in 17:25, her fastest time ever on Penn State's blue course. Penn State won the meet with a score of 25, followed by Keystone Club, which placed second with 40 points. The Western Pennsylvania Cross Country team from Pittsburgh took third place with 60 points and Delaware

University placed fourth with 94 points.

Donna Gardner from Keystone finished behind Bankes in 17:44, and Carol Fridley from Elizabethtown placed third in 17:50. Fridley trained under Author Lydiard, renown coach from New Zealand.

Two other Penn State runners finished in the top ten. Liz Cunningham placed fourth in 17:52, and Liz Berry took sixth place in 18:08.

Penn State will travel as a team to Nationals in Ames, Iowa, November 15. Bankes, Berry, Cunningham and Eileen Meenan will participate in the meet along with Karen Johnson, who outran teammate Janet Norem Saturday to win a chance to compete in Ames.

Penn State coach Chris Brooks said runners from all colleges with women's cross country teams will participate in the meet Penn

State will be the only complete team to represent the east.

Brooks said most of the competition will come from colleges from the midwest and west. UCLA, Michigan, and Iowa State will be by far the toughest teams the Lady Lions will face, Brooks said.

Brooks said Penn State should score fairly high, but the outcome will depend on whether any participants from other schools stage surprise standout performances.

"As a team we will be as competitive as anybody else, except UCLA, Michigan, and Iowa State, who are out of everyone else's league," Brooks said.

—Barb Shelly

Host Panthers nip Lion harriers

By RICK WEBER
Collegian Sports Writer

The Penn State cross country team traveled to Pittsburgh on Friday and the Panthers were prepared, edging out a 27-29 victory over the Lion harriers.

It was Penn State's first dual meet loss of the season, which the Lions finished with a 7-1 record. Pitt remained undefeated for dual meet competition.

The race also marked the first dual meet loss of the season for Paul Stemmer, the Lions' top runner. He placed third behind Pitt's Nick Martin and teammate George Malley. Martin finished in a

record 30:33, Malley in 30:41, and Stemmer in 30:42.

"Pitt was really psyched up for us and they ran better against us than they have all season," said Lion coach Harry Groves. "They're always excited about beating any Penn State team. They really got up for the race and they went about it like you're supposed to in order to win."

Pitt's Melvin Boyd took fourth and Lion Ron Secord finished fifth. Then Pitt's Dave McDonald and Terry Wile took the crucial sixth and seventh spots to give Pitt the victory.

"They ran very hard," said Groves of the Pittsburgh

runners. "According to their coach they ran their best splits all year. We ran our worst splits all season between the first and fifth places."

"Most of us were surprised that Pitt did that well but they were very well prepared and they did the job."

Nick Martin was the runner who really did the job for the Panthers. He shredded the six-mile Schenley Park course in a record time of 30:33. With a mile left, he laid it on and outdistanced George Malley by eight seconds.

"Martin is a good runner," said Groves. "We have an awful lot of respect for his

ability. He ran a great race and he was definitely at his best."

"He has had problems in the past with injuries. He looked awfully good against us last year and then he got injured."

The next action for the Lion harriers will be in the Eastern United States Track and Field Federation Championships November 16 on the Blue golf course.

The competition will consist of both colleges and post-colleges.

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