







# Track Team Rapidly Rounding Into Condition

## SPARTAN THINCLADS DRILLING OUTDOORS NOW TO PREPARE FOR FIRST DUAL MEET OF SEASON

State Athletes Entertain Detroit City College Squad Here One Week From Saturday; Green and White Has Strength in Distances and Field Events.

MICHIGAN STATE'S TRACK SQUAD is rounding into condition for the spring season, working out nightly at the stadium to prepare for the first outdoor dual meet, Saturday, April 18, with Detroit City college. Equipment has been issued to more than 60 varsity and freshman aspirants.

Leading the Green and White contingent is Clark Chamberlain, national cross-country champion and central intercollegiate record holder in the two-mile run, who is running faster now than at any other time in his career.

He will be helped in the distances by Earl Steinfeld, two-miler, Don Price, miler, Walter Wissner, sophomore half miler, and Clifton Cobb, a new mile and half mile prospect who has shown up well in the preliminary workouts. It will be these five men upon whom the majority of State's points in the distances will depend since Leroy Fullerton, the Spartan captain, is still absent from school. Fullerton was a miler who was developed by Coach Mort Mason in two years from a mediocre performer into a star.

The hurdles will be a strong link in the chain of victories State expects to pile up during the season with Bob Russell and Ken Yarnes, two-letter men, and Cliff Libbert, Ted Bath, and Rex Steinfeld, sophomores, competing for the Green and White. The first four men are expected to give State the best quartet hurdle relay team ever developed in the history of track at State. They showed up well during the winter season at the Illinois relay.

The pole vault will be taken care of by Bob Olson, Jimmy Ahlskog, Moulthrop, and Monte Holcomb, four performers who are capable of leaps of over 12 feet. Olson reached 12 feet 6 at the Illinois relay. It will not be at all unexpected if State slams this event in both the dual meets with Detroit City and the University of Detroit.

Norman Smith, varsity record holder in the high jump at 5 feet 10 1/2 inches, will be leaving the bag again, competing along with Ken Hekel, another aspirant.

The board jump will be defended by Eddie Gibbs, ex-captain, who

## 11 TRYOUT FOR TENNIS SQUAD

Wealth of Sophomore Talent May Strengthen 1931 Net Aggregation

Eleven men answered Coach C. D. Ball's call for candidates for the varsity tennis team, which opens its schedule on April 25 against Kalamazoo college on State's courts. Three veterans from last year's team returned to form a nucleus for this year's net team. The three varsity men are Capt. H. C. Olson, W. P. Mott and Doc Primm. G. F. Evans, another member of last year's squad, also turned out for practice.

Coach Ball this season has a great wealth of good sophomore racket men and expects to mold a formidable team this year. The second year men who returned for practice are R. C. D. Bell, B. M. Weintraub, R. H. Johnston, H. B. Brown, R. C. Hammerschmidt, H. H. Spindler and M. A. Ge.

State's tennis coach this year must fill the vacancies left by Capt. Paul Kane, last year's star, Goodwin and Hutchins. Kane was one of the cleverest net men seen here in a long year, and his absence will be felt keenly during the coming campaign.

## Dancing Honorary To Hold Regular Weekly Meetings

Crucial national dancing honor, under the supervision of Ann Kaubi, district instructor, will hold a meeting every week starting next week in the dancing studio. Advanced students will meet every Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, and the beginning class which met weekly on Tuesday evenings at 6:45 will meet every Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The date of the Co-ed Prom has been hastened from April 17 to April 24, due to the Senior Party being held on the former date. Parties will not be given on dates of other large affairs.

All co-ed, wishing to sell tickets for the Sphinx party which will be held Saturday, April 18, in the Union ballroom will meet with Anne Louise Becker, chairman of the ticket committee in the Woman's Lounge at 5 o'clock, Monday.

sandwich a few practice leaps in with his duties at the pitcher's box and in center field. Last year he got over 22 feet.

Cliff Libbert seems to be the cream of the javelin tossers at present, as well as a good sprint prospect. Libbert also broad jumps well over 21 feet.

Base Pflug in the shotput and discus, Mornett in the shot and Sean Oswald and Louie Handier in the discus should pick up a few points for State in these events. It is in the sprints that Coach Young finds his hardest problem. He has no really outstanding sprinter, one who can be counted on for a certain first place in any event, although a surprise or two may be in store when Ken Lafayette, Elmer Criswell, Rex Steele, Mark Stephenson, Bill Burgess and Walter Dyser, sound into form. These men performed well indoors, and the change to the cinder path may be a great assistance in cutting down the time.

## SPARTAN SPORT SHOTS BY HARRY COATES

Not So Bad (CONSIDERING the handicap under which they were playing) members of the State baseball team performed very acceptably on the spring training trip. The Spartan sticklers had had only one outdoor workout before they embarked on their southern tour, and there is a lot of difference between hitting in an indoor cage and hitting out in the blue. Coach John H. Kelly gave his diamond candidates the best possible practice under prevailing conditions, which necessitate indoor drills, and he is to be commended for the showing which his team made on the early tour.

The even break with three homers and an equal number of double plays was very acceptable. The experience of the new players cropped out at frequent intervals in the southern games and was responsible for some of the defeats, but the difficulty will probably be remedied and a fairly successful home season is in prospect.

### Hitting Just Fair

The diamond team averaged .236 in hitting on the spring trip. Although this is weak stick work, it must be remembered that the players made a big jump from the indoor cage to the open air playing. And then, too, the teams they were meeting had all had two or three weeks of good outdoor practice before the Spartans played them.

Cliff Libbert, veteran catcher, was the leading stickler and hit a .333 clip. He will be remembered as a timely hitter on last year's crack team, and he shows promise of coming through as a man who can hit in the pinches again this year.

### Pitching Questionable

Failure of Charles Griffin, south paw ace of last year's hurling staff, to come through in the south, is causing Coach Kelly plenty of worry. Charles has been bothered with a very sore arm, but his post-throw flinches may round into condition soon.

Captain Ed Gibbs proved that he may be retained, even though he did not do his regular position in center field, he had good success chucking in the south, and won two games, although Griffin came to his rescue on one occasion.

James Kelly, left arm right hander, lost touch with the south, but may come through in his home territory.

Jerry McClellan, a fast baseman by night and an equally effective relief pitcher by day, is showing promise as a pitcher against the Dixie team.

Her Pemberton, a sophomore left hander, is also counted upon to win some games. He beat Naves in the Spartans' last game of the spring trip and a little more confidence and experience is expected to develop him into a satisfactory moundman.

### Unknown Miler

Another "unknown" has been uncovered and loomed as a good track prospect for this season. He is Cliff Cobb, a junior, who first showed his wares in the inter-fraternity meet by running a good half mile and since then has been training as a possible varsity miler.

Cobb seems to have the stuff to make good athletic of his early workouts are any indication. He has never had much experience in competition, even in high school. When a student in East Lansing high school, he and two or three schoolmates used to run about three miles every afternoon during the spring, just for the fun of it, and it may be that these workouts developed him.

### Some Real Wrestlers

Coach Fendley Collins has given Michigan State the best wrestling team in history, and it is probable that Spartan matmen will continue to win laurels under his leadership to win laurels under his capable tutelage. It has been a long while since a credible grappling team has been turned out here, but the squad this year is certainly a credit.

The Spartans won the Michigan A. A. U. championship and two men made their presence felt in the National Collegiate meet. Congratulations to Coach Collins and his wrestlers.

## VETERANS HELP COACHES WITH GRID PRACTICE

Last Year's Letter Men Assist in Spring Football Work-Out.

### CARBERRY ON HAND

Coach Jimmy Crowley Begins to Mold Team That Will Meet Cadets.

Coach Jimmy Crowley's veteran Spartan letter men have acted as teachers for the freshman football candidates who will be eligible for varsity competition next fall in spring practice.

Captain Milt Cappy Gross is setting the pace in leadership and instruction for the 70 or so aspiring gridlers. But Handy was helping him teach the fresh candidates, the rudiments of Coach Crowley's style of line play Thursday afternoon, as were some of the other linemen from last season.

A few backfields were lined up and ran through signals to familiarize the new players with the Notre Dame shift popularized here by Coach Crowley.

Assistant Coach Glenn Carberry was on hand to direct the setting up exercises and list all of the candidates streaming within a few minutes. Not content with this, he drove the line candidates through some lengthy workouts.

The purpose of the spring football drills is primarily to condition the candidates, but they also serve to familiarize the new players with the varsity style of play and to smooth up the performance of some of the sophomores and other members of the 1930 squad. Coach Crowley is fully aware of the strenuous campaign which he has mapped out for the Spartans eleven next fall, and is making every effort to present a well-rounded team early in the season.

State meets the Army at West Point in the second game and must be in good shape in order to furnish the Cadets with worthy grid competition.

There are several big holes in the 1930 lineup which must be plugged. Cecil Foss, an old reliable who was a great defensive end, is missing. Glenn Dan Riddle, a tackle, and Claude Street, center guard, and other linemen who have completed their college grid careers and must be replaced. Graduation of those guys, veteran punter and quarter back, leaves another position open that will be hard to fill.

Paul M. M. Cox, of the Civil Engineering department, gave an interesting talk before the Lansing Engineers club Tuesday evening in the Union building, April 9, on a colorgram which he constructed himself. Such a device is used for producing a harmony of color in conjunction with lighting effects in theater.

This colorgram will be used in the illumination course.

## ROCKNE ONCE SIGNED BY STATE

It is not generally known that the late Knute R. Rockne once signed a contract to coach football at Michigan State. About 10 years ago Spartan athletic officials negotiated with him to come to East Lansing and Rockne put his name on the dotted line. The contract was in the files in Director Ralph H. Young's office. Rockne, after signing, asked that the contract be disregarded because unexpected conditions came up. Spartan officials, after studying the situation, permitted him to withdraw because it was evident that a coach could not be forced into a position they saved Rockne some embarrassment by never revealing the status of affairs. It was a guarded secret and Rockne always remembered the courtesy they had shown him.

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## FRESHMEN START BASEBALL DRILL PORPOISE TO GIVE WATER PAGEANT

Over Forty Men Report for First Practice of Season Last Night. Pool Spectacle to Be Presented This Month in State's Natatorium.

Coach Lyman L. Primodig sent his freshmen baseball men through their first workout of the season last night. Over forty first-year men reported for the initial diamond session. Coach Primodig sent his men through some lumbering exercises and uncovered some promising baseball material in the first workout.

The fresh open the season on May 9 against the first year men of Central State Teachers' college. Pleasant on the Spartan diamond. The M. Pleasant school usually puts out a strong first-year aggregation and are far from being a set-up.

Coach Primodig does not expect to cut the squad for several days and reports there is still plenty of time for aspiring diamond stars to report for practice. Workouts are held four nights a week, the next being on Wednesday night.

## Panhell Council Discusses Plans For Spring Party

A special meeting of Panhellonia council was held on Thursday after the spring term party was discussed. The party will be held in the main ballroom of the Old hotel. A set of the date and orchestra are undecided.

Eden Larson, president, urged all the representatives to discuss their roles in the various societies. At the next meeting several plans for rushing such as deferred and first week rushing will be discussed. All societies were reminded that their spring term dues of \$5 are due and should be brought to the next meeting.

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## Crowley Has Men at Work From Start

Coach Jimmy Crowley has been busy since the start of the season. He has been directing all his efforts to the preparation of his team for the coming season. He has been working with his players on the field, and he has been in the gymnasium, and he has been in the classroom. He has been working hard, and he has been getting his men at work from the start.

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