

Susquehanna U. Topples Marauder Harriers, 26-29



AN OMEN—The SNAPPER photographic editor turned his picture of the start of Saturday's MSC-Lock Haven cross country meet upside down to highlight shadows formed by runners. First shadow (upper left) is that of Marty McGehean, MSC, who won the race. Third from left is that of Capt. Phil Muth of the Marauders. (Photo by Mike Hite)

Millersville State College's cross country record fell to 5-4-1 as the Marauders lost a tight 26-29 decision to Susquehanna University at Millersville.

The Crusaders' Bob Hatfield led the pack across the line with a clocking of 26:13. The visitors further insured their victory by taking third, fifth, eighth and ninth places.

Marauder ace Marty McGehean led the home thinclads with a second place finish in 27:12. Steve Frey captured the fourth place position.

Record Set

On Saturday McGehean set a Millersville record for the home course as he led the Marauders to a 25-30 win over Lock Haven. McGehean's time for the 5.2 mile course was 26:46.

Wednesday's home meet with Elizabethtown College proved the reverse as the Blue Jays defeated the Millersville harriers by a 19-39 verdict. McGehean earned second place honors.

Highlight of the collegiate cross country season is the annual Pennsylvania State College Cross Country Championships which will be held at West Chester on Saturday. Participants from West Chester, Lock Haven, Cheyney, Slippery Rock and Millersville State Colleges will compete starting at 2 p.m.

Lack of Depth

Regarding the competition, Coach Art Hulme cites West Chester as the favored team. He points to Millersville's lack of depth through numbers as a serious handicap.

"When you have a small team, such as ours, injuries make you keep your fingers crossed," he

said. "Mine are crossed."

With the seasonal loss of sophomore Paul Rhoads, number two man, and the uncertain status of captain Phil Muth, Marauder hopes have dimmed somewhat.

Yet coach Hulme expects to pluck one of the top three spots because of the team's fine showing in the Lock Haven meet, when each of the top Millersville harriers established new personal records.

MSC 25, LOCK HAVEN 30

1. McGehean (M), 26:48; 2. Duron (L); 3. English (L); 4. Frey (M); 5. Muth (M); 6. Zinn; 7. Townsend (M); 8. Gangloff (M); 9. Shinn (L); 10. Hines (L); 11. Klase (L); 12. Easton (L); 13. Reed (L); 14. Schmidt (L); 15. Jones (M); 16. Sutton (M).

SUSQUEHANNA 26, MILLERSVILLE 29

1. Bob Hatfield, S, 26:13; 2. Marty McGehean, M, 27:12; 3. Larry Giesman, S, 28:05; 4. Steve Frey, M, 28:13; 5. Fred Lehr, S, 28:19; 6. Harry Towson, M, 28:32; 7. Joe Gangloff, M, 28:45; 8. S. Keith Vance, S, 29:10; 9. Richard Main, S, 29:21; 10. Larry Klase, M, 29:50; 11. George Bramer, S, 30:10; 12. Wayne Gibson, S, 30:30; 13. Randy Bricker, S, 31:06; 14. Pete Belin, S, 31:28; 15. Dan Witter, M, 31:37; 16. Andy Solari, M, 34:18.



COMPARING NOTES—Coach Art Hulme discusses how pre-meet strategy worked out in confab with Marty McGehean who won race for MSC and set a new Marauder course record. MSC beat Lock Haven, 25-30, Saturday. (Photo by Mike Hite)