

Sports

Lions Get Off With A Slow Start For A Fast Season

By Bruce Burns

With untimely defensive letdowns plaguing the PSU/Capitol Baseball Lions in the early going, the club will look to rebound this Saturday when they travel to Haverford College for a single game, to begin at 3:30 p.m.

At this writing, the Lions of Coach Ron Melchiorre have fashioned an 0-3-1 mark. Following a season-opening 12-12 tie with Messiah, PSU/Capitol dropped decisions to Eisenhower (10-2) and Dickinson (13-0) before being handled once more by Messiah this past Monday by a 7-4 count. Unfavorable weather, has played havoc with the Lions' schedule, and yesterday they were scheduled to face Millersville State in a make-up doubleheader.

All four results of PSU/Capitol's games to date are misleading if you simply go by the final scores. In the opener against Messiah, the Lions held a solid 9-4 lead at one point, before numerous defensive errors turned the contest around. The losses to Eisenhower and Dickinson were frustrating ones for Coach Melchiorre's club as well, with the Lions falling prey to the "big inning" both times. Through sev-

eral innings of both games, PSU/Capitol played the opposition evenly, only to fall apart all at once defensively. In fact, most of the runs scored against the Lions' hurlers this season have been unearned ones. PSU/Capitol played Dickinson tough for seven stanzas last Saturday before completely coming undone in the eighth, when the hosts from Carlisle scored eight runs.

There was yet another lead against Messiah on Monday, before the Falcons took advantage of the Lions' defense once again to rally for the victory. Coach Melchiorre was concerned about his defense before the season began, and his worries have, at least so far, been justified. While the pitching strength of the Lions has remained consistent, the competition that PSU/Capitol has been and will be facing is such that even a top-notch pitching staff cannot always contain it. For the Lions to turn things around in the upcoming weeks, their defensive play will have to improve considerably.

There have been encouraging signs in other departments, such as the unexpected batting power PSU/Capitol has shown in their opening contests. A great deal of credit has to be given to

the Lions with regard to their efforts at the plate, for with no extensive pre-season workouts due to weather difficulties, they have literally come out swinging. PSU/Capitol has been hitting the ball much better than Coach Melchiorre could have expected, and if their capacity for "hitting them where they ain't" continues, the Lions should improve upon their current record.

Another pleasant surprise has been the offensive and defensive performance of junior Vince Cardullo, who has excelled from his leftfield position. In the Dickinson contest, Cardullo turned in seven put-outs while battling a strong, gusting wind the entire game, making several outstanding catches. He also stroked two hits for the afternoon.

PSU/Capitol will face Lebanon Valley College on Tuesday, April 15th at 3:30 p.m. on Little Hollywood Field in Middletown. For directions to the field, please contact either one of the team members or the Recreation-Athletics Office. Coach Melchiorre and his Lions would like to see you there to cheer on PSU/Capitol to victory.



Photo by Harry H. Moyer

Capitol Campus Baseball Lion preparing for upcoming competition.

WINTER SPORTS WRAP-UP

IM BOWLING

The Winter Term 1980 Intramural Bowling Championship was taken by the Steel Curtain who defeated B.B. Blues, the regular season first place finisher. Trophies were presented to members of both of these teams. Also receiving trophies for individual excellence were Ray Sperlbaum for high average, Doug Schwab for high game, and Dale Brinker for high series.

In the women's division Jacquie DiLeonardo made a clean sweep, capturing all three -- high average, high series, and high game.

IM VOLLEYBALL

The Bombers recently took the Intramural Volleyball Championship. Runners-up in this league were the Icemen.

IM BASKETBALL

In Monday night semi-final action, Team Z squeaked by the Basketeers, 55-54. They will now take on the winner of the McHeinley's vs. Doughboys semi-final game. The championship will be played tonight at 8 p.m.

NAIASIDA Winner

By Joan H. Klein

Bruce Burns, a 12th term humanities major, multi-media option, has been notified by the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Sports Information Directors Association (NAIASIDA) that his entry won fifth place in the Basketball Brochure--Reproduced category.

The contest included over 250 entries in the specialized area in which Burns won. He created the brochure while completing an internship last winter under Bud Smitley, recreation/athletics director.

As Campus Sports Information Officer, Burns produced programs for each of the basketball games, compiled statistics, and acted as liaison between campus athletics and local media.

Burns noted the winning brochure was given artistic impetus by Kathy Laverty, who designed its cover. Kathy is an employee at Capitol Campus and is presently with the Career Placement Office.

SPRING TERM INTRAMURAL BOWLING STANDINGS OF THE TEAMS

TEAM	WON	LOST	TIE
WSDC	3	0	1
Prowlers	3	1	0
Midnight Express	3	1	0
11th Framers	1	3	0
Capitol Factor	1	3	0
MSU	0	3	1

High game: Craig Aurentz -- 202
High series: Joe Bozik -- 552

SPORTS SHORTS

An intramural tennis league will be formed if enough interest is displayed. See Ruth in the Rec/Ath Office if you are interested.

Students interested in playing golf on area courses may check out clubs from the gym. You must leave your ID card in the office when signing out these and all other equipment.

IM SOFTBALL

Twenty-eight teams will be vying for the crown as Intramural Softball gets underway this week. Two divisions, American and National, have been set up. Schedules of games will be posted outside the Rec/Ath Office, outside the Finance Office in the Main Building, in the Coffeehouse, and in the dorms.

Area Trout Fishing Piscatorial Prospects

By Tony Gladfelter

This Saturday, April 12, marks the opening of trout season in Pennsylvania. At 8 a.m., hundreds of thousands of Pennsylvania anglers will toss their offerings of worms, salmon eggs, cheese, corn, minnows, spinners, flies, etc., into their favorite streams.

There are three good trout streams within about one-half hour's drive of campus. Stoney Creek, Clark's Creek, and Powell's Creek are all crossed by State Route 225 which starts in the town of Dauphin. To get to the town of Dauphin: Take Rte. 283 toward Harrisburg. Hit I-83 North and take this to I-81 South. Follow I-81 south to Rte. 322 West which takes you right to the town of Dauphin on the banks of the Susquehanna River.

Immediately after making a right turn onto Route 225 in Dauphin, you will cross over Stoney Creek. There is a road running along this creek for more than ten miles up the stream and there are plenty of places to pull off and safely park. The road eventually turns to gravel but is in good condition.

I had my best success last spring in the middle stretches of this creek where it is not so close to the road and probably does not get fished so hard. Best baits seemed to be salmon eggs and yellow niblet corn.

Continuing north on Rte. 225, you will cross Clark's Creek. Clark's is a medium-sized stream just as Stoney Creek is, but has more long slow pools and fewer rapids. Route 325 runs along

this creek and a few miles up the road is a Fish-for-Fun project where fly fishing only is permitted. No trout may be killed or had in possession on this part of the stream except one per day twenty inches or longer. This area is well marked, and regular regulations apply to the rest of the stream. I would recommend this Fish-for-Fun project only to experienced fly fishermen because the stream here is fairly narrow and the banks very bushy. On a visit there early last June, when the water was low and clear, I saw literally dozens of trout in some of the holes. However, I had a hard time getting at them because of the stream-side growth. Bait fishermen will probably fare best on the lower reaches of Clark's near the river.

A few more miles up Rte. 225 is Powell's Creek. While I have not personally fished in this stream, reports from other fishermen indicate it is of the same type and size as Clark's Creek.

Water temperatures and amount of precipitation play a big role in early-season trout fishing. If it stays warm and dry the next few weeks, the fishing may be very challenging with low, clear streams and wary trout which have seen a great variety of imitations of their food.

Resident fishing licenses are \$9.25; non-resident are \$14.25. They are available at any of the sporting goods stores in Middletown. Live bait is also available. Let's go fishing!

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