

Ball club finding the road rough

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The Penn State Harrisburg baseball team may not play a home game all season. After ten games in the schedule, three have been rained or snowed out. Furthermore, five Lion home contests were moved to the site of the visiting team.

Through Wednesday's game, the Lions were 2-4, with an 0-2 District 19 record, but are steadily improving.

Lions drop openers to Pharmacy

MAR. 14 - The Lions lack of outdoor practice glared through the twin bill as Philadelphia Pharmacy swept a double header in Philadelphia.

The twin bill, which was moved southeast because of sloppy Harrisburg field conditions, saw the Lions give up three unearned runs in the first game for a 3-1 loss. The second game also ended in a Lion losing effort, 3-2.

The Lions handed Pharmacy a 1-0 lead in the third inning after a fielding error. The game stayed that way until the home fifth, which saw Pharmacy put runners on second and third with two outs.

A ground ball to first baseman Mike Givler proved fatal as he threw behind reliever Keith Lapinas who was covering first on the play. The ball ended up at the screen, allowing Pharmacy to take a 3-0 lead.

The Lions showed some life in the top of the sixth when Pat Raugh singled home Tim Gallagher, who had also reached on a single. Craig Lisbinski had the Lions' only other hit of the game, a leadoff double which started the game.

Bob McDonald pitched well in his first outing, surrendering two hits in 3 1/3 innings of work. Lapinas also threw well in 2 2/3 innings of relief work, striking out two and allowing one hit.

The second game saw the Lions jump out to a 1-0 lead in the first, thanks to a Ron Morris single. However, three walks and three hits helped Pharmacy turn the early deficit into a 3-1 advantage after an inning.

The Lions got one back in the third, when Lisbinski doubled and eventually scored on an overthrow of a steal attempt at third.

The Lions got strong relief work from Darren Rissmiller, who got out of a first inning, bases loaded jam with a strike out. He allowed no hits and K'd five in five



Photo by Karen Putt

Shortstop Craig Lisbinski (1) awaits a throw at third base as pitcher Darren Rissmiller, center, and third baseman Scott Adams (3) await the call. The runner eventually scored on an obstruction call, giving the Blue Jays a 1-0 lead.

innings of work. It wasn't enough though, as the Lions dropped two important District 19 games.

Lions pound Lincoln for first win

MAR. 18 - The Lions exploded for 12 hits in a 17-3 victory at Lincoln. The

second game was called because of the cold after the Lions picked up a 3-0 first inning lead.

In the opener, the Lions scored five runs in the first inning and ten more in the second, giving them a comfortable 15-2 lead.

Sparking the Lion offense was Scott Adams who went 2-3 with a double, triple and three RBI's.

Other Lion standouts included Lisbinski who scored four runs, Givler (2-4, 4 RBI's), Harry Helverson (triple), and Gallagher who was on base four times and

drove in two.

Hurler John Ruscavage was impressive, striking out four in three innings. Lapinas picked up the win, while striking out all six of the batters he faced.

The second game saw Gallagher hit a two-run homer in the first, propelling the Lions to the early 3-0 lead. Pitcher McDonald recorded two wiffs in his perfect inning of work before frigid temperatures halted the game.

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