

**Between
the Lions
with
The Sports Editor**

Director Bezdek's proposal to enliven collegiate baseball by cutting down the strikes to two and the balls to three is interesting, to say the least. There is no doubt that baseball is losing ground steadily with sports fans of the younger generation. Fans trained to the speed of football, basketball, lacrosse, soccer, and kindred sports cannot appreciate the leisurely performance of a slow pitcher, the general warm-up before each of the nine innings, or the waiting policy of many batters. While Director Bezdek's idea does not have as its main function the shortening of the game, this, to us, is the best feature of the proposal. We don't know how you feel, but, personally, we're usually on "going out" at 10:15 by the time the seventh inning rolls around. Saturday's game was irrefutable proof that, under this new scheme, the time of the game is cut down considerably.

Sponsors of college baseball, in general, would do well to consider the unique experiment Director Bezdek has suggested.

With only two victories in five engagements, Penn State teams, it would appear, did not fare so well in Saturday's competition. The results are really better than they look on paper, however. Although the track team lost, Dunaway and King continued to display form good enough to land them Olympic berths. Then, too, it must be remembered that the Tar Heel cindermen are undefeated champions of their district. Conquerors of the lacrosse team, Maryland's twelve is also undefeated and is recognized as a leader in the Indian sport by all authorities. With Ernie Paul, we feel the lowness of the score was in itself an achievement. As for the freshman baseball nine's defeat at McKeesport High School's hands—well, you can't score runs when you can't hit. Bubrick, of the visitors was one of the most promising high school pitchers we have yet seen.

Turning to varsity baseball, it's interesting to notice that Colgate tied the Lions for the Triangular Association leadership by shutting out Syracuse.

This and that . . . Toots Panaccion and Skip Stahley were week-end visitors . . . When Penn A. C. defeated Penn on Franklin Field Saturday, it must have brought back memories to Coop French, playing left field against the Red and Blue . . . Coop ran wild on his last visit to the Quaker playground when State won a football game from the Philadelphians, 19-to-7 . . . The manager of the Maryland lacrosse team is a cousin of Tommy Loughran . . . Dutch Schloss threatens to buy water wings for his acquiters . . . And then there's the story of how Freddy Kane greeted Stretch Dunaway into Skull and Bones.

—S H B.

Batsmen Conquer Dickinson Nine, 5-3; Nittany Track Team Loses, 75-51

REGISTER FOURTH TRIUMPH OF YEAR

Meade Pitches 4-Hit Game as Ball, Strike Experiment Shortens Contest

By GEORGE A. SCOTT '34

Only two strikes and three balls were allowed the batter when the Nittany Lion diamond representatives opposed Dickinson College here Saturday, but that didn't keep the Lion batsmen from registering their fourth triumph of the season and their second straight by a 5-to-3 score.

The two strikes, three balls idea is the brainchild of Hugo Bezdek, director of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, and Coach Joe Ebdon, who believe that much of baseball's loss in popularity is due to the delay in play and length of the game. Accordingly they suggested shortening the batter's time at the plate as a means of speeding up the play, and Coach Joseph H. McCormick of Dickinson readily agreed to the experiment.

Coaches Favor Move

The idea was a success from the standpoint of speeding up the play for but one hour and twenty-five minutes were required to complete the eight and one-half innings of play, instead of the customary two hours or more. Both coaches expressed themselves in favor of the move after the game, and it is likely that Bezdek will attempt to experiment further with the idea in the remaining games on the program.

Southpaw Dave Meade was on the mound for the Lions and yielded but four scattered hits to the visiting batters, in addition to fanning eight. A home run by Hughes, Dickinson first baseman, with Reeves on base in the sixth accounted for two of the runs gained by the visitors while the third was scored by Bass after he had singled and advanced on a pair of errors.

Lohr Stars At Shortstop

Timely hitting, coupled with six Dickinson errors, gave the Lions their five runs, all of them coming in the first four innings of play. Tamasosky, who did the hurling for Dickinson, was in almost as good a form as Meade, for he allowed only six hits and struck out six.

Bill Lohr continued his sensational work in the field, accepting nine chances without an error at shortstop. The slim shortstop hasn't made a miss in the last four games, handling twenty-five consecutive chances cleanly.

Yearling Nine Loses

McKeesport high school batsmen, last year's W. P. I. A. L. leaders, demonstrated their championship caliber by swamping the freshman team, 11-to-1, Saturday.

Bubrick, McKeesport pitcher, fanned sixteen of the yearling batters, and allowed only four hits, two in the first and two in the third inning. The lone freshman score came in the first inning when Daily, third baseman, crossed the plate.

Dydo pitched eight innings and part of the ninth for the yearlings, when Kalb and then Seltzer took the mound to stem a McKeesport scoring spree. The three 1935 twirlers were

Bezdek Advances Innovation To Speed Up Baseball Game

Sponsors 2 Strikes, 3 Balls for Batter Experiment

Suggests Change



BEZDEK

Baseball has failed to recognize the essential characteristic of all present-day popular sports—speed, believes Hugo Bezdek, director of the School of Physical Education and Athletics. "This failure to speed up baseball is one of the reasons for its decline in popularity among the younger generation," declared Bezdek in comment on the two strikes, three balls experiment tried in Saturday's victory Dickinson game.

Believing that the time consumed by the batter at the plate is one of the reasons for the slow movement of the game, the Penn State director is sponsor of the plan for shortening the number of strikes and balls for the batter. More interest will be aroused when more players bat, he reasons, and the best way to secure this objective is to shorten each batter's time at the plate.

Additional experiments along the same line are planned by the head of the School of Physical Education and Athletics. The second plan provides for a game of ten innings with four outs permitted in each half inning, while still a third experiment will introduce a seven-inning game with four outs and the customary three strikes and four balls.

"I expect that the four outs per inning will develop more emphasis on base running defensive fielding," said Bezdek. "It certainly should change the complexion of the game materially."

The possibility of the game becoming too short under the two strikes, three balls plan is expected to be overcome by the addition of the extra

round for eleven hits by the western Pennsylvania schoolboy champions.

Chornock was substituted for Callahan, Lion cub left fielder in the fourth inning, while Mikelonis, Donovan, and Bassett pinch-hit in the ninth. McKeesport's eleven runs came in the second, third, seventh, and ninth frames, with seven of the batters crossing the plate in the closing session.

inning or four outs to an inning. Saturday's game with Dickinson marked the first time that any experimentation has ever been attempted along the line of speeding up the play.

Justifying the added strain placed on the batter, Bezdek noted that usually but one chance is offered players in other sports to make good, as in the case of a football player about to catch a forward pass, where as the batter in baseball is assured of three and four chances when he goes to the plate.

CO-ED INTRAMURAL BASEBALL TOURNAMENT OPENS TONIGHT

With seven teams entered, the first round of the women's intramural baseball tournament will begin tonight when Alpha Omicron Pi meets Frazer street dormitory on Holmes field at 6:30 o'clock.

Grange dormitory will play Chi Omega Thursday, while Alpha Chi Omega advances to the semi-finals on a bye. The semi-final round will be played on Monday and Tuesday of next week, and the finals will take place on the following Thursday.

DUNAWAY BREAKS TAR HEEL RECORD

Lowers Half-Mile Mark by 4 Seconds as N. C. Downs Lion Cindermen

By JAMES M. SHEEK '34

Shattering the Tar Heel-Lion record as well as the Chapel Hill field record, Wayland Dunaway, star Penn State half-miler, ran the half-mile in one minute 55.4-5 seconds, to better the former record by four seconds, as North Carolina defeated Nittany trackmen 75-to-51 Saturday.

The Tar Heels won nine first places in the Lion's foot, to gain the edge in the three-meet series. Two North Carolina trackmen also set new Chapel Hill records, when Mullis tossed the shot 46 feet 8 1/4 inches, and LeGrove hurled the javelin 196 feet and 2 inches.

Sayland Wins 2 Firsts

Dale placed second in the 100 and 220-yard dashes to Farmer, North Carolina sprint ace, while Baird and Gritsavage won second and third place respectively in the quarter-mile. Third place in the half-mile went to Slesky, making 6 points for the Lions in that event. Hill made another first for the Lions, when he captured the 120-yard high hurdles, with Byers in third place.

Var Keuron was nosed out by Slusescu, star Tar Heel hurdler, in the 220 high hurdles, and two Nittany high jumpers O'Shea and Sayland, came to the fore to tie with Stafford of North Carolina in the high jump. An unexpected first also came Penn State's way, when Sayland broad jumped 22 feet 1 1/2 inches. Keishner captured second place in the pole vault and May, third.

Completely outclassed in the mile-

Maryland Twelve Downs Nittany Lacrossemen, 5-1

Lion Stickmen Hold Powerful Terrapin Team To Low Score in Game Saturday

By W. M. STEGMIFER '34

Exhibiting the finest brand of lacrosse seen on New Beaver field this year, Lion stickmen held the powerful Maryland team to a 5-to-1 score Saturday.

Croche scored the single Lion tally late in the first half. Four of the five Terrapin goals were also made before half time, giving Maryland a 4-to-1 advantage at the end of the period.

Pugh Scores First

On the opening play, Pugh, Maryland's all-American center, took the draw unassisted and secured the first goal thirty seconds after the whistle and before the ball had been in State's possession. Hockensmith, Terrapin attack man, made the score 2-to-0 six minutes later.

Furious play for the next several minutes was climaxed by a long bounding counter by Stehler, Maryland stickman. Hacking his way through the Lion defense, Ronkin, Terrapin attack man, secured the fourth tally for the visitors. Croche's goal for State completed the scoring in the first half.

Starts Cramer at Center

It was in the second period of the game that the Nittany stickmen really looked good. Fighting desperately to hold down Maryland's scoring, the Lion attack men kept the ball

run, Nittany runners failed to place, although Hughes made a diving finish. King came from behind to capture the two-mile run, while Sigel was gaining thirds in the short-

put and the discus.

in their possession for practically the entire remainder of the game. However, Pugh had the ball long enough near the close of the first to secure his second goal and the final counter of the afternoon.

Gwynn and McMillen, veteran clubbers, played at goal and point for the Lions. Day started at the cover point position while Kane, Hech, and Moulthrop were used on the defense. Coach Ernie Paul assigned the center post to Cramer.

Captain Carlson, Crawford and Smith played at the attack while Croche and Edell took their usual positions at the homes. There were no Lion substitutions.

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