

# BETWEEN THE LIONS

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We can think of no better way to start off our regime as custodian of this column than to pay a bit of tribute to a trio of Penn State athletes who, upon their graduation in a few weeks, will leave behind them a record almost unprecedented by any similar group of the same class.

What makes their exploits all the more interesting and so unusual is the fact that their competing weights never exceeded 155 pounds. Their names undoubtedly will go down in Penn State history with former greats who, by comparison, may dwarf them in physical size but do not better them in accomplishments.

This column could be written without even mentioning their names, so familiar are they to every Penn State student and sports enthusiast. "These three" have been making streamer headlines in this and other journals for three years as Nittany Lions and, although they have received individual honors for their sterling performances time and time again, we want to be the first to acclaim them as a group of, truly, "mighty mites."

In a short time the annual award will be made to Penn State's outstanding senior athlete. It is by no means a rash prediction to say that the winner will be one of "these three"—Sammy Donato, Sol Miehoff, Windy Wear. Perhaps the powers that be will see fit to award three medals to three very deserving, very modest, and very, very, very outstanding Nittany Lion "greats."

Inasmuch as Sammy, Sol, and Windy make up such an unusual group, perhaps a brief review of their many exploits, outstanding accomplishments, and a brief personality sketch would not be out of place (for the records, as well as for you, dear sports reader)—we'll give them to you in weight order:

So, step up Wendell W. Wear, alias "Windy," alias "The Rabbit"—weight: 135; varsity letters: football and baseball. All-American mention in football. Bob Higgins favorite prediction for the 1938 season: "We'll sure miss Windy" and so will we. He was never captain of either of his starring sports, but was certainly the sparkle and "brains" of the grid team. Paired with a fellow lightweight, Harry Harrison, to lead the football team in wins over Penn, Maryland, and Bucknell this past season. Unforgettable Wear moments: when he was forced back to the center of the field by onrushing Bucknell linemen from his own 25-yard line, wiggled his way back almost to the line of scrimmage, then heaved a perfect pass to Joe Adessa on the goal line; when he passed to Harrison against Penn to put the ball in position for the game's only touchdown, then proceeded to take a heave from Harry to defeat the Red and Blue—the season was a success! when The Rabbit spotted the Maryland defense out of position, changed the play after the teams were lined up, thus setting the stage for Harrison's score for the winning touchdown; when he foxed the Cornell team by not giving the ball away on a reverse, taking it himself, and scampering 66 yards to the Big Red one-yard stripe. These are just a few of Windy's 1937 exploits. To tell of Wear's three years would fill many volumes, so—

It's your turn Sol B. Miehoff—weight: 150 pounds (soaking wet); varsity letters, baseball, soccer, and basketball. Will have earned most varsity letters (nine) since Steve Hymas (eleven) . . . captain of the booters . . . co-captain with Joe Proksa of basketball . . . all-eastern soccer inside left . . . all-Conference basketball forward . . . never played soccer before entering Penn State . . . favorite sport: baseball . . . favorite drink: milk shake . . . first Nittany Lion eager to make the all-Conference team . . . second to Temple's great Don Shields in league scoring this year . . . batted in most runs in baseball last season . . . no time for the women (and are the co-eds sorry) . . . Unforgettable Miehoff moments: when he scored the tying points against Georgetown's cage team—made a running, diving catch of a Temple fly that was headed for the tennis courts . . . three sparkling shoe-string catches against Penn this season . . . fields like Tris Speaker . . . hits like Ty Cobb . . . and so, on and on . . . but if we do there'll be no space left for . . .

Sam Donato (nope, no middle initial or full first name—just plain Sam)—weight: 155 pounds; varsity letters: football and boxing . . . co-captain with Johnny Economos of football . . . captain of the mitmen . . . 1936 145-pound Eastern Intercollegiate champ . . . runner-up in 1937 . . . 155-pound titleholder this year . . . carried the ball only once in his three years on the grid team . . . small as football players go, but a demon blocker and vicious tackler . . . roomed with Wear before Windy moved to the Sigma Chi house, and Sammy became an Alpha Phi Delta. Current by Scranton's most popular athlete. . . they're giving him a testimonial dinner May 7. . . Leo Houck named him on his all-time Nittany Lion boxing team. . . played entire Bucknell game with an infected foot. . . played against Bucknell's Lou Tomasetti five times (high school and college) . . . played on Dunmore and the greatest football team with three other former Lion stars: the O'Hara brothers and Tommy Silvano. . . Unforgettable Donato moments: whenever he met Syracuse's great boxer, Johnny Mastrella; when he outsluggered Syracuse's Tiger McGivern to win the Eastern crown in 1936; whenever he tackled anybody. . . and he still insists he will never become a pro boxer unless he has to. . . Sammy, we certainly hope you never have to . . . Well, there you have a bit of what "these three" have done. . . Sammy has hung up the gloves and football togs . . . you still have a chance to see Windy and Sol cavorting on the diamond . . . what does the future hold in store for Penn State's three great little guys?

# LIONS FACE DICKINSON NINE TOMORROW

## Tossers Open Home Season; Seek 2nd Win

Seeking their second win in five starts, Joe Bedenk's luckless Lion nine, victory-starved since they trimmed Penn in their opener four games ago, will inaugurate their home season against Dickinson College at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon on New Beaver Field.

Captain Ben Simoncelli will be Bedenk's mound choice to face Dickinson. Chased from the box in the fourth inning by Penn's Quakers and nicked for 13 hits by Maryland's Terps, Simoncelli will make a third attempt tomorrow for his initial triumph of the season.

Menzie, Sherwin in Infield Bedenk will make several changes for tomorrow's fray. Paul Menzie, sophomore third-sacker, will start at the hot corner. Menzie, hitting .333 and fielding well, will replace Johnny Waters, veteran third baseman. At second base Bedenk will try diminutive Bud Sherwin in place of Windy Wear. Fritz Seibel, sophomore backstop, will catch for Simoncelli. Vonarx and Harrison will keep their respective posts at first and shortstop. Miehoff, Brake, and Adessa will be in the outfield.

Since their 6-4 rout of Penn behind brilliant relief pitching by Tom Watts who rescued Simoncelli in the fourth and timely clouts by Miehoff, Menzie, and Vonarx, the Lions have served as a doorman for Maryland, Georgetown, and Navy in successive games. Vonarx' double in the seventh scoring Adessa and Brake clinched the Penn game after Menzie, pinch-hitting for Simoncelli, singled in the fourth with Wear and Vonarx tallying to tie the count.

Terrapins Had Big Sixth Maryland's hit-barrage climaxed by a big sixth inning in which the Terrapins rang up three runs ended an otherwise nip-and-tuck contest with the Lions on the same side of a 7-4 score. Simoncelli yielded 13 blows while his mates collected nine. Miehoff, Menzie, and Valeri shared hitting honors, each getting two safe smashes with both Wear and Menzie clouting two-baggers.

Despite a vicious uprising in the eighth frame, the Lions bowed to a strong Georgetown nine, 9-7, at Washington Friday after a slugfest, battle saw State push ahead, 7-6, only to throw in the towel when the Hoyas retaliated with three runs in their half of the eighth. Joe Adessa, Lion right fielder, enjoyed a brilliant day at the plate, smashing out two homers and a single in four tries. Ken

## Frosh Nine Loses Initial Game, 9-7

Scoring four runs in the sixth and three more in the eighth proved not enough as Coach Leo Houck's freshman baseball team lost its opening game 9-7 to a strong Mercersburg Academy nine on New Beaver field last Saturday.

Bob Robinson pitched a steady game for the yearlings, striking out five men and keeping Mercersburg's ten hits well scattered. Five errors in the first few innings proved costly and showed that the cubs will have to develop more dependable team play if they expect to make a showing this season.

Mercersburg took the lead in the first inning by scoring two, and increased their lead to six runs before State's cubs could break into the scoring. One of Mercersburg's runs was scored when Gene Davis knocked a long round-tripper over the left fielder's head.

The Lion Trosh capitalized on base hits by Robinson, Earl Spellman, and Peenie Gates to break into the scoring in the sixth, and before the inning was over four runs had been chalked up for State.

The eighth was another fat inning for the Lion yearlings, who scored three times to lead the game 7-6 as the final stanza came up. The runs were a result of Gates' two-bagger and two errors by Bill Cox, Mercersburg shortstop, which allowed Gates, Bud Averman, and Ed Sapp to score.

Mercersburg took the game when, with two down and men on first and second in the first half of the ninth, Bill Shevock, playing right field for the cubs, missed an attempted shoe-string catch of Al Ingley's fly and allowed three men to cross the plate.

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## Collegian Sports Writers Listed

The following will report spring athletics for the Collegian:  
Baseball—Bob Wilson  
Track—Bill Engel  
Lacrosse—Bernie Newman  
Spring football—Brad Owens  
Tennis—George Schless  
Golf—Paul Haldeman  
Freshman Baseball—Herb Nipson  
Intramurals—Manny Roth in charge, Brad Owens, Herb Nipson

## Golfers Win, 6-3 In Spring Opener

Lifting the curtain on the 1938 golf season, the Senior Varsity golfers won their opener last Saturday afternoon against Army, taking a 6-3 victory on the West Point links.

The matches were played according to the customary collegiate rules, with six men from each college divided into three foursomes. Scoring is on the basis of a possible three points to a foursome and nine points to a match.

In the first foursome with Army, the Lions grabbed all the points. Joe Stevenson defeated Lynch (Army), 3 and 2; Jack Mahaffey defeated Johnson (Army), 3 and 2; and Penn State won the best ball one up on the twentieth hole.

In the second, the Nittany links-men won only one point, with Edward Hebbda defeating Garrett (Army), 3 and 2. Bill Gross lost the other point to Clifford (Army), 4 and 3, and Army won the best ball, 4 and 2.

In the final foursome of the match, Bud Miller defeated Penny (Army) one up; Moore (Army), defeated Ken Klingensmith, 4 and 3; and Penn State won the best ball, 4 and 2.

Mahaffey, Hebbda, Stevenson, and Gross played on Penn State teams last year. Hebbda was carried over to Senior Varsity this year from Junior Varsity, on which he played last year.

Truhn also poked out a four-bagger while Vonarx got a triple. The game marked Georgetown's 19th consecutive triumph.

Navy Scores on Error Windy Wear threw the Navy game right into the Chesapeake when his heave to first in the seventh went wild and three Middies crossed the plate to overcome State's 3-3 lead and to take an otherwise air-tight contest, 6-5. Watts hurled splendid ball allowing the Sailors but six singletons. Brake smacked out a hard three-bagger and Harrison, Valeri, and Vonarx each got doubles.

Composite batting averages for the first four games follow:

Player	ab	r	h	ave.
Vonarx	14	6	428	
Brake	12	4	333	
Menzie	12	4	333	
Adessa	16	5	312	
Valeri	14	4	285	
Truhn	4	1	250	
Miehoff	18	4	222	
Harrison	15	3	200	
Waters	6	1	168	
Wear	10	1	100	

Eight women recently accepted bids from Theta Sigma Phi, honorary journalism society. They are: Rheta B. Gineck, Jeanne M. Walker, and Florence V. Watkins, Juniors; Natalie E. Atkinson, Elizabeth M. Ciswell, Phyllis R. Gordon, Josephine B. Miller, and Mary H. Shults, sophomores.

## Nittany Stickmen Down Penn For First Victory

Upholding this year's string of major sport victories over the University of Pennsylvania, the Nittany Lion lacrosse team defeated the Red and Blue last Saturday by a score of 7-4 on the Pennsylvanians' home court. This is the first game in three starts that the Lion stickmen were victorious. Losing to a powerful Army team in the season's opener, the Nittanymen traveled the following week to Maryland to take an 11-1 loss from a team considered one of the best in the country.

The Lions were very impressive in the Maryland game, displaying a much finer brand of stick work than in their recent game with Penn.

With the Lions performing brilliantly one minute, then ragged the next, and with referees' decisions slowing up the game, the game with Penn was a drab affair.

Seventeen one-minute penalties were called on the Nittanymen. An unusual incident occurred when Meyer, Lion goalie, was put out of the game for one minute when he attempted to knock the ball from a Penn attack. Joe Proksa doing double duty, prevented any scores at that time.

Penn opened the scoring two minutes after the game got under way. The Lions gained their first two markers in succession just before the first period ended. Joe Andrukitis and

## Net Eliminations Now In Progress

With two singles berths on the Lion net team still open, Coach Dink Stover is running a series of challenge matches to determine the team that will face Lehigh at Bethlehem on Friday, and then go on to Philadelphia to meet the strong Penn squad on Saturday.

Paul Massey, number one man last year, Al Hildebrandt, undefeated in his initial season of varsity play, and Arnie Cohen will probably handle the first three singles assignments. Jerry Goodman, a promising sophomore, is slated for number four.

Carl Arberg, who played part of last season, and Jack Hirsh, a junior, have been temporarily given the remaining two singles positions, but they are open to challenge. Bill Wiley, winner of the freshman tourney last year, has a victory over Hirsh to his credit, and may be used on the team. Bob Kirby, Jim Davis, Chuck Huxley, Bill O'Brien, and Joe Elliot are still in the running for starting berths.

No definite doubles assignments have been made, although it is fairly certain that Hildebrandt will pair with Massey, with Cohen and Goodman forming another team.

Both of the Lions' opponents in their opening trip have started their seasons with impressive wins. Albright fell before Lehigh, 8-1, and Penn, 9-0, while the Quakers also have blanketed the West Chester Teachers team.

The Penn squad, coached by Wallace Johnson, greatest exponent of the chop style of game, is paced by Izzy Bellis, a sophomore, who ranks first in Middle State junior listings, one position ahead of Malcolm Weinstein, State freshman who is practicing with the varsity. Capt. Louis Repp, Marty Kline, Eddie Mellor, Harry Albert, and Leroy Lewis, all highly rated, will probably see service against the Lions Saturday.

## J. V. Golfers Win Over Cornell, 8-1

In their first match of the 1938 season, the Nittany Junior Varsity golfers took an 8-1 win from Cornell on the Lions' well-conditioned home course last Saturday afternoon.

Bob Hayes was the only one to lose this point. Hayes played against Sulla, who played Senior Varsity golf last year and three matches this year. All the other Nittany divot-diggers defeated their Cornell opponents, and the sextet won the best ball in all three foursomes.

The results in each foursome follow: (1) Sulla (Cornell) defeated Bob Hayes, 3 and 2; Bill LaPorte defeated Strayer (Cornell), 2 and 1; Penn State won the best ball, 2 and 1. (2) Ken Weaver defeated MacFarland (Cornell), 2 and 1; Julian Keenan defeated Ryder (Cornell), 4 and 3; Penn State won the best ball, 3 and 2. (3) Bill Patterson defeated Raymond (Cornell), 7 and 6; Larry Perce defeated Smith (Cornell), 2 and 1; Penn State won the best ball, 6 and 5.

## Connor, Gee, Attend Washington Air Meet

Flying to Washington, D. C., to attend the conference of the National Intercollegiate Flying club during the Easter vacation, Richard Gee '38 and Ray Connor '37, members of the Penn State Airmen, proved their ability at the controls when their accurate navigation and flying through unexpected dense fog and rain landed them safely at the Washington-Doo-ver airport.

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