

Lion Nine Faces Mountaineers In Two Games

Meet W. Va. After 7-4 Win Over Mules

By BOB WILSON

Having hunted a very stubborn Muhlenberg Mule all over soggy New Beaver Field to annex their third straight win by a 7-4 verdict, on Wednesday, Joe Bedenk's Nittany Lion forces take on West Virginia's Mountaineers in a two-game feud here today and tomorrow. The game this afternoon will begin at 4 o'clock and Saturday's contest is set for 3 o'clock.

Today's fray marks the 20th meeting between Mountaineer and Lion baseball teams of a series which began back in 1904. Records show 14 triumphs against five defeats for State in the 19 tilts already played. Not since 1925 has a West Virginia nine whipped the Lions. Both games here last year went to the Nittanymen by successive 2-1 and 4-3 counts.

Goodrich Will Start

Bob Goodrich, big righthander, will be Bedenk's mound choice for today's contest. Provided Ben Simoncilli's back injury is sufficiently mended, the Lion skipper will do slab duty tomorrow. In Windy Wear's absence today, diminutive Bud Sherwin will be at second base. For the invaders Vic Krenosky and Irv Schweinberg will probably handle the weekend's cleanup.

Brilliant relief pitching by Tom Watts, who rescued faltering Joe Dillinger from a Muhlenberg onslaught with one out in the fourth, plus flawless hunting on the part of Martin Valeris and Ken Truitt gave the Lions their sixth conquest of the season which balances Bedenk's books with half a dozen wins and as many losses. Watts allowed the Mules two hits and no runs in six innings while Dillinger was butchered for five hits and four rallies in three frames.

Bill Hunsicker, Muhlenberg tesser, limited the Lions to seven well-bunched counts. Dick Busby, Mule second-sacker and cleanup slugger, collected three of the invaders seven bingles.

"Squeeze" Play Works

With the count knotted at 4-4 in the seventh, Wear doubled, stole third, then tallied after a perfectly executed "squeeze" play on Valeris's bunt. Ralph Shappell, Mule shortstop, fumbled Miehoff's slow roller and Valeris went to third. Another cleverly deceived "squeeze" scored Valeris as Truitt bunted perfectly. Both Truitt and Miehoff counted on Stamm's wild peg to second clinching the contest.

State got two in the second when Menzle binged and scored on Wear's singleton and Gillespie doubled to chase Wear on around. Two Lion markers in the sixth tied up the ball game as Truitt and Adessa tumbled on successive past balls to Mule catcher Zolt Stamm. Muhlenberg registered one in the first frame, one in the third, and two in the fourth.

Menzie Paces Hitters

Paul Menzle, sporting a .341 average with 15 hits and nine runs in 44 tries, has moved into first place in the Lion batting race. Joe Adessa, Nittany slugger, dropped to the second notch with 15 counts and 16 tallies in 44 attempts for a mark of .318. Windy Wear, his average steadily mounting, is in third place with a count of .316 for 12 hits and nine runs in 35 times at the plate.

Composite batting averages to date:

Name	g	ab	r	h	av
Sherwin	3	2	1	1	.500
Menzie	12	44	9	15	.341
Adessa	12	44	16	14	.318
Wear	11	38	9	12	.316
Truitt	5	16	3	5	.312
Gillespie	5	17	4	5	.294
Vonax	12	44	6	12	.273
Brake	10	38	8	10	.263
Valeris	8	28	4	6	.214
Miehoff	12	54	8	10	.185
Harrison	9	33	9	6	.181
Simoncilli	7	23	1	3	.130
Wright	4	8	1	1	.125
Watts	6	9	0	1	.111
Crossin	1	3	0	0	.000
Watson	1	3	0	0	.000
Goodrich	3	4	0	0	.000
Dillinger	1	4	1	0	.000
Totals	12	413	30	101	.247

INTRAMURAL HIGHLIGHTS

Non-Fraternity Mushball:

Watts Hall 2 swept into the mushball finals with a decisive 7-2 win over Graham A. C. Monday afternoon. The Hall boys will meet the strong B. R. B. outfit for the non-fraternity championship late this afternoon.

Wade Mori did double duty for Watts in the win over Graham's as he hurled brilliant ball and hit three safeties, including a homer with two on base. Lloyd Ickes caught for the victors while Max Corbin and Bill Osterman comprised the losers' battery. Sid Fisher also slamed a four-bagger for Watts.

The B. R. B.'s defeated the Penn State Club, 6-4, Tuesday as they went on a six-run spree in the first inning while taking advantage of the Club's numerous errors. The battery for the winners—Bob Smith, pitcher; Bill Bittling, catcher. For the B. R. B. team, Shorty Terbush, star hurler, was on the mound as Jim Davis caught his offerings.

On Wednesday, B. R. B. overwhelmed Beaver House, 11-2, as Shortstop John Chilcott hit two homers in the lucky seventh. Terbush pitched his usual brand of ball for the B. R. B.'s while Billy Levitsky caught. For Beaver House, the battery consisted of Art Fritzingler and Bob Beeman.

Fraternity Mushball:

Monroe Adler pitched his second straight shutout victory as Sigma Tau Phi battered a Pi Kappa Phi team to a 6-0 tune. Bob Siegel banged a homer for the victors as teammate Herb Reisenberg did some spectacular fielding to hold the Pi Kappa Phi's in hand. Jack Wolgin caught for the losers consisted of Elmer Devor and Frank Kapp. Bob Turk sparkled at centerfield as Charley Schneider did good work at third.

In a 13-inning battle, the Phi Gams edged out the Chi Phi's 13-11. Verne Auhel hit a homer for the losers in the first stanza with the bags loaded as brother Jack Berseth had a perfect day at bat with four hits. Wilson and Beerbover comprised the Phi Gam battery; Jack Sacks and Johnny Pierce did service for the losers.

Phi Delta Theta advanced into the quarter-finals by virtue of a 2-1 win over Sigma Chi. Batteries, Phi Deltas—Don Scheuer and Bill O'Brien; Sigma Chi—Babs Babiarz and Jack Lewis. Pitcher Babiarz sent 10 men down via the strikeout route.

Alpha Phi Delta took over Beta Sigma Rho, 8-3. Tony Rubino pitched and Al Zazzi caught for the winners while Howard Silverman and Len Frank hurled for the Beta Sigs. Joe Hurvitz and Jack Hirsch alternated as backstops for the losers.

Alpha Sigma Phi beat Triangle, 6-5, in a 10-inning battle of numerous errors. Bill Green and Bob Givler battered for the winners; for Triangle, John Phillips and Al Roberts.

Sigma Phi Epsilon triumphed over Sigma Nu, 9-4.

Frosh Stickmen Face Strong Syracuse High

The freshman lacrosse team stacks up against a much too powerful team tomorrow when they meet Syracuse Central High School on the golf course playing field at 12:30 o'clock. The high school boys, it is reported, had a practice game with the Syracuse University varsity recently and were defeated only by a score of 9 to 2.

This is the second and last game of the season for the Cubs. Against Cornell in the season's opener, the Lions flashed some brilliance in the first part of the game, but Cornell knew too much and it wasn't long before the Big Red amassed 15 markers to the locals' three.

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AN OUTSTANDING PAIR



Smilingly, Penn State's most valuable athlete, Windy Wear (left) talks things over with Sol Miehoff, who was selected today as the recipient of the Collegian's first annual award to "the senior who has done most to bring honor and prestige to Penn State."

Carnegie Tennis Meet Called Off

Rain, Carnegie Tech's cancellation of the meet scheduled for tomorrow, then more rain—and as a result State's tennis team will remain idle for the week-end.

The last regularly-scheduled home engagement was called off Wednesday afternoon when Maryland's Terps arrived in the Nittany Valley, took a look at the weather, and headed south. The rain, however, stopped early in the afternoon, and a crew of men got the courts in shape for the match, not knowing of Maryland's departure for home.

Carnegie Tech called off the meet to be played in Pittsburgh tomorrow because a new group of courts, which were to be used, is still under construction.

An attempt was made to bring Bucknell's Bisons here yesterday to play off the meet which was rained out last Saturday. Before definite arrangements could be completed, the rain again took control, converting the carefully maneuvered courts once more into a mire.

Wednesday afternoon the Lions are slated to face Army at West Point. The Cadets rank high in intercollegiate tennis circles, being considered inferior only to the top-notch teams—Navy, North Carolina, and the West Coast schools. To meet such an outfit away after a layoff of almost two weeks is a tough assignment, and Dink Stover will have his netmen on the courts as soon as they are playable in an attempt to take a team at the peak of its ability up the Hudson for the last meet of the season.

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Varsity Golfers End Season With 9-0 Victory Over Tech

By PAUL HALDEMAN

Varsity golfers ended their season with a 9-0 shutout against Carnegie Tech here Wednesday.

Recovering from a long string of defeats at the hands of Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Association opponents, the Nittany Lions outplayed the Tartans on every count.

Lacrossmen Play Finals Tomorrow

A victory tomorrow over Lafayette's lacrosse team will draw the curtain on the most successful season any Penn State stick team has seen since the inception of the sport here in 1913.

With five wins to their credit so far this season, the Nittany Lions have tied the feat accomplished by last year's aggregation. A win in tomorrow's finale will add to their laurels and make it six out of eight, the best percentage ever gained by Blue and White stickwielders.

The Lions, defeated in their first two games of the season by such formidable foes as Army and Maryland, came back fighting to overcome Penn. Swarthmore, Cornell, Colgate, and Syracuse successively. Army and Maryland are considered two of the best teams in the country.

End Career

Tomorrow's game on New Beaver Field will also mark the end of the careers of Captain Solly Cohn, Joe Proksa, Al Simpson, and Joe Snook as college lacrossmen. These four, the nucleus of this year's club, will be a great loss to Coach Nick Thiel when next year rolls around.

Cohn, All American mention last year, saw three years of varsity warfare and is rated one of Thiel's most consistent ballplayers. Joe Proksa, another veteran of three seasons, was commended last week by Roy Simmons, Syracuse coach, as being one of the greatest defensive men he has ever seen. Simpson and Snook, also veterans, attained glory on the field and have proven great assets to the team.

The probable lineup against Lafayette will be Bud Meyer at the goal, George Ritter and Alex Cowan, points; Proksa and Ott Wunscheil, defense; Simpson, center; Joe Andrukkits and Snook, attackmen; and Ray Coskery and Cohn at the homes.

Freshmen Nine Closes '38 Season Tomorrow

Hoping to close the season tomorrow with at least one victory after having dropped their previous four games, Coach Leo Houck's Frosh ball-tossers have been working daily and are pointing for a victory over Wyoming Seminary on New Beaver Field at 12:30 o'clock.

Bob Robinson, idle since the first game of the season, will do the pitching with Bill Bardo, Johnny Miller or Keggs doing the catching.

Johnny Barr and Ed Sapp will cover first and second respectively. Dick Mack will make his debut at third base and Fred Ball will play short. Peeny Gates, Jay Minney, and Carl Blank will take care of the fly-chasing.

Between The Lions

By HERB CAHAN Sports Editor

In the Fall of 1934 a small, fair-haired young man entered Penn State—learned to play soccer, made the freshman basketball and baseball teams.

Today this same young man is about to graduate from Penn State, leaving behind him a record that is almost impossible to better—he has gained the heights in three major sports.

This same young man is today "the senior who has done most to bring honor and prestige to Penn State."

Solly Miehoff, besides your numerals and nine varsity letters, Penn State has blessed you with no material award. The Collegian Trophy, which will be presented to you tomorrow, is small reward for the glory you have brought to your alma mater. May we add our congratulations and meager acclaim to these other tributes from those who have known you as an athlete, grand fellow, and pal.

First, the three coaches who have indeed been privileged in having you on their teams:

John Lawther, basketball—"When the coaches of the Eastern Intercollegiate Conference selected Sol Miehoff as all-conference forward they were merely confirming what his own teammates and coach knew about the boy. He ranks among the best of all the athletes I have ever seen on a basketball court. His drive and fire made a great Penn State team look mediocre in comparison. His courage and calmness under fire were never more evident than when he tied up the Georgetown game with two successful foul throws, after the whistle had blown with Georgetown two points in the lead. Again, at West Virginia, he intercepted the ball in the late moments of the game to make it possible to win that game in an extra period. He conceals a world of ability—and an indomitable spirit in a body trained to such fine-tuning."

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