

# Lion Nine, Lacrossemen Battle Orange Tomorrow

## Tossers Will Meet Pitt Tuesday, Wednesday

### Bedenkmen Take Fourth Straight Victory Over Bullets, 6-4; Play Temple

By BAYARD BLOOM

After taking its fourth straight victory from Gettysburg Tuesday, 6-4, with the perfect baseball climax of a ninth inning homer with one on deck to break a tie, the meteoric Lion nine's win streak hung fire when they faced Temple here yesterday.

Tom Watts, veteran red-headed hurler, will probably start against Syracuse when the State tossers meet the Orange away tomorrow. Watts has seen action in five of the Lion's eight games this year.

But "Shawwin," ordinarily a shortstop, will replace Penny Gates at the left field post. Gates was hit by a pitched ball in the Gettysburg game and injured his leg.

A terrific ninth inning clout by Catcher Matt Valeri, with Johnny Wrigley on board, tied the game.

Penn State's baseball team defeated Temple, 15-7, yesterday afternoon in a free slugging game.

Matt Valeri, Eddy Sapp, and Paul Menzie, clouted home runs for State. The Lion nine scored in every inning but the seventh. Tom Watts relieved Jimmy Richardson in the seventh frame for State after the Owls reached Richardson for six hits and five runs.

game for the Bedenkmen. It was the second straight relief victory for sensational pitcher, Ed Bastian.

His cross-fire curve ball whiffing, the Gettysburg batters consistently, Bastian pitched only two straight balls the entire six and one-third innings. Those two groovers gave the Bullets their only two hits off the bantam Bastian.

Replacing Tom Watts in the third with two away and Gettysburg leading 3-0, Bastian struck out 13 of the 21 Bullet batters he faced. Eleven of the Gettys-

## Lion Runners Face Chicago

### State Tracksters To Meet Maroonmen Tomorrow, Spartans Monday

What was the matter with the track team at the Penn Relays? The answer is nothing. The trackmen were competing against the best sprinters, millers, and fielders that intercollegiate competition could offer.

For the disbelievers, the Chicago meet away tomorrow and the Michigan State affair at East Lansing Monday, will unveil a Lion outfit that the critics will realize was badly underrated. The Maroon and the Spartans have well-balanced machines that rank with the best in the mid-west.

Coach Chick Werner will take Len Henderson, Frank Maule, and Johnny Strange for the mile and two-mile events. Bill Grist, Charley Pierce, and Dick Yohn will handle the 880. Bob Hutchings and Miller Frazier will represent the Lions in high and low hurdles.

Van Hartman will run the 440 and the relay event, and Will Sutton will broad jump and sprint the 220.

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## Netmen Top Bisons, 8-1; Play Orange

### Tennis Team Battles Syracuse Away

Sweeping every tilt, the Lion tennis team blanked Carnegie Tech, 9-0, yesterday afternoon.

Disposing of their victims in short order, Coach Ted Roehke's charges extended their winning streak to four straight victories.

By ED McLORIE

Penn State's triumphant tennismen, sparked by an 8-1 victory over Bucknell's highly-touted outfit, met Syracuse on the Orange stamping ground tomorrow afternoon.

The Bisons, previously undefeated on clay in 17 encounters, were victors in only one tilt, the third doubles. Five matches, however, went three sets. The greatest surprise came when Captain Hildebrandt pulled his match from the fire against George McCall, Bison ace, after dropping the opening set 6-1. Hildebrandt apparently solved the weakness of his opponent and went on to outplay McCall by his steadiness and fine lobbing.

The summary singles—Hildebrandt, State, defeated McCall, 1-6, 6-3, 7-5; Weinstein, State, defeated Steele, 4-6, 6-2, 7-5; Goodman, State, defeated Richardson, 6-0, 10-8; Hughes, State, defeated Carson, 6-3, 7-5; Bigott, State, defeated Dunham, 7-5, 2-6, 9-7; and Arherr, State, defeated Cronk, 6-4, 6-1.

Doubles—Hildebrandt and Weinstein, State, defeated McCall and Steele, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5; Goodman and Bigott, State, defeated Richardson and Dunham, 6-1, 6-4; and Hughes and Kirby, State, bowed to Carson and Cronk, 6-2, 2-6, 6-8.

## BETWEEN THE LIONS

With BOB WILSON, Sports Editor

**Prelude**

Unlike most sports editors, I take office today sans crystal ball, minus a cat called Henry, without a secretary named Miss Pebbins and completely devoid of the usual paraphernalia common to the average sports monger.

Unlike most sports editors, I feel that a policy is neither expedient nor imperative. At least not for the time being.

Unlike most sports editors, I intend to write in the first person simply because I don't like the editorial "we." And what's more, there's absolutely no sense fooling the public—a public already wise to this "we" stuff, a public that knows only one man at a time can operate a typewriter anyhow.

Like most sports editors, I will endeavor to be as fair as is humanly possible in dealing with things athletic between the Lions and their opponents.

Like my predecessors, I will attempt to keep alive a tradition that for seven years has been BETWEEN THE LIONS.

So begins another year.

## The Amazing Mr. Bastian

A new star shone in the baseball heavens today and not one single astronomer can lay claim to having forecast its arrival.

This new star bears the name Edward William Bastian and came into view just last Saturday when he rescued Coach Joe Bedenk's No. 1 hurler Tom Watts from a merciless bombardment at the hands of Villanova's big guns in the fourth inning, going on to pitch shutout ball for the remaining five frames.

Against Gettysburg Tuesday afternoon the amazing Mr. Bastian duplicated this feat, but that's not all. Replacing Watts with two away and two on in the third, the slender one (he weighs a scant 138) forced the first batter to face him to ground out, returning the side.

Waving torrid in the very next inning, Bastian struck out three men on ten pitched balls—an exceptional performance even in the big leagues. In the fifth stanza he retired the bewildered Bullets on seven pitched balls, striking out one man in the bargain.

Even more awesome is the fact that, exactly 13 of Bastian's 17 deliveries during the fourth and fifth frames were strikes. Only two were balls and two were popped up for outs.

Further statistics on the Gettysburg game show that only 21 men faced Bastian in six and one-third innings. Two hit, one got on via an error, 13 struck out and Bastian caught one of the three lucky fellows to reach first off the sack—another unusual occurrence.

Although Bastian has never started a game, he has saved approximately 20 innings on the mound as a relief invader. To him goes credit for State's first victory over mighty Villanova in eight years, and its first triumph over Gettysburg since 1934. For two games, not full ones at that, here indeed is a remarkable record.

Surely now, Mr. Bedenk, you can say "This is the year!"

## Eulogy

Not too much can be said in eulogy to a couple of little guys who were recently honored for their outstanding athletic achievements during the past year. I speak of Harry Harrison, named outstanding senior athlete for 1939; and Al Tapman, winner of the first Frankie Goodman boxing trophy.

Without a doubt, Harrison was the man for the senior award. A great "money player" on the gridiron, a fair baseball player and a good A. A. president, Harrison has been one of the most colorful athletes to attend Penn State in recent years.

Particularly satisfying is the news that Al Tapman was chosen most outstanding Lion boxer. Undefeated in dual meets at 127 pounds during the past season, Tapman, a hard and clean boxer and a perfect gentleman in the ring, was probably one of the most beloved figures to wear Lion gloves.

Certainly both will be missed tremendously next year.

## Golf Today, Tomorrow; Lacrosse, '42 Baseball, Feature Sports Slate

**TODAY**

2 p m—Golf—Cornell vs Pitt

**TOMORROW**

10 a m—Golf with Cornell

1 p m—Freshman lacrosse with Lafayette

1 30 p m—Freshman baseball with Syracuse

2 p m—Golf with Pitt

2 30 p m—Freshman golf with Cornell

3 p m—Lacrosse with Syracuse

## Pitt, Cornell Battle Lions In EIGA Tilts

### Nittany Golfers Are Favored To Win

By ED HALL

When the last pit is sunk on Saturday, the varsity golfers will have either advanced two more notches on their march to an undefeated season, or will have fallen by the wayside, whipped by either Pitt or Cornell, or both.

The Nittany men will meet Cornell at 10 a m in their first home meet at the College links on Saturday, and will try to take Pitt's measure in the afternoon at 2. The meet will mark this year's Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Association debut for all three teams.

The Lion clubmen's chances of winning shine brightly on the horizon. Except for one change in the lineup, Scott Maxwell, who will replace Ed Heblin in the number six spot, the squad will be the same which has had such a successful season so far.

The Pitt squad which comes to do battle with the Blue and White has already suffered defeat at its hands. State defeated Pitt by a score of 6-4 last Saturday in Pittsburgh.

The Panther squad contains only two players calculated to give much trouble to the Lions. Tony Kay, playing the number one position for the Panthers has been defeated for three years in league competition. Footballer Bill Daddo, who is also quite a lad on the links, was one of the blocks that refused to crack in the first Lion-Panther match.

The Cornell Bear had its claws clipped when its three crack players graduated from school last year. It can still offer stiff opposition, though, to a squad which is just rounding out a practice period considerably delayed by unseasonable weather.

## Nittany Stickmen Hope To Crash Win Column

### Injuries Weaken Lion Lacrosse Lineup; Orange Boasts Good Record

By BILL FOWLER

Riddled by injuries, a worn but determined Nittany lacrosse team will grapple with a capable bunch of Syracuse stick-wingers on New Beaver Field at 1 p m tomorrow.

It wasn't enough when Johnny Price fell asleep beneath an x-ray lamp last week and burnt himself into one big blister. It wasn't enough when Roger Sharp bumped into a big cadet and hurt his shoulder. No, Dan Hess had to go out and wrench his knee badly enough in practice to keep him out for the rest of the season.

Net result: one shortage of Lion center fielders and one aching temple for Nick Thiel.

Syracuse, which the locals edged 5-4 last year, has won two easy victories from their Alumni and Cornell and dropped a game to Army, 8-11. The Orangemen, with a strong inside attack and a hard-driving center field paced by All-American Art Morrison, are nobody's pink flouting.

Still, the local boys figure to win. According to Army's lacrosse mentor, who has watched both teams bow to his cadets, the Lion swingers compute very favorably with the Syracuse variety. The Thielmen have been showing plenty of stuff in the last two games. And victory is long overdue.

Scrimmage this week has been devoted chiefly to smoothing out the Nittany defense to face the extra-man plays in which the Orangemen specialize, as well as to sharpening the Lion offense to capitalize on those oft-muffed scoring opportunities.

As a prelude to the varsity fray, the freshman lacrossers will battle Lafayette in their opener on New Beaver Field at 1 p m.

Rabbi Theodore Gordon will conduct discussion on social justice in the Presbyterian Church Sunday at 6 30 p m.

## Yearling Nine Faces Orange

### Same Lineup That Beat Kiski Will Start Game Here At 1:30 Tomorrow

The same freshman baseball lineup that outslugged Kiski Prep to win 15-0 last Saturday, will face the Syracuse freshmen on New Beaver Field at 1 30 p m tomorrow.

Don Delmauro probably will be the starting pitcher but Joe Wilk, Whitman, and Charles Medlar will be ready and at least one of the three is likely to see action.

Warren Zeigler who started at first against Mercersburg but did not play in the Kiski game may replace Bill Doble as the game progresses.

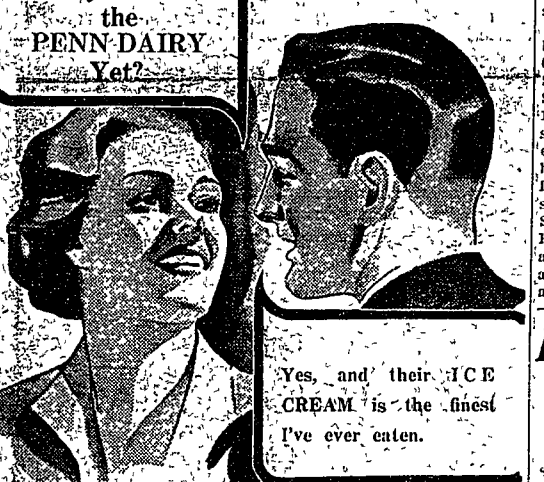
The batting order probably will include Wayne Fromplet in center field, Steve Matula at second, Frank Burgeuer in left field, Charlie Farris at third, John Kerr in right and Jack Stauffer behind the plate.

Alpha Nu astronomy fraternity meeting at 7 p m today Home Ec. Auditorium.

Church of Christ worship at 11 a m and 7 p m Sunday Room 405 Old Main.

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## Houck Recalls Title Bout In France 28 Years Ago

The freshman batter drove a long fly into the outfield. A bright sun beat down. Under a canvas coat the old coach sweated. He sneezed and took the coat off. "I've gotta cold."

"You know, Leo?" A boy perched on the back of an old green bench was speaking. "It's just 28 years ago today you won the middleweight championship in Paris—May 3, 1911."

The pitcher threw in two fast ones. There was silence for a while. The boy seemed absorbed in the game.

"Twenty-eight years," Leo was talking.

"Seems like a long time."

"Yeah, real long. I won the Cuban light-heavyweight title, too. I never went back to either place so I never really lost them."

A hard-hit liner bounded into the outfield. There was more silence. The boy didn't say much. And the old coach got up to correct a batter. The boy started to leave.

"Hey, you leavin'?"

The boy sat down again and the coach lumbered back to the bench. He was no lightweight anymore.

"How many years did you fight, Leo?"

The old coach's fingers began to move. "About 20, I guess. I never fought amateur. And I only fought once since I came up here—that was in December, 1922. I came here."

"How many fights did you win, Leo?"

"I used to have it in a record book. But they don't put it in anymore now."

There was silence again. The batter couldn't seem to get his drives out of the infield. "That dumb . . . I could do better than that."

The old coach lumbered over to the plate, took the bat and watched one go by. Then he swung into a fast ball. He sailed out deep and rolled down toward the New Beaver Field tennis courts.

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