

Stickmen Wallop Drexel, Penn In Season's Opening Contest

It took the Drexel game to get the Nittany stickmen over a case of jitters, said Coach Nick Thiel yesterday.

Jitters or no, Coach Nick Thiel's veteran lacrosse squad returned home from Philadelphia Sunday with two wins under its belt. The Lions romped over Drexel by a 15-4 count on Friday, and dropped Penn by a 13-4 score the next day.

Against the Drexel Dragons, the Blue and White started fast, tallying its first marker after only two minutes had elapsed. However, Drexel came back to tie the score at 1-all.

The Thielmen pulled back into the lead shortly afterwards, but the Dragons sent two straight tallies into the net and led, 3-2. It was the last time that the Nittany stickmen were behind. By half-time, the Lions held a 6-3 margin.

STATE DOMINATES

The second half was entirely dominated by the State stickmen, as they held the Drexelites scoreless in the third period, and allowed but a single goal in the last quarter.

Meanwhile, the Thielmen ran wild, racking up 4 points in the third period, and 5 in the hectic last quarter.

Jim Wolf, veteran lacrosser, was lost for the season in the Drexel encounter, when he suf-

fered a separated shoulder late in the first half. Rog Nestor, another letterman, broke his leg in practice two weeks ago, and is also out for the season.

Ernie "Bugs" Baer headed the scoring column for the Lions. The veteran center put three shots past the Drexel goalie, George Locotos, John Nolan, and John Finney, each had two tallies to their credit.

EASY WIN

On Saturday, the lacrossers built up a 5-1 half-time lead and coasted to a 13-4 triumph over Penn. Sophomore Eddie Belfield and John Nolan led the scoring with 4 and 3 points respectively. Baer and Bobby Louis each scored twice.

The Quakers displayed a strong starting combination against the Lions, but were outplayed by the Nittany's superior reserve strength.

"Our reserves won the game for us," the veteran coach said. "You might say the reserves are our strength."

Also hitting the scoring list for the Statemen in the weekend engagements were John McCleary, John Lux, Art Lorenz, Jim Wolf, and Buddy Thomas.

The Nittany stickmen buckled down for a good practice session yesterday, preparing for the Hobart College invasion of New Beaver Field tomorrow afternoon. The game will get underway at 4 o'clock.

VETERAN TEAM

Hobart will field a veteran team. However, State holds a slight advantage over the visitors in game experience, for tomorrow's battle will be Hobart's first game this year.

Hobart uses a slow, deliberate style, both offensively and defensively, and the system is hard to play against. Last year, the Lions dropped a 7-5 tilt to the New Yorkers.

Ridenour Loses

Naval officer, Robert Kill eliminated former Penn State wrestler Charlie Ridenour in the final round of the National AAU championships at Hempstead, N. Y., Saturday night by scoring a unanimous decision.

Ridenour therefore bowed out of the tourney under the Olympic rules, having lost a close earlier decision to Ed Collins of the New York A.C.

The former collegiate champ will compete in the Olympic finals at Iowa, April 29-30.

Lions Best Dukes In Grid Skirmish

With their ground attack playing second fiddle, the Nittany Lion gridmen unleashed powerful passing plays to smother Duquesne University's Dukes, 20-0, in an informal scrimmage Saturday. Tailbacks Elwood Petchel and Bill Luther combined to flip the Lions' three touchdown aeri-als before 2000 spectators on New Beaver Field.

Luther tossed a 30-yard pass to end Bob Hicks halfway through the first period and the Nittany terminal scampered 30 more yards untouched to pay dirt.

In the fourth quarter Hicks gathered in a Petchel pass with a sensational leaping catch and streaked 25 yards for a touchdown behind excellent blocking.

Just before the end of the practice scrimmage on Beaver Field, Petchel moved back in punt formation on fourth down on his own 12-stripe. He faked punting, ran toward the sidelines and uncurked a 40-yard aerial to halfback Wally Triplett. The Lion wingback danced through four Duquesne tacklers and outran two others to the goal line.

On the ground, the Blue and White machine found rough going, with holes in the foes' line not up to the par fans witnessed in the last Lion season.

By a 15-8 Margin . . .

Nine Tops Pitt for Series Sweep, Seeks Fourth Against Mules Today

Closing out its current home stand, the Nittany Lion nine will play host to Muhlenberg at New Beaver Field, 4 o'clock this afternoon. On Friday the Lions travel to Washington, D. C., where they meet Georgetown University in single games Friday and Saturday.

Coach Joe Bedenk will send either Bob Gehrett or Jim Masticola to the mound this afternoon in an attempt to stretch the Blue and White's early season winning skein to four straight games.

Gehrett, who set the Panthers down with two hits on Friday, will be gunning for his fifth straight victory and third of the current campaign if he receives the nod.

The College baseballers kept to their winning ways by drubbing the University of Pittsburgh here Saturday 15-8, combing the offerings of four Panther hurlers for 11 hits. Nine free passes helped the Lions push their run total to two figures for the second time this season.

Cy Miller made his first start of the season for the home team and lasted until the eighth inning, giving up six runs on four hits.

Jim Masticola replaced Miller after the rangy right hander suddenly developed inability to find the plate and walked four straight batters in the eighth. Masticola finished out the contest and gave the losers their final two runs.

PANTHERS SCORE

An error by Dick Wertz put Miller in trouble in the first inning and allowed the visitors to push over an unearned run. With two out and Smodic on first, Wertz fumbled Canterna's grounder. Smodic then scored on Jim Couch's long double.

The Lions came right back in the bottom half of the inning to score three markers after two were out. Gene Solomon singled to start off the stanza, but was forced at second as Hackman grounded to starting hurler

Sammy David who threw to Snyder.

Hackman then stole second. After Stark grounded out from second to first, Potsklan walked. Successive singles by Wertz, Tkac and Hogan accounted for three tallies.

A single by Canterna and a triple by Couch gave the Jungle Cats two more tallies in the fourth and enabled them to come within one run of the Lions.

LIONS SCORE

In the sixth inning the roof caved in on the Smoky Cityites and the Lions sent eight runs scurrying across the platter.

Twelve Nittanyites batted in the hectic sixth. Six walks and four safeties were given up by David and southpaw Bobby Lucchino, who relieved him, and before the dust had cleared the home nine was ahead 14-3.

The Gold and Blue notched their final five runs in the eighth inning, the big blow being Couch's triple to left center with the bases loaded. It was the husky right fielder's third extra base blow of the contest.

FINAL RALLY

Two more free tickets and a single accounted for the Lions' final run in the seventh.

Tom "Red" Hogan and Al Tkac supplied the major punch for the Lions' attack. Hogan drove in two runs with three singles, and Tkac batted in four counters with a single and double.

THE BOX SCORE:

	Ab	R	H	O	A	E
Pittsburgh	4	1	0	3	3	0
Barnes, ss	2	0	0	0	0	0
Susto, lf	0	1	0	1	0	0
Cecconi, lf	2	3	1	3	0	2
Smodic, cf	3	1	1	2	3	1
Canterna, 3b	4	1	3	0	0	0
Couch, lf	4	0	0	5	0	1
Rosfield, 1b	4	0	0	7	2	1
Snyder, 2b	2	0	0	1	0	1
Schweinbaten, c	2	0	0	1	0	1
Match, c	2	0	1	2	1	0
David, p	1	0	0	1	0	0
Lucchino, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hudec, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smith, p	1	1	0	0	0	0
Totals	30	8	5	24	10	6
Penn State						
Solomon, 2b	4	2	2	2	2	0
Smeltz, 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hackman, ss	5	1	2	2	0	0
Stark, lf	5	1	0	1	0	0
Potsklan, cf	0	3	0	3	1	0
Wertz, 1b	3	2	1	9	1	1
Tkac, rf	3	2	2	0	0	0
Hogan, 3b	5	2	3	0	1	1
Mayer, 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0
Holer, c	2	1	0	9	2	0
Miller, p	3	1	1	0	4	0
Masticola, p	1	0	0	1	0	0
Totals	32	15	11	27	15	2

Calhoun Top Rifleman

Shooting 273 out of a possible 300 points from three positions, Charles W. Calhoun, Naval ROTC midshipman, took the individual honors in the 4th Naval District meet Saturday afternoon in a shoulder-to-shoulder match in the Armory.

Penn State placed second in team competition with the University of Pennsylvania taking first place and Villanova finishing third.

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