

Panthers, Lions Tangle Today, Tkac Seeks 3rd Mound Victory

Pittsburgh Nine Arrives For 2-Day Diamond Stand

Pittsburgh opens a two-day stand on the New Beaver Field diamond at 4 p.m. today. The Panthers, sporting a record of 8 wins and 3 losses, seek to end the six-game victory string of Coach Joe Bedenk's Nittany Lions.

Coach Bedenk has indicated that Al Tkac will pitch against the Panthers today, with Clarence "Buzz" Buss picked to do the catching.

Impressed with the hitting of the entire team in Wednesday's 9-0 white-wash of Villanova, Coach Bedenk will likely choose the same starting infield and outfield today.

TOCCI

Heavy-hitting Dick Wertz will be at his usual post at first base, while Little Joe Tocci will cavort at second. Tocci broke into the starting lineup for the first time since the Swathmore game April 14 and did a remarkable job both afield and at bat.

Captain Hal Hackman, who has foiled opposing pitchers by stealing home three times, completes the double play combo of Hackman-to-Tocci-to-Wertz at shortstop. Bill Tegtmeyer will be at third.

Hen Albright, Bill Ondick and newcomer Owen Dougherty comprise the Nittany outfield. Dougherty has replaced big Stan Laganosky in right field because the latter has failed to deliver at the plate.

For tomorrow's clash with the boys from Skyscraper U., Bedenk will use Cy Miller on the mound. The lanky twirler from Millersburg has been touched for only 15 hits in his last 31 innings of pitching.

EVENLY MATCHED

Pitt's record puts the Panthers on par with the Lions, and the two games should be nip-and-tuck battles.

Albright will lead off for the Nittanians, followed by Captain Hackman, the team's top run scorer. Tocci will hit number three, with Wertz in the clean-up slot.

Dougherty, the lefty rightfielder, will bat fifth, with catcher Buss, Ondick and Tegtmeyer going to the plate in that order.

Tkac will complete the list when he bats ninth. Tkac, a converted outfielder, has hit safely five times in 12 times at bat, and owns a .417 average.

He will be seeking his third victory when he toes the slab in today's tilt. He made his third start against Navy Saturday, but was relieved by Miller in the third inning after a big Navy rally. The Lions came back to tie that game up before it was called because of rain.

Batting Over .400



DICK WERTZ

Dougherty, Doherty Keeps Scorers In Dither

What's in a name? Recently, in the Lion-Villanova baseball game, it was Dougherty vs. Doherty in right field while next fall when the two team meet on the gridiron it will once again be Dougherty vs. Doherty, this time the two will operate in opposing backfields.

When sports publicity director Jim Coogan was asked whether there were any football players on the Villanova diamond team, he answered, "Yes, Doherty."

But no, he plays for Penn State. After a short explanation it was learned that Bill Doherty handles the quarterbacking for the Wildcats in the fall while Owen Dougherty operates from the wingback slot in the Nittany eleven.

Double Winner

For the second year in a row, Penn State's Bill Bonsall won runner-up honors in the all-round at the National AAU gymnastic championships. This position won the Philadelphia youth a place on Uncle Sam's Olympic squad last year.

Foggmens Cop Second Victory; Defeat Lehigh Netmen, 5-4

Penn State's tennis team continued on the comeback trail Wednesday by edging Lehigh, 5-4, at Bethlehem. It was the second win in a row for the Nittany Lions after losing their first three matches.

Sherm Fogg's netmen managed to take two of the three doubles events to gain the one-game victory. The singles competition ended in a 3-3 deadlock.

Outstanding in the Lion triumph was Owen "Sonny" Landon, promising sophomore from Williamsport. Sonny defeated Lloyd Taylor, 6-4, and teamed with Captain Herb Beckhard in the doubles to knock off Ray Stauffer and Taylor, 0-6, 6-3 and 6-1.

Penn State's other singles winners were Jim Howells and Bob Ogden. Howells won over Jack Mellinger, 6-3 and 6-1, and Ogden defeated Bill Clinkunbroomer, 9-7, 3-6 and 6-2.

In the other singles, the Engineers' number one man, Stauffer, downed Herb Beckhard, 6-1 and 66-2; Amby Hardwick nipped

Bill Aiken, 9-7, 4-6 and 7-5; Bruce Hinlein tripped Frank Pessolano, 6-4, 3-6 and 6-2.

Bill Grey and Pessolano defeated Hardwick and Clinkunbroomer in doubles, 9-7 and 6-4. Lehigh's Mellinger and Roberts rallied to beat Howells and Aiken, 1-6, 9-7 and 6-3.

The summary: Singles - Ray Stauffer, Lehigh, defeated Herb Beckhard, Penn State, 6-1 and 6-2; Jim Howells, Penn State, defeated Jack Mellinger, Lehigh, 6-3 and 6-1; Sonny Landon, Penn State, defeated Lloyd Taylor, Lehigh, 6-4 and 6-2; Amby Hardwick, Lehigh, defeated Bill Aiken, Penn State, 9-7, 4-6 and 7-5; Bob Ogden, Penn State, defeated Bill Clinkunbroomer, Lehigh, 9-7, 3-6 and 6-2; Bruce Hinlein, Lehigh, defeated Frank Pessolano, Penn State, 6-4, 3-6 and 6-2.

Doubles - Beckhard and Landon, Penn State, defeated Stauffer and Taylor, Lehigh, 0-6, 6-3 and 6-1; Mellinger and Roberts, Lehigh, defeated Howells and Aiken, Penn State, 1-6, 9-7 and 6-3; Grey and Pessolano, Penn State, defeated Hardwick and Clinkunbroomer, Lehigh, 9-7 and 6-4.

Major League Results

AMERICAN LEAGUE							
Yesterday's Results							
Boston	2	Chicago	1 (11)				
Detroit	2	Washington	1				
Philadelphia	at St. Louis	(N)					
Standings							
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
New York	16	6	727	Chicago	11	12	.478
Cleveland	19	7	588	Phila.	11	12	.478
Detroit	12	9	571	Boston	9	11	.450
Wash'ton	12	12	500	St. Louis	5	17	.227
Today's Schedule							
Cleveland	at Chicago	(N)					
Detroit	at St. Louis	(N)					
NATIONAL LEAGUE							
Yesterday's Results							
Cincinnati	3	New York	0				
Brooklyn	11	Pittsburgh	6				
Philadelphia	4	Chicago	3				
St. Louis	at Boston	cold, wet gr.					
Standings							
W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
New York	13	9	591	Phila.	11	12	.478
Boston	13	9	591	Pittsburgh	10	13	.435
Brooklyn	12	10	545	St. Louis	8	11	.421
Cincinnati	11	10	524	Chicago	8	12	.400
Today's Schedule							
Brooklyn	at Boston	(N)					
Philadelphia	at New York	(N)					
St. Louis	at Pittsburgh	(N)					
Chicago	at Cincinnati	(N)					

Wertz Amazing .421 Average Leads Ball Team

Slugging Dick Wertz, Lion first baseman, continues to lead the Lion baseball team in batting. Wertz, who has played in all of the Nittanians' games, is currently hitting at a .421 clip.

Not satisfied with the number one spot in the average column, the lefthanded first sacker also leads the team in hits, with 13; two base hits, with 3, and has one of the Blue and White's two round trippers.

Pitcher Al Tkac, who has participated in only four games, has knocked out a .417 average, with catcher Clarence Buss in third place, hitting .353.

Jack Kurty has clubbed out two triples, and is right behind Buss in hitting, with an average of .350.

Speedy Hal Hackman, captain and shortstop, has scored 12 runs and stolen base 15 times. Hackman has pilfered home three times this season.

Tkac and Bill Bair own the best pitching records. Each has won two and lost none. Cy Miller, the workhorse of the mound staff, has won four and is charged with one loss.

	G	AB	R	H	Aver.
Wertz	10	38	10	16	.421
Tkac	4	12	3	5	.417
Buss	6	17	2	6	.353
Kurty	6	20	7	7	.350
Tocci	3	10	5	3	.300
Ondick	10	36	9	10	.278
Hackman	10	37	12	10	.273
Albright	10	34	10	9	.265
Tegtmeyer	9	28	9	7	.250
Miller	6	16	1	4	.250
Laganoosky	8	33	7	6	.182
Solomon	8	27	7	4	.148

	G	IP	H	SO	BB	W	L	Pct.
Tkac	3	20	3	17	7	4	2	0.1000
Bair	2	13	9	10	3	2	0	1.0000
Miller	6	41	1-3	32	14	4	1	.8000
Bennyish	2	4	2	4	1	2	0	.0000
Masticola	2	2	1-3	2	2	2	0	.0000

Pro Player

Sam Tamburo, of New Kensington, is the fourth member of the 1948 Lion football team to affiliate with the professionals. The All-America end signed with the New York Bulldogs of the National League.

Winning Pair

Captain Horace Ashenfelter, two-miler, and Jim Gehrdes, hurdler, loom as stand-out contenders for IC-4A honors in the annual championships at New York City May 27-28. Both won their specialties in the Penn Relays at Philadelphia.

Lacrosse Team Seek To Even Win-Loss Record

For a guy whose team has just dropped four straight games, Penn State's lacrosse coach Nick Thiel is holding up pretty well.

Still hopeful of coming up from the floor in the Lions two final road games against Hobart and Colgate this afternoon and Saturday, Thiel expressed both his own and the players' hopes of coming through with a final 5-4 record at the present time the Nittany Lions' stick reading shows three wins against four losses.

Bad Week

Following a bad practice week, what with bluebooks and job-hunting seniors, the State squad departed early this morning by bus for Geneva, N. Y., where they tackle the Statesmen today.

"I realize that I'm setting a precedent," said Thiel in his office yesterday afternoon, "but I am taking only one goalie along on the trip. With John Herr out with a bad knee and Dick Hanna not being able to play I'm left shorthanded for varsity net tenders.

It is impossible to take any of the jayvee goalies along because they also have a game Saturday." In a pinch Thiel could use his versatile captain, Rodger Nestor at the goal post.

Also unable to accompany the squad because of a leg injury, Murph Szadziewicz, varsity defenseman, will be left at home. Thiel indicates that Harrie Bragg, who has been looking extremely well in late practice rounds, will probably fill the gap left by Szadziewicz.

Hobart, sporting a slate of seven straight wins, is rated just a rung below Syracuse. The Syracuseans, conquerors of State by a 12-7 score last Saturday, rate the edge over Coach "Babe" Kraus' stickmen only by the margin of a better-balanced offense.

Against the Lions, Hobart has been practically invincible over the years on its own battlefield. Making an outstanding attack all the more powerful is the All-American play of inside attack Gordie Satterley, 207-pound, 6-foot 2-inch Newark junior. Satterley has paced his team mates in the scoring column for the past two years.

Lion Netmen Invade Colgate, Syracuse

Sherm Fogg's Nittany Lion tennis team left State College late yesterday afternoon for Hamilton, New York, where it battles Colgate's Red Raiders today in a return match. The Lions travel to Syracuse tomorrow for an engagement with the Orange netmen.

Colgate trimmed Penn State, 7-2, here two weeks ago. However, since that time, the Foggmen have won two of three matches, defeating Duquesne and Lehigh while losing to Navy. The Red Raiders, paced by Frank Warren, three-time captain, are enjoying one of their best seasons since 1942, the pinnacle of Colgate tennis under Perry Rockafellow.

The Lions have dropped seven of eight decisions to Colgate in the comparatively new series.

Penn State's individual winners in the 45-year-old Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association title tournament number 5. Heavyweight Homer Barr, of Clearfield was the 1949 Lion title-winner.

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