

Wertz' Average Still Rising In Nittany Hitting Contest

Penn State's baseball Lions, heading into the homestretch of the 1949 season, are still led in batting by their slugging first sacker, Dick Wertz.

In the two games with Pittsburgh and Wednesday's clash with Bucknell, Wertz boosted his hitting average to .422.

The lefthanded clouter also heads the team in two other departments, and is tied for the first spot in another. He has tapped out the most hits, 19, and has smashed 4 doubles. In addition, he is one of the five Nittanians who have smacked home runs this year.

EXTRA BASES
In the last two games, the Lions have gone on an extra-base hitting spree, marking up a triple and two home runs in the second tilt with Pitt, and hitting four doubles and a four-bagger against Bucknell.

Little Joe Tocci, who has been playing regularly since the game with Navy, has climbed into the second spot in the charmed circle. Tocci is batting a very respectable .391.

Clarence "Buss" Buss raised his average seven points and grabbed a firmer hold on the third spot. The Nittany catcher has hit enemy pitching for a .360 mark.

11-GAME STREAK
Captain Hal Hackman, who pulled his average above the .300 mark in the Bucknell duel, owns a hitting streak of 11 consecutive games. "Hack" was held hitless in the season's second game, which the Lions won from Penn, 12-10, but that is the only game in which he has failed to connect.

Hackman, the Nittanians' mercury-footed shortstop, has stolen bases 18 times, and is the top run scorer with 16. The speedy team leader has pilfered home three times thus far.

Catcher Jack Kurty has hit two triples to head the squad in that department, while Stan Laganosky, Hen Albright, Hackman and Bill Ondick, in addition to Wertz, have clubbed home runs.

Cy Miller, with six wins, tops the pitchers, but is only third best in average. Al Tkac, with three victories, and Bill Bair, with two, boast 1.000 percentages, while Miller was on the mound when the Blue and White lost to Rutgers.

Miller, the ace of the staff, has pitched better than 59 innings and has given up but forty-one hits. His strikeout total has reached 45.

	G	AB	R	H	Aver.
Wertz	13	45	13	19	.422
Tocci	6	23	10	9	.391
Buss	8	25	3	9	.360
Kurty	7	24	7	8	.333
Bair	2	9	2	3	.333
Benyiah	3	3	1	1	.333
Tkac	5	16	3	5	.313
Hackman	13	49	15	15	.306
Albright	13	48	12	13	.271
Ondick	18	47	11	12	.255
Tegtmeyer	12	36	10	8	.222
Miller	8	24	1	5	.208
Laganosky	8	33	7	6	.182
Solomon	8	27	7	4	.148
Dougherty	5	14	3	2	.143

Softball Called

Rin forced postponement of last night's intramural softball contests, now in the semi-final playoffs. The teams will play last night's schedule tonight. Games start promptly at 6:30 p.m.

Robertson Wins Putting Tourney

Last night Laird Robertson, Delta Upsilon, walked away with top honors in the IM golf putting tournament.

Robertson, who won the All-College golf championship last year, sank two aces, on the tenth and thirteenth holes respectively, to win from Don Clem, Sigma Nu, by a score of ten to eight.

Both players were pretty evenly matched through the game. Robertson picked up a one point lead on the thirteenth hole and made the last hole in two shots to win the tournament.

Robertson advanced to the finals by defeating Charley Cyphers, Pi Kappa Alpha, 3-2. Clem defeated Carl Goldenberg in the semi-finals, 1 up.

Robertson has been active in IM boxing and wrestling also. In his first year at the College he won the IM boxing tournament.

Rain Postpones Dorm Softball

A cloudburst last night caused postponement of the second game of the Nittany-Pollock championship softball playoffs. The score was tied 1-1 in the third inning.

Dorm 34, regular season Silver League champion, had men on first and second with two outs when the rains came. Shortly before in the same inning Pete Peters had socked a home run to tie the score.

Dorm 10, Blue League champion, scored first in the game. In the second inning Dick Kepner opened with a line drive homer to centerfield. Although Bartlebaugh followed with a single and Olzinski a double, Dorm 10 could not push across another tally.

In the top of the third Dorm 34 came back to knot the count on Peters' home run. Learn singled, but was out at third after Radomsky's one-bagger. Schuphtar hit to the second basemen, Durlant, who bobbled the ball, putting Radomsky on second and Schuphtar on first with two outs. Here rain stepped in and the game was halted.

Tom Schuphtar started the abbreviated game for Dorm 34 and gave up three hits. Neal Mohler

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Major League Results

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Wednesday Night Results
St. Louis 8, Philadelphia 6
Washington 6, Detroit 3
Yesterday's Results
Cleveland 3, New York 2
Chicago 7, Boston 6
Detroit 10, Washington 1

Standings

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
N. Y.	18	10	643	Waash'ton	15	15	500
Detroit	16	12	571	Cleveland	11	12	478
Phila.	15	14	517	Boston	12	14	462
Chicago	15	14	517	St. Louis	9	20	310

Today's Games
Chicago at New York
Cleveland at Boston
St. Louis at Washington (N)
Detroit at Philadelphia (N)

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Yesterday's Results
Boston 3, Pittsburgh 2
New York 6, Cincinnati 2
Philadelphia at Chicago, and weather

Standings

W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.		
N. Y.	17	11	607	Phila.	13	15	464
Boston	17	11	607	Pittsburgh	13	16	448
Cincinnati	15	13	536	St. Louis	10	14	417
Brooklyn	14	13	519	Chicago	10	16	385

Today's Games
New York at Cincinnati
Philadelphia at Chicago
Boston at Pittsburgh (N)
Brooklyn at St. Louis (N)

All-Star---

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expects Navy Coach W. H. "Din-
g" Moore, who is handling the South, to base his attack around the high-powered play of All-American attackman, Lee Chambers.

If abundance of All-Americans at one vital spot is an indication of pre-game odds, then the South will draw the nod two to one at the goal spot. In that all-important position the North can point to Rust of Army, No. 1 all-American goalie last year. But Navy will supply the number 2 and 3 men with Dick Seth of Navy and Tubbs of Duke.

LION SENSATION
In the 1948 encounter, midfielder John Nolan, outstanding Lion grid star now playing pro football with the New York Bulldogs, was the sensation of the game which was played in Baltimore. Alternately the villain and then darling of the crowd, the rugged, 200-pounder played a savage midfield game to spark the North to a 15-3 conquest.

According to the rules of the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference, only seniors may be entered in the all-star game. Through this ruling Coach Thiel's squad will contain 19 seniors and 2 juniors. The juniors are from

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Baseball Team Aims For 3 Weekend Wins

Engage Colgate Nine Today Play Syracuse Twice Tomorrow

Seeking its 10th straight win, Penn State's baseball nine tangles with Colgate's powerful diamond aggregation today at Hamilton, N. Y.

Coach Joe Bedenk's Nittanians are fresh from a 7-2 triumph over a plucky Bucknell crew, a team which the Red Raiders from upper New York State trounced by a 19-6 tally two weeks ago.

Colgate ran roughshod over a fairly good Army team Wednesday. The Raiders ran up a 12-2 count over the Galiffa-powered Cadets.

The Nittanians, victors in eleven games and losers of one, play an afternoon doubleheader with Syracuse tomorrow

PITCHER UNCERTAIN
Coach Bedenk is still undecided as to who will start on the hill for the Blue and White today. Either Al Tkac or Bill Bair will throw for the Lions, but the diamond mentor had not made his final choice when the team left town yesterday afternoon.

However, the pitcher who does not see action today, will go against Syracuse in the first game

tomorrow. Cy Miller may be used in tomorrow's second game, for it is only scheduled to go seven innings. Miller may not be ready, for he blistered a finger on his throwing hand in beating Bucknell Wednesday.

INFIELD
Jack Kurty will catch today, while Dick Wertz, Jo Tocci, Captain Hal Hackman and Bill Tegtmeyer will take the infield positions. Hen Albright, Bill Ondick and either Stan Laganosky or Owen Dougherty will make up the Lion outfield.

Utility players making the trip include Jim Masticola, Bill Benyiah, Gene Solomon, Clarence Buss, Dick Ford, Warren Trav-
ers and Bill Brown.

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