

State Nine Takes On Pittsburgh

State's diamond squad, fresh from a muddy 13-6 victory over Dickinson, will take on the Pitt Panthers this afternoon and tomorrow at Pittsburgh.

Bill Bair, with a 3-0 record, will start for the Lions today and Merle Gunnett, with a 1-0 slate, will go in tomorrow's game.

Pittsburgh's hurlers will probably be Rudy Helec and Larry Brent.

State's team is in a somewhat crippled condition. Hen Albright, regular left fielder, is out for the season with a broken ankle; Chris Toney, starting shortstop, is limping around with a bruised

Penn State— Toel, 2b Little, 3b Ondick, lf Hopper, cf Wertz, 1b Kurdy, c Dougherty, rf Troisi, ss Bair, p	Pittsburgh— Devey, 2b Lowe, cf Pavlakovic, ss Matthews, lf Marhefka, 1b Shapiro, rf Ross, 3b Matich, c Brent, p
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kneecap suffered in an automobile accident, and pitcher Al Tkac is still nursing a pulled ligament in his back.

Tkac has recovered enough to throw a little, and played a full game in right field against Dickinson Wednesday. By next week, he should be able to take his regular turn on the mound. His record now stands at 3-3.

Blair Is Fireman

Bill Ondick will start in place of Albright in the outfield and Carman Troisi in place of Toney at short. Bair has taken over Tkac's place as the team's "stopper" and chief relief man.

Pittsburgh will have center-fielder Bobby Lewis ready to go against the Nittanians. Lewis was struck in the head by a pitched ball in an early season game against Norfolk and has sat out most of Pitt's games so far.

Sophomore John Marhefka and Steve Pavlakovic have been the big sticks in the Panther's offense, Marhefka having hit .400 and Pavlakovic .333 on the Southern swing the Pitt nine made at the beginning of the season.

Nittany Batting, Pitching Records

Player	Pos.	Ab	R	H	Ave
Rumberger, p		7	1	3	.429
Tkac, p		26	9	11	.423
Wertz, 1b		49	15	17	.347
Kurdy, c		50	9	17	.340
Toel, 2b		49	13	15	.306
Hopper, cf		48	9	14	.292
Dougherty, rf		42	11	12	.286
Troisi, ss		7	5	2	.286
Ondick, lf		15	2	4	.267
Buss, c		4	1	1	.250
Toney, ss		57	12	13	.228
Bair, p		9	2	2	.222
Little, 3b		47	11	10	.213
Lagonsky, lf		5	0	1	.200
Albright, lf		39	8	5	.128
Masticola, p		3	0	0	.000
Solomon, rf		2	0	0	.000
Everson, p		2	1	0	.000
Gunnet, p		2	1	0	.000
Mowery, 2b		1	0	0	.000

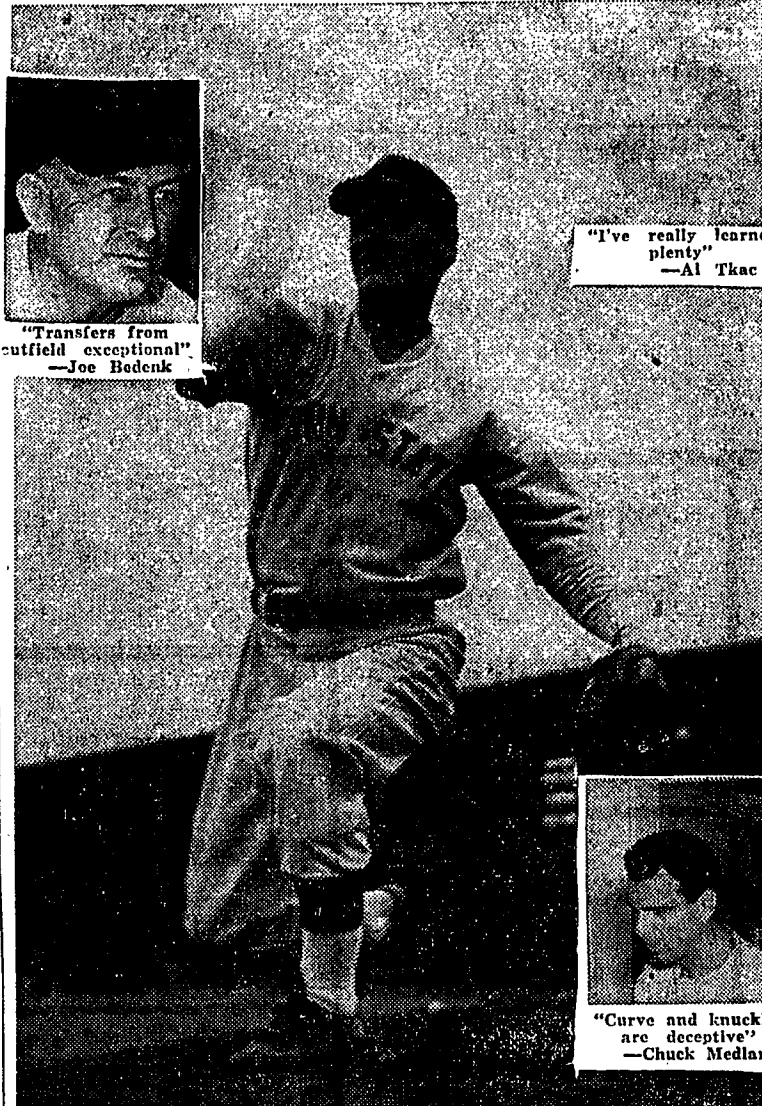
Pitcher	IP	H	R	ERA	W	L
Bair	26-2/3	21	10	3.04	3	0
Masticola	9-2/3	14	4	2.80	1	0
Gunnet	7-1/3	6	5	3.69	1	0
Everson	7	5	6	7.72	1	0
Tkac	54-1/3	44	23	2.82	3	3
Rumber'r	12	12	13	6.00	0	2
Budin	0	2	4	...	0	0

*Pitching records do not include the Dickinson game.

Breather

Biggie Munn, Michigan State's head football coach, gets a special kick out of the annual intrasquad spring game. It is one of rare times he can sit in the stands and watch someone else, in this case his corps of assistants, run the two teams.

Young Twirler and Tutors



"Transfers from outfield exceptional" —Joe Bedenk

"I've really learned plenty" —Al Tkac

"Curve and knuckler are deceptive" —Chuck Medlar

RIGHTHANDED AL TKAC, Penn State's 1950 hurling stickout, has borne a heavy share of the Lions' mound chores this Spring. His fine 3 and 3 record reflects the efforts of Head Coach Joe Bedenk and Chuck Medlar in switching the former heavy-hitting outfielder into a successful pitcher.

Tkac Grins at Stomach, Diamond Pains Alike

Al Tkac, ace of the Lion mound staff was once asked why he always had a smile on his face.

Tkac answered, "Not so long ago I had a bad set of ulcers, and the doc told me the only way to get rid of them was to keep happy all the time, no matter what. So now, no matter how hard I'm getting hit I always think of my ulcers and smile, even though it kills me."

Brothers At Arms

Bob Carey, Michigan State's ace pass-catching football end, campaigning for president of the junior class, finds his chief competition for the post coming from his twin brother Bill, football quarterback.

Nick Thiel, Penn State lacrosse coach, is a former Syracuse University all-America selection.

Penn State's 220-pound football tackle, Dick Cripps, of Drexel Hill, Pa., performs in the weights for the track team.

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Netmen, Panthers Vie In Final Away Match

By LOWELL KELLER

The next three matches will tell the success of Sherman Fogg's varsity tennis squad. Although one victory will give them a winning percentage, the men are shooting for a sweep.

If this can be done, the 1950 racquet wielders will have fastened the third link of winning seasons for their mentor.

Tomorrow the team makes its annual appearance in Pittsburgh to face the much improved Panthers. Last year, the netmen returned to the Valley with a 6-3 triumph over their arch-rivals from Smoketown.

Last Wednesday's match with Duquesne was an impressive triumph for the squad. The Dukes, from heralding press notices, seemed to be the stronger team.

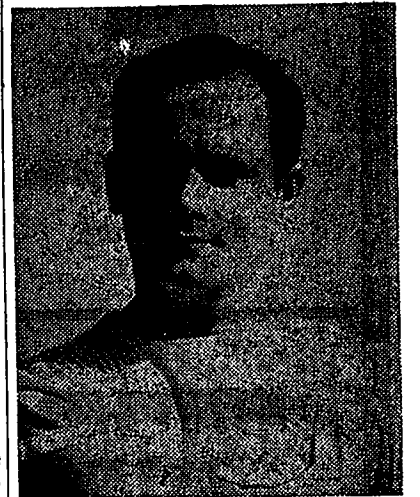
But the Nittany tennismen apparently hadn't been reading those dope sheets, and proceeded to check in with five out of six singles and two out of three doubles to win the match, 7-2.

The only match in which the Lions fell down badly this year was the away game at Maryland. In that fray the Nittanyites grabbed the first four matches at the outset but floundered as the Terps surged through the last five games to a 5-4 win.

A mention should be made of the strong doubles combination of Jim Howells and Dick Wieland. This twosome has come through favorably in every match except the latest in which they did not play together.

They have won four matches while dropping three, but those three losses came at the hands of

Lions' No. 3 Man . . .



Jim Howells

three of the better doubles combos in the East.

The Nittanymen return to the home grounds for its last two matches, next Wednesday with Bucknell and Saturday against Colgate.

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