

Nittany Gridders Fail To Impress At Navy

After taking a going over at the hands of Navy's football team in a scrimmage Saturday afternoon, the Nittany Lion gridders returned to hard practice yesterday, fully aware that they will have to improve before the season opens in September or face "a long, hard fall."

Coach Rip Engle expressed disappointment in the Lions' showing at Annapolis Saturday. No official score was announced.

"The results were pretty discouraging. Especially after we found out that Villanova (who the Lions are scheduled to meet next fall) defeated Navy just last week," Engle said.

Defense Best

"The offense did not show anything. Our defensive play was the best—considering the time put into it in practice," Engle continued. The Lions have been working almost exclusively on offensive play.

"We were encouraged by a lot of things we saw and then again we were discouraged with some other things."

The scrimmage with the Lions marked the end of a six week training period for the Midshipmen who had already been in a couple of scrimmages. The Nittany gridders are just winding up their third week of spring practice.

Substitute Freely

Both coaches substituted freely during the contest which lasted longer than a regulation game.

The play of the offensive line failed to impress Engle, as the Navy defenders continually rushed the Lion quarterbacks, who had some five or six passes intercepted.

"The line blocking wasn't very good," commented Engle.

The Lion coach would comment only on one individual performance—that of quarterback Frank Minana, frosh signal caller last season.

Of Minana, Engle would say only, "his showing was the most impressive among the quarterbacks."

Erskine To Pitch Opener For Bums

BROOKLYN, April 16—(AP)—Carl Erskine, 24-year-old right-hander, was nominated today by Brooklyn manager Charlie Dresen to pitch the opening game against the Philadelphia Phillies tomorrow. Erskine replaces Don Newcombe, who complained of a sore elbow.

Pirates Defeat Cincinnati, 4-3

CINCINNATI, April 16—(AP)—A pair of southpaws—Cliff Chambers and Willie Werle—were the best polar bears today as they hurled Pittsburgh to a frigid 4-3 victory over Cincinnati in the opening game of the National League's 76th season.

An overflow crowd of 30,441, overcoated and blanketed, saw the Pirates tee off on Ewell Blackwell in a hurry and then nurse their margin all the way.

There were snow flurries and the only time the sun peeped through the clouds was just before Bobby Usher, the game's "goat," flied out to end the contest with two Redlegs on base.

Chambers had the Reds well subdued through the first four innings but he began to weaken—or maybe it was freeze up—in the fifth. He finally had to be relieved by Werle in the seventh when the Reds pulled within one run of a tie.

PITTSBURGH		AB	R	H	O	A
Dillinger, 3b	5	0	2	0	3	0
Metkovich, cf	5	1	3	5	1	0
Bell, rf	4	1	0	3	0	0
Kiner, 1b	3	0	1	10	0	0
Westlake, lf	4	1	2	0	0	0
Strickland, ss	4	1	2	1	2	0
Basgal, 2b	3	0	0	4	0	0
McCullough, c	3	0	1	0	0	0
Chambers, p	2	0	1	0	0	0
Werle, p	1	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	34	4	12	27	12	0

CINCINNATI		AB	R	H	O	A
Adams, 2b	4	0	0	4	4	0
Usher, cf	5	0	1	3	0	0
Wyrostek, rf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Kluszewski, 1b	4	0	2	9	0	0
Adeock, lf	4	0	1	0	0	0
Scheffing, c	4	1	1	2	2	0
Hatton, 3b	4	1	2	2	2	0
Stalleup, ss	4	0	1	3	1	0
Blackwell, p	0	0	0	0	1	0
A—Meeks	1	0	0	0	0	0
Perkowski, p	0	0	0	0	1	0
B—Pramesa	1	0	0	0	0	0
Fox, p	0	0	0	0	1	0
C—Ryan	0	1	0	0	0	0
Smith, p	0	0	0	0	0	0
D—Howell	1	0	1	0	0	0
E—McMillan	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	36	3	9	27	12	0

A—grounded out for Blackwell in 3rd.
B—flied out for Perkowski in 5th.
C—walked for Fox in 7th.
D—singled for Smith in 9th.
E—ran for Howell in 9th.
Pittsburgh 013 000 000—4
Cincinnati 000 010 200—3
E—Kiner, McCullough, Usher 2. RBI—
Westlake, Strickland, Chambers, Usher 2,
Hatton. 2B—Metkovich, Strickland, Dill-
inger, Hatton 2, Usher, Scheffing.

Ithaca 9 Next Test For State

After the wash-out of the doubleheader with the Georgetown Hoyas last Saturday, the Lion baseball team is anxious to get back on the victory road again Thursday when they take on the Ithaca college Bombers in a contest scheduled for 3:30 at the New Beaver diamond.

Nittany Coach Joe Bedenk plans no line-up changes for the game, which will include sticking with southpaw Owen Dougherty as his starting hurler. Dougherty opened the Georgetown battle last Friday in which he retired two batters, and had a three and two count on the third man when rain put a halt to the afternoon's activities.

All-Veteran Nine

The Bombers, an all-veteran nine, won 11 out of 13 contests against collegiate competition last spring under Coach Bucky Freeman. However, since the beginning of spring practice this year, Freeman has been seriously ill in the Ithaca hospital, and assistant coach Joe Hamilton has taken over as acting mentor.

Before the Ithacans arrive in State College, they have a scheduled game with Wilkes college in Wilkes Barre, Pa., tomorrow.

Cage Representatives

Left-hander Ronnie Cole, the Bomber first-baseman, Al Gilbert, the third-sacker, and Dick Osmer, centerfielder, are also members of the basketball squad which played here last winter in the opening tilt against the Lions.

On Saturday, the diamondmen meet the Gettysburg Bullets, the squad coached by Ira Plank, ex-major league performer for the Philadelphia Athletics.

Rain, Cold Weather Slow Lion Track Time Finals

By JAKE HIGHTON

Neither rain nor extreme cold could keep Nittany trackmen from their appointed rounds on the cinders last Saturday, but the elements did combine to cut anywhere from five to ten seconds from time trial performances.

The trials were held in a marrow-piercing cold and a rain which left the track spongy and without spring.

They were concentrated on running since no field men except outstanding performers will compete until in the season opening Penn Relays, April 27-28.

Mile Run

Keenest competition developed in the mile run as was expected. Of 20 runners in the race, over half ran within ten yards of each other for three-quarters of a mile.

Mitten clad because of the cold, Bill Ashenfelter finally pulled away from frosh Don Bagby who ran shoulder-to-shoulder with Ash for a half-mile. Then in the stretch Big Bill sprinted past Bob Parsons to win in 4:31.

Parsons took second, followed by Don Ashenfelter whose closing kick secured him the third spot. Jack Horner finished fourth with Bagby next and Pete Sarantopoulos the fifth varsity runner to cross the line.

The first six finishers were clocked around 4:33 which bodes well for the four mile relay team.

Late arriving Bob Freebairn ripped off a fast 4:24 mile paced by Bill and Don Ash who each ran a half mile. Bob poured on a 60-66 half mile pace then closed out with 69-69 second quarters.

Freshman Ollie Sax, New Jersey high school sensation, stole the show from the sprinters as he won both heats of the 660.

Stepping the first 440 yards in 54.5 the heavy but powerful Sax finished the 660 in 1:25 to beat

out John Lauer who was clocked in 1:26.5. Bill Kilmer took third.

In the second heat the order of finish was the same: Sax, Lauer, and Kilmer, with Sax sprinting past Lauer in the stretch to win. The time was a slower 1:27.

In the 880, Dave Pierson edged Guy Kay to win in 2:03. Lou Gamlich and Bill Lockhart nailed down the third and fourth positions.

Weather held down high-jumper Jim Herb to 5'9" and Owen Wilkenson to 12' in the pole vault.

Cards Send Jones Back to Rochester

ST. LOUIS, April 16—(AP)—First baseman Nippy Jones, who played with the St. Louis Cardinals during exhibition games, is being returned to Rochester, the club announced today.

The Cardinals indicated that Jones might be added to the Redbird roster if he does well with the farm club.

Steve Bilko is expected to handle the first base job, assisted by Don Bollweg and Glenn Nelson.

At the same time the Cardinals announced that Manager Marty Marion is being placed in the disabled list.

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