

The Lion's Lair

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Lacrosse Team Catches Fire

After taking some early season bumps, Coach Nick Thiel's lacrosse team seems to have caught fire, having won its last three contests and upping its record to a respectable 5-3 mark.

We might say that it is more than just a respectable mark. Should the Lions cop their last game at Cornell this weekend, the six wins, three losses record would stand as one of the best for a Penn State lacrosse team in many years.

And the competition has been the best in the East in teams like Navy, Loyola of Baltimore, the Maryland Lacrosse Club, Syracuse, and Hobart.

After whitewashing Western Maryland in the opener, Thiel's charges lost to Navy and Loyola on successive weekends. Penn fell before the Nittanians but Syracuse handed the Lions their third defeat. The crack Maryland Lacrosse Club was the next foe on the schedule—the same Maryland team that earlier in the season had dumped last year's National-Open champion, Mt. Washington.

State did an about-face and defeated the Maryland club, 7-6, in an overtime game. Few people realize the significance of that win because lacrosse has never really caught on as a major sport at Penn State. But in winning that game, the Nittany Lions pulled one of the biggest, if not the biggest, lacrosse upsets of the year.

In the Maryland team, State was facing men who had already put in three or four years of varsity competition on some of the major college lacrosse teams. The win was a feather in the caps of the Lions and coaches Thiel and John McHugh.

Against Ithaca last Friday, the Thielmen rang up 13 goals while holding the Bombers scoreless—the second shutout for goalie Phil

Benedetti. Hobart fell before the Lions Saturday, 17-10.

It's too bad the Maryland win could not have come in the opener. What a difference one win will make!

Apologies to the baseball team which has had seven games rained out instead of six as was previously reported in this column. Incidentally, only two of those seven games were scheduled for State College where rain is a common occurrence. But those two are probably the two Coach Joe Bedenk would have most liked to play. The games were a scheduled doubleheader against Georgetown, one of the East's top nines.

The Lions are still hoping for the district berth in the NCAA playoffs on the basis of having only lost two contests.

The leading contender for the District 2 honors, Princeton, has a 16 and three record, but only two of the losses came in district competition. The Tigers hold a win over Georgetown and that, coupled with State's seven rained out contests, may give Princeton the nod over the Lions.

About the best the Lions can get now is a playoff with the Tigers for the District berth. And that's just what the Bedenkmen are hoping for—a chance to prove which team is the district's best.

Stickmen Win Two Weekend Matches

Coach Nick Thiel's lacrosse team rolled into high gear as the Lions pounded out decisive victories against Ithaca College and Hobart over the weekend.

Penn State whitewashed Ithaca, 13-0, Friday and then bounced Hobart aside, 17-10, the following day. The two wins set State's record at 5-3.

The Lions will wind up their season against another New York school, Cornell, this Saturday in Ithaca.

Substitute Freely

Against Ithaca, the Lions had little trouble in winning. Thiel's crew opened up fast with a 7-0 lead in the first period. After that, substitutes played the majority of the game as Thiel tried to keep the score down.

State's 13 tallies were divided among no less than 10 players. Two midfielders, Bud Wolfram and Paul Raffensperger, scored five of these goals while the rest were scored by "Doak" Walker, Ed Herring, Jim Reed, John Yohman, Bill Forrest, Jack Wilcox, Don Watkins, and Wayne Hocker-smith.

Take Early Lead

In the Hobart match, State jumped off to an early lead and held it throughout. It was 6:15 when the Lions registered their first tally. However, when the 6:50 mark came around, State had two more goals. These three shots by Raffensperger, Tony Eagle, and Walker plus another by Raffy two minutes later gave State a 4-0 lead.

The New Yorkers broke the ice finally when attackman Don "Scoop" Sutton tallied the first of his four goals with four minutes remaining.

Raffensperger Sparkles

Penn State stretched its lead to 8-3 at the half as Raffensperger, who tallied 6 times in the game, hit for two more, and midfielders Al Fulton and Wilcox added one each. Wilcox and Fulton, as it turned out, were also to have big days as far as scoring goes as the former netted four shots and the latter scored three.

Lions Lose To Colgate In Tennis

Blanked 9-0 by Colgate's tennis team Saturday at Hamilton, N.Y., Penn State's tennis team will have a chance to get even this weekend when they host the Red Raiders on the varsity courts. Coach Perry Rockefeller's team captured all of the doubles and singles events to record its 17th triumph in 19 starts. The loss was the third for the Lions in eleven contests.

After seeing that defeat was inevitable, Coach Sherm Fogg make a quick switch in his doubles combinations, attempting to avoid a whitewash. However, the strategy didn't work.

Seldom missing any of his accurately placed shots, coupled with his sharp drives, Colgate's Captain, Bill Lust, checked Captain Owen Landon in straight sets, 1-6, 1-6.

Sophomore ace, Ben Bishop, won easily from Dick Wieland, Nittany No. 2 performer, 0-6, 3-6.

In the third singles, the Red Raiders continued to stand their ground when Dan Barker triumphed over Bill Aiken. His scores were 5-7, 4-6. Aiken was leading in his first set. However, it was only momentarily, for the Red Raiders' No. 3 man came back fast to win.

Ed Davis lost to Stew Bicknell by 4-6, 3-6 counts, and Bill Wood also was defeated, losing to Ed Stern, 4-6, 0-6.

In the final singles fray Ted Stanton took the measure of Gus Bigott, 2-6, 1-6.

Lust and Bishop overcame State's No. 1 duo of Landon and Wieland in straight sets, 2-6, 0-6.

After winning the first set 7-5, the Lions' doubles combination of Wood and Davis failed to capitalize on their first set performance as they lost the last two sets, 3-6, 4-6.

In the final match of the afternoon Al Strickler united with Dick Millar to overpower lanky Pete Farrell and Charles Shanken, 5-7, 2-6.

Robinson Stops Marcel In 5th

PARIS, May 21—(AP)—Middleweight Champion Ray Robinson stopped Kid Marcel of France in the fifth round of a non-title fight tonight. The New York fighter toyed with his rival for four rounds and then tossed some hefty punches in the fifth. Marcel's handlers quickly threw in the towel.

The end came after 57 seconds of the fifth while Marcel, French middleweight champion, was still on his feet and apparently unhurt. Robinson obviously meant business, however, and Marcel's handlers decided to take no chances on their fighter getting hurt.

were the other Penn scorers. Sampson defeated Inman, 6 and 5, and Bowers defeated Gurney, 4 and 3.

Captain Joe Durniak was beaten by Midshipman Williams, 1 up; Thomas of Navy defeated Ray Artz, 1 up; Strohm, Navy, defeated Marv Goldenberg, 6 and 4; and Midshipman Hall downed John Wylie, 2 up.

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Football coach Rip Engle will be joined by George A. Munger, University of Pennsylvania, and Lefty James, Cornell University, at a football clinic to be conducted on campus Aug. 13, 14, and 15.

Three different styles of play will be represented by the three coaches. Engle's Nittany Lion team employ the wing-T, Munger's Penn team the single-wing, and James' Cornell team the straight T.

The clinic will be sponsored by the School of Physical Education

and Athletics in cooperation with the Western Pennsylvania Football Coaches Association.

Engle is in his second year at the helm of the Nittany Lion gridgers. In his first season, the Lions finished with a 5-3-1 record.

James will be starting his fifth season as coach of Cornell's Big Red when the fall season rolls around.

Munger has been head coach at Penn since 1936. Last season his squad ran up a 6-3 record.

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