

Diamond Team Seeks to Snap Slump at Pitt

By JIM PETERS

Penn State's slumping baseball team left for Pittsburgh this morning where it will engage the Panthers of Pitt in the first of a two-game series this afternoon. The two rivals will play again tomorrow.

The Lions, unbeaten until they suffered losses this week to Villanova and Navy, will be favored over the Panthers, but must come out of their batting doldrum to win. Coach Joe Bedenk's nine, hopeful of landing a District 2 playoff

berth, has come up with only three runs in its last two outings.

The Panthers will carry a 3-3 record into today's battle, the latest decision being a 6-5 win over West Virginia's Mountaineers Wednesday. The Lions beat the Mounties earlier this season in a doubleheader, 6-2 and 4-2.

Last year, Coach Ralph Mitterling's Smoky City nine dropped two games to the Nittanians, 5-2 and 12-0, at Beaver Field. Jack Krumrine hurled a two-hitter in the second game, and will probably get the nod from Bedenk to take the hill again today.

Pitt's only holdovers from last season are first baseman Joe Scalzo of Westinghouse, second baseman Dave Devy of Munhall, and pitchers Paul Lomond of Clairton and Bob Russell of South Hills. Newcomers to the Panther line-up will be shortstop Charley Reese, third baseman Dick Filek, and outfielders Bob Kyle, Sam Little, and Bob Zwahlen.

State will carry a .288 team average into the game, headed by third sacker Huber Kline's robust .371 mark. The Lions' list of .300 or better hitters has narrowed to four with Kline, Bill Hopper at .333, Chris Toney with .327, and Bill Leonard hitting .316.

Player	AB	R	H	Avg.	RBI
Mowry	1	0	1	1.000	1
Krumrine	10	2	4	.400	4
Kline	35	14	13	.371	6
Hopper	42	14	14	.333	11
Toney	55	14	18	.327	15
Leonard	38	9	12	.316	9
Rhoda	7	1	2	.286	3
Vesling	11	2	3	.273	1
Hunchar	39	6	10	.256	7
Cerehlie	47	13	12	.255	12
Troisi	13	3	3	.233	7
Everson	13	3	3	.231	1
Mihalich	42	11	9	.214	2
Weidenhammer	1	0	0	.000	1
Moore	1	0	0	.000	0
Troy	0	0	0	.000	0
Totals	385	101	111	.288	80

Trackmen Test Army At West Point Tomorrow

By JOHN SHEPPARD

If the fates, in this instance in the form of inexperience, would lay off, Coach Chick Werner's young track squad might upset heptagonal champion Army tomorrow afternoon at West Point, N. Y.

The Wernermen, however, would be hard pressed to accomplish such a feat, for their lack of seasoning is offset by the fact that they have only participated in one dual meet this season.

Despite such circumstances, the Lions are gradually coming along, and should give a better account of themselves in the Army contest.

According to Werner, "we're improving, and there are many mistakes that we made last week that we can't make now."

The silver-haired tutor, of course, is referring to State's 91-40 setback by Michigan State. In the one-sided affair, the Lions' inability to maintain a fast pace and still have a strong kick in the stretch, and their knack of "opening up" too soon was quite prevalent, as State lost several races, which they should have otherwise won.

Werner further added, "I guess we called them before the season started. I said we were going to make every mistake in the deck, and we did."

The latter statement of Werner's isn't highly exaggerated either, for his squad is composed of 11 frosh, 11 sophs, six juniors, and four seniors. Of the 32, there are only six lettermen in the group.

Moreover, they aren't concentrated in one department, as shot putter Dick Cripps and high jumper Jim Herb toil in the field events, while sprinters Bill Polito, Bob Roessler, Captain John Lauer, and distance man Bob Gehman

carry the burden in the running events.

Viewing the problem further, one can see that Werner is faced with quite a problem.

Last weekend against the Spartans, for instance, the Statemen could only capture two first places. These were in the 220-yard low hurdles and the pole vaulting event. The two winners—Dan Lorch and Bill Youkers—are frosh and soph, respectively.

When your veterans are overshadowed by the newcomers, there isn't much one can say, except to keep hoping that the youngsters will hurry up and gain that ever important thing called experience.

Ordnance Staff

Members of the Ordnance Research laboratory staff are attending meetings this week in New York and Washington.

The groups are attending the Navy symposium on underwater acoustics in Washington, D.C., and the Acoustical Society of America session in New York.

Wayne Hockersmith, Penn State's top scorer in lacrosse, is a brother of Bill Hockersmith, Lion football tackle. Both are products of New Cumberland High School.

Defense Is Their Job



—Photo by Collens

DON BELL, goalie; Dick Schaefer, defense; John Henry, defense; John Amber, defense; and John Steinmuller, midfield, (l. to r.) will form much of Penn State's defensive platoon when the Nittany lacrosse men take on Rutgers tomorrow afternoon on the golf course.

Lacrossemen Host Rutgers Tomorrow

By TOM SAYLOR

Rutgers' lacrosse team, spearheaded offensively by attackman Mac McVeigh and defensively by All-American Wally Beneville, collides with Penn State tomorrow in a match that is a "must" for State if it hopes to keep above the .500 mark for the season.

Game time is 2 p.m. on the golf course.

Should Coach Nick Thiel's charges lose to Rutgers, the Lions will have to win their final two tilts against Cornell and Hobart to come out even.

The game will be a revenge tilt for the Lions, losers to Rutgers, 11-6, at New Brunswick in 1950.

Three Injured
In their last outing, the men of Coach Al Twitchell thumped weak Lafayette, 21-1. McVeigh really went wild in this game, scoring eight goals. Bob Stevens chipped in with four more.

State will enter the fray in good condition with the exception of attackman Doak Walker, defenseman John Amber, and Captain-midfielder Bud Wolfram.

Wolfram Indefinite
Walker's ankle has shown no signs of improvement and might shelve the sharp-shooting senior for the rest of the season. Amber's "charley horse" is still bothering him somewhat with a result that Thiel will probably only use him sparingly.

Wolfram might be ready, Thiel indicated, but so far it is still indefinite. Wolfram pulled a tendon in his knee in the first quarter at Syracuse.

Replacing Walker on the left-hand side of the attack position will be Bob Koons. Creaseman Tom Goldsworthy and Dick Rostmeyer will round out the attack.

Second Midfield
If Wolfram isn't ready at midfield, then Thiel will open with Tony Eagle. Leading scorer Wayne Hockersmith and John Yohman will also start at midfield.

The second midfield will consist of two freshmen—Lucien Girard and John Steinmuller—and Jim DeVoe.

Defensively, Penn State will

IM Volleyball Playoff Activity Gets Underway

Beta Theta Pi-A and Beta Sigma Rho, undefeated in regular league play, continued in their winning ways Wednesday night as the first round of the intramural volleyball play-offs got underway at Rec Hall.

Beta Theta Pi disposed of Lambda Chi Alpha-A in two games, 15-5, 15-10, while the Beta Sigs were whipping Pi Kappa Phi-B, 15-6, 15-5.

In the independent tourney, Beaver House and the Foresters moved into the final round after both picked up victories. The Beavers had little trouble in beating the Pirates, 15-8, 15-8. The Foresters, however, had to go three games in turning back the Early Risers, 15-7, 12-15, 15-5. The finals in that tournament will be played next Tuesday.

With two teams now eliminated, 16 teams remain in the fraternity tourney. All 16 are slated to play tonight, with the quarter finals scheduled for Monday night. The semi-finals are on tap for Tuesday, and the finals will be run Wednesday night.

lineup with John Henry, Barr Asplundh, and Dick Schaefer. Schaefer will take Amber's place, with the latter being used as a substitute. The reliable Don Bell will handle the goal tending duties.

Robinson Starts Net Play Today

By GEORGE BAIREY

Dick Robinson, two-time independent singles IM tennis champ, was taken off disciplinary probation yesterday by the Dean of Men's office disciplinary committee and was immediately reinstated on the State tennis squad.

Robinson left yesterday with the traveling team and will see action in the number one singles and doubles positions against both Colgate today and Syracuse tomorrow. The Lions will meet both clubs on foreign courts, with Colgate scheduled for Hamilton, N. Y., today and the Syracuse match for Syracuse, N. Y., tomorrow.

Navy Whitewash
Sophomore Robinson, while previously not eligible to participate in intercollegiate competition, had been working out regularly with the squad through special permission granted by the disciplinary committee before he was declared eligible yesterday.

The Lions ran into a sharp Navy tennis squad Wednesday at Annapolis, Md. The Middies dealt out their second 9-0 shellacking in years over State for the Nittany netmen's second loss in three 1952 matches.

Gross-Bigott Double Up
Fogg, after immediately placing Robinson in the key singles position, moved Bruz Ray and Ed Davis each down a position on the ladder for the Colgate match. Bill Ziegler, normally Fogg's number three singles man, will sit out the singles play due to a bad right wrist. Dez Long or Bill Ray will play in the number four slot.

Standbys Dick Gross and Gus Bigott round out the remaining two singles positions.

Two new doubles outfits will be thrown into the Colgate competition. Robinson will team with Davis in the top spot, and Bruz Ray will go in the number two position with either Ziegler or Bill Forrey. Veterans Gross-Bigott will make up the number three combo.

Summary

Singles
Leftwich (N) defeated Bruz Ray (S), 6-0, 6-3
Carson (N) defeated Davis (S), 6-2, 6-3
Schultz (N) defeated Wiegler (S), 6-0, 6-1
Sutherland (N) defeated Forrey (S), 6-0, 6-2
Organ (N) defeated Gross (S), 7-5, 6-2
Gaskill (N) defeated Bigott (S), 7-5, 9-7

Doubles
Hoffner-Messinger (N) defeated Bruz Ray-Davis (S), 6-2, 6-4
Stride-Murphy (N) defeated Long-Bill Ray (S), 6-0, 7-5
Redden-Mahoner (N) defeated Forrey-Bigott (S), 6-4, 7-5

Herm Sledzik, of Clune, Indiana county, second only to Jesse Arnette in scoring and rebounding, has been named captain of the 1953 Penn State basketball team.



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