

# Sports Thru The Lion's Eye

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Two swallows never make a summer, nor do two baseball losses necessarily ruin Penn State chances for an NCAA District 2 playoff berth.

Elmer Gross and his NCAA playoff Nittany cagers discovered last winter that even four losses qualified for a sectional runoff spot—so long as 20 games were safely stowed away in the win column. Baseball Coach Joe Bedenk's ballclub is already halfway to the 20 game mark with only two losses chalked against it.

The two setbacks dealt by Villanova and Navy early this week were quite stunning in wake of a 10 game streak the Lions had built up, but if it can be any comfort to Bedenk, the same thing happened to Gross and Company last winter.

The Nittany cagers were riding a tidal wave of 15 straight victories with talk of NIT and NCAA bids flying faster than Korean truce rumors. But the Lion five went on the road—they should have stood in Rec Hall—and in the space of four nights were rudely jolted three times.

Similarly, at the end of last week Bedenk's diamond mine laborers were sailing on halycon seas with 10 wins and no defeats.

Then they too hit the dreaded road. It never helps the Boston Red Sox to leave Fenway Park and it didn't help the Lions to leave beautiful Beaver Field lawn. With baseball being the percentage game it is, the pressure finally hit the Lions—with a bang as Villanova erupted in their face, 12-1.

The next day, the element of chance caught up with State again, just as it had helped the Lions last Saturday when State beat Rutgers despite shoddy play. Righthanded fastballer Ace Everson wasn't hurting his 0.96 earned run average with a shutout going into the Navy seventh. Two singles and a walk loaded the bags for the Crabtowners. But State and Everson were "due." Middle grid star Zug Zastrow could have missed—on that one pitch—but instead he cracked the Homer which Bobby Thomsoned Zastrow and Ralph Brancaed Everson.

But all isn't lost, for State's ball club, as it was for the unhappy Brooks, by the one Homer. All the major contending teams in the stiff-competition circuit have lost at least twice. This includes St. Johns, Manhattan, Villanova and Lafayette. State could possibly win only five of their seven remaining games and still grab a playoff spot when the district representatives meet on May 27 in Scranton. Bedenk with his push, push, push has a typical hustling and driving club which is still in the running to make the "Little World Series" NCAA finals in Omaha, Neb., June 17-19.

A week ago Bedenk proved himself a prophet by declaring, "We're bound to get knocked off some time soon." It doesn't follow that from two losses State is bound to lose out for NCAA consideration. After all, the Giants lost 11 straight last year—a strategy definitely not recommended for the Lions, however, this late in the campaign.

### Tie for First

Alpha Gamma Delta and Phi Mu moved into a first place tie in the Thursday night softball league last night. Alpha Gamma Delta beat Chi Omega 16-7 while Phi Mu beat Phi Sigma Sigma 19-1.

The Tri-Delts lost to Sigma Delta Tau 17-16.

In Wednesday night action Alpha Xi Delta moved into first place with a win over Zeta Tau Alpha 25-1. Other action showed Alpha Chi Omega trouncing Theta Phi Alpha 41-3, while Delta Gamma beat Alpha Epsilon Phi 14-2.

# Penn State Golfers to Compete In EIGA Tourney Tomorrow

By TED SOENS

They'll be separating the men from the boys this weekend as the 1952 Eastern Inter-collegiate golf tournament gets under way at Annapolis, Md.

Ninety-six top golfers representing 16 Eastern colleges will compete for team and individual championships over the three-day schedule.

The defending champion, Yale, will have most of its team back from last year and are rated the favorites. The Bulldogs have two of the top golfers in College ranks in Link Roden and sophomore Skip Kilray. Roden was champion in last year's tournament while Skip has won the Pennsylvania Public link title for the last couple of years.

### 6 Men to Play

Another strong contender for individual title will be Bob Riley from Pitt.

All of the Lion squad members haven't been picked but the top four men will be Rod Eaken, Hud Samson, Joe Webb, and Gordon Stroup. Only six men will be taken on the trip and the other two places will be decided between Warren Gittlen, Bill Albert, Jim Lamoree, and George Kreidler.

State has won both of their games defeating Cornell and Pitt by identical 5-2 scores. Webb and Eaken led the attack on Pitt with scores of 71 and 72.

"We'll be up against tough competition tomorrow," Coach Bob Rutherford commented, "but we have several men capable of qualifying for the individuals, that is if they're on their game."

### Play Practice Round

"The boys are starting to come along now as they indicated by Saturday's match against Pitt," Rutherford said. "The score for the Pittsburgh match doesn't tell the whole truth; it was really a tough, close game. There were a lot of one up scores!"

The team will leave for Annapolis at 7:30 this morning and will play a practice round of 18 holes in preparation for Saturday's contest.

Tomorrow's medalist play to determine team championship will begin tomorrow at 8 a.m. Team standings will be determined by a total of the four lowest scorers from each school.

Then for Sunday's match play the 16 lowest scorers of all of the competitors will pair off. The individualist winner and runner up will be announced after Monday's morning play.

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## Wrestlers Elect Lemyre, Frey, Captains

Joe Lemyre and Don Frey were elected co-captains of Penn State's wrestling team at a squad banquet at the Eutaw House last night.

It's the first time co-captains have been chosen in Lion mat history.

Joe Lemyre was voted winner of the Neidigh award for his contributions to the team at the affair attended by members of the squad, former wrestlers, managers and interested townspeople.

## 'Ash' Defeats Wilt

HANOVER, Pa. (AP)—Bill Ashenfelter, former Penn State distance star, defeated FBI man Fred Wilt by 15 yards yesterday to win the annual Sonny Shepard Memorial two-mile run.

Ashenfelter was clocked in 9:06.8. The last time Ash defeated Wilt was while winning the NAAU 10,000 meter cross country championship last fall.

## Schoolboy Tourney

Pennsylvania's schoolboy track and field stars will hold their annual championships at State College May 23-24.

## 4 Men Advance To Semifinals In IM Tennis

Four men have survived quarterfinal round tests in the fraternity division of the IM tennis singles tournament and have advanced to the semi-final round.

Dez Long, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Bruz Ray, also Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Bill Wallis, Sigma Pi, and Bill Ray, Phi Kappa Sigma moved up. Long advanced via a forfeit from Dick Wert, Lambda Chi Alpha.

Bruz Ray toppled Sigma Nu's Sam Lemon in straight sets, 6-3, 6-0, while Wallis edged George Watson, Sigma Phi Sigma, 7-5, 6-3. Bill Ray completed the round of four by ousting Tony Owoc, Sigma Chi, 6-2, 6-3.

Semi-final round pairings are Long-Wallis and Bill Ray-Bruz Ray.

### IM SOCCER

Triangle 4 Chi Phi 1  
Phi Delta Theta 1 Alpha Sigma Phi 0  
Tau Kappa Epsilon 2 Phi Sigma Delta 0  
Delta Tau Delta 1 Phi Sigma Kappa 0  
Phi Kappa 1 Sigma Phi Alpha 0  
Delta Chi 3 Phi Epsilon Pi 0

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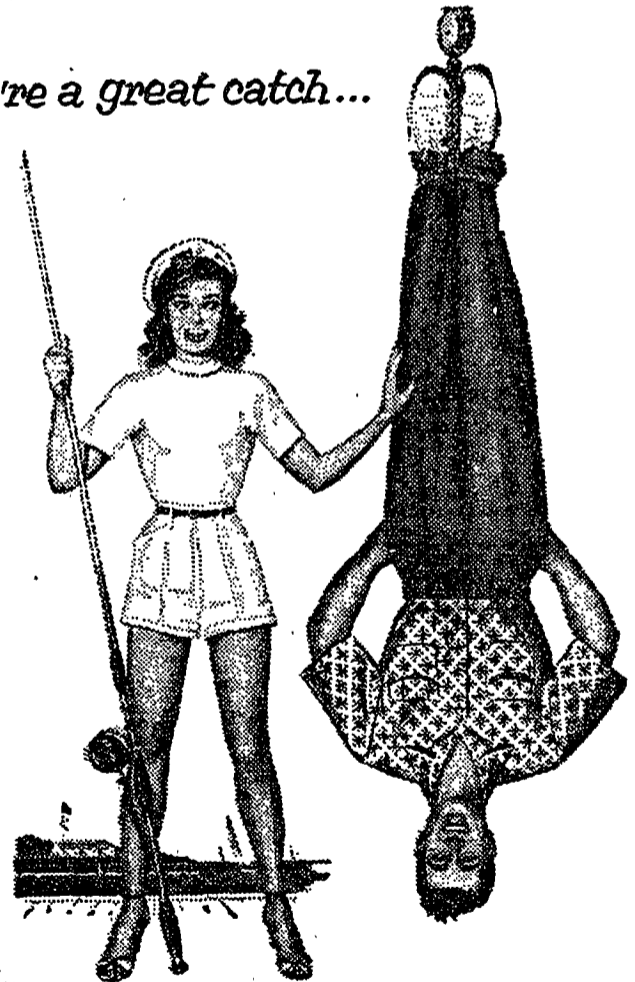
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