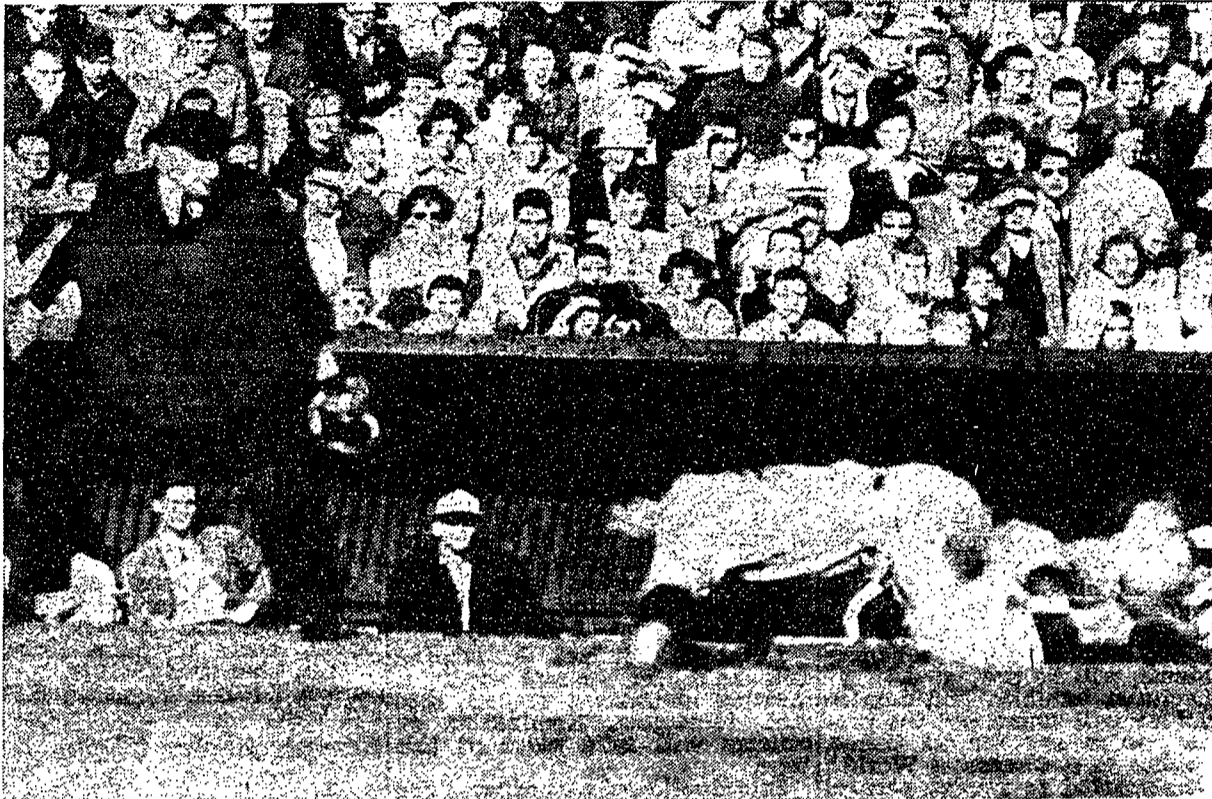


Lions Edge Lehigh Nine, 4-3



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NOT CRAWLING BUT SLIDING full tilt across the plate is Penn State's Captain Sil Cerchie, coming in on a single by catcher Bill Leonard. The fourth inning marker was the third of

State's four runs. Ump Howie Gair looks on. Sil spent a lot more time on the ground, stealing second twice in addition to the slide home.

Vesling, Kline Star in First Win; Bayer Faces Villanova Today

By DICK McDOWELL

The six-hit hurling of fast baller Keith Vesling, coupled with some fine Penn State clutch hitting brought Coach Joe Bedenk's baseballers their first victory of the season yesterday, as they edged the Lehigh Engineers, 4-3, at Beaver Field.

The game was first of a 21 game slate scheduled for the Lions this season. This afternoon Bedenk sends Larry Bayer to the mound as the Lions go after victory number

two against Villanova. The contest will get underway at 2:30.

Third baseman Hubie Kline's looping double into center field in the eighth inning drove in two runs to break up a 2-2 deadlock and give the Lions a lead never to be relinquished. The blow came with two men out after Vesling and Lehigh pitcher Ron Jirsa had been engaged in a tight pitching duel.

Lions Score in First

Vesling, who had the Engineer batters eating out of his right hand for the first five innings, struck out seven men, and his pitching foe, Jirsa, fanned eight. While the Lion right-hander was tossing his six-hit stint, Bedenk's stickmen could muster only seven themselves against the fast Lehigh moundsman. The Lions' clutch hitting did the most damage, however.

Leftfielder Tom Werner started the Lion scoring in the first frame when he blasted a double down the left field line, scoring Chuck Russo from second. Russo had walked and gone to second on Ron Weidenhammer's sacrifice.

Vesling Tough

In the fourth inning centerfielder Sil Cerchie walked, stole second, and then romped home when catcher Bill Leonard looped a single into center. Jirsa then buckled down and retired the next three Lion batters in order to end the inning.

Vesling, with his fastball hopping and his control almost flawless, held the Engineers scoreless for the first five frames, allowing only three men to reach first base. During that stretch, he gave up a single, walked one man, and

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Sports Briefs

NAAU Favorites

TOLEDO, O., April 10 (AP)—The favorites came through as expected in the third round of the National AAU free style wrestling championships today.

Thirty entrants were eliminated in the 40 afternoon matches, leaving 54 of the original 117 still fighting it out for the eight titles to be decided tomorrow night. Championships in eight Greco-Roman competitions will be decided Sunday.

James Larock of Ithaca, N.Y., representing the New York A.C., pinned Bill Weick of Purdue in 13:06 in his quest for a second straight 160-pound championship.

Pennant Odds Set

RENO, Nev., April 10 (AP)—Reno gambling odds favor the New York Yanks to win the American League baseball pennant, but figure it a toss up between the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Giants in the National League.

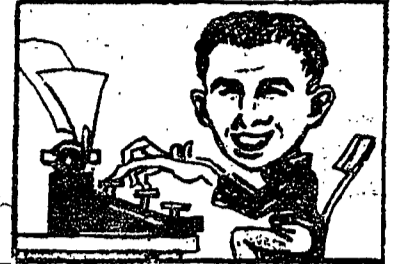
Here is the rest of the line posted by the Reno Turf Club:

American League: Chicago 7-1, Cleveland 8-1, Boston 15-1, Washington 30-1, Philadelphia 80-1, Detroit 100-1 and St. Louis 200-1.

National League: St. Louis 6-1, Philadelphia 25-1, Chicago 80-1, Milwaukee 100-1, Cincinnati 150-1 and Pittsburgh 200-1.

Bobbin' Along

with BOB SCHOELLKOPF Ass't. Sports Editor



Comes the time of the year when every red-blooded American sportswriter pats his chest majestically, pulls out his pencil, and jots down the order of finish for the major league clubs. And no different from these yokels who profess to prognosticate the standings of the big league clubs are we, so we herewith and to wit list our predictions for the coming races and also the pickings of our fellow colleagues on the Daily Collegian sports staff.

Starting first with the National League, we pick the Philadelphia Phillies to bounce back from their two-year lapse and nose out the Brooklyn Dodgers for the pennant. The final half of the '52 season the Phils were the best team in the Senior Loop, making their belated surge after Steve O'Neill took over the managerial reins from Edd'e Sawyer. The Quakers also boast the best pitching staff in the majors, with no team coming close in this department. Their mound staff led in team ERA, complete games, and fewest walks. Only weak hitting support for the hurlers kept the Phils from finishing higher than fourth last year.

But with the addition of Earl Torgeson, who was only a .230 sticker last year with the now defunct Boston Braves, they may have the solution to the weak batting problem that has plagued them in the past. Torgy, Del Ennis, and Gran Hamner should provide the Philly chuckers with enough runs this year to edge out the Bums from Flatbush.

As for the 1952 pennant-winning Dodgers, we feel that the loss of Andy Pafko, via a trade that netted the Bums nothing of any value, will cripple part of their outfield. Whether Carl Furillo will bounce back from his poor performance last year is also questionable. Then, too, the Reese-Robinson-Cox infield is getting older. All three fell down in hitting in '52—and who knows how much worse they will do in '53? The real weakness, however, lies in the Dodger pitching. Preacher Roe had trouble finishing games last season and may be washed up. Joe Black, Carl Erskine, Billy Loes, and Russ Meyer will have to click hard and often if the Brooks are to repeat. Pitching is 70 per cent of the game, we believe, and the Dodger hitters may not be able to compensate for the lack of hurling talent on the Flatbush club.

For third place we choose the Giants. A definite decline in pitching, which used to be the New Yorkers' strong point in past years, keeps us from placing them higher. The age-infested St. Louis Cards are slated to round out the first division, while the Cubs, Braves, Reds, and the (ugh!) Pirates comprise the second division in the National Loop.

In the American League we, who have been scalped the past four years rooting for the Indians, are going along with the New York Yankees—a name we believe will soon be a synonym for World Championship. The Yanks have the best pitching, outfield, and catching in the league. Casey Stengel will have to scratch his old grey hair to weed out the superb from the excellent on his pitching staff. It's no easy job to get four starters from a crew like Raschi, Lopat, Reynolds, Sain, Blackwell, Scarborough, Ford, Gorman, and Kuzava. Other managers in the league only wish they could have such a worry!

The Yanks will have sufficient power in Hank Bauer, Yogi Berra, Mickey Mantle, and Gene Wooding to give them the '53 flag.

In second spot we place the perennially-second place Cleveland Indians, who have the best batting attack in the league and good pitching to go with it, but lack a suitable defense. Also, the pitching staff lacks depth beyond Garcia, Wynn, Lemon, and Feller.

We pick the Chisox, who sport the best infield in the league in Fain, Fox, Carrasquel, and Stephens, to finish third and the Washington Senators to wind up fourth. Heading the second division will be the Athletics, followed closely by the Brownies, Tigers and Red Sox.

So much for our guesses, which will probably drive us into hibernation come October. Here's what the rest of the sports desk thinks:

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Well, those are the dreaded decisions which will make us sportswriters hang our heads in shame when World Series time rolls around next October, but then, we're only human. Oh well, it'll be an interesting season anyway!

A one-day football clinic will bring Penn State's spring grid drills to an official close May 2.

Ohio State and Manhattan will be the home attractions on Penn State's 1953 track and field schedule.

12 Indies Triumph In Volleyball

Intramural volleyball went into its second time around at Rec Hall Thursday night with twelve matches, eleven of them played to a decision with one forfeit.

League A action featured Beaver House A downing a gasping Ergs team for their second loss in as many tries, 15-9, 15-11.

The Rockets zoomed over the Knights, 15-9, 15-12, for their second win, also in A league. The other contest in the same loop had Dorm 1 coming out on top of the Dorm 31 entry, 15-8, 15-4.

In league B the Nittany Co-op A squad had a little trouble solving the Watts What puzzle 15-11, 16-14.

Also in B circuit Emanon sunk the NROTC Baker squad 15-8, 15-7, chalking up their second win of the season in the process. The third contest in B league saw the Jaybirds subdue the Engineers easily after a hard fought first set 16-14, 15-8.

In league C the NROTC Able team fared no better than their counterpart in league B, losing one of two games in the three set match to G.F.O. 15-6, 7-15, 12-15.

The Lymacs spelled defeat for the Penn Haven representatives 15-3, 15-10, their second victory in as many contests. The final go in league C had B level submerged a little lower by East 39 15-5, 15-3.

The Abstracts rolled up their second win, clipping the Goosers 10-15, 15-7, 15-10. The Hep Cats topped State Club 15-12, 15-5, and the Gilmorians benefited through a forfeit by the Fireballs, all three games in league D.

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