

Golf Team Hosts Pitt In Opener

By ROY WILLIAMS

State's seven-man golf team will get into the swing of things on Wednesday as they play host to Pittsburgh. Pitt has already engaged Georgetown and Navy, but this will be the Nittany season opener. The match is scheduled to get underway at 1:30 on State's 69-par course.

Coach Bob Rutherford has six lettermen returning from last year's squad which posted a 3 and 2 record. The Lions defeated Pitt, 5-2, Cornell, 5-2, and Bucknell, 9-0, in rapid succession. Navy snapped the Lion's string with a 4-3 win and Colgate copped the final match, 6-1. State, however, outscored its opponents, 23-14 in over-all season scoring.

Of the six returning lettermen, Captain Hud Samson is the only senior. Returning juniors each returning for their second year are Rod Eaken, semi-finalist in the Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Association competition, Gordon Stroup, and Joe Webb. Second-year sophomores (freshmen were eligible for match play last year) are Warren Gittland and George Kreidler.

Intersquad match play this weekend will decide the team that goes against Pitt on Wednesday. Six promising newcomers—senior, Bob Smith; juniors, Don Carver, Lou Riggs, and Don Carney; sophomores, Jimmy Mayes and Jeff Sawyer—and the returning lettermen will vie for a slot on the seven-man squad.

When asked about this year's material, Rutherford remarked, "We have six returning lettermen which naturally gives us a little more depth than we had last year. The six new men who have come out this year are making the competition for an opening-day position really hot. The team is by no means picked and won't be until the final match is played on Sunday."

Rutherford stated that the strongest team in State's nine-game schedule—Pittsburgh, Navy, Cornell, Gettysburg, Georgetown, Lehigh, Colgate, Bucknell, and Temple—will probably be Navy, who usually gives State a good battle. "Pitt may give us trouble, Rutherford said, "primarily because they have already engaged in two matches." Rutherford remarked that the weather has been hampering the boys.

Seven Defeated In IM Handball

Seven more doubles teams fell by the wayside Wednesday night as play continued in the second round of the intramural handball tournament. In one of the top matches played so far, the team of Myton-Haenel, Delta Tau Delta, squeezed out a 21-18, 20-21, and 21-15 win over Miller-Milson, Alpha Zeta. Another close match saw partners Weiss-Dore, Alpha Tau Omega, whip the combine of Poser-Siegel, Phi Sigma Delta, 16-21, 21-16, and 21-7.

In other matches played, Kilgore-Gingerich, Lambda Chi Alpha, topped Theta Kappa Phi's twosome of McCarthy-Doyle, 21-5, 21-12. Riggs-White, Sigma Chi, topped Pennebacker-Millard, Sigma Phi Sigma, 21-3, 21-6. McDonough-Note, Alpha Sigma Phi, beat Sherry-Weidenhammer, Alpha Chi Rho, 21-15, 21-20. Martin-Brasher, Phi Kappa Sigma, beat Veit-Cranos, Phi Kappa Phi, 21-6, 21-6. Fahnestock-Anderson, Sigma Nu, beat Barr-Roan, Chi Phi, by forfeit.

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Sports Thru The Lion's Eye

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Sports loving sophomore and junior students who were planning to either flunk or go into grad work in order to be around for the 1955 centennial year, can stop their scheming. They might as well reconcile themselves to graduation according to dad's original plan. There will NOT be an all-home sports schedule in '55.

This "dead for a ducat" stab comes straight from scheduling authority Ike Gilbert. It kills instantly the rumor which has been wriggling around the Nittany campus as long as peace has been a standing rumor in Korea.

The whole rumor started in 1947 when Gilbert took over as Graduate Manager of Athletics—in charge of schedule making, trip arrangements, budgeting, Penn-game tickets, headaches, and recipient of the wrathful barbs of students and sportswriters. Shortly thereafter several members of the trustee board noticed that 1955 would be Penn State's 100th anniversary. Promptly fired by patriotic zeal, the trustees declared that there would be a complete home schedule in 1955—or, no graduate manager.

Well, a committee was formed to decide that the Centennial Year should coincide with the calendar year, Jan. 1 to Dec. 31. This was easy. What was left was impossible. To begin with, the community pocketbook could not absorb eight straight home football games. But worse still was the schedule juggling which would have been involved. For instance, big rival West Virginia is played on a two-and-one basis, the two being on Beaver Field. In 1955 State is due in Morgantown.

Still another obstacle was the ugly head of money. Penn and Pitt of necessity are always played in the cities where there are large concentrations of Penn State alumni and student's homes. Beaver Field can't begin to net what Franklin Field and Pitt Stadium do. Nevertheless, Pitt did agree to leave the skyscrapers. But not so Penn. The only way to vump the Quakers from Franklin Field would be with a guarantee of the entire Beaver Field gate receipts.

Hence, an all-home schedule is a fantastic dream. Even so, the 1955 schedule, as yet unofficial and incomplete, should be attractive. Navy—always restricted in its roving from Annapolis—has agreed to come to State College. In addition, another colorful rival, Syracuse, will be at home. Still in the offing is a "name" team for the opening date. But here too is trouble for Gilbert. He cannot get Wisconsin, Purdue, Michigan State or Illinois because Big Ten schedules are already drawn up through 1955 and 1956. On the other hand, a highly desirable Ivy League opponent like Cornell cannot work schedules further ahead than '53 and '54.

In all other sports the same situation will hold. Naturally there will not be all-home schedules. But the attempt will be made to bring outstanding institutions to Rec Hall; especially in sports like basketball which ordinarily can't support name teams on the home schedule.

What about the trustee's threat? Already Gilbert is no longer Graduate Manager of Athletics. His official title is now Associate Director of Athletics... "A rose by any other, smells as sweet."

Cronstedt in Pre-Med
Jan Cronstedt, Finnish orphan and outstanding Penn State gymnast, has given up a projected career in foreign service to study medicine. The 20-year-old is a top-ranking student and National AAU calisthenics champion.

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Baseball's Big Leagues

By Associated Press

Billy the Kid Pierce of the Chicago White Sox pitched a one-hitter, but needed a gift run to beat a two-hitter by 38-year-old Harry Brecheen for a thrilling 1-0 home opener victory over the St. Louis Browns today.

The only run in the scorching duel between Pierce, now victorious nine straight over the Browns, and Brecheen, the Cardinal castoff making his American League debut, came in the seventh on a walk, sacrifice, error and an outfield fly.

President Eisenhower got the Griffith Stadium baseball season off in fine style today with a strong, righthanded opening pitch but the Washington Senators missed the cue and dropped a sloppily-played game to the New York Yankees, 6 to 3.

The Yanks piled up four runs in the first inning on three hits, only one of which was of the solid variety, a triple to deep right center by Hank Bauer. A pair of walks and a pair of singles which just eluded first baseman Mickey Vernon completed the damage.

The 25,122 opening day fans watched the Senators struggle for the rest of the afternoon against Johnny Sain's tantalizing assortment of curves and slow stuff.

Larry Doby knocked in five runs—two of them on a towering 400-foot homer off the right-field roof—as the Cleveland Indians outslugged Detroit to spoil the Tigers' home opener, 11-8, today before 25,253 well-chilled fans at Briggs Stadium.

Doby drilled his homer while the Indians were scoring six times in the third inning. Then,

in the sixth, he hammered across the tying and winning runs with a hot single to centerfield that almost decapitated losing pitcher Ray Herbert.

Walt Dropto, the Tigers' big first baseman, also knocked in five runs with a double and a base-clearing triple.

The Boston Red Sox, after having their American League inaugural delayed twice by snow and wintry weather, made up for lost time today by pounding four Philadelphia Athletic pitchers for 19 hits and an 11 to 6 win at Connie Mack Stadium.

Big Gus Zernial gave the A's what little consolation was available by slamming his first homer of the new season onto the left-field roof in the fourth inning. The Sox' third baseman, George Kell, collected four RBI's with a double and three singles.

Danny O'Connell's three-run homer in the fifth inning broke up a slugfest and gave the Pittsburgh Pirates a 14-12 home opening victory today over the Philadelphia Phillies.

O'Connell's blast climaxed a 13-run assault in the fourth and fifth innings to the delight of 16,220 rain-soaked fans.

Connie Ryan, 32-year-old second sacker for the Phillies, collected six straight hits, two of them doubles, to tie a major league record for one game. The record is held by several players.

Rain washed out today's scheduled Polo Grounds opener between the New York Giants and Brooklyn Dodgers, forcing a postponement until tomorrow afternoon.

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