

Nine Romps, 19-1; Golfers Beat Pitt

By DICK McDOWELL

Penn State's baseball team gets back into action this afternoon when it meets Gettysburg at 3:30 on Beaver Field. Yesterday the Lions walloped American University, 19-1, to win their fourth contest of the season.

Pounding two Eagle pitchers for 12 hits, the Nittanians had little trouble in getting the win as surprise starter Keith Vesling and Jack Krumrine teamed up to hold the hapless Washington, D.C. squad to five safeties. Vesling got credit for the victory, his third of the season. After tallying once in the first frame, the Lions, aided by 13 walks and seven American U. errors, poured runs across the plate in every inning but the second.

Thrower Johnson Wild

The Lions, although scoring 11 runs, could muster only three hits in the first five innings, but opened up in the latter part of the game with Sil Cerchie, Tom Werner, and Pat Kennedy leading the attack. Cerchie collected three safeties and Werner and Kennedy each had two. However, Joe Bedenk's crew doesn't have to apologize for its slow start. The Lion batters simply didn't get a chance to swing at the ball in those five innings. Eleven of the 13 free passes came in those frames, as losing pitcher Luke Johnson threw the horsehide everywhere but into the Hort Woods parking lot.

The Eagles, a pathetic ball club yesterday, scored their lone tally in the first frame when they put together two singles and a walk. But that was the last time American U. baserunners saw home plate. From there on Vesling had them stymied.

Russo Doubles

One Nittany marker crossed the plate in the bottom half of the frame on two walks, a balk, and Sil Cerchie's towering fly to center field. In the second the Lions couldn't score, but opened up in the third.

Four walks, an error, a wild pitch, Chuck Russo's double, Cerchie's infield single, and Hubie Kline's fly ball brought five runs across, and the Lions took a lead which was never threatened.

In the fourth, Johnson was as wild as ever, and the Lions took full advantage of it. Werner led off with an infield single, Cerchie and Leonard walked. At this point Jay Cone relieved Johnson and proceeded to walk two Lion runs in. He finally retired the side after 10 Nittany batters had come to the plate.

Shortstop Boots 4

State added three more in the fifth without the benefit of a base hit. This was probably the most unusual inning of the very unusual ball game. Russo led off and was hit by a pitched ball. Ron Weidenhammer fled to center field—and then it happened. American U. shortstop Jim Williams committed the first of four errors which plagued him in that frame, three of these coming in succession.

He erred on Werner's grounder, and after Cerchie went out third. (Continued on page seven)

Lench Chosen New Mat Manager

Ronald Lench, sixth semester arts and letters major, was recently chosen varsity wrestling manager for the 1953-54 season. Andrew Schoerke and Jack Diehl were selected as associate managers.

First associate managers chosen were Bill Wismer, John Sherk, and John Allen. John Fink Jr., is first alternate while Charles Snyder is second alternate.

A gold award was given to Coach Charles Speidel in recognition of the Eastern intercollegiate and NCAA team championship. A special varsity award was given to Harold Chamberlain for meritorious service.

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By ROY WILLIAMS

State's linksmen copped win number one yesterday and slammed Pittsburgh with its third straight loss by a 6-1 score. Six of the Nittanians came through with winning scores, while Rich McCarthey, Pittsburgh's only letterman in the lineup, took the Panther's lone win.

McCarthey downed Joe Webb, one of State's five lettermen, 4-3. The Pittsburgher played effective golf, while his opposition couldn't get into the "swing" of things.

The six winners for State were Rod Eaken, Gordon Stroup, Warren Gittlan, Lou Riggs, George Kreidler, and John Carney.

Eaken Wins, 4-3

Three foursomes were played, while the two odd men—John Carney and Pitt's Neil Huffamar—went against each other in the first round to be played. Carney, a junior, was the victor, with a 7-card.

In the first foursome, Rod Eaken outshot Pittsburgh's Phil Hubacher, 4-3, and shot a low 71, just two over par. Meanwhile, McCarthey was winning his team's lone point by beating Joe Webb. State batted a thousand on the second foursome as both men earned one point a piece for the Lions. Gordon Stroup was edged by Bobby Wise, 3-2, while Warren Gittlan was taking full command of strengthening State's slim 2-1 lead.

Gittlan Wins, 3-2

Gittlan was medalist for the Jay by shooting a par 69. One heartbreaker and two two-foot putts made the difference between very good score and a three under par card of excellent shooting. After missing two of the two-footers, Gittlan putted to within three inches of the cup. He carelessly bumped the sure one-stroke shot, and the ball rolled away from the cup. The extra stroke that Gittlan had to take to complete the hole was the one that put him even with the board instead of being one under.

Gittlan's 3-2 defeat of Bill Stockdale was accompanied by a three stroke round on the 5-par seventeenth hole. His two under par gave the Lion the only eagle of the day. Coach Rutherford remarked that Gittlan just couldn't do anything wrong.

Rutherford Pleased

The final two team points for the Rutherfordmen were won by Lou Riggs, a junior newcomer, and George Kreidler. Riggs took Paul Chest, 5-4, while Kreidler defeated another of Coach McCormick's boys, Chuck Uram, 5-3. Rutherford stated, "I was very pleased with the brand of golf that the boys played today. Considering the hammering we have been getting from the weather, they came through very well, although they had limited pre-season practice."

Baseball's Big Leagues

By The Associated Press

The Chicago White Sox found the home run range for the first time this season today, clubbing three into the seats, but again needed some clutch relief pitching by Harry Dorish to carve out a 9-7 victory over the Detroit Tigers.

The Tigers pushed across five runs in the bottom of the ninth and twice had the potential winning run at the plate. But Dorish, a cam righthander, retired Bob Nieman and Jim Delsing to put out the fire.

In all, the White Sox piled up 15 hits—four of them by Lollar—off the inept Tiger pitching. Detroit has used 24 hurlers this season while losing seven of eight games—the last five in a row.

Third baseman Ed Matthews lashed across six runs on two of Milwaukee's four homers and a double today as the Braves plastered the Chicago Cubs, 15-6, to launch a "new neighbor" rivalry.

The first meeting of the transplanted Braves and the Cubs, with home bases 90 miles apart, also produced two Bruin homers, one a prodigious two-run wallop by Hank Sauer.

Sauer, the National League's most valuable player last season, returned to the Cub lineup for the first time since breaking a little finger March 16. He singled, tripled and in the eighth smashed a drive over the left center stands, approximately 450 feet, driving in three runs.

The New York Yankees came from behind twice to down the Boston Red Sox, 6-2, at Yankee Stadium.

The Bombers turned the trick when third baseman Loren Babe, who is replacing the injured Gil MacDougal, smashed a three run home run in the eighth inning.

Vic Raschi picked up his first win of the 1953 season, allowing only seven Sox hits.

Kois, Flore to Captain 1954 Boxing Team

Tony Flore and Adam Kois were elected to co-captain Penn State's 1954 boxing team at a banquet held last night in the American Legion home. Flore, 139-pounder, and Kois, 178-pounder, were both runnersup in the recent NCAA championships.

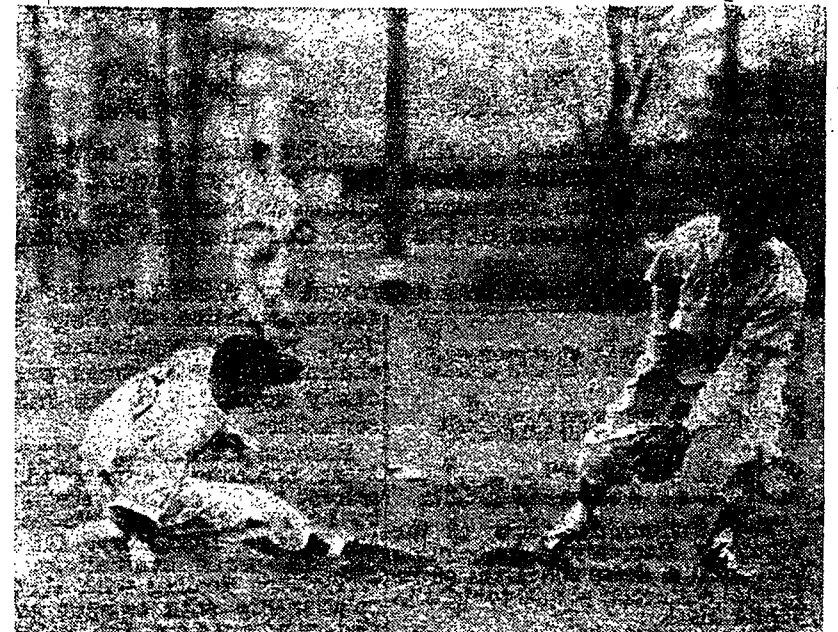
At the same time George Richards was named head manager to succeed Jim Schulte. Kois and Flore's predecessor was Sam Marino.

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REX BRADLEY, the Lion baseballer's fleet leftfielder, is shown leading second base in yesterday's 19-1 rout over American University at Beaver Field. The ball can be seen bouncing off Bradley's back as he finished his slide. Eagle second baseman Bill Faux is pictured on the right covering the bag on the play. The win was the fourth without a loss for the Lions.

April Showers Hurt Lion Relay Hopes

By HERM WEISKOPF

April showers bring May flowers, so they say; however, they haven't helped Chick Werner's thinclads blossom into potential winners.

With all the inclement weather that has swept through the Nittany Valley this spring, the trackmen have found themselves

grounded all too often to permit them to round into shape. Every time Werner has slated time trials the weatherman has responded with rain, snow, or winds that have forced him to postpone them.

Although the team's performance at the Penn Relays this weekend may seem disappointing, the boys will perform much better in future competition, the forward-looking coach observed.

Still on the topic of weather, the Nittany track mentor said he felt that, "with sunshine and good weather, this team will begin to sprout."

Werner has decided that he will take only one hurdler, Bill Youkers, who will compete in the 120-yard high hurdles.

Three men have good chances of placing in their events at the Relay Carnival. Dan Lorch, pole vaulter, has the potential to clear the bar at 13'.

High jumper Jim Herb can hit 6-6 and Rosey Grier may prove a threat in both the shot put and the javelin. But, Werner pointed out, no matter how outstanding they perform, they may be beaten, for they will be facing some of the finest track and field stars in the world.

Take the case of Denis Johanson, Finnish track star who pulled an upset win in last year's Benjamin Franklin Mile. He'll be running against Sture Landqvist, the Swede who will be competing for Oklahoma A&M; Len Truex, the Ohio State whipper who halted Fred Dwyer's victory streak this winter; and Fred Wilt, the FBI star Johanson had to beat in order to win the event last year. Then there's Lafayette's Jack Ellis. Last summer the 235-pound discus thrower won the IC4A title, set a new record in the NYAC games with a heave of 168 feet, and placed fifth in the Olympic trials. Manhattan's defending mile quartet of Wallace Pina, Ronald Ferraro, Lou Jones, Jr., and Vern Dixon will be hard to beat. LaSalle will be out to duplicate its victory in the Middle Atlantic Conference one-mile event, and with veterans like Bob Quinn, Charlie Peoples, Joe Walker and John Manning, they have a good chance. The Lions won't have to face all these stars, but it is a cross section of the competition they will be up against.

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