

Lion Nine Swamps Gettysburg

Top Bullets In 23-0 Slaughter

By DICK McDOWELL

Garland "Gerk" Gingerich continued his baffling mound mystery yesterday as he and his Penn State teammates pulverized Gettysburg, 23-0, at Beaver Field.

While the curveballing right-hander was hurling a seven inning one-hitter, Lion batsmen pounded out 21 hits, including three home runs and a triple, to win their fifth game of the season.

Gingerich was superb in his third mound appearance of the campaign. For seven innings he pitched hitless ball and faced the minimum 21 batters, bosting his record to 2-0. When Gettysburg shortstop Jack Keller touched him for a single in the eighth, Lion Coach Joe Bedenk sent Larry Baver to the mound to finish. Bedenk, realizing that the no-hitter was ruined, decided to give him a rest in case he is needed against Penn on Saturday.

Leonard's Grand Slam

Every man in the Lion lineup collected at least one hit in the lopsided whitewash. Second baseman Chuck Russo, who had been wielding a silent bat prior to the game, came to life at the plate to lead the Nittanians with four safeties. The flashy second sacker belted two singles, a double, and a two-run home run.

However, the "big" blow of the day was catcher Bill Leonard's grand slam home run in the eighth inning. The big backstop collected three hits himself, along with shortstop Ron Weidenhammer. Captain Sil Cerchie also joined the slugging parade with his third homer of the season. He also had a single.

4 Tallies

The Lions bunched their scoring into four innings in their biggest run-and-hit output of the season.

In the first frame the Nittanians pushed across four tallies on three walks, an error, and Cerchie's line-drive single to left. They failed to score in the second and third, but notched four more in the fourth. Six hits—including Russo's and Leonard's home runs—turned the trick.

The big inning came in the fifth, however, when Gettysburg changed pitchers twice. But nobody was stopping the Nittanians that inning as they walloped eight safeties and scored an equal number of runs.

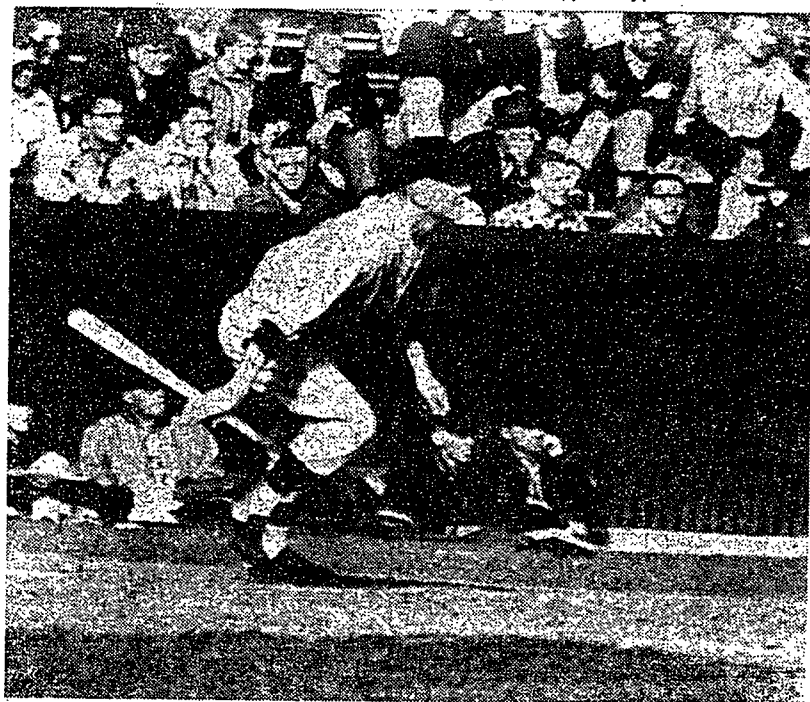
Only 2 Hits

After failing to score in the sixth and seventh, the Bedenkmen exploded again in the eighth, this time for seven tallies on six hits, one a triple by Rex Bradley, and two errors.

Gettysburg managed to get one more safety, its second, in the ninth, but could stir up no trouble as Baver, very effective in his two innings of relief, set them down without any trouble.

In his seven inning stint, Gingerich allowed only one man to reach first base. He walked Keller

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—Photo by Hamby
REX BRADLEY, speedy Penn State leftfielder, watches the horsehide sail as he starts down the first base line in yesterday's baseball game with Gettysburg. Bradley is starting the first leg of an eighth inning triple, hit off of Gettysburg pitcher Bill Schultz. The Lions easily defeated the Bullets, 23-0, picking up their fifth win of the season.

Tennis Team Seeks First Win on College Courts

Coach Sherm Fogg's winless-in-one-start tennis team will try again to break into the victory column tomorrow afternoon when it hosts Syracuse in the first home match of the '53 season.

Match time will be at 1:30 p.m. on the College courts, although the official starting time is listed at 2 p.m. No particular reason has been offered for the moveup other than the fact that the match gets underway quicker, Fogg said.

Fogg, after the devastating 8-1 Bucknell loss, has slightly touched up the bottom half of the singles ladder and completely changed his doubles lineup for the Orange match.

Captain Bill Forrey, the only winner against the Bisons, will move up a notch in the singles from fifth to fourth. Sophomore Bill Ziegler will work in the number five position, and Dick Gross will go at number six. Gross did not make the trip to Lewisburg. Otherwise the top three positions will remain unchanged. Dick Robinson, Lou Landon, and Bruz Ray will again work the first three singles jobs.

The doubles combinations will all be brand-new. Robinson-Landon will make up the top outfit. Junior letterman Dez Long will come out of semi-retirement to team up with Ray in the number two position, while Forrey and Ziegler will work in the third spot.

Fogg's crew went through a full workout yesterday despite the winds. They are scheduled for a light practice session today.

Penn Relay Trackmen Leave for Philadelphia

By HERM WEISKOPF

The Nittany trackmen departed early today for Philadelphia to compete in the 59th annual Penn Relays to be held at Franklin Field.

Yesterday the thinclads worked out just long enough to work up a sweat, in order to conserve their energy for the carnival.

Lacrossers To Field Same Lineup

It appears as though there will be few if any changes in the Penn State lacrosse lineup for tomorrow's game with Penn, which gets underway at 2 p.m. on the golf course.

The starting array which faced Hobart will probably open against the Quakers, with much fan attention likely to center on Captain Wayne Hockersmith, who tallied six goals against Hobart last Saturday.

If the Lions can get a little more scoring help, they will stand a good chance of turning back the Red and Blue. Coach Nick Thiel has stressed passing this week. He is trying to get his men to look for the teammate who's open for a good shot, something that the Lions have not been doing in previous encounters.

Penn's season record, while not overly impressive, is nevertheless misleading. The Quakers boast their lone win over Harvard, losing to Dartmouth, Swarthmore, and Yale. However, the loss to the Garnet was by a slim 9-8 score, a team which defeated State by a much more decisive tally.

Rookie Hurler Stars

Top effort of the early-season Penn State baseball campaign came from an unheralded right-hander, Gar Gingerich, of Hellam. The rookie hurler, serving in relief against Villanova, let the Wildcats down without a hit or a run over a six-inning span. Only 19 batters faced him.

There are 40 names on this year's track roster, including 16 returning lettermen. Six of Chick Werner's men come from out of state; four from New Jersey and two from New York.

Brunjes New Yorker
Alex Ayers hails from Rutherford, N.J.; Maplewood, N.J., is the home of Dave Douglas; Ollie Sax is from Kearny, and the other Jerseyite is Rosey Grier, of Roselle.

Roy Brunjes' home is in St. Albans, N.Y., and Schenectady is Jack Chillrud's hometown.

Six seniors and 13 juniors dot the roster, while the remaining 21 are sophomores. The seniors are Bill Body, Bob Gehman, Co-Captains Jim Herb and Bob Roessler, Al Schutz, and Douglas.

3500 Competitors

Way back in 1896, April 25 to be exact, the Lions entered their first Penn Relays. The mile relay team of Price, McKibben, Thompson and Kaiser, running in that order, sped to a victory over squads from Dickinson, Franklin and Marshall, and Bucknell.

This year's Relay Carnival will attract more than 3500 competitors.

In the drawings for positions, LaSalle must have gathered a bushel of four leaf clovers, for they were favored with three pole positions. Penn and Villanova each got lane one positions in one event.

TRACK TRICKS: Mal Whitfield was unanimously selected as the outstanding track and field star of the 1953 indoor season by the New York Track Writers Association. . . . Sam Iness eclipsed his own NCAA discus record as he heaved the platter 185-5/4. . . . Olympic champ Parry O'Brien of Southern Cal came up with the second longest shot put heave on record with a mark of 58-1/2. . . . Army walloped Boston U. last week, 115-25. . . .

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