

3 Lion Teams at Home Today

State Lacrosse Men Face Penn, Seek First Victory

By BOB DUNN

Those two old intra-state rivals, Penn State and Penn, run headlong into each other again today. This time it's lacrosse, and the game will start at 2 p.m. on the golf course.

For the Nittany Lions, the tilt will mark a chance to break into the victory column for the first time this year. The Nittanians dropped decisions to Navy and Swarthmore, then were nosed out last Saturday, 11-10, by Hobart, in as tough a game to lose as one will see.

Much will undoubtedly depend on a heretofore unimpressive defense if the Lions are to come through today. Coach Nick Thiel's men snapped out of an offensive slump last week, but just when it appeared they had the victory formula, Hobart banged home four last period goals to win the game.

Besides pulling for the locals to post a win, fans will probably be pulling almost as hard for Captain Wayne Hockersmith to keep up his fast scoring pace for the Lions. The big midfielder from New Cumberland chalked up six markers last Saturday and almost singlehandedly pulled the verdict out of the fire.

Coach Thiel expects to make no lineup changes today. Hockersmith, Dave Arnold and Bob Pawloski will get the call at midfield, with Dick Rostmeyer, Dick Klein, and Tom Goldsworthy on attack. Dick Schaefer, Jim Dean, and Jim Hay will be at defense, with Bill McCollough at goal.

Penn's 1953 stick forces are reportedly much improved over last year's Red and Blue edition, a team the Lions defeated, 10-6, at Philadelphia. Coach Perce Belfield, a Penn State grad, has assembled an aggressive club led by sophomore George Trautman, who also plays football. The Quakers have a hard-driving rugged midfield combination, consisting of Trautman, Merc Barrows, and Ted Hagstrom. The latter two have been the team's leading scorers this season.

Penn has played four games, losing three of them. However, its lone victory was over a Harvard team which laced them last year. In addition, the Ivy Leaguers were barely nosed out by powerful Swarthmore, 9-8, the same aggregation which trounced the Lions. The Quakers' other setbacks were at the hands of Dartmouth and Yale.

After the fray this afternoon, Penn State will have four games remaining, two at home. Syracuse will be met here next Saturday.



Joe Webb Starts against Middies

Unbeaten Navy Faces Linksmen

Navy midshipmen will invade the stomping grounds of the Lion's linksmen at 1:30 p.m. today to try and extend their current two-game winning streak. The Navy-men have already engaged in two dual meets. This will be the second match for the Rutherfordmen. Navy sports a 2-0 log. They downed a powerful Duke squad, 4-3, and romped over the Panthers of Pitt by the same score that State did, 6-1.

Navy No Pushover

Navy was State's first stumbling block last year as the usually well-seasoned Middle golfers snapped State's three-game win streak of Cornell, 5-2, Pittsburgh, 5-2, and Bucknell, 9-4. The match was a war of nerves until Navy finally pulled ahead to cop the match by a slim 4-3 margin.

Coach Rutherford has named the Navy squad one of the toughest on the Nittanians' nine-game schedule. The men from the banks of the Severn usually have a slim edge over their northern competitors for longer pre-season practice sessions with milder spring weather.

Carney Wins, 7-5

The Swabbie's depth and power on the greens speak for themselves after their 4-3 win over Duke, one of the links-leaders in the Southland's golf world.

Captain Hud Samson, who did not qualify for the opening match against Pitt, went against John Carney yesterday to try and win a position for the Lion's test with Navy. Carney defeated Neil Huffman of Pitt, 7-5, in the linksmen's opening-day win.

Former Pro Mate

Bob Higgins, former Penn State coach, was a teammate of the late Jim Thorpe in pro football at Canton, O.

WRA Results

- VOLLEY BALL (finals)**
Zeta Tau Alpha over Kappa Kappa Gamma
- BRIDGE (finals)**
First Place: Phi Sigma Sigma
Second Place: Delta Delta Delta
- BOWLING (finals)**
Leonides over Alpha Xi Delta
- SOFTBALL**
Alpha Gamma Delta over Delta Gamma
Alpha Kappa Alpha over Delta Zeta
Zeta Tau Alpha over Kappa Delta

Tennis Team to Shoot For 1st Against Orange

By GEORGE BAIREY

Coach Sherm Fogg will send his best seven men to the line at 1:30 p.m. today to meet Syracuse as the Nittany Lion tennis aggregation goes after its first win of the 1953 campaign.

The Lions are one match behind .500, having been beaten by Bucknell early in the week in their only showing of the season.

The seven men named by Fogg Thursday were Captain Bill Forrey, Dick Robinson, Lou Landon, Bruz Ray, Bill Ziegler, Dick Gross, and Dez Long.

The match, the first home affair of a scheduled five, will be played on the College clay courts next to the caddy house.

The Nittany crew made short work of the Orange last year, 6-3, at Syracuse. In 1950, the two teams played to a 3-3 tie before the rains came.

Syracuse will bring a well-seasoned outfit to do battle today. Last year's big man, Bill Markquardt, winner of a three-setter over Robinson, was graduated, but many others remain.

Leading both the singles and doubles attack will probably be John Kerr. Kerr last season dropped straight sets to Bruz Ray, 6-4, 6-3, and then was the chief figure in carrying the doubles to

three sets against Robinson-Ed Davis.

Other Orangemen back will probably be Scholk, Bertsein, Barishaw, and Gould.

"Last year they were young—this year they will be strong," commented Fogg.

Going for the Lions in the number-one singles spot will be Robinson. Landon and Bruz Ray will perform at the second and third slots. All three are juniors, and all three will be looking for singles victory number-one in 1953. Landon, a transfer student, will be after his first win in intercollegiate play for State.

Captain Forrey will hold down the number four singles job while Ziegler will work the number-five position. Gross will be number six.

The doubles lineup will be: Robinson-Landon, number one; Ray-Long, number two; and Forrey-Ziegler, number three.

The doubles combinations, all different from the trio that played against Bucknell, are on an experimental basis for the Syracuse match. The Ray-Long combination last year against the Orange, brought home a 6-4, 7-5 decision from Scholk-Barrishaw.

Baseball's Big Leagues

By The Associated Press

Eddie Lopat held tight in the clutches to whip Washington with an eight-hitter today, 4-1, scoring the tie-breaking run for the New Yorkers in the fifth after doubling to the rightfield wall.

Loren Babe's two-run homer in the eighth nailed down Lopat's win over Bob Porterfield.

Gene Woodling, who had four hits yesterday against Boston, extended his string to six straight hits with a homer in the second inning and a single in the fourth. He walked in the sixth but finally was thrown out in the eighth.

Unbeaten Alex Kellner southpawed his third victory of the American League season today, pitching the Philadelphia Athletics to a 7-2 decision over the young Boston Red Sox.

Kellner, who blanked the World Champion New York Yankees in his two previous games, had his scoreless skein snapped after 2 1/3 innings. The Sox scored their first run of the game and the first against the A's southpaw with two out in the fourth when George Kell doubled home Dick Gernert who had singled.

Indie Handball Doubles Title at Stake Tuesday

Tom Doyle and Jim Bonello, winners of League A, will meet Tom and Gerry Werner, League B winners, Tuesday for the independent handball doubles championship.

The fraternity handball tournament goes into its semi-final round Monday with Jack Charlton and Jim Clark, Sigma Pi, meeting Sigma Nu's Dave Girard and Norm Hickey. Lou Riggs and Ron White, Sigma Chi, will face John McDonough and John Note, Alpha Sigma Phi.

Spares Bad Knee

Tony Rados, Penn State quarterback and co-captain, will avert heavy work during Spring drills because of a knee operation.

Double Duty

Penn State's 1952 football team knocked one team—Pitt—out and another—Syracuse—into the Orange Bowl at Miami, Fla.

Bobbin' Along

with BOB SCHOELLKOPF
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All we can say in this our last will and bit of long-winded testimony is that the past school year has been one to mark well. In our three long annos at the Nittany vale, the last has left the most exciting and pleasant memories.

The year 1953 has certainly been one of the biggest in sports at Penn State since the institution's founding 98 years ago. Nittany teams have accounted for two, and maybe three, national championships this year. In addition to the gymnastics and wrestling titles already neatly tucked away, the powerful Nittany baseball team is making a determined bid for the NCAA College World Series crown to be held after school ends this semester.

A night we shall never forget, and one we feel should be entered on calendars along with other significant events, is March 28. It was a night that no Penn State team could do wrong. Before a wild Rec Hall crowd, the Lion wrestling team put on a show that would make pro grapplers look green with sickness to take the NCAA mat championship. The oddity of the night, however, came when Coach Gene Wettstone's acrobats rattled the rafters in Syracuse's Archbold Gymnasium to give State a double NCAA distinction—all in one evening's fun.

We felt that another Lion team should have been honored as NCAA king in 1952—Bill Jeffrey's brilliant soccer squad. The booters were stopped only once—by Navy—and were the strongest thing on this side of the Mississippi River all last season. We hadn't looked at any West Coast soccer teams, any of which may or may not have deserved the honor of NCAA champs, but we certainly feel that State was dealt a swift kick in the posterior when the Franklin and Marshall kickers were given the crown in January.

We've picked, in this our last chronicle to the Penn State sports world, those whom we have considered to be the three finest athletes at the Nittany athletic developing grounds in the last three years.

There are bound to be many Lion sports fans who have other personal choices that they believe rate higher, but in our observations the past three years we weeded out a long list of athletes who have made names for themselves in the garb of the Blue and White and came up with these three picks:

Jesse Arnelle—Whom we picked as the most natural and versatile athlete at State. No need explaining big Jess' past deeds, for his accomplishments stand high in the memories of those who have witnessed him on the court or the gridiron. We further predict that he will be, with two years left in his college career, the finest athlete in State's history—bar none. Jan Cronstedt—whom we aptly named the Flying Finn when he first arrived on the Nittany campus. His future is also bright, and he should continue to give Rec Hall fans the beautiful routines on the high bar and parallel bars for the next two years. Homer Barr—who was the greatest grappler of them all. Big and fast and smart, Homer used his poetry well on the mats to crush his opponents. Only a wretched illness, which left Barr limp, kept the blond giant from a national title two years ago.

Soccer Match Today

Members of the Penn State team will play Germantown Cricket Club at 1 p.m. today on the golf course. Kurt Klaus will be in charge of the team.

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