

Sports Thru The Lion's Eye

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'SUCH SWEET SORROW'

Of all the parting words we received this week, those of baseball Coach Joe Bedenk were most worth remembering. Joe said, "So you're leaving. Well, you know who were the greatest sportswriters who ever lived, don't you?"

"Red Smith . . . Art Daley . . ."

"No," Bedenk said, "Grantland Rice and Walter Camp. They never belittled anyone."

With free passes, the best seat in the house, gratis refreshments, and inside stories, sports writing would be one of the most pleasant occupations going except for one trouble: you have to report on losers as well as winners. Reporting on a winner is easy, but with a loser it's tough sometimes—especially if the loser is habitual. The reporter cannot "belittle" nor can he rundown. Yet, he cannot alibi nor can he write repeatedly, "ill luck sent the Lions down to their 15th successive defeat of the season, 47-0."

TODAY'S NEWSPAPER WRAPS TOMORROW'S FISH

I met an athlete from a field of friendly
Strife, who said: My name is Ozymandias,
Star of stars; and brandishing forth
A batch of clippings, I well those passions
Read; and on his lips a sneer and this:
"Look on my records, Ye Mighty, and despair."

Today his heroic deeds are dead,
Plaudits ring not in his ear.
And yellowed remnants of yesteryear.

(Partial apologies to Shelley)

STERNER STUFF

You did your very best,
Yet once again you lost.
You gave it all your zest,
But still by fate you're tossed.

You followed every rule,
Yet second was your lot.
You worked out like a mule,
But it got you not a jot.

Sure you could despair.
And cease you weary flight.
Sure, tear out your hair,
And stop for fear another slight.

But man, you're sterner stuff,
You'll fight on with a grin.
Show 'em that you're tough,
And eventually you will win.

ONLY ONCE

This was a pleasant journey,
Trailing the sporting tourneys.

We certainly did our best,
To do Penn State's behest.

The friends we made are splendid,
Let's hope no one is offended.

Now, with only regret, adieu—
Never again can we take this route through.

—jake highton

Austin Stars as Nittanies Nab 4th in Medley Relay

By HERM WEISKOPF

The Penn State laurels on the first day of the 59th Penn Relays were due to sophomore Don Austin, who came up with one of the fastest 3/4-mile runs ever seen in Franklin Field, when he was clocked at 3.02.8.

Austin began the third leg of the 2 1/2-mile medley relay championship 20 yards behind Dinges of Army and Dooley of Michigan, and by virtue of his amazing run for the lead as Lamont Smith took over for the last leg—the mile run.

Smith, however, failed to hold the lead and the Lions finished fourth. He ran a fast first quarter, but in the remaining three-quarters of a mile he was passed by John Ross of Michigan, Lou Olive of Army and Fred Dwyer of Villanova.

Dwyer Shines

Roy Brunjes ran the first leg of the event, the half-mile in 2.00.2, and as Skip Slocum took over, State was in fourth place. Slocum turned in a 50.8 time in the quarter-mile, and Austin started his jaunt in the No. 4 slot.

Despite his sensational time, Austin was overshadowed by the dramatic finish turned in by last season's indoor mile champion—Dwyer. Eighty yards out at the start of the mile, the fleet Villanovan put on a thrilling bid that saw him pull to within five yards of Ross. The favored Wolverines copped this event, while Army placed second and Villanova third.

Grier Fails to Qualify

Red Hollen also reaped some honors as he finished sixth in the two-mile run with a clocking of 9.30. Fred Eckhoff, Norwegian student at Oklahoma A&M, won the event in 9.20.1. Maxwell of Princeton placed second, Glassford of Rutgers, third and Al Snyder of Alfred fourth.

Three other Lions competed, but failed to qualify. Rosey Grier and Al Schutz both missed the boat in the discus throw, as two men eclipsed the old mark of 170-7 1/2. The record-breakers were Fritz Nilsson of Michigan, who won with a toss of 174-3 1/2, and Jack Ellis of Lafayette, who had a throw of 173-11 1/2. Bill Youkers failed to qualify in the 120-yard high hurdles.

Manhattan Wins Mile

The 400-meter hurdles winner was Josh Culbreath of Morgan State. He was clocked at 53.2 and finished eight yards ahead of Cornell's Andrew Dadagin. Another Morgan State runner, Olympian Art Bragg, turned on the speed as anchorman to whip Manhattan's 440 and 880-yard relay teams in trial heats. The Jaspers will get another shot at Morgan State in tomorrow's finals, and it appears as though their three-year dominance in these two events may come to an end.

Nine Engages Penn, Looks for 6th Win

Riding the crest of a splendid 5-0-1 early season record, Joe Bedenk's baseball team meets a top-notch University of Pennsylvania nine this morning at Philadelphia. The Lions left by car for Philadelphia early yesterday and will be on the field and ready to play today at 10:30 a.m.

Hoping to resume where they left off Thursday with Gettysburg, the Lions, with Keith Vesling doing the hurling, will be shooting for their sixth win of the season.

Vesling, who owns a sparkling 2.28 earned run average, will be seeking his fourth victory. The big righthander has yet to suffer a setback this year. He's beaten Lehigh, Western Maryland, and American University.

Heading the list of Lion batters going into today's game is catcher Bill Leonard. The big backstop is hitting the ball at a .411 clip. Top slugging honors go to Captain Sil Cerchie. The fleet center-fielder has cracked three home runs and driven home 12 Nittany tallies.

Probably the most outstanding performance of any Lion individual thus far this season has been the almost flawless pitching of Garland Gingerich. The crafty curveballer has been to the hill three times, once in relief and has limited opposition to only two runs. His ERA stands at .43—outstanding in anyone's league.

Leading Lions (six games)

PITCHING													
IP	H	R	ER	ERA	SO	BB	W	L					
Vesling	23 2/3	16	6	6	2.28	28	10	3	0				
Gingerich	21	8	2	1	0.43	16	4	2	0				
BATTING													
AB	R	H	Ave.	SO	BB	2b	3b	HR	RBI				
Leonard	17	8	.411	3	4	2	0	1	7				
Werner	21	11	.381	4	3	1	0	1	3				
Cerchie	22	13	.364	2	6	1	0	3	12				
Russo	22	10	.364	4	7	2	0	1	4				
Weidenhammer	23	10	.348	0	7	0	2	0	7				
Kline	22	5	.318	2	6	3	0	0	11				

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