

Vesling's 1-Hitter, Lion Bats Win 6th

By DICK McDOWELL

Five will get you ten that Lion baseball coach Joe Bedenk is feeling pretty rosy about the performance of his pitching staff so far this season. With his two front line hurlers, Gar Gingerich and Keith Vesling, pitching almost flawlessly, the Nittanians appear solid as they approach the halfway mark in the 1953 schedule.

Netmen Win 1st, Defeat Orange, 6-3

With victory number one safely tucked away, Coach Sherm Fogg's tennis team began the first of abbreviated two-day drills yesterday in preparation for a road trip tomorrow and Thursday that will bring the Lions in contact with two of the toughest squads they have to face this season. The netmen beat Syracuse Saturday, 6-3.

The Lions will meet the Naval Academy at Annapolis tomorrow and then continue to Washington, D.C. to do battle with Georgetown University Thursday.

Saturday's match with Syracuse saw the Orangemen pull their ace-in-the-hole in the person of Hal McGrath, who performed in the number one singles and doubles slots for the visitors.

The Orange's surprise unveiling of McGrath, who was the Eastern Intercollegiate singles champ in 1951, was the big topic of conversation of the afternoon. McGrath had been in the Army, and, according to reports, wasn't due out until July.

But he was very much present Saturday and he took only 37 minutes to dispose of Dick Robinson, 6-2, 6-3, in the chief singles attraction of the day.

Syracuse's number two man, Bob Marquardt, not graduated as reported by Saturday's Daily Collegian, outlasted Lou Landon in three sets, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3.

In the number three match, Bruz Ray beat John Kerr, 6-0, 6-8, 5-2. Lion Captain Bill Forrey defeated Art Sholk in three sets, 3-6, 6-3, 6-1, in the number four match.

Sophomore Bill Ziegler, at number five, swept by Syracuse's Pete Bratt, 6-4, 6-0, while Dick Gross, in his first start, had to go three sets to figure out the left-handed offerings of Murray Osofsky, in the number six match. Gross won, 6-8, 7-5, 6-0.

Two of the doubles matches went to the Lions. Robinson-Landon, number one, took two sets from McGrath-Sholk, 6-3, 7-5, while Forrey-Ziegler defeated Bratt-Paul Zafren, 6-2, 6-2, in the number three match. The Orange number two combo of Marquardt-Kerr got the final team point for Syracuse with a 6-6, 6-4 win over Ray-Dez Long.

Saturday the fire-balling Vesling, successful in three previous outings, tossed a blazing one-hitter at Philadelphia as the Lions packed away victory number six, whipping Penn, 7-1.

The Lions return home tomorrow when they meet Bucknell on Beaver Field. The contest is slated to start at 3:30.

Gingerich Sharp

A scratch bunt in the fifth inning by Quaker third baseman Dale Summerbell was the only black mark on Vesling's record for the afternoon as he fanned ten men and walked only five in his fourth win of the campaign.

Along side Vesling, Gingerich has been standing batters on their heads with his tantalizing curves. The stocky righthander owns a 2-0 record himself, earning his wins in a six inning no-hit stint, and a seven inning one-hitter.

Lions Score First

Vesling was untouchable Saturday as the Lions belted two Penn pitchers for nine hits and took advantage of 15 free passes.

The Nittanians scored one run in the top half of the first on two walks, Tom Werner's single, and a passed ball. But Penn came right back in their half of the frame when Vesling, a little wild in the early innings, walked two men, and then walked a run in after Pat Kennedy's error had loaded the bases.

Three In Fifth

The Lions got back on the scoring path again in the third, this time without benefit of a hit. Two walks, a sacrifice, and an error did the trick.

In the fifth the Bedenkmen bunched four hits and two walks to tally three more. After Sil Cerchie and Bill Leonard had walked, Hubie Kline pumped a double into left field, followed by successive singles by Rex Bradley, Pat Kennedy, and Vesling.

The final run crossed the plate in the eighth when Werner swatted his second hit of the day, Cerchie drew a free pass, and Leonard smashed a single to left to drive in Werner.

In winning his fourth, Vesling raised his strikeout total to 38 and lowered his earned run average to a sizzling 1.65. He's worked 32 2/3 innings.

Following the Bison clash tomorrow, the Lions are scheduled to meet Dickinson twice, at home May 1 and 2. Following an away game with Navy they'll return home for three straight contests at friendly Beaver Field.

Penn State		Penn	
AB	R	H	E
Russo, 2b	4	1	1
Weidh'm'r, ss	4	0	0
Werner, rf	6	1	2
Cerchie, cf	1	2	0
Leonard, c	3	2	1
Kline, 3b	3	1	1
Bradley, lf	4	0	1
Kennedy, 1b	4	0	2
Vesling, p	3	0	1
Totals	32	7	9

Bill Durniak, of Fair Oaks, Pa., who's seeking a place on the Penn State golf team, is a brother of former Lion captain Joe Durniak.



Keith Vesling Pitches one-hitter

Lacrossers Lose, 13-4 To Quakers

By BOB DUNN

After dropping a 13-4 decision to Penn's lacrosse forces Saturday, the Nittany Lion stickmen are awaiting the invasion of Syracuse this Saturday on the golf course in their first win endeavor.

The Quakers' fast start told the story, for the Lions played well during the remainder of the game, in which a total of 33 penalties was called. However, the advantage held by the Red and Blue was too much to overcome.

Besides dropping the fray, the Nittanians lost the services of midfielder Dave Arnold for about two weeks. Arnold suffered a painful knee bruise when hit by a stick. While the injury is not as serious as was first suspected, Arnold will miss the Syracuse game.

Penn's opening period spurt was paced by midfielder Ted Hagstrom, who connected for three goals. Nittany John Steimmuller broke the State scoring ice at 10:57, assisted by Luke Girard, to make the count 5-1.

Tom Goldsworthy and Dick Klein both scored for the Lions in the second quarter, but these tallies were offset by four Quaker goals. Two of these came from Penn ace George Trautman, who wound up with four for the day.

After a scoreless third period, the scoring proceedings were finished off when the Lion's Wayne Hockersmith and Trautman and Hagstrom notched counters.

Goalie Bill McCollough made a total of eight saves for the Lions, while Penn cage tender Ferris Thompson, son of the Princeton coach, stopped 18 Nittany attempts.

Werner's Forecast Right; Lions Fail To Impress

By HERM WEISKOPF

Although he may not have a license identifying him as an honest-to-goodness soothsayer, Chick Werner deserves one after correctly forecasting almost man for man, the outcome of the Nittanians at the Penn Relays over the weekend.

The Nittany track coach's far-ranged crystal ball gazing correctly foresaw that the Lions would fare poorly; however, it didn't permit him to predict the stellar performances turned in by Don Austin.

Werner said the 3 outstanding performances at the Relays were turned in by Fritz Nilsson of Michigan, Art Bragg of Morgan State and Austin.

Austin turned in the sensational time of 3:02.8 in the three-quarter mile run on Friday as he ran the third leg of the 2 1/2-mile medley relay team. On Saturday he turned on the speed against fast-stepping John Ross of Michigan in the anchor lap of the four-mile relay championship. Although he crossed the finish line in the No. 2 slot, he was clocked at 4:22 for the mile—two-tenths of a second slower than the time turned in by the spirited Spartan.

Jumpin' Jim Herb garnered second place in the high jump as he cleared the bar at 6-4. Mark Smith of Wayne, was the winner with a 6-6 leap.

Nilsson, a Norwegian transfer student, copped the discus event on Friday, setting a new Carnival record in the process. He also won the shotput with a heave of 55-9 3/4 on the final day. Bragg accounted for two of his team's sprint relay wins with terrific anchor performances and retained his 100 dash crown with a time of 0:10.7.

Len Truex, former Ohio State star, nipped Dennis Johansson, Finnish Olympian, in the coveted Benjamin Franklin Mile, with a neat time of 4:10.0. The broad jump king was Morgan Taylor of Princeton, who spanned 25-5/8.

LaSalle's Al Cantello took the javelin with a toss of 211-9 1/2. Pole vaulters Robert Linne, Rhode Island, Jim Harrington, Notre Dame, and Van Zimmerman, Penn, tied for honors in that event with identical heights of 13-4. LaSalle got permanent possession of the Wanamaker Cup when the Explorers won the Middle Atlantic Mile title for the third straight year.

Golfers Top Navy, Score 2d Straight

The Nittany Lions may be the team to watch this year in college golf after their sterling appearance last Saturday when they defeated a sharp Navy squad, 4-3. State's win was its second in a row, and snapped the two-game win streak of the Middies.

Stroup Defeats Wade

Rod Eaken was downed by Swabby Dick Mattox, 5-3, while George Kreidler lost to Cliff Thomas, 4-3. John Carney, who defeated Lion captain Hud Samson on Friday in intra-squad play, lost to Don Walters, 6-5.

Gordon Stroup defeated Navy's Seab Wade, 2 up, and Joe Webb ran the show in his win over the Gob's Ken Highfill, 5-3. State's third win was by Warren Gittlan as he downed Jim DeGroff, 6-5. Lou Riggs handed George Hall a defeat with a 2 up score.

Mattox Scores 68

State's slim 4-3 winning margin tells only half of the story. After six matches had been completed, the score was knotted at 3-3. Jenkintown's Riggs and Hall of Navy were their teams last hope for the winning one-point margin.

On the fourteenth hole, Hall was one up on Riggs. Riggs, however, won the fifteenth and sixteenth to take a one up lead. Riggs hauled the seventeenth to remain just one up on his opponent. After playing under tremendous pressure on the previous three holes, Riggs came through with a birdie on the eighteenth to win the match with a 2 up score. His win spelled Navy's doom, and gave the Nittanians a well-earned 4-3 win.

Eaken's opposition, Dick Mattox, was medalist with a one under par score of 68. Mattox shot seven birdies in his 18-hole golfing mastery.

Coach Rutherford remarked, "This was the toughest match we've had. The boys played very good golf for this time of year. We had six men in the medal range of 70 to 75 strikes."

Soccer Team Nips Crickets

The Penn State soccer team defeated the Germantown Cricket Club in an exhibition match played Saturday, 1-0. The only goal scored was by Dick Packer in the first period.

Germantown	G	Penn State
Haines	G	Harris
Davis	RFB	Dierks
Yerkes	LFB	Irvin
Rohner	RHB	Hofmann
Smith	CHB	Robbins
Wynn	LHB	Nugent
Weber	OR	Norsick
Jucine	IR	Shirk
Joren	CF	Pinezich
Woodside	IL	Matissia
Lieb	OL	Mijares
Penn State	1 0 0	0-1
Germantown	0 0 0	0-0

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Baseball's Big Leagues

By Associated Press

Johnny Wyrostek of the Philadelphia Phillies and the New York Yankees' Gene Woodling, a pair of veteran left-hand hitting outfielders, lead the major leagues in batting with the 1953 season two weeks old.

Wyrostek, who batted .256 last season, is setting a torrid .500 pace while hitting safely in 10 straight games and compiling 17 hits in 34 at bats. Records include Sunday's games.

Woodling, a .309 hitter in 1952, tops the American League with .472 on 17 safeties in 36 trips. Gene had his best day of the year last Thursday when he went four-for-four against the Boston Red Sox.

Boston's Dick Gernert, who has accounted for all of his team's home runs, is the American League leader in that department with four. Walt Dropo, Detroit's big first sacker, has the most runs-batted-in, 11.

Bob Lemon, Cleveland right-hander and Alex Kellner, Philadelphia lefty, head the American League pitchers. Southpaw Curt Simmons of the Philadelphia Phillies, is on top in the National. Each has won three games and lost none.

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