

'Hearts and Flowers' . . .

Sam's Song

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Connie Mack says that pitching is 75 per cent of baseball. Frankie Frisch claims it is 90 per cent. Others place its value in between. If they were to give these answers on a test, sponsored by the Cleveland Indians, they would each receive -2's. All the Indians did was carry three 20 game winners and lose the pennant.

Coach Joe Bedenk's District 2 champions and third place winners in the College's World Series have the pitching, hitting, and fielding. Nevertheless, the dandy Lions were set back Saturday afternoon with a twin-killing by a hustling Pitt squad.

Although this double victory does not officially clinch a Big Three crown for the Panthers—who were dreaming of at least one before the season ends—it does make them almost sure bets.

The losses virtually place the Lions off any contention list for this year's World Series. It is interesting to note, however, that the selections committee does not name its District representative on the basis of an unblemished record alone. (Though it helps.) Therefore, should the Lions give impressive showings the remainder of the campaign, the opportunity for Bedenk's squad to gain a berth in a playoff or become District champs will most likely become a reality.

One thing is sure, Penn State will be scrutinized when District 2's number one team is mentioned. The reason: last year's performance at Omaha, Neb.

Eight teams from every corner of the vast United States traveled to Omaha, last June to compete for the National Collegiate Athletic Association baseball championships—better known as the College World Series. A record attendance of 38,773—11,000 over the previous high—watch the six-day double elimination event.

District representatives were: District 1, Holy Cross; District 2, Penn State; District 3, Duke; District 4, Western Michigan; District 5, Missouri; District 6, Texas; District 7, Colorado State; and District 8, Oregon State.

It appeared that the Nittany Lions would have one strike against them when they were scheduled to meet a favorite Texas nine in the opener. The Penn Staters took care of matters, however, when they upset the Texas nine and stumped the experts. The Longhorns were led by its fabulous pitcher Luther Scarborough, who entered the tournament with a 10-2 won and lost record and a 1.7 ERA.

The following day the Lions once again produced the upset. They defeated Duke—tournament favorites—12-7. It was almost unbelievable. Talk was increasing that Bedenk's squad would become the first team East of the Mississippi ever to win the national title.

To observe a real thriller, more than 4800 crowded the stadium to witness two undefeated tourney teams—Missouri and Penn State. The Lions, once again, had the sportswriters pounding their typewriters as they scored two runs in the third inning, but the Tigers countered with three in the sixth. That's all the scoring for both sides and the real hero of the game—and the tourney—Junior Wrenn. In winning, the Tiger pitcher-centerfielder struck out seven, walked four, and gave up only two hits.

The finals came.

Penn State drew a bye.

After little more than two hours rest, Holy Cross was matched with Penn State. Nominated to pitch for the Crusaders was Jackie Lonagan, a little southpaw who lost a one-hit, one-run decision to Missouri earlier in the Series. He was to face Bedenk's surprise selection—Red Moore.

Making his first tournament showing before 4058 people, Moore was pounded for two runs in the second inning and three in the third before Jack Krumrine came in relief. It was to no avail, however. Holy Cross tallied ten more runs—the second time in less than four hours that the Crusaders scored 15 runs.

This eliminated the Lions, but they still were one of the biggest surprises in the Series by stumping the experts and almost defeating Missouri.

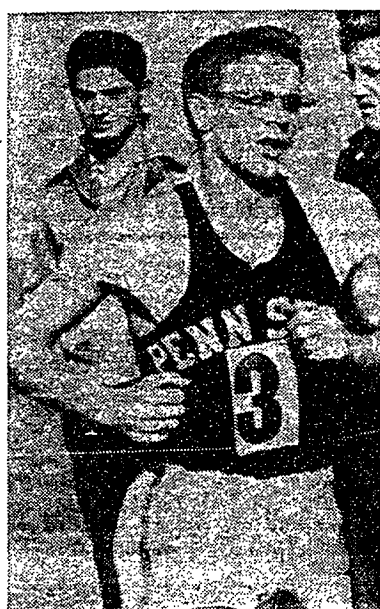
Yes, to go through a dream tourney again the Lions will have to perform at their best from now on. A club can't win without good pitching and can't win with good pitching, if the batters fail to produce hits and the fielders fail to field.

Pitching supported by timely hitting and tight fielding, has won pennants and will do so in college baseball. Add good coaching the latter prerequisites and we have a team's team.

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IM Thinclads to Seek New Track Standards

Competition for intramural track titles next Tuesday will be open to a wide field. Due to graduation and the Army, many of last year's top-flight competitors will not be around to defend their titles.



Red Hollen
Back in lineup

But, nevertheless, there will be strong incentive for the athletes to break the standing records. In fact, last year three new standards were recorded in the record book. There is hope for more records to be shattered this year.

Sam Green, Alpha Phi Alpha, rewrote the shot put record in 1952 with a throw of 40 ft. 8 1/2 inches. Bob Gower, competing for Alpha Tau Omega in the broad jump, leaped 20 ft. 7 3/4 in. to shatter the previous record, and Al Hinkle, Lambda Chi Alpha, continued the gala program by setting a new 5 ft. 9 1/2 in. high jump mark. All three field men will be missing from this year's tournament, leaving a wide open field.

Record breaking in the running events will be a tough assignment for both independent and fraternity men.

Larry Joe holds the 100 yard dash record with a 9.9 recording in 1947. Don Ashenfelter, running for Delta Upsilon, hit a 51.4 mark for the 440 in 1950, while the same day the 880 yard relay standard of 1:36.6 was set.

Nevertheless, there are a few winners from last year still around who may come close or even reset some of the old records.

Still at the college is Levan Gordan who did 53.3 in the 440. Joe Polito, Theta Kappa Phi, was caught in 10.7 in the 100 while Theta Kappa Phi's relay team was clocked in the fast time of 1:40.1.

John Shaner, running in the independent division last year, covered the century in 1:10 on a wet track, and Carl Emick ran second. Both men are still in school. The championship relay team was clocked in 1:40.

There are no favorites in the 440 yard dash. Over 75 men have taken their physicals, and the race promises to be one of the best events in the program.

Intramural track has reached new heights in recent years as more and more men are competing. All that can be hoped for this year is a dry, fast track.

West Virginia's golf team seeks its best record since Coach Ira Errett Rodgers' first season, 1949. His squad won 12 and lost only 2.

Jersey Joe Fight to End Early - Rocky

CHICAGO, May 12 (AP)—Champion Rocky Marciano said today his 15 round title bout Friday with ex-champ Jersey Joe Walcott will end "about midway," and Marciano will remain the heavyweight king.

Marciano ended more than 8 weeks of training for the bout with a 2-round stint today. He told newsmen he thought Walcott could last the route. But he added, "I hope not."

He was asked if he thought Walcott could produce any surprise during the title bout in Chicago Stadium and replied:

"I don't see what he could produce that would be new to me."

The newsmen recalled last September's title bout when Marciano dethroned Walcott, and quoted Jersey Joe's manager, Felix Boccicchio, as saying he thought Rocky had taken a beating then and had not fully recovered.

Marciano scoffed at the statement. He said he thought that he had Walcott in a position to end the fight earlier than in the 13th round. The big factor which prevented the earlier ending, Marciano said, was that his eyes had clouded a little from blood and Walcott's blows.

The champion said there was no sense to Boccicchio's statement that he was not fully recovered.

Walcott boxed his customary six rounds today, tapering off his heavy drills. He appeared a little tired. Boccicchio said Jersey Joe would drill tomorrow in a session closed to the public.

Stan Musial of the Cardinals set a club record for extra base hits in a single season in 1948 when he collected 103.

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Trackmen Meet Bucks

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earlier time, but wound up third. The mile relay team lowered its mark from 3:32 to 3:39.

One of the most vital factors in favor of the Lions is that they possess depth in the track events. Runners like Leatham, Sax and Tom Younkens in the 440; Hollen and Smith in the mile; Youkers and Gary Seybert in the hurdles; Brunjes, Roessler and Austin in the half-mile; and Slocum, Dave Eskey and George Ungerin in the sprints give the Lions good all-round depth.

The only Lion improvement in the field events came from Dan Lorch, who copped the pole vault from the Spartans with a height of 13 feet, while against Navy he hit only 11 ft. 6 in.

Jim Herb cleared the bar in the high jump at 6 ft. 2 in., slightly less than the week before, but good enough for another first. Ron Johnson's performance in the broad jump with the Spartans was a few inches shy of Rod Cobi's leap in the Navy encounter.

Rosey Grier slipped a little, but still managed to cop two firsts at East Lansing. His performances in the shot, javelin and discus are strong links in the Lions' chain, which they hope will lead to win No. 1.

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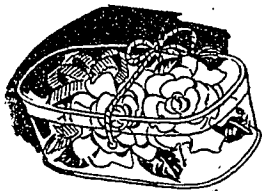
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hours after purchasing outfielder Allie Clark from the Philadelphia A's.

The Sox said both Consuegra and Clark were purchased for more than the waiver price.

The New York Yankees announced that they had sent Johnny Schmitz, 32-year-old left-hander, to the Washington Senators for the \$10,000 waiver price.

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