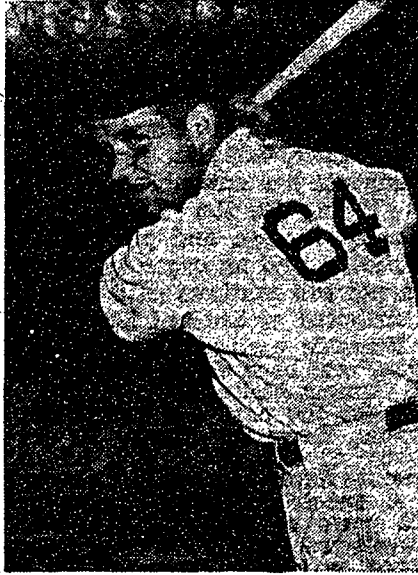


## Power Either Way



**BILL LEONARD** (left) and Tom Werner two pillars of strength for the Bedenkmen with Werner leading the team with a .333 batting average and Leonard the mainstay behind the plate. Leonard is spending his last season at Beaver Field.



# Lion Nine Battles For Playoff Bid

By DICK McDOWELL

The curtain comes down on the 1953 baseball schedule this afternoon when the Lion baseball team meets Temple at Philadelphia. Gar Gingerich, with a 4-2 record and a phenomenal .92 ERA goes to the hill for the Nittanies in what is probably the most crucial game of the season.

Today's contest could make or break the Lions chances for a

District Two playoff bid. The Lions own a 12-4-1 record and a win can keep them in the running. The playoff teams will be decided Monday in Scranton by a committee of coaches.

### Bradley Out

As it stands now, four or five teams are making strong bids for playoff berths. Duquesne is in top contention. The Dukes had a 12-0 record at the beginning of the week, but dropped two games to Pitt and Colgate and still have to face Syracuse. Pitt is also in the running along with Fordham, Lafayette, Villanova, and Colgate.

**HAMILTON, N.Y., May 22 (AP)**—A playoff for the NCAA Dist. 2 championship appeared a probability today with ten teams apparently still in the running for the right to go to college baseball's equivalent of the World Series.

Unbeaten Colgate, conqueror of Duquesne yesterday, heads the pack with six wins. The Dukes from Pittsburgh have won ten, lost 2.

Others in the top ten are: Lafayette; Fordham; Upsala; Penn State; Seton Hall; CCNY; Villanova; and Pitt.

The Nittanies will be minus the services of left fielder Rex Bradley in today's game. The speedy outfielder, who is batting .295, was unable to make the trip because of a final examination. Pete Cherish is expected to get the nod at the left field spot in his place.

The rest of the Lion lineup will remain intact. Pat Kennedy will be at first base, Chuck Russo at second, Ron Weidenhammer at shortstop, and Hubie Kline at third. In the outfield, Sil Cerchie will be in centerfield, and Tom Werner in right, along with Cherish. Bill Leonard will do the catching.

**Leonard, Cerchie in Finale**  
The Lions go into the contest with only one batter over the .300 mark. Werner is currently hitting .333, with Kennedy trailing at .291. Cerchie, hitting a solid .284, leads the RBI department with 22, and has four home runs.

The rifle-armed centerfielder, along with Leonard, will be playing his last game for the Lions—unless, of course a playoff bid is pending. Both are seniors.

Regardless of the outcome of today's game there is little room for any complaints. Joe Bedenk's squad lost only four out of 17 games (excluding the Temple game) a fine record no matter how one looks at it.

# Lions Seek Win Against Colgate To Even Tennis Slate for Season

Coach Sherm Fogg's tennis Lions, with three wins in a row and an overall mark of 4-5 under their belts, will shoot for the game that will bring them back to the .500 mark today as they play host to a potent Raider team from Colgate.

Match time on the College courts is 1:30 p.m.

The Lions have met the Raiders once already this season at Hamilton, N.Y. with Penn State ending up on the minus end of a 9-0 shutout.

But tomorrow should be different for the Lion band. Reason number one—they are on their own courts, always an advantage. In this case, however, better than a psychological one because only the Lions seem to know how to cope with the slippery footing. By the same token, today's match will get Colgate off their own courts. Colgate almost never loses on its own courts. And reason number three—the Lions are rolling. They have won their last three without losing, including an 8-1 swamping over Bucknell on the Lions' courts. Bucknell was the outfit that halted last season's five-match win streak at the start of this season with an 8-1 stopping.

In the singles Fogg will start with Dick Robinson, number one; Bill Ziegler, number two; Bruz Ray, number three; Lou Landon, number four; Captain Bill Forrey, number five; and Dick Gross, number six. Ziegler and Landon are trading positions for the match.

The doubles will remain the same combinations that worked the Bucknell match. They will be Robinson and Landon, number one; Bill Ray and Bruz Ray, number two, and Forrey and Ziegler, number three.

Colgate will lead with its ace, Ben Bishop, who will meet Robinson. The Bishop-Robinson match will be the top singles attraction of the day. Bishop won their last meeting.

Bill Leonard, with two field goals and 21 of 23 extra points, was Penn State's leading football scorer in 1952.

## Captain Bill Forrey ... Consistency Plus

By GEORGE BAIREY

Tennis Captain Bill Forrey is not the type player that gets headlines through his spectacular play, his spectacular temper, or any other spectacular tennis attribute. The only characteristic of Captain Bill is that he is the type player that turns in consistent single wins. And what more do you need?

The type single wins that Forrey scores in his number five singles slot count just as much as if they had been scored in the top single spot. Forrey, a three-year letterman, has played over .500 tennis (in the won and lost column) since his first start with the Nittany tennis team in his sophomore year. His record this season, like the entire team's seasonal mark, is 4-5.

Forrey plays his full share of tennis in an intercollegiate meet as he usually teams with Bill Ziegler in the doubles play.

Forrey readily admits he likes singles play better than doubles, although it was his doubles play that sent him to Kalamazoo, Mich. for the boys' national championships in 1945. Forrey, then 14, won the boys' Pennsylvania state doubles championship in Philadelphia which earned him the trip to Kalamazoo.

Forrey's first venture in the tennis world was at the age of eight. After that, he built a tennis court behind his house where he did most of his playing when he wasn't too tired from "keeping the court in shape," he says.

"The main thing in tennis," he claims, "is getting started. After that, the rest comes natural."

**OFF THE RECORD** ... eighth-semester landscape hort major ... member of Phi Gamma Delta, Skull and Bones, and Pi Alpha Xi, hort honorary ... spent his freshman year at Swarthmore after being captain of his Lansdowne H.S. tennis team for three years ... will graduate in June with a commission in the Navy after four months training at Newport, R.I. ... wants to do landscapework after stay in the Navy.

## 'Dancer' Faces Muddy Track

**BALTIMORE, May 22 (AP)**—Rain today turned Pimlico's racing strip into a gooey mass of mud with the prospect of an "off" track for Native Dancer, Dark Star and five other colts in the 77th edition of the \$100,000-added Preakness Stakes.

The weatherman promised some sunshine for tomorrow, however, and unless there is heavy, continuous rain through tonight the track condition should be no worse than "good" when the seven flashy three-year-olds break.

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### Sigma Chi Cops Title

Sigma Chi won the IFC men's bowling championship Monday night, defeating Alpha Chi Sigma at the Dux Club Bowling Alleys.

Although losing the first game by 20 pins, the winners rallied to win the second and third games, and took the match by 58 pins.

# Past Foes Leave Arm in Arm

By TOM WERNER

From being the best of enemies, when they competed against each other for schoolboy track honors, to becoming the best of friends, has been a long road starting in Philadelphia, ending in State College, and taking four years for Bob Gehman and Bob Roessler, senior varsity thinclads.

Their battle for top high school recognition in the half mile came to a climax in the University of Pennsylvania Interscholastic meet in 1949. Roessler won the event at that time with Gehman a hot-breath-on-the-neck second. Roessler, at that time held the Public league record for the half mile

in Philadelphia.

Neither knew that the other was coming to State to further his career and education. However, the discovery of the fact led to their profitable friendship and teamwork on the Lion cinder squad.

Although neither pretends to play up his value to the Nittany track records, imposing as they are, a look at the score sheets of any track meet over the past three years will prove their worth to the team. Running behind the Ashenfelter brothers throughout both their careers at State, and then behind Sax and Pollard, they piled up the placement points that no team can do

without.

Roessler probably reached a high point at West Point this year when he broke the record for the thousand yard sprint at 2:14.9, at the Army field house. Gehman has placed consistently throughout his three year term with the Nittanies, sometimes providing the margin of safety behind the big boys. In 1953 Roessler was elected co-captain of the team along with Jim Herb. In the New York Athletic Clubs' meet in 1953, the Penn State representatives set the unofficial record for the two mile relay at 7:46. Bob Gehman was the starter in that race and handed the baton to Bob Gehman.

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