

Golfers Win 2d, Swamp Bullets, 9-0

By ROY WILLIAMS

Penn State's golf team is continuing its mastery of the links again this year after posting nine straight wins last season. The Lions won their second consecutive match of the season yesterday — their eleventh straight — when they swamped the Gettysburg Bullets, 9-0 on the local greens. Navy was the first victim of the hotshot Nittany golfers in the season opener at Annapolis last Saturday, 5-2.

And a newcomer to Coach Bob Rutherford's links corps looks like another new spark to a team that already is loaded with experienced lettermen.

Bob Smith, a senior who won the All-University golfing championship last year in the intramural program, has managed to win medalist honors in both matches of the young 1954 season.

Yesterday Smith shot a one under par 68 along with Gordon Stroup in a split for the best scores of the day. At Navy, Smith was medalist in his first collegiate golf match with a two over par, 71.

Lions Strong

But yesterday Gettysburg's six man team faced an unusually strong Penn State squad. Six Lion linksmen won their individual matches with the "best ball" award going to the Lions in each of the three foursomes.

The 6055-yard course was in excellent condition and very fast. Rutherford was exceptionally pleased after the Lions' rout of the Gettysburg Bullets. "For this time of year, we played a smooth game," Rutherford accounted after his team's second victory.

Four golfers—Captain Rod Eaken, Gordon Stroup, Joe Webb, and Smith—carded their second victories of the season. Warren Gittlen and Gerald Gearhart won their first match in two tries.

In the first foursome, Eaken shot a one over par to stop Ollie Nebell, nine and seven; his teammate, Stroup, outshot Dick Snook, nine and eight. The best ball went to the Lions, nine and seven.

Webb, Gittlen Team-up

Webb, a senior, and Gittlen teamed up in the second foursome to beat both their opponents and cop the best ball, seven and six. Don Adickes lost to Webb, seven



Coach Bob Rutherford, Jr. Starts 5th Season

and five; Bryant Heston was stopped by Gittlen—a junior who shot a two over par 71—eight and seven.

The pattern was the same in the final foursome with Lions taking the best ball eight and seven. Smith defeated Gordon Spillinger, eight and seven; George Kreidler—one of the two juniors on the squad—drubbed Paul Vedone, nine and eight.

The Lions' tenth straight victory was over Navy. Eaken,

Stroup, Webb, Kreidler, and Smith took opening-day victories; Gerhart and Gittlen lost to their Mid-dy opponents.

Webb and Eaken captured victories over their respective opponents, Don Walter and Dick Cherry of Navy, with one up scores. Kreidler dropped Frank Kellso two up. Stroup swamped Tom Kant, 7-5, while Smith easily defeated Ken Highfill, four and three.

Mattox Wins for Navy

Playing in the number four position, Gittlen was edged one up by Navy's Dick Mattox; last year, Mattox was playing the first-man position for the Middies. Gerhart's first loss as a varsity golfer was to Jim Degroff, two up.

Smith and Gerhart, a sophomore, broke into the lineup that was otherwise predominately members of last year's team. Smith was not challenged for the first-match berth; Gearhart defeated Jim Mayes for the seventh slot in the Nittany roster.

Smith Is Medalist

Medalist honors went to Smith who shot a 73, two over par, over the wind-swept, rain-soaked Naval Academy's 6500-yard course.

"Navy has a tough course anyway," Rutherford explained. "In addition to narrow fairways, there is a radio station beside the course with a number of radio towers. If you get a ball in the rough, you are usually near a tower," he said.

2 Games Await Baseball Team

By HERM WEISKOPF

Penn State's baseball squad, which was rained out of three games in Washington, D.C. over the weekend, will face Western Maryland and Lafayette Saturday.

A game with American University and a doubleheader with Georgetown were "washed" off the schedule by the weekend downpour.

Western Maryland and Lafayette will play Joe Bedenk's Blue and White on the Beaver Field baseball field. Western Maryland has posted a fair record this season, but Lafayette is the defending District Two champion and is the team to beat.

Lafayette's ace hurler, south-paw Ror Owen, is one of the finest pitchers in the collegiate ranks. The hard working lefty will probably face the Lions. He posted a fine 12-1 record last year in pacing the Leopards to the No. 3 spot in the College World Series.

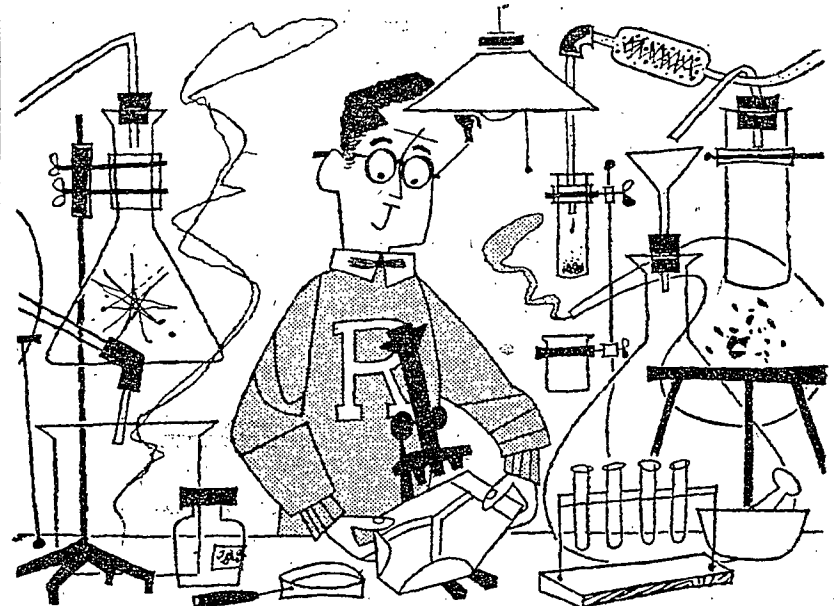
Owen pitched Lafayette to a 5-0 win in its season opener against Yale. He allowed only four hits in the seven inning game. Against Navy he scattered nine hits and rode to a 10-4 victory.

The Leopards also have two top-flight batters in their lineup. Bill Hoagarty and George Watts have supplied plenty of power so far this season. Hoagarty, a 6'4" first-baseman, blasted a grand slam home run in the Yale game. The big first sacker connected for a homer, triple, and a double in a 9-2 pasting of LaSalle.

Lafayette eliminated Penn State from the District Two playoffs last year, dumping the Lions in the second game, 4-2.

Last season the Bedenkmen trounced Western Maryland in a home game, 17-6. The Lions will not play return games against the two weekend opponents.

WARMUP TOSSES: Three future Penn State rivals recently posted victories . . . Pitt won its second game in five outings, knocking off Indiana State Teachers, 3-2. Penn picked up victory No. 1 by nipping Muhlenberg 7-5. The Quakers had lost three straight before they won . . . Navy scored wins over Villanova and Temple. . . A four-run outburst in the ninth gave the Middies a 7-6 over Villanova. . . Temple fell prey to Midshipman Johnny Morra's five hit 4-0 hurling.



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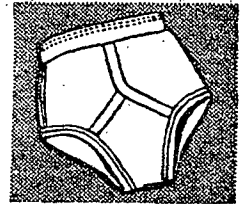
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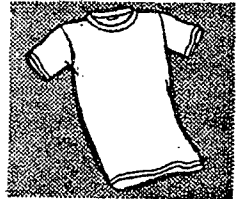
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Schimmel Wins H-Ball Crown

Irv Schimmel, Zeta Beta Tau, recently won the intramural handball singles championship by defeating Norman Hickey, Sigma Nu, 20-21, 21-14, 21-12.

In the doubles tournament John McDonough and Dick Matacia, Alpha Sigma Phi, defeated Bob Buchwald and Dick McDowell, Pi Kappa Phi, 21-3, 21-3. Walt Fresch and Gerry Gillespie, Tau Kappa Epsilon, won over Ed Toccker and Lou Adler, Beta Sigma Rho, 21-7, 21-6.

Bill Frengle and Tom Hand, Lambda Chi Alpha, beat Don Holler and Lloyd Lupfer, Alpha Chi Sigma, 21-6, 21-9.

In the independent eliminations: Gerald Werner and Walt Nemesh defeated Eugene Cassell and Dick Calupca 21-1, 21-2.

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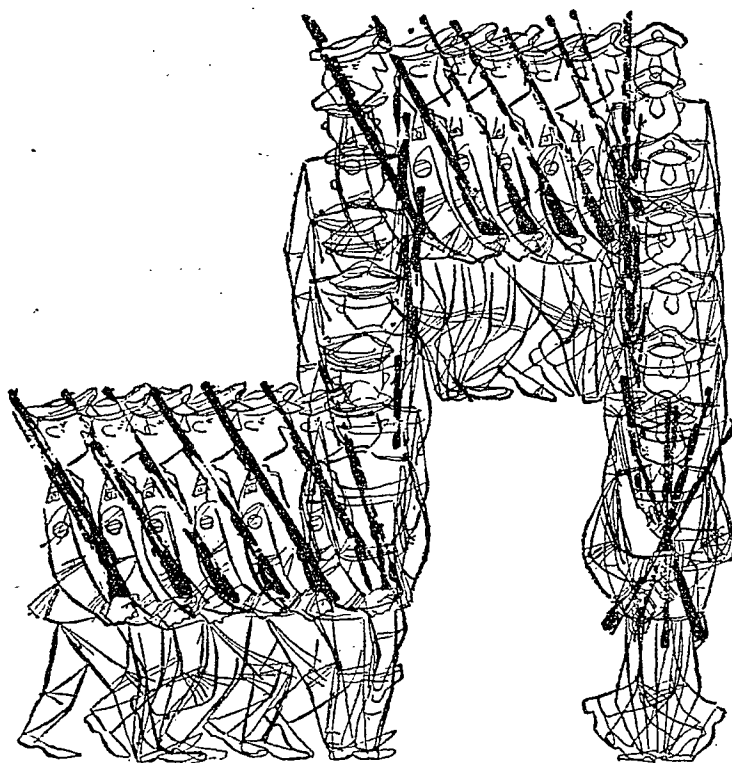
Gene Wettstone, Penn State gymnastic coach, was credited in the April issue of "Amateur Athlete" magazine for his work in making the Swedish National Gymnastic team's recent goodwill tour of the United States a success.

An article by George J. Gulack, chairman of the technical gymnastic committee, said, in part:

"The natural reluctance of many groups here to assume any responsibility for so complicated a venture was overcome by Gene Wettstone before the A.A.U. and the Svenska Gymnastik-forbundet, sponsor of the team, approved the expedition.

Football Clinic

Rip Engle's coaching aides will join their chief for a two-day football clinic on the Penn State campus April 30 and May 1. Nearly 100 member coaches have already indicated they will attend.



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