

Ettenger Paces Hitters

Syracuse Here for Two Tomorrow

Although his batting average has dipped slightly in the past week, George Ettenger is still the leading hitter on the Penn State baseball team. The stocky catcher is clubbing the ball at a .385 clip.

The 6'1" junior from Newton has picked up ten singles in 26 official trips to the plate. Ettenger also leads the team in runs batted in and hits. He has driven in seven runs in eight games.

Ettenger has gotten at least one hit in each game. In the season's opener against West Virginia he got two hits in five at bats and since then he has been hitting the ball consistently.

Coach Joe Bedenk used Ettenger in the No. 5 slot in the batting order at the start of the season, but in the past three contests he has inserted him in the cleanup position. Ettenger has done a fine job of receiving and in Wednesday's game came up with a fine one-hand catch of a high foul that almost landed in the Penn State dugout.

Keith Vesling and Dave Lucas will probably be on the mound for tomorrow's doubleheader with Syracuse at Beaver Field.

The Nittany batters have not been keeping pace with the terrific pitching that has helped the team to its present 5-3 record. Forty Penn State runners have been left on base in the past four games.

However, there is good reason to feel that the Lions will break out of this slump—four .300 hitters are back from last year's team. Charlie Russo, who led the squad in batting in 1953 with a .342 mark, has been hitting .276. Tom Werner, Rex Bradley, and Ron Weidenhammer round out the quartet of returning .300 hitters.

Werner has been benched in the past two games due to his .100 batting average. Bradley is meeting the ball at a .259 clip and Weidenhammer at a .200 pace.

Weidenhammer has been moved back to short for the past two games. Francis Bowman had started the season at short, but when his hitting fell to a .111 pace Bedenk moved "Weedy" into his position. Weidenhammer played short for the Lions last season and so far has done a good job since his return to his former post.



Keith Vesling Seeking 3d Win

Records in Peril . . .

Thinclads to Meet Pitt

Track and field fans who take in the Pitt-Penn State meet tomorrow at Beaver Field, billed as a real thriller, will undoubtedly be keeping one eye on the list of records printed in the programs.

Cinder followers who were on hand last week when the Nittanians edged Navy, 68-63, saw four Penn State marks go out the window along with six meet records. And, they're already taking guesses on which records should fall tomorrow.

Everybody points to big Rosey Grier as the logical choice in the record busting department. Grier shattered his own Penn State record against the middies when he powered the shot 55' 8 1/2". He has erased the mark—his own incidentally—three times this season. Beside Grier, record conscious fans will probably be watching swifty Art Pollard, who broke the meet record in the 100 yard dash with a :9.7 Saturday, Ollie Sax, newest record holder in the 440 (:48.9), and Roy Brunjes, who topped the 880 mark Saturday with a 1:54.6.

Charlie Blockson threw the discus 157' 10" against the Middies for a new record and will probably bear watching. Blockson, hot and cold on the shot, could push Grier in that department. Red Hollen, flashing top form, turned in a new two-mile record (9:34.6) last week and looms as another big threat tomorrow.

Golfers Enter Easterns Tomorrow

Led by four lettermen, Penn State's undefeated golf squad will enter the annual Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Association tourney tomorrow afternoon at Dartmouth University.

The Lions' six-man team left yesterday morning for Hanover, N.H., to vie for Eastern honors against a field of 18 links squads from the Atlantic seaboard area.

Coach Bob Rutherford, piloting the Lions for his fifth season, will put his team through a practice round this afternoon in preparation for the 36-hole play tomorrow.

Eaken Heads Squad

Captain Rod Eaken, runner-up to the Eastern individual crown, will be heading the Lions' entry. Veterans Warren Gittlen, Gordon Stroup, and Joe Webb will bolster Rutherford's team choice.

"Stroup has been playing a consistent game all season," Rutherford said, in praise for his two-year senior letterman. Stroup was medalist in the Lions' third straight victory this year against Bucknell with a two under par 69 on the local greens.

2 Sophomores Play

Two sophomores—Gerry Gerhart and Jim Boyanowski—have been picked by Rutherford for the remaining two spots. Gerhart has a 0-1 record losing at Navy; Boyanowski has a 1-0 card.

Last year Virginia University relinquished the Eastern title to Yale. The Bulldogs, paced by Wally Kilrea—son of the one-time great pro hockey player—edged

the Lions as pre-tourney favorites by two strokes.

The Lions last won the EIGA title in 1948. Joe Boyle, present assistant golf coach, and his teammates whitewashed Yale for the Eastern crown, 9-0.

Penn State football will be in the hands of co-captains next Fall for the fifth time since 1947. The 1954 co-captains are Don Balthaser of Reading and Jim Garrity of Monaca. Balthaser is a center. Garrity an end.

Barbell Elections Held

William Pearce, fifth semester arts and letters major, was elected president of the Penn State Barbell Club Wednesday night.

Other officers are Robert Grubb, vice president; James Stephens, secretary; and John Mattern, treasurer.

Rosey Grier, Penn State's giant football tackle, has cracked the school's shot put record three times in two years.

Court Team Will Battle Maryland

In an attempt to extend its two match winning streak, the Penn State tennis team will travel to College Park, Maryland, where it will meet the University of Maryland netters today.

The Lions, who lost to the Terrapins last year, have a record this season of two victories and one loss. They bounced back after dropping their opener to Navy 8-1, to defeat Duquesne 9-0, and Juniata 8-1.

With one minor change, Coach Sherman Fogg will start essentially the same team which earned its triumph over Duquesne. Dick Robinson will be back in the top position after laying off singles competition for the Juniata match. Lew Landon, who was also out of the singles lineup yesterday, will go in the number two spot.

Bill Ziegler, undefeated in singles competition this season, will play in the third slot and Bruz Ray will play number four. Dean Mullen is slated for the fifth position and Ed Seiling will round out singles play in the sixth notch.

In doubles, Robinson and Landon will again form the number one duo and Ray and Ziegler will play in the second spot. Seiling and Chuck Christiansen are slated for the third doubles combination which will complete competition.

Tomorrow the Lions will return to engage the Bucknell court squad on the University courts.

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