

# Sport SPOTLIGHT

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## LIONS IN BASEBALL PLAYOFFS?

Carl Hughs, Pittsburgh Press sportswriter, who makes it his business to find out what is going on in district colleges—and usually does a good job of it—wrote in the Press yesterday, that Penn State stands an outside chance of entering the District Two baseball playoffs.

In the past Hughs has come up with some pretty accurate predictions concerning Penn State so it's natural to put a little stock in what he has to say about Joe Bedenk's uprising Lions.

It was Hughs who first mentioned a possible NCAA bid for the Lion basketball team last winter and the same Mr. Hughs was one of the first to break story of Elmer Gross' resignation. When Penn State officials denied any coaching changes, Hughs plugged away in his column "Sports Stew."

Of course there is strong suspicion, since the gentleman is a Pittsburgher, that his story about the basketball bid, was saved for a special time. The story broke on the day Elmer Gross' Lions were scheduled to meet Pitt at the Pitt Field house. The Lions had beaten the Panthers earlier at Rec Hall in a triple overtime thriller, 91-85.

According to the Press, Penn State, apparently in full steam, had the bid in the bag IF they beat the Panthers in the second contest. The bid if never materialized, Pitt whipped Penn State by 12 points. The bid eventually came but for a while it looked as though the loss was going to hurt.

Getting back to the latest bit of Hughs wisdom. The Lions, from all appearances could be picked for the district eliminations. Six consecutive wins have brought their record up to a sterling 9-3 mark. But rain erased six contests scheduled earlier in the season and the best mark the Nittanians could hit now would be a 13-3 record, if they should win their remaining four games. Still a very fine record, but six cancellations dug a big hole in the schedule.

However, on the basis of their play of late, it looks from this corner as though Joe Bedenk and his crew might well be contending for the district championship early next month.

The Lions have been tremendous since they snapped an early season hitting slump, and Keith Vesling and Garland Gingerich have provided gilt-edged pitching.

A 7-3 win against Villanova Wednesday was the latest victory in the six-game streak during which Navy, Temple, Rutgers and Bucknell all fell. The Bisons were double victims. West Virginia added two more to the list earlier and Dickinson was also a second best.

On the other side of the column, Lafayette, Gettysburg, and Lehigh all turned the trick against the Lions. The Bullets had to go 11 innings before winning the contest, 1-0.

But of late, Penn State has been a hitting team, and, combined with almost flawless pitching has played like a championship club. In their last six wins, the Lions have scored 53 fat runs while Gingerich and Vesling have held the opposition to only five.

However, four big games remain and their outcome will undoubtedly be the deciding factor. Should the Lions sweep the quartet it wouldn't be surprising to see them in the playoffs again, which incidentally would be the third consecutive year. Last year Lafayette knocked them out in the district finals and in 1952 Bedenk took his team clear to the semi-finals of the "College World Series" in Omaha, Neb. He settled for third place that year.

## Preakness Field is Set

BALTIMORE, May 20 (AP)—Eleven three-year-olds were entered today for the 78th and richest of all Preakness Stakes as rain blown in on a Nor'easter pelted ancient Pimlico and left the track resembling a one mile oval of good old Maryland soup.

This second jewel of the Kentucky Derby, Preakness, Belmont Triple Crown lacks the presence of Determine, the Derby winner three weeks ago, but the Maryland Jockey Club's great sophomore classic has turned into a whale of a horse race.

Correlation, the long-legged California colt who was the 3-1 derby favorite but got banged around in that roughhouse at Louisville and finished sixth, is expected to be the favorite of a crowd of some 35,000 at the 5:45 p.m. (EDT) Saturday posttime. The race will be televised and broadcast by CBS from 5:30-6: p.m. (EDT).

Hasty Road, who finished second in the Derby, and the next four finishers in the Churchill Downs gallop, are here for the Preakness.

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# Lion Golfers Meet Lehigh Tomorrow

# 3 Lion Stickmen To Play Last Game

By EARL KOHNFELDER

Penn State's golf team returns to the local greens tomorrow afternoon to meet Lehigh University after a three-match road trip through the East. The Lions meet Lehigh in the seventh match of an eight-game card.

The Nittany squad is currently carded with a 5-1 slate, losing only to Colgate by a slim 4-3 margin. The Lions hold victories over Cornell, 5-2, Gettysburg, 9-0, Bucknell, 9-0, Navy, 5-2, and Temple, 8-1.

**Lions Outscore Opponents**  
In winning five of its six contests this season, Penn State's powerful squad have far outscored its opponents. In six matches the opposition has scored only eight points against the Lions; the Nittany squad has tallied 39.

The Lions have defeated Lehigh both on the Penn State course, and on the Engineer's Saucon Valley Country Club.

Last year, Penn State traveled to the Engineer's home grounds to drop a highly-touted Lehigh squad, 6-3. Lehigh had previously commanded a victory string of 37 matches on its home course until the Lions and Rutgers University stopped the Lehigh squad at home last season.

**3 Seniors to Start**  
Rod Eaken, captain, seniors Joe Webb and Gordon Stroup, and junior Warren Gittlen are the only Lions slated definitely to start as part of the Lions' six-man team. All have played against the Engineers.

Only Eaken and Webb took victories last year at Lehigh. Gittlen and Stroup lost; George Kreedler, a junior, was defeated by last year's captain, Hud Samson, for the sixth-place slot for the Lehigh match.

Coach Bob Rutherford is still undecided about his lineup for the Lions' final home match of the season. Intrasquad playoffs today will decide the final two men who will round out the team to be fielded against Lehigh tomorrow.

## Giardello Is Favored Over Langlois Tonight

NEW YORK, May 20 (AP)—Joey Giardello, disappointed because he was bypassed for a summer shot at Bobo Olson's title, is a solid favorite to end the wave of French upset victories tomorrow night when he boxes Pierre Langlois at Madison Square Garden.

The ten-round match, scheduled for 10 p.m. (EDT) will get the usual Friday treatment, network radio ABC and television NBC. As usual in New York, the scoring will be done on a round basis with two judges and a referee calling the shots.

Three seniors will play their last lacrosse game tomorrow when the Lions host Cornell University at Beaver Field. Center Al Fulton, creaseman Jim Reed, and reserve midfielder Edward Jones will not return next year.

Another senior, Dave Arnold, will not play tomorrow. Arnold is recovering after a recent appendectomy.

Fulton and Reed have been mainstays on coach Nick Thiel's first-team. With one game remaining, Fulton has scored 22 goals, a Penn State record, and Reed has scored 12 times. In the last several years, the careers of the two men have paralleled each other. Both were members of the crack team of 1951. They then went on to spend two years in the service together, returning to Penn State last fall.

Fulton and Reed are each 24 years old. Fulton lives in Philadelphia while Reed makes his home in Towson, Md. The loss of the two stickmen is naturally regarded by Thiel as a great one, although the likeable mentor looks to the future with a certain degree of optimism.

**STRAY SHOTS** — The annual North-South lacrosse game is scheduled to be played June 11 at Floral Park, N.Y. Head coach for the North will be Roy Simmons of Syracuse. He will be assisted by Babe Kraus of Hobart.

Coach Thiel has recommended Al Fulton to play in the classic. No word has yet been received. Wayne Hockersmith was the Lions' contribution to the game last spring.

A vastly-improved freshman lacrosse team bowed to the Cornell frosh Wednesday, 7-3. Yesterday the team, coached by John McHugh, traveled to Bucknell where they met the Bucknell Lacrosse Club.

The Lions have scored 68 goals to the opponent's 113 in the eight games played for an average of about 14-8 a game with the Lions

## 6 Wins Recorded In IM Soccer

Six victories were recorded in intramural soccer games played Wednesday.

In the first game of the evening Sigma Phi Epsilon defeated Sigma Chi 1-0, James Fulton scoring the goal. Beaver House won the next game from the Bull Dogs by forfeit. The Hy-Flyers took the next game from Joe's Boys by a forfeit.

Alpha Chi Rho won the fourth game from Sigma Alpha Mu 1-0. Kenneth Bevan smashed the winning goal for Alpha Chi Rho. Triangle took the next game from Lambda Chi Alpha 1-0, John Bricklemyer scoring the deciding goal. In the last game of the evening Theta Xi crushed Phi Gamma Delta 2-0. James Kennaday and Glynn Moyer scored the goals.

As a result of their win over Sigma Alpha Mu, Alpha Chi Rho broke the three-way tie in league G. Triangle won league J by virtue of their victory over Lambda Chi Alpha.

on the short end.

Goalie Don Bell cannot be praised too highly for his performance against Swarthmore last Saturday. Bell's remarkable split-second judgement saved many a score against the Lions.

Fulton's second goal Saturday, the one that tied the record, was really a beauty. The versatile center took a pass behind the Garnet cage and fired a left-handed bullet past the Garnet goalie while falling to the ground.

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