

Nittanies Topple W. Md., 26-3

Win Opener On 17 Hits, 2 Homers Scores One of Four

Penn State's Centennial baseball team tipped off its 1955 diamond campaign on a sweet note yesterday afternoon at Beaver Field, thumping twice-beaten Western Maryland, 26-3.

After watching the Green Terrors tally two of their three runs in the top of the first inning, Joe Bedenk's Lion nine went to bat for the first time this year and banged out a seven-run onslaught to take the lead for the remainder of the game.

Stan Larimer, Bedenk's choice for opening-game mound duties, yielded only four hits in four innings, three of them coming in the first stanza, in notching a win in his first varsity starting role.

When Larimer left the 9-inning slugfest in the fourth, the Nittanies held a commanding 15-3 edge. Of the 17 batters he faced, he struck out four and walked two.

Connects for Two Homers

Two consecutive home run blasts by veteran Nittany first baseman, Pat Kennedy, and a three-bagger by four-year man Ron Weidenhammer spotlighted a 17-hit Lion barrage in the 2:40 diamond fiasco.

Sophomore shortstop, Cookie Tirabassi, added to the Lion cause with a three-hit performance in four official trips to the plate. The Lions faced three Western Maryland hurlers in mustering their 17 safeties.

The visitors, after collecting two singles and a double in their half of the first, could manage only a trio of hits the rest of the way. They committed seven errors, while the Lions bobbled only two chances.

Ed Drapcho followed Larimer to the mound, striking out four and walking two before Stan Szymanski came in to carry the final inning.

Strikes Out Three

Szymanski followed suit, walking two, and then took the final three Terrors himself via the strikeout route.

Larimer got off to a shaky start for the Nittanies in the first inning, yielding three hits, one for two bases, and walking one. Maryland centerfielder Mike Saverise and leftfielder Al Miller both reached first safely, and eventually accounted for the Terror's two first-inning runs before the Lion hurler could strike out Nick Rausch to retire the side.

In the Penn State half, Captain Charlie Russo collected the first of three hits, Weidenhammer walked, and centerfielder Jim Lockerman loaded the bases on an error by first baseman Brad Jones.

Forces in Two Runs

The Terrors' Bill Clem, losing pitcher, then walked Kennedy and Sam Valentine to force in two runs before Tirabassi drove in two more with a sharp single through short. Clem faced seven more Lion batters before he could get Kennedy on three strikes to retire the side.

The Nittanies set down the Terrors in one-two-three fashion in the top of the second on a spectacular foul-line catch by Bradley in leftfield, and Larimer's two strikeouts.

The Lions then rebounded with four hits and eight additional runs to virtually sew up the season's first win.

In the fifth Weidenhammer's rightfield triple set the stage for Kennedy's first circuit-clout and two of his five RBI's. Both of the Lion first-baseman's round-trippers went to deep left-center.

Tally Four More Runs

The Nittanies scored one in the sixth and two in the seventh and eighth while holding the Terrors scoreless to round out the afternoon's scoring.

Bedenk takes his team on a five-game road trip before returning to Beaver Field for an April 30th game with Gettysburg. In order the Lions go against Rutgers, Lafayette, West Virginia, and Bucknell. The West Virginia clash is the first of two scheduled twin-bills.



RON WEIDENHAMMER, Lion third baseman, slides safely under the outstretched hands of Western Maryland catcher Charlie White to score one of the eight Nittany runs posted in the second-inning outburst of the Lions' opener

—Photo by Walker
yesterday at Beaver Field. Weidenhammer took advantage of a wildly-thrown ball to score one of his four runs in Penn State's 26-3 trouncing of the Green Terrors. Umpire Gair is about to call the Lion veteran safe.

Penn, Navy Meet 1st Test for Thinclads

Today Penn State's centennial outdoor track squad finds itself on the brink of embarking on a 1955 season that promises action that will measure up to whirlpool proportions. On Saturday the Lions pull the cap off the spring card with a trip to Annapolis, Md., where they will go against Navy and Penn in a triangular tussle.

The Navy-Penn meet will be one of two triangular encounters for the Lions. The second will be at home with Navy and Michigan. Coach Chick Werner, who will be initiating

his 23rd year at the head of the Nittanies, will also have his team in dual meets with Pitt and Boston U., plus individual entries in the Penn Relays, Drake Relays, Ohio State Relays, and the Coliseum Relays.

During a major part of the Easter vacation the Lions staged workouts twice a day to work off the rough edges in preparation for the season opener Saturday. And from what Penn and Navy have listed on their rosters the Lions may be in for a heavy afternoon of track action.

Although Penn doesn't show the team balance and all-round depth that the Middies boast, the Quakers should be able to give the Lions a solid battle on the cinders with a talented foursome.

Haines Tops Sprinters

John Haines, holder of two consecutive outdoor AAU titles, is two-time winner of the IC4A championship 60-yard dash the past two years. Penn is bolstered with junior sprinter Al Kline, fourth place in the IC4A's last year.

The Quakers also sport Frank Weber, a half-miler who may see duty in the mile run, plus Bob Owen in the pole vault, and Wilfred Lee who has hit six and one-half feet in the indoor high jump event. Owen has posted 13 feet

consistently in the pole vaulting work.

Navy's crew in the sprints and distances show two men with experience and two more who have put on impressive but limited performances. Art Massop, who scored a 10.2 sec. time in the 100-yard dash, is an unbeaten century man and teammate Mark O'Hara placed third in a triangular meet this season with Villanova and Georgetown. O'Hara, who also wound up second to Pitt's fabulous Arnie Sowell in a dual meet, came in behind the Wildcat's Charlie Jenkins.

Len Meukow, miler Bill Smith, and Vince Roper have piled up a variation of second, third, and fourth places in two meets. Meukow, a sophomore, may be at the 880, the mile, or the two-mile with Smith at the mile and Roper at the two-mile.

Garrow in Hurdles

Jack Garrow, who nipped the Lions' Bill Youkers last year for third-place in the hurdles in a dual meet, won at Pitt and was second in a three-way grind. Navy will also have Len Anderson in the low hurdles and Massop and Pete Hewitt on the highs.

Navy's field team will be headed by shot putters Don May—who has thrown 50 feet—and Dale Longton. The latter also has been tabbed as one of the Middies' better prospects for the discus chores.

Navy's Jim Rothrock has heaved 202 in the javelin and he has four teammates backing him up who have thrown over 180'. Broad jumping assignments will go to Joe Harrison, who has hit 22' 4", and Les Baum, who has a 22' 6" as his best mark. Hurdler Anderson will work in the high jumping.

Pole vaulters Ron McIntyre and Bill Howell each hit 13-4 in a recent triangular meet with Villanova but fell behind the Wildcat's Don Dragg who posted a winning 14' 1" vault.

The box score:				WEST MD.			
PENN STATE				WEST MD.			
	Ab	H	R	Ab	H	R	
Russo, 2b	5	3	3	Saverise, cf	3	1	2
W'd'h'mer, ss	4	1	4	Jackson, 3b	2	0	0
Lock'm'n, cf	3	0	2	Fogler, 3b	1	0	0
Malley, cf	3	2	1	Miller, lf	6	2	1
Kennedy, 1b	5	2	3	White, c, rf	4	3	0
Valentine, rf	4	0	2	Coolihan, c	0	0	0
Tirabassi, ss	5	1	4	Rausch, rf	3	0	0
Bradley, lf	6	2	3	Hersh, rf	0	0	0
Saunders, c	1	0	1	Jones, 1b	2	0	0
M'ass, c	2	1	1	Lambert, 2b	3	0	0
Van Ord, c	0	0	0	Moylan, 2b	4	0	0
Larimer, p	3	2	1	Tankersly, 2b	0	0	0
Drapcho, p	2	1	1	Harmon, ss	3	0	0
Szymanski, p	0	0	0	Clem, p	0	0	0
a-McMullen	1	0	0	Tafari, p	1	0	0
Totals	43	17	26	Totals	32	6	3
Score by Innings:							
West Maryland	201	000	000-3				
Penn State	780	061	22x-26				

W—Got on for 13-4 in 8th on error.
Officials—Gair, Pata.

Arnelle Picked By Fort Wayne In NBA Draft

Penn State center Jesse Arnelle has been picked by the Fort Wayne Pistons in the first round draft of the National Basketball Association.

The Lion star, who wound up his collegiate career last month and played with the College All-Stars in the early stage of their tour with the Harlem Globetrotters, was selected by the Pistons at the annual draft meetings at New York yesterday, according to the Associated Press.

Arnelle, who owns practically every Penn State scoring record, said yesterday that his professional basketball plans, however, are indefinite at the present.

"I won't know definitely what I'm going to do for a week or so," he said, "but I'm certainly happy to be selected by the Pistons. It sure is a fine team."

The Pistons, who captured the NBA's western division title this season, lost the national championship to the Syracuse Nationals in the final game of the playoffs, 92-91.

Several other Pennsylvania college stars were also selected in the drafting yesterday. LaSalle's Tom Gola was selected by the Philadelphia Warriors, Maurice Stokes of St. Francis was claimed by the Rochester Royals, and Dick Ricketts of Duquesne became the property of Milwaukee.

Sprinter Art Pollard, his leg fully mended, again will spearhead the Penn State track and field team in 1955.

Baseball Briefs

Phils Drop Giants, 4-2

PHILADELPHIA, April 13 (AP)—Robin Roberts of the Philadelphia Phillies came within two outs of recording the second opening day no hit, no run game in major league history today as the doughty righthander turned back the New York Giants 4-2 before 13,219 fans at Connie Mack Stadium.

The cold-numbered spectators envisioned a no hitter as the Phillies took the field for the ninth inning. Roberts had been nigh invincible, allowing only two walks to that point. He was shooting to equal the only opening day no-hitter tossed by Bob Feller of the Cleveland Indians against the Chicago White Sox on April 16, 1940.

Roberts had a no ball, two strike count with one out when Alvin Dark reached out and lashed an outside pitch to right for the Giants' first hit.

Earlier, the Phillies had built up a 4-0 lead on starter Johnny Antonelli, the Giant lefty who won 21 and lost 7 last year, and Grissom, a star relief hurler for the World Champions. Antonelli pitched hitless ball for three innings before Mel Clark broke the spell with a single.

Yanks Win Opener, 19-1

NEW YORK, April 13 (AP)—Whitey Ford held Washington to two hits today and drove in four runs today while Mickey Mantle, Yogi Berra and Bill Skowron hit home runs in a 19-1 New York Yankee opening day romp.

Only 11,251 braved a chill wind and low-hanging mist that sent the temperature diving into the mid-40's. Most of the refrigerated customers had left for the home fireside long before the final out.

Ford, who didn't win a game until May 15 a year ago, pitched as though it were a steaming afternoon in mid-summer. Just to rub it in, the little lefty singled three times to knock in four runs and scored twice. It was one of the biggest opening day parties the Yanks have enjoyed since the old days of Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and Co.

Brooks Whip Bucs—Again

BROOKLYN, April 13 (AP)—The Brooklyn Dodgers warmed a shiv— (Continued on page seven)

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