

Lions Notch 2nd Diamond Win

4-3 Victory Brings Slate To 2-1; Drapcho Is Victor

By RON GATEHOUSE

Tightly pressed for base hits in the second of two weekend contests at Lafayette Saturday, the Penn State baseball team capitalized on faulty pitching to defeat what was probably one of the strongest teams it will have to face all season, 4-3. The win brought the Lions' season mark to 2-1.

Dick Fitzgerald, Lafayette's southpaw hurler, pitched hitless ball for 7½ innings, but in the sixth stanza he allowed two Penn State scores on a hit batsman, three walks, and a balk.

Ed Drapcho, on the mound for the Nittanies, gave up six safeties while striking out seven and walking one to earn his second win in as many outings.

Lions Score in 8th

Coach Charlie Gelbert's Maroon performers scored first with two runs in the third, with the Nittanies backing up their sixth inning pair with one tally in the top of the eighth. The Maroon followed with one run in the bottom of the seventh, but the Lions earned one more in their half of the ninth to end the scoring parade.

Over 2000 fans saw Fitzgerald fan ten Lion batters in 7½ innings, walking five. Tom Maurer took the mound in favor of Fitzgerald in the eighth, whiffed three and walked two.

Although they were scattered enough to prevent any Lafayette scores, the Nittanies committed five errors compared to two for the losers.

One Hit to Outfield

The Lions' third run came when Drapcho popped out, Russo singled, and Weidenhammer reached first on an infield hit. Russo's only hit was also the only one to get out of the infield during the entire game.

With Russo and Weidenhammer occupying first and second, Kennedy loaded the bases on an error, and Saunders, pinch hitting for Malley, walked to force in a run.

The Penn State final run came after Wally Mrasz walked, advanced on an infield hit by Drapcho, and scored on a wild throw.

Drapcho set the losers down in order in their half of the ninth. The Lions take to the road again this weekend, facing West Virginia Friday and Saturday.

The box score:

PENN STATE		LAFAYETTE	
Ab	R	Ab	R
Russo, 3b	4	1	2
W'd'h'mer, 3b	3	1	0
S'riv'chak, rf	2	0	0
a-Val'tine, rf	1	0	0
Kennedy, lb	4	0	0
Malley, cf	3	0	0
b-Saunders	0	0	0
L'k'r'man, cf	0	0	0
Tirabassi, ss	4	0	0
Bradley, lf	4	0	0
Marasz, c	2	0	2
Drapcho, p	4	1	0

a—walked for Surovchak in 6th.
b—walked for Malley in 8th.
c—grounded out for Maurer in 9th.
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Penn State — 000 002 011—4 8 5

Penn State Grid Clinic

Dr. Ernst Jokyl, who heads the Kentucky Rehabilitation Center at the University of Kentucky, will address high school coaches at the Penn State football clinic, April 29-30. His subject will be "Scientific Basis of Conditioning and Training."

Frostburg Trounces Freshman Nine, 8-3

The Penn State freshman baseball team opened the 1955 season on a sour note as the Lion yearlings went down to an 8-3 defeat at the hands of Frostburg Saturday at Beaver Field.

The Lions took an early 2-0 lead in the second inning only to

have Frostburg come back to tie the score 3-3 at the end of seven innings. In the top of the eighth the roof caved in on the Nittanies as Frostburg scored four runs on four hits to jump into a 7-3 lead. Frostburg then added another

tally in the ninth to clinch its victory over the charges of Coach John Egli.

Rosey Grier, giant football tackle, owns Penn State records in the shot put and discus.



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