

Linksmen Wallop Bucknell, 9-0

Opening Match Played In Steady Downpour

By JOE CHEDDAR

Penn State's golf team opened its centennial season with a resounding 9-0 clobbering of hapless Bucknell yesterday in a match played in a steady rain.

The Lions figured to be pre-match favorites, but the complete whitewash-job Coach Bob Rutherford's squad did on the Bisons was a pleasant surprise. Bucknell was expected to give the Lions a fairly rough time, especially since the match was being contested on their home grounds.

Captain Warren Gittlen started the season by copping an 8 and 6 decision over the Bison's number one man Pete Straub. That was all the incentive the Lion's needed. Following the example of their veteran leader, they led for the remainder of the contest.

Jim Ginsburg, the Lion's number two man, followed by gaining the nod over Bob Miller 3 and 2. Ginsburg appeared to be in his 1954 form as he nipped Miller. Gittlen and Ginsburg

win, but that he was impressed even more by the manner in which the win was accomplished. Gittlen and the two sophs carded scores of 75. The three Lions carded their scores on the par 72 course in weather that can be most favorably described as "unfit for humans." It rained all day at Lewisburg. Frequently the soggy turf prevented the ball from rolling after it hit the ground. The water-soaked greens also hampered the putting.

The medal scores of the remainder of the Lions were not far behind the pacesetters. Jim Ginsburg and Jim Gerhart both posted 76's and senior Jim Mayes a 77.

The Linksmen return to action on Thursday against Georgetown at Washington, D.C. The Hoyas are traditionally a golf power, so the Lions will have to be at their best to win. Georgetown is especially tough on its own greens.

For the Georgetown encounter, Rutherford must add another man to his squad. He will make the choice from among Jim Decker, George Kreidler, and John Branish.

Weightlifters Meet YMCA Saturday

The Penn State Barbell Club will meet the Shippensburg YMCA weightlifting team at 3 p.m. Saturday on the main floor in Rec Hall. In the event of rain the ROTC drill team will use the floor and the match will be held in the weight room.

The three olympic lifts—the military press, the snatch, and the clean and jerk—will be contested.

The team scores will be determined by the sum of the five highest totals according to the Hoffman formula, which is based on the total lift compared to the performer's actual weight.

Intramural Roundup

Volleyball Results:

Theta Xi's A team and Alpha Zeta's B squad highlighted intramural volleyball play Monday night by capturing league crowns at Rec Hall. In addition ten fraternity aggregations gained victories.

Theta Xi's A team stopped Phi Kappa Sigma's A team, 15-11, 15-5, to capture the League A title with a 4-0 record. Alpha Zeta's B squad, also sporting a 4-0 slate, captured the League O crown by downing Phi Kappa Sigma's B group, 15-12, 15-6.

In other fraternity matches, Theta Xi's B squad walloped Sigma Chi, 15-6, 15-6; Kappa Sigma defeated Tau Phi Delta in two out of three games, 15-8, 15-17, 15-5; Alpha Chi Sigma posted a 15-0, 17-15 victory over Kappa Delta Rho; Chi Phi's A and B squads won victories as the A team nipped Acacia, 5-15, 15-6, 15-1. The B team defeated Phi Gamma Delta, 15-12, 15-6.

Lambda Chi Alpha and Kappa Delta Rho copped forfeit victories over Sigma Alpha Mu and Phi Kappa Psi respectively; Sigma Alpha Epsilon beat Alpha Epsilon Pi, 15-8, 15-7; Delta Upsilon trounced Tau Kappa Epsilon, 15-4, 15-4; and Theta Chi edged Sigma Pi in two out of three games, 16-14, 12-15, 15-9.

Badminton Results

Seven fraternity and four independent entries advanced in intramural badminton action.

James Machlan, Theta Xi, opened the evening's festivities by eliminating John Giles, Phi Sigma Kappa, 15-4, 15-10; Ron Lentz, Delta Sigma Phi, stopped Larry Bartlett, Sigma Nu, 15-9, 15-10; Dan Gray, Beta Theta Pi, downed Bill Stoddant, Phi Delta Theta, 15-6, 15-6; Henry Gruber, Tau Kappa Epsilon, copped a forfeit victory over Jim Mayes, Delta Upsilon; Peter Reagan, Sigma Pi, whipped Charles Christiansen, Phi Gamma Delta, 15-12, 15-8; Hy Tabachnick, Sigma Alpha Mu, humbled Bob Weil, Alpha Tau Omega, 15-1, 15-3; and Harvey Nixon, Phi Epsilon Pi, dropped John Serff, Acacia, 15-10, 12-15, 15-0.

In the independent contests, Bob Welsh walloped Bob Wicker, 15-2, 15-3; Chris Kuebler white-washed Ed Gross, 15-0, 15-0; Tom Smith won by forfeit over Terry Leach, and Leroy Lynch edged Doug Baxter, 15-4, 15-10.

Handball Results:

Eight fraternity combos advanced into the semi-final round of flight competition and three independent duos copped victories in handball play.

Dick Matacia and John McDonough, Alpha Sigma Phi, opened fraternity action by tripping Jim Clark and Tom Scott, Pi Kappa Alpha, 21-6, 21-15; Frank DeSalle and John Moore, Phi Delta Theta, downed Don Miller and Norman Schue, Alpha Zeta, 21-4, 21-9; John Albarano and Ron Crapsy, Theta Kappa Phi, edged Frank Ulrich and Watson Hart, Delta Chi, 21-14, 21-18; Bob Vanner and Art Cusick, Sigma Chi, stopped Harris Sklar and Dick Cheskis, Zeta Beta Tau, 21-5, 21-13.

Ed Ritter and Art Crum, Sigma Nu, beat Gary Fox and Martin Schmookler, Sigma Alpha Mu, 21-15, 21-12; Norton Freedman and Marvin Daley, Alpha Epsilon Pi, eked out a 21-16, 21-16, victory over Beta Sigma Rho's Don Hoffman and Irving Zlatin; Jim Garrity and Jim Adams, Delta Upsilon, eliminated Walt Hochberg and Jim Lysek, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 21-6, 21-15; and John Routine and Mike Meckley, Theta Xi, stopped Norm Melvin and Dave Bedford, Acacia, 21-5, 21-10.

Two forfeits marked the independent action as the teams of John Crundon and Dick Baxter and Tom Mulhern and Willis Thompson gained victories. In another independent match, Rene Steigerwalt and Dick McCann won two consecutive games over Larry Richman and Joe McHugh, 21-11, 21-20.

Blue-White Grid Tilt To Be Held Saturday

By ROY WILLIAMS

During the past month Penn State's five sports have suddenly splashed into the local headlines in initiating their 1955 seasons. But at the same time, on a tract of sod squeezed between the tennis courts and the baseball field some 85 men have been working out in daily sessions with hopes of breaking into the headlines next fall.

These men are the nucleus from which football coach Rip Engle will be selecting his 55-man team which will return early in September to begin fall practice.

Engle and his six-man coaching staff have only nine lettermen returning out of 23 who received letters last fall.

Engle has been handicapped with rainy spring weather plus the fact he seldom has been able to get his entire group of veterans and newcomers on the field together for a mass grid session during the week. On weekdays each man has averaged about 80 minutes on the field each day. On Saturdays, however, each has picked up about a full hour of grid instruction.

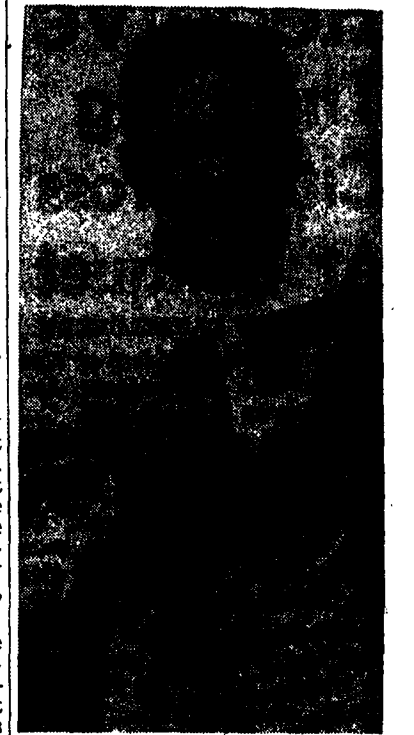
On Saturday Engle will put the lid on his grid sessions with the annual Blue-White game. Last Saturday he held a small scale scrimmage as a prelude to the spring training windup. On Monday and yesterday much of heavy work was hindered by sloppy, wet field conditions.

In the Blue-White game the co-captains—tackle Otto Kneidinger and center Frank Reich—each captain a team and select their men and the three coaches for their team by "choosing sides."

Returning lettermen who will see action in Saturday's Blue-White game will be Reich, Kneidinger, halfback Billy Kane, fullback Buck Straub, guards Earl Shumaker and Dick DeLuca, and quarterback Bob Hoffman. Charlie Blockson, a discus and

shot man for track coach Chick Werner, and Sam Valentine, working the outfield for Joe Bedenk's diamond squad, are both lettermen but are missing spring workouts. Another of Engle's lettermen is All-America Lenny Moore who ran into academic difficulties last spring.

Engle, in a quick appraisal of what he has seen in spring train-



Bill Kane White team right half

ing, which is just the forerunner to the fall drills, said he lacked depth in several spots and the speed of his line and backfield was another problem to be ironed out.

Loyola Lacrossemen Visit Lions Today

After losing three straight games to nationally ranked clubs, Penn State's lacrosse team will try to get back into winning form when it meets mediocre Loyola at 3:30 this afternoon at Beaver Field.

Loyola has won only one game this year while losing two and tying one. Its only win came over Dickinson College, 9-8, where lacrosse is relatively new. Loyola lost to Virginia, 10-2, and tied Washington and Lee in a high scoring contest, 12-12.

In the Washington and Lee game, goalie Bill Flattery played a top-notch performance as he came through with 29 saves to almost bring victory to his club.

Well Balanced Attack In four games, Loyola demonstrated a well-balanced attack but showed signs of inexperience in the 'tight spots.' Loyola has an excellent goalie and some dangerous scoring attackmen, but they lack reserve power.

In last year's contest Loyola outlasted the Nittany Lions by scoring a 10-6 win in a see-saw battle. The Lions were the third straight victim for the Maryland boys, but following that contest Loyola was handed six consecutive defeats to wind up with a 3-6 card.

On the other hand the Lion Stickmen have not won since opening game when they downed Adelphi, 12-4. Four defeats followed as New Hampshire, Hofstra, Navy, and Rutgers scored victories.

In comparing victories with Loyola, Penn State romped over Swarthmore last year, 12-6, while Loyola suffered a loss to Swarth-

more by the staggering score of 25-3. Swarthmore was the only opponent which both teams played.

In this year's game the Lions have a more balanced team and have more reserve forces. With this added strength the Penn State stickmen are the favorites to grab the contest. But as was seen in the last four contests the Lions can lose and Coach Charlie Wenzel's boys will be hunting for the upset.

The Lions go on a two-game road trip this weekend to play Colgate, a newcomer to the schedule, on Friday and then to Cornell on Saturday to play the Big Red who beat the Lions last year 20-13.

Coach Nick Thiel, commenting on the remainder of the schedule, said that from now on the teams will be in our class and he feels confident that this year's record will be much better than last year's.

Lineups for Today

Penn State	goalie	Loyola
Bell	defense	Flattery
Horikawa	defense	Buchness
Bullock	defense	Buckmaster
Doederlein	defense	Hooper
Hickelhaupt	midfield	Phillips
Hamel	midfield	Blackshire
Hay	midfield	Strott
Locotos	attack	Gross
Klein	attack	Hildbrand
Youtz	attack	Burke

Bisons Host 'Nine' In 5th Road Contest

Barring continued showers, the hit-and-lose Penn State baseball team travels to Lewisburg this afternoon for the tail-end of a five-game road trip, which to date has proved anything but profitable.

The Lions will go against Bucknell at 3 p.m. in search of win number three. Should rainy weather force the game to be called, it will be rescheduled for tomorrow.

After winning their home opener against Western Maryland, the Nittanians have dropped three of four road contests downing Lafayette and losing to Rutgers and West Virginia twice.

The Bisons own a one-game edge over coach Joe Bedenk's nine in games played with six of a 20-game card already completed. So far Bucknell has met Franklin and Marshall, Georgetown, Navy, Gettysburg, Lafayette and Lycoming.

Drapcho to Start

Bedenk's 16-man traveling force finds Ed Drapcho holding the starting mound assignment, backed up by Stan Larimer, Stan Szymanski and Lynn Harbold.

Bedenk's big problem continues to be catching, where he has not, as yet, discovered a fully-capable front-runner. Wally Mrasz, Phil Saunders and Norm Van Ord, all still trying for the permanent starter's role, are flip-of-the-coin choices to get today's starting nod. However Mrasz may be Bedenk's choice, with Saunders not making the trip.

The infield still finds Pat Kennedy, Charlie Russo, Cookie Tir-

abassi and Ron Weidenhammer holding their own around the horn, with Mert Springer the number one substitute.

Weak-hitting outfielders, with the exception of Rex Bradley in left, may provide a shake-up in the remaining pair of pasture posts. Sam Valentine, Merle Gerdes, and Pete Cherish are all likely candidates to fill the center and right field spots.

One of His Best

Coach Bill Lane is sporting one of his best Bison teams in recent years, with a veteran team paced by catcher Rich McFarland at the plate. Lane also possesses three veteran pitchers to keep mound duties well under control.

The top member of Lane's Big Three, fire-balling southpaw Don Richards, will probably go against the Lions this afternoon. Right handers Tom King and Jack Flurer are close behind.

Last year the Nittanians downed today's host team 9-1 and 21-0 in two contests. The shutout was the Lions' biggest victory margin of the season.

Bucknell pays a visit to Beaver Field May 25 for the second Penn State meeting of the season.