

Weidenhammer's .500 Golfers Win Fourth— Paces Lions at Plate

With eight games and probably what will prove to be the toughest portion of the 1955 21-game card under its belt, the Penn State baseball squad is slowly overcoming a man-sized early season deficit—lack of power at the plate.

The Lions' fielding average is good in most spots and pitching, to date anyway, has been far above average.

Catching, still Joe Bedenk's biggest headache, will probably iron itself out as the season progresses and the three top back-stop candidates pick up always-valuable experience.

Third baseman Ron Weidenhammer is far ahead of the pack in the batting department, sporting a fine .500 average on 15 hits in 30 trips.

Centerfielder Jim Lockerman, sophomore with five starts to his credit, is the only other Lion hitting away above .300. In nine at-bats he's batted .333.

The three remaining regular infielders are widely scattered in the .200 bracket. Going the whole way in the eight contests to date, shortstop Cookie Tirabassi, captain Charlie Russo, and Pat Kennedy at first base are sporting respective .267, .250, and .228 averages.

In the outfield, left fielder and three-year veteran Rex Bradley is hitting .218. Off-and-on starters Pete Cherish and Merl Gerdes are at an even .200, with Ken Malley, Dick Surovchak and Sam Valentine below that mark. Bob McMullen, serving mostly as a pinch-batter, has slammed a .375 clip in eight official tries.

The Nittanians have connected for 14 extra-base clouts in eight games, with doubles grabbing the spotlight. Bradley has accounted for three two-baggers, Weidenhammer a pair, and Malley, Russo and McMullen one each.

Kennedy, undoubtedly Bedenk's number one power man at the plate, has slammed two triples and a like number of circuit clouts. Surovchak and Weidenhammer have connected for one three-bagger each.

In the field, only one of the five Nittany regulars, Bradley, owns a perfect 1.000 mark. The remaining four, Kennedy, Weidenhammer, Russo, and Tirabassi own down-the-line marks of .988, .993, .975, and .762.

Kennedy tops the put-out department with 77, and Russo is four ahead of Weidenhammer's 18 assists.

Russo and Tirabassi have each committed five of the Lions' 19 miscues in the field.

The Lions have made four twin-killings. Kennedy has been on the final end of three,

Russo in the middle of two, and Tirabassi and Weidenhammer have each gotten a double play under way.

Eddie Drapcho, Bedenk's ace on the mound, is far ahead of the other two Nittany hurlers to see action thus far. He sports an earned run average of .93. Bedenk's number two starter, Stan Larimer, has allowed 5.72 and reliever Stan Szymanski has permitted 3.00 in 39 innings pitched. Drapcho has given up only four earned runs. He's been tapped for ten bases on balls, but has set down no less than 47 via the strikeout route.

Larimer has walked nine and fanned 21, with Szymanski performing at a respective eight-seven pace in eight innings. Drapcho, author of a no-hit-

ter and two-hit shutout sports a 4-1 slate, with Larimer at 1-2.

Name	BATTING					Av.
	Ab	R	H	BB	RBI	
Bradley	32	6	7	1	2	.218
Cherish	5	1	1	2	0	.200
Drapcho	18	2	3	1	2	.187
Gerdes	10	1	2	2	1	.200
Kennedy	35	5	8	3	9	.233
Larimer	10	2	2	0	2	.200
Lockerman	9	2	3	1	0	.333
Malley	18	2	3	0	1	.187
McMullen	8	3	3	1	1	.375
Mraz	7	3	1	2	1	.143
Russo	36	7	9	4	4	.250
Saunders	13	4	2	2	4	.154
Springer	1	0	0	0	0	.000
Surovchak	8	0	1	0	1	.125
Szymanski	4	0	2	0	2	.500
Tirabassi	30	4	8	3	3	.267
Valentine	8	2	0	2	1	.000
Van Ord	7	0	1	1	0	.143
Weidenhammer	30	9	15	7	5	.500
TEAM	297	53	71	32	39	.248

Pitcher	PITCHING					SO
	IP	H	R	ER	ERA	
Drapcho	39	15	7	4	0.98	10
Larimer	22	26	16	14	5.72	9
Szymanski	8	5	5	3	3.38	8

(Continued from page six) against on-loss this season by rolling up a 5 and 4 win over Gettysburg's Don Cole. Branish was the Lion medalist for the day, posting an even par 70. He went two over par off the front nine, but collected two birdies, a 6 and a 4, on the back nine to finish up even. Branish and Mayes also won the best ball for the Lions, 5 and 4.

Yesterday's loss was this year's fourth for the Bullets, who have won only one match so far. They won their opener against Western Maryland, 5½ to 3½, but have not been able to dent the win column since. They lost to Juniata, 3-1; Franklin and Marshall, 7-2;

and Johns Hopkins, 6½-3½, before meeting the Lions yesterday. Coach Rutherford was pleased with the outcome of the match—except for Gittlen's performance, of course. But, as the Lion mentor expressed it, "I would rather Warren get the bad scores out of his system against the weak teams, so that he'll be ready for the tough matches."

The linksmen return to action on Saturday in a triangular meet with Penn and Navy. This is the first year for this match, and it is also the first time the linksmen will be meeting the Quakers. The match will be held on the Nittany greens.



THE GIFT HORSE

Many of our friends will soon be graduating. What kind of gifts should we give them?

Here is no simple question. It is never simple to find gifts for people who have everything, and college students, as everyone knows, are the most richly endowed of mortals. They've got beauty and truth. They've got rhythm. They've got stout hearts, willing hands, and a clear vision that dispels the miasmas of the future as the morning sun sears away the last wisps of a cool night's fog. They've got heaps and heaps of money, as who would not who has been receiving such a huge allowance over four years of schooling?

What can we give them that they don't already have?

One infallible gift for the person who has everything is, of course, a stethoscope. New models, featuring sequined earpieces and power steering, are now on display at your local surgical supply house. Accompanying each stethoscope is a gift card with this lovely poem:

*When you hear your heart beat,
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If, by some odd chance, your name does not happen to be William Henry Round (you're laughing, but it's possible), here is another dandy suggestion for the person who has everything—a gift certificate from the American Bar Association.

These certificates, good at your local lawyer's, come in three convenient sizes: small, medium, and large. The small certificate covers title searches and writs of estoppel. The medium size covers torts, claim jumping, and violations of the Smoot-Hawley Act. The large one covers kidnapping, murder, and barratry.

If, by some odd chance, you don't know what barratry is (you're laughing, but it's possible), it is arson at sea. This interesting crime is called after Cosmo "Bubbles" Barrat, a captain in the British navy during the last century, who was addicted to burning his ships. One man o' war after another fell victim to his incendiary bent. The Admiralty kept getting crosser and crosser, but every time they called in Captain Barrat for a scolding, he would roll his big blue eyes and tug his forelock and promise faithfully never to do it again. Oh, butter wouldn't melt in his mouth, that one!

So they would give him another ship, and he would soon reduce it to a scattering of charred spars. He burned more than 120,000 ships before he was finally discharged as "doubtful officer material."

After his separation from the navy, he moved to Vienna where he changed his name to Freud and invented Scrabble.

But I digress. I was listing gifts for the person who has everything, and here is another one. This gift, in fact, is not only for persons who have everything, it is also for persons who have nothing, for persons who have next to nothing, for persons who have next to everything, and for persons in between. I refer, of course, to Philip Morris cigarettes. Here is the cigarette for everybody—for everybody, that is, who likes a mild relaxing smoke of fine vintage tobacco in a handsome brown package that snaps open with the greatest of ease. For those, if such there be, who like dull, nondescript tobacco in a package that requires a burglar's kit to open, Philip Morris is definitely the wrong gift.

Among the newer gifts that warrant your attention is a revolutionary development in the enjoyment of recorded music. This is the Low-Fi Phonograph. The Low-Fi, product of years of patient research, has so little fidelity to the record you put on it that if, for example, you put *Stardust* on the turntable, *Melancholy Baby* will come out. This is an especially welcome gift for people who hate *Stardust*.

Finally there is Sigafos Shaving Cream, a brand new kind of cream that makes whiskers grow in instead of out. You just bite them off in the morning.

To Max's suggestion to give PHILIP MORRIS for graduation, the makers of PHILIP MORRIS, who bring you this column, add a hearty amen.

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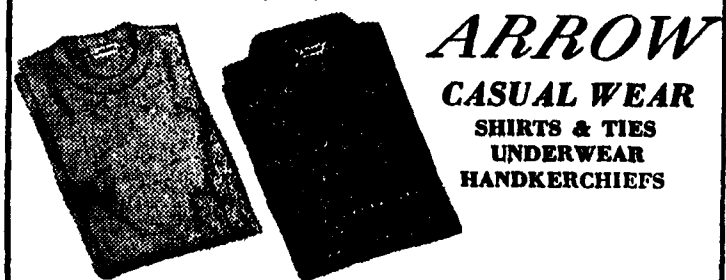


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