

Drapcho, Larimer Set For Home Twin-Bill

By RON GATEHOUSE

It's baseball time again at Beaver Field. Joe Bedenk and his Lion diamond crew get down to brass tacks this afternoon when the Nittanias, 5-3 for the season, don their Saturday best for a Georgetown twin bill.

The Lions pair off against the Hoyas at 1:30 p.m. in today's lidlifter, with the second game getting under way at approximately 3:45 p.m. The first contest will go the full nine innings, with the second a seven-frame affair.

Bedenk's two mound mainstays, southpaw Eddie Drapcho and righthander Stan Larimer will take the hill against the Hoyas, with several relievers standing by eager to see action for the first time. Stan Szymanski, third Lion hurler to see mound duty, may not be on hand for today's twin diamond attraction.

Drapcho is 4-1 for the season with Larimer osting one victory in three outings.

The Hoyas, with a good record behind them, should provide the Nittanias with one of their stiffest tests on a 21-game season.

Have Whiffed 68

But with Drapcho and Larimer toeing the rubber, Bedenk's nine have to be odds-on favorites to notch wins number six and seven. In eight games, the duo has combined for 68 strikeouts, 47 of them credited to Drapcho. The Lion ace has yielded only four earned runs in 39 innings on the hill.

Behind the plate, sophomore Norm Van Ord will probably team up with Drapcho, and Phil Saunders is scheduled to complete the second game battery. However, Bedenk indicated that Lou D'Orsaneo may break into the lineup

for his first varsity appearance behind the plate.

Wally Mrasz, veteran of early season duty with the mitt and mask, will probably be out of action again with an injured hand.

Sticks With Infielders

A trusty foursome which has carried him through all eight contests is Bedenk's choice to fill the infield posts again today. The quartet includes Pat Kennedy, first base; captain Charlie Russo, second base; Cookie Tirabassi, shortstop; and Ron Weidenhammer's big bat is cur-

mer, third base. Recently pacing the hitters at the plate. He owns an even .500 percentage with safeties in half of his 30 official trips. Weidenhammer is also one of only two starters who have not yet come down on the third strike. Kennedy, Bedenk's power boy, has blasted out a pair of triples and two round-trippers, along with four singles.

Both .250 or Better

Tirabassi is performing at a .287 clip and Russo has managed .250. In the outfield, Rex Bradley, Jim Lockerman and Pete Cherish will probably get the starting nods. Should the Lions face a

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southpaw, Bob McMullen and Ken Malley may team up with Bradley, Merle Gerdes, Sam Valentine, and Dick Surovchak will also be on hand for outfield duty.

Following today's twin-bill, the Lions turn to a two-game road set facing Temple Monday and Navy Tuesday.

Stickmen Encounter Orangemen Today

With two-third of its schedule gone, Penn State's lacrosse team moves into its last four games beginning with the Syracuse Orangemen at 3 this afternoon in Beaver Field.

Today's contest is regarded by the Lion lacrosse coaching staff as the one it would like to win most—Syracuse is Coach Nick Thiel's Alma Mater.

Folled last year by the Orange, the Nittanias will have another equally rough time this year trying to avenge the 20-7 defeat. Syracuse, with a 4-1 record, will be the heavy favorite mainly because it has an abundance of veterans.

Orange Has 4 Wins

The Orange has romped over Harvard, Cortland, Dartmouth, and Colgate while losing a close 23-19 decision to nationally ranked Rutgers, a team which overwhelmed the Lions by the lopsided score, 17-6.

If those scores mean anything, the stickmen will have to go all out to upset the boys from New York state.

Without injuries for most of the season, Thiel lost his most proficient scorer, Joe Erwin, in the Loyola game. Erwin, who suffered a severe "charley horse," will be replaced by junior Andy Bergeson, who in previous contests has given indications of becoming a dependable substitute.

Attack, Midfield Set

Joining Bergeson on the attack will be Dick Klein, who was credited with four assists in last week's contest, and strong-armed Ron Youtz. The midfield will consist of high scoring Bob Hamel, George Bicklehaupt, and Frank Locotos. In the Cornell game, Locotos broke loose for the final three goals, all of them coming in the last five minutes.

Bob Bullock, Herb Horikawa, and Bob Weidner will give the

Nittanias the strongest defense that could possibly be attained. Bullock has drawn praises from Thiel for every game this year. He has been the biggest defensive threat the Lions have had from the standpoint of holding his man scoreless.

Bell Stopped 76 Scores

Rounding out the starting lineup will be captain Don Bell at goalie. Bell has stopped 76 scoring attempts in the last three contests.

For Syracuse, Stew Lindsay, the team's high scorer, veteran Don Muller, and leading assister Paul O'Donohue will compose the starting attack. In the midfield coach Roy Simmons has named Jim Brown, Ed Smith, and Paul Mendez as his starters.

Defensively, the Orange will have Huge Basset, Alvaro Gonzales, and Bob MacLea in the leading roles. At goalie will be Jack Williamson.

The 1955 campaign will mark Penn State's 69th year of uninterrupted intercollegiate football competition.

Bill Jeffrey, former Penn State soccer coach, now teaches and coaches at the University of Puerto Rico.

Georgetown Visits Lion Netters

The Nittany Lion tennis squad will be out to make the Georgetown netters its third straight victim as the two teams clash on the Beaver Field courts at 1:30 this afternoon.

After dropping the first three matches, the Nittany netters have come along to cop their last two outings, and hope to raise the season record to the 500 mark this afternoon.

In the Hoyas, the Lions will face a well-rounded team with plenty of experience. The men from Washington have ten matches under their belts—winning five and dropping an equal amount. They have defeated Rutgers, Bucknell, Washington and Lee, Delaware, and Gettysburg, while losing to Maryland, George Washington, Penn, Navy, and Princeton.

Coach Sherm Fogg plans to use the same combination this afternoon which narrowly defeated a scrappy Lehigh net squad last Monday, 5-4. Captain Bill Ziegler will remain in the number one position and will face the Hoyas' ace, Herb Von Urf. Ziegler has not been winning with the same consistency as he did last year and will have his work cut out for him against the highly touted Hoyas southpaw.

Ed Seiling, who garnered his first victory Monday, will go against Tony Valenti in the second position. Seiling appears to have hit his stride, and will try to notch his second win today. Chris Christiansen is set to go

in the number three spot and will compete against the Hoyas' Alan McNabb.


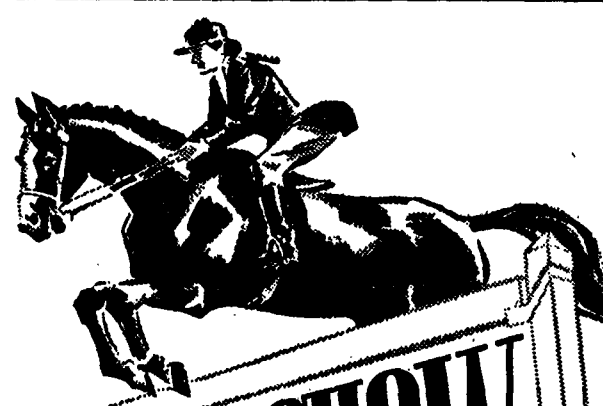
Fogg will send Dean Mullen, Doug Zuker, and Larry Adler against the Hoyas in the fourth, fifth, and sixth positions. Hoya Coach Bill Barnes will pick his starters from five candidates.

Either Bob Jordan, John Toolan, Tom Brett, Jim Glynn, or Bo McDermot will get the nod from Barnes to go in the lower three slots.

Doubles play for the Lions will pair Ziegler and Seiling, Christiansen and Mullen, and Joe Eberly and Al Williams.

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