

Nittanies Clout Navy, 9-3; Frosh Battle Bisons To 7 Inning Tie, 9-9

By RON GATEHOUSE

Behind another strong mound performance by little Eddie Drapcho, the Penn State diamond nine picked up win number eight yesterday at Annapolis, Md., downing the Middies, 9-3.

The southpaw hurler ran his scoreless inning streak to 26 before the Midshipmen scored two runs in the bottom of the second. Drapcho's record now stands at 6-1 for the season.

Jim Lockerman, sophomore, who has started in centerfield eight of the Lions' 12 games, collected four singles in five trips to the plate and tallied a third of the Nittanies' nine runs.

Joe Bedenk's nine connected for 11 base hits while Drapcho was holding the Middies to five. He struck out for four and walked one.

Drapcho hit safely twice, while Bob McMullen, Rex Bradley, Ron Weidenhammer, Cookie Tirabassi and Paul Palumbo each connected for a base hit.

Weidenhammer, who went one-for-three and scored two runs in the Nittanies' third win on foreign grounds, brought his batting average to a solid .422 to pace the Lions at the plate. In 12 games, Weidenhammer has hammered out 19 base hits in 43 official trips.

Lions Clout Three
Five extra-base blows were walloped in the nine-inning slugfest, with three of them going into the Penn State side of the scorebook.

Tirabassi connected for a two-run deep left center round-tripper in the ninth, his first of the season. Drapcho accounted for a sixth-inning triple ahead of Palumbo's two-bagger. Palumbo made his second start at first base for the Nittanies.

Following scoreless first and second innings, the Lions came back to score one in the third and two in the fourth to go ahead of the Middies to stay.

Score First on Error
The first Penn State run came when Palumbo walked, went to second on Drapcho's single, and scored on an error by Jim Turcotte, Middle second baseman.

In the Penn State fourth, Weidenhammer, batting cleanup in the Nittany lineup, and Lockerman connected for back-to-back singles. Following Tirabassi's infield out, Palumbo flied out to right, with Weidenhammer scoring. Lockerman advanced to third and brought in run number three when Navy shortstop Bill Wagner bobbled

Norm Van Ord's apparent infield out.

The Penn State sixth and seventh showed four more runs, and the Nittanies ended the scoring parade with another pair in the top of the ninth.

Lockerman got the sixth under way with a base hit and crossed home on Palumbo's double. The Lion first baseman brought in run number five on Drapcho's triple.

Two More in Seventh
In the seventh McMullen, Weidenhammer and Lockerman collaborated for Penn State runs number six and seven. McMullen got things off to a good start with a base hit and took second when Weidenhammer was hit by a pitched ball to occupy first. Lockerman's third hit then scored McMullen, with Weidenhammer going home on Palumbo's second sacrifice fly to left.

Navy came up with its final run in the bottom of the seventh, only the fourth given up by Drapcho in his past four starts.

In their last time at bat, Lockerman and Tirabassi combined to give the Lions their final two tallies. Lockerman led off with base hit number four and set the stage for Tirabassi's two-run circuit clout.

Use Three Pitchers
Navy threw three pitchers against the Nittanies. The trio managed to equal Drapcho's strikeout performance at four, and issued three free passes.

Navy's Jack McMenamin slammed a seventh-inning triple and Bob Heiden drove in the Middies' two second-inning scores with a home run.

Penn State left nine men on the base paths, and Navy failed to push across two.

The Nittanies return to Beaver Field for a three-game home stand tipped off with Friday and Saturday games with Pitt and a Wednesday contest against Villanova.

This is Nick Thiel's 20th year as Penn State lacrosse coach. Twice winner of Man of the Year honors in this sport, Thiel is a former Syracuse University all-American.



THIRD BASEMAN Ron Weidenhammer connected for one hit in three trips yesterday against Navy to bring his 12-game batting average to .442.

The summaries:

PENN STATE				NAVY			
Ab	R	H	E	Ab	R	H	E
Russo, 2b	4	0	0	DeEsch, cf	4	0	0
McMullen, rf	4	1	1	Stangler, 3b	4	0	1
Bradley, lf	5	0	1	Magner, ss	4	0	1
W'd'h'mer, 3b	3	2	1	McMen'in, 1b	4	2	2
Lock'man, cf	5	3	4	Heiden, rf	2	1	1
Tirabassi, ss	2	1	1	Smalley, lf	3	0	0
Palumbo, 1b	2	2	1	Turcotte, 2b	3	0	0
Van Ord, c	5	0	0	McCally, c	2	0	0
Drapcho, p	5	0	2	a-J. Smith	1	0	0
				E. Smith, c	0	0	0
				Bates, p	0	0	0
				Bucher, p	0	0	0
				b-Massimino	1	0	0
				Edgar, p	0	0	0
Totals	35	9	11	Totals	30	3	5

a—Struck out for McCally in 8th.
b—Struck out for Bucher in 8th.
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Navy 020 000 100—3 5 3

By VINCE CAROCCI
The Penn State freshman baseball team battled the Bisons of Bucknell to a 9-9 tie yesterday in the squad's second game in two days. The game was called at the end of seven innings because of rain.

The Bucknell frosh clubbed the offerings of Lion starter Arnie Rosenthal all over the field in the second inning as they scored seven runs on four hits and three walks. Bob Demster homered with two men on base to bring in the final three runs of the inning.

The Bison hurler, Jerry Reidenover, held the Nittanies to two singles over the first four innings. However, he was consistently getting into trouble by issuing free passes to the Lion batsman.

Frosh Score Eight
The Lion frosh finally took advantage of Reidenover's wildness in the home half of the fifth as they scored eight runs on three hits and four walks. John McMullen started the frame off by drawing a base on balls. Dave Watkins followed suit and Steve Baidy was hit by a pitch to load the bases with no one out. Clean-up hitter Gary Miller smashed a solid single to right driving in two runs. Henry Romberger was hit by a pitch to load the sacks and Jack Michaels walked forcing in the third run of the inning.

At this point, Reidenover was replaced by Frank McDonald. McDonald proved to be just as ineffective as he walked Ron Soder to push another tally for the frosh. Dick Biery, Lion catcher, hit a three-two offering deep down the left field line clearing

the bases as he pulled up at third with a triple. However, the young backstop scored as the relay from shortstop Bellace skipped past the Bucknell catcher. All the scoring was done with no one out, but McDonald settled down to prevent any further scoring.

Lions Add One More
The freshmen added another tally in the sixth on a single by Michaels and a two bagger by Soder to take a 9-7 lead going into the top half of the seventh.

The Bison squad finally caught on to the slants of Jerry Bordic, who replaced Rosenthal in the third inning, as they loaded the bases with one out on a walk to Long, a single by Bellace, and a walk to Sale. At this point, Lion coach John Egli called on the ace of his staff, Ron Smith to squelch the rally.

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