

'Nine' Rallies To Top Pitt

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If there had been the slightest margin of doubt in their minds, the Pitt Panthers learned Saturday at Beaver Field that a baseball game is never over until the final out is called. Pressed more than at any time at home this year, the Lions looked to Eddie Drapcho and Ron Weidenhammer to top Pitt, 6-5, and bring win number 10 out of the bag to preserve their home victory streak—now at seven consecutive wins without a loss.

With the Nittanians behind 5-4 with two out and bases loaded in the bottom of the ninth, Weidenhammer, now hitting at a strong 489 pace, stepped to the plate and lifted a low-hanging fly to right field to drive in the tying and winning scores.

Improve on 1954 Slate
The 6-5 victory brought the Lions' 1955 record to 10-4, improving on last year's win column by one. Last year the Nittanians posted a 9-7 log. The Lions have seven games remaining, four at home.

Joe Bedenk's nine meets Villanova at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow afternoon at home, before making a three-game northern road trip. They go against Colgate Friday and face Syracuse in a Saturday twin-bill.

Drapcho, going the whole way against the Panthers to hand them their eighth loss in 13 starts, brought his record to 7-1. He issued nine hits, the most he's given up in any one game to date, fanned eight and walked two.

Beat Nittanians Twice
Don Miller, on the hill for the Steel City nine, had set the Lions down the past two years. He struck out six and walked four. He's now 1-4 for the season.

The nine-inning mound duel saw the Nittanians, after blanking Pitt in their first try at the plate, get things off to a good start in the bottom of the first with a two-hit, two-run effort.

Captain and second baseman Charlie Russo led off with a walk, stole second, and scored on Bob McMullen's base hit. Rex Bradley's two-bagger scored McMullen, but he was stranded on second when Jim Lockerman, Cookie Tirabassi and Paul Palumbo went down in order after Weidenhammer walked.

Six Lions Hit Safely
Bradley, McMullen, Weidenhammer and Tirabassi each collected two of the Nittanians ten hits, with the latter three going two-for-four for the afternoon. Lockerman and Drapcho brought the total to ten.

Both teams went hitless and scoreless in the second and third, but the Skyscraper U. nine tied things up in their half of the

fourth, notching two runs on three hits and a wild pitch.

Panther third baseman John Jacobs took batting honors for the day—he went three-for-five and scored two Pitt runs. Milt Emery, Panther catcher, also banged out two safeties and tallied twice.

Score Knotted at 2-2
With the score deadlocked at 2-2, the Nittanians posted one more run in the bottom of the fourth. Tirabassi connected for the second and final extra-base blow of the afternoon, a left-center triple, and scored on an infield out by Lion catcher Norm Van Ord.

The two teams went scoreless again in the fifth, but the Lions pushed their lead to 4-2 in the sixth when Lockerman got a base hit and completed the circuit on three consecutive Panther errors. Tirabassi followed Lockerman with a hit and reached third on an error and a wild pitch, but was left stranded.

Score Three in Eighth
Both teams went scoreless in the seventh, but the Panthers connected for a three-hit, three-run, barrage in the top of the eighth to put them ahead, 5-4. The Nittanians went down in order in their half of the eighth, and Pitt, after getting two hits in the ninth, failed to score.

Russo's third walk of the afternoon, sandwiched between a hit by Drapcho and McMullen, loaded the bases with one down. Bradley popped to third on the first pitch. Then Weidenhammer, working the count to 1-2, connected for the rightfield single that scored Drapcho and Russo to end the game.

In Friday's 20-5 contest, the Lions outhit the Panthers 10-5 for win number nine.

PENN STATE				PITT			
	Ab	R	H		Ab	R	H
Russo, 2b	2	2	0	Kraft, 2b	3	0	0
McMullen, rf	4	1	2	Fedor, cf	5	0	1
Bradley, lf	5	0	2	Jacobs, 3b	5	2	3
Widmer, 3b	4	0	2	Emery, c	4	2	2
Lockerman, cf	4	1	1	Schmidt, lf	4	1	1
Tirabassi, ss	4	1	2	Bigley, rf	3	0	1
Palumbo, 1b	4	0	0	Masur, 1b	0	0	0
Van Ord, c	2	0	0	Hunter, 1b	4	0	0
a-Schneider	1	0	0	Lepkowski, ss	4	0	0
Drapcho, p	4	1	1	Miller, p	4	0	1
Totals	34	6	10	Totals	36	5	9
Struck out for Van Ord in 9th.							
Pitt	000	200	030-5	9	4		
Penn State	200	101	002-6	10	2		



—Photo by Logan
JIM LOCKERMAN, sophomore Lion centerfielder, slides safely under the outstretched arm of Pitt catcher, Milt Emery, to score Penn State's fifth run in Saturday's game.

Frosh Thinclads Visit Pitt Today For 2d Contest

Freshman track coach Norm Gordon named his 16-man squad yesterday which will journey to Pittsburgh this morning for a 3:30 engagement with the Panther frosh.

The only major change in the Nittany lineup will be in the 880-yard dash where Gus Ormrod, Ken Shopt, and Allan Jones, all distance runners, will be surprise starters. Bob Williams will round out the Lion half-mile entry.

Gordon has installed Ron Carey and Tom Heath in the javelin competition in hopes of strengthening one of the frosh's weakest spots. Carey will also throw the shot along with John Tullar and Ed Henrie.

The mile relay represents the only event in which the frosh's entries were not definitely known. "We'll just have to wait and see how things work out at Pitt before naming our runners," Gordon commented.

No information on the Panther squad was available. "We do know that it is strong in the sprints and the hurdles; what else it has remains to be seen on Tuesday," the freshman coach said.

The squad, which underwent a stiff practice session after Saturday's varsity meet, will take part in a light practice today to work out any kinks obtained over the weekend. The freshman meet will be run while the varsity cindermen are battling the Panther varsity.

Lineup

440 Dash: Tullar, Kopf, Pinnie
100 Dash: Rossi, Breslin, Brewer
880 Dash: Ormrod, Shopt, Jones Williams
220 Dash: Rossi, Breslin, Pinnie
High Hurdles: Norris, Boyer
Low Hurdles: Norris, Brewer, Pinnie
Shot Put: Tullar, Henrie, Carey
Discus: Tullar, Henrie
Javelin: Carey, Tullar, Heath
Broad Jump: Norris, Brewer
High Jump: Norris, Boyd
Pole Vault: Norris, Boyd, Foht
Mile Relay: unannounced

Lions Post 5th Win, Down Swarthmore

Penn State's lacrosse team continued its above par playing as it rolled to a 14-7 victory over Swarthmore College Saturday, giving it a 5-5 record and its fourth win in the last five games.

The Lion stickmen will meet the Hobart Statesmen at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow at Beaver Field in the first of two home games to be played this week.

Lower Merion Throttles Frosh Stickmen, 10-6

The freshman lacrosse team suffered its first defeat of the season when Lower Merion High School throttled the Lion yearlings 10-6 in a nip and tuck game Saturday on Beaver Field.

Leading the frosh scorers were Bill Hess and Fred Behne with two goals each, and Bob Kamps and Chris Kubler with one each.

Lower Merion took a commanding 5-3 lead at half time but fell behind when the resurgent frosh came back to score four in the third while holding their opponents scoreless. It was the first time that Lower Merion has been held scoreless this year for a whole period.

But in the fourth quarter the Lions fell apart as their more experienced opponents scored five goals while holding Penn State scoreless.

IM Track Entries Due

Entries for the intramural track meet are due in the IM office, Rec Hall, by 4:30 p.m. today. Complete details concerning the meet may be obtained at the IM office. There will be one dollar entry fee for teams. Independents will be charged 25 cents.

Netters Even Slate, Stop Syracuse, 6-3

The Penn State net squad pulled itself to the blue side of the ledger last weekend when it defeated the Syracuse netters 6-3, to bring its season's mark to four wins and an equal number of losses. The match was played on the Beaver Field tennis courts.

The Lion netmen, for the first time this season, boosted their average to the 500 mark as they put together three singles and one doubles victories and two forfeit decisions, to cop the encounter.

Nittany Captain Bill Ziegler broke a three match losing streak and posted his second victory of the spring campaign as he breezed over the Orange's number one performer in straight sets 6-0, 6-2. The Lion senior has dropped six encounters. In the second position, Ed Seiling resumed his winning ways as he racked up a quick decision over Syracuse's Ron VanAiken. The Nittany junior notched his third consecutive win as he downed his opponent by the identical scores of 6-1, 6-1.

State's number three man, Chris Christiansen, was unable to rally after dropping a close opening set and went down at the hands of Jack Boyajian for his fourth defeat of the campaign. Christiansen extended the first set to a 7-5 count before bowing, and was unable to stage a comeback in the second as Boyajian copped it 6-3. The loss evened Christiansen's record at four and four.

Syracuse then knotted the score as Godfrey Lebar, playing in the fourth slot, posted a 6-1, 6-3 decision over the Lion's Doug Zuker. The loss evened Zuker's record at three and three. The tie was short-lived, however, as State's Larry Adler garnered one

The Nittanians' scoring was spread out among six players, four getting three tallies each. Joe Erwin, Bob Hamel, Ron Youtz, and Dick Klein hit the net for the 12 goals, with Al LeChard and Jeff Bostock the recipients of the other two.

With the three goals against Swarthmore, Erwin's total is now 17, just six shy of tying the 23 record set by Jim Fulton last year. Erwin was handicapped early in the season by a severe "charley horse" and had to sit out two games. Hamel has racked up 14 goals to take the runnerup spot, with Youtz and Klein following with 11 each.

The Lions jumped to an early 4-2 lead in the first quarters and were never headed as they outscored the Red and White in every quarter. They scored three in the second, four in the third, and three in the final stanza.

Swarthmore scored two goals in each quarter but the third, in which it had only one tally.

Erwin, playing his first game in three weeks, rammed in the first goal at 1:05 and was followed a minute later by his scoring twin, Hamel. Swarthmore fought back to score a goal but LeChard, taking a pass from Youtz, put one past the goalie at 4:20.

Bill Reynolds, who is leading the Swarthmore team in scoring, threw one in at 6:17 to put the Red and White within one goal of the fast moving Lions. After a lapse of six minutes, Hamel scored his second goal to put the stickmen in front by two at the close of the first quarter.

In the second quarter Youtz, on an excellent dodge put the Lions in front by three, but Swarthmore came back to tally two to throw a slight scare into the Lions.

Erwin, assisted by Hamel scored at 20:00 and Klein did likewise as he hit for two goals just before the gun sounded ending the half.

In the second half Bostock scored first, with Klein and Hamel following to make the score 10-4. Swarthmore scored one and Youtz scored again to make it 11-5 at the end of the third quarter.

Youtz followed with the first goal of the third quarter and his third of the game and Erwin and Hamel hit the net for the final two goals of the contest. Swarthmore came back to score two more but were too far behind to catch the Lions.

On defense, it was Don Bell and Bob Bullock who played excellent ball, but the overall star of the game was probably Youtz, who besides his three goals, contributed four assists.

IM Tennis Winners

Winners in intramural tennis activity last week were John Bergery and Jack Gillardi, Tau Kappa Epsilon, Otto Hetzel and Dick Rivers, Phi Gamma Delta, Erwin Schimmel and Dick Cheskis, Zeta Beta Tau, Mike Walker and Ed Weiner, Phi Sigma Delta, and Thayer Potter and Jim Schry, Phi Delta Theta.

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