

# Linksmen, 'Nine' Drop Colgate

## Nittanies Win Twelfth, 6-5; Face Orangemen Today

By RON GATEHOUSE

Although four Penn State pitchers worked the mound and the Lion baseball team was out-hit, 9-4, it edged out a 6-5 win over the Maroon Raiders of Colgate yesterday at Hamilton, N.Y.

The win, a big one for the Nittanies in their pursuit for NCAA District Two recognition, brought their season card to 12-4, with five games remaining.

Two of those contests will be added to the scorebook late this afternoon following a double header with Syracuse which ends the Lions' final 1955 road tour.

Eddie Drapcho is scheduled to go the first game against the Orange, with either Bill Burcin, Lynn Harbold or Stan Szymanski taking the hill in the finale, a seven-inning affair.

### Break Tie in Eighth

Yesterday's game, which saw no less than 10 errors, was a neck-and-neck battle until the Nittanies scored in the top of the eighth to break a 5-5 deadlock.

Cookie Tirabassi, who paced the Nittanies at the plate, clouted a triple to lead off the eighth. The left-center slam, his second in as many games, proved to be the game-winning blow.

With Tirabassi on third, Lion newcomer in centerfield, Mike Thomas, popped to Colgate first baseman Bruce Dursena. But the Maroon infield failed to cover home on the play, and the Nittany shortstop slipped across with Penn State win number 12.

Joe Bedenk's nine notched the game's first score in the top of the second, but the Raiders doubled that in their turn at bat. Three more Penn State runs in the Lion half of the third put things on ice until Colgate tallied once in the fifth and twice in the seventh to knot the score at five apiece.

Stan Larimer was the first of the quartet of Lion hurlers to take the mound. In 4 1/2 innings, before being relieved by Szymanski, Larimer allowed five hits, good for three Maroon runs.

Szymanski went 2 1/2 stanzas and permitted two more Colgate scores on one hit before leaving the hill in favor of Harbold, who gave up three safeties but shut-out the losers in the run column.

### Drapcho Shines Again

With two out and two on in the bottom of the ninth, Bedenk called on Drapcho to put out the fire. He fanned Colgate's pinch-hitting Bill Huther to end the game.

Larry Bossidy went the route for the Maroon. He struck out five and walked seven.

The loss, Colgate's fourth in 13 starts, brought Bossidy's record to 5-2.

Bossidy was the big man at the plate for the Raiders, hitting safely three times in five trips. He also accounted for one Colgate run. Frank Nardulli and Dursena collected two hits apiece, with Dursena's second going for two bases. Ted Carangelo lived up to his reputation as being a power-batter—slamming a fifth-inning triple to score one of Colgate's five runs.

The Lions, who committed four of the game's ten errors, brought their double-play total to an even dozen for the season. Szymanski-Tirabassi-Pat Kennedy accounted for twin-killing number 12.

Colgate stranded 15 runners on the base paths, while the Nittanies left six.

PENN STATE		COLGATE	
ab	r	ab	r
Russo, 2b	3	2	0
Oberlah, rf	2	1	0
Bradley, lf	4	1	1
W'd'h'm'r, 3b	4	0	1
Kennedy, 1b	5	0	0
Tirabassi, ss	4	2	1
Thomas, cf	2	0	0
D'Orlaneo, c	4	0	1
Larimer, p	2	0	0
Szymanski, p	1	0	0
Harbold, p	1	0	0
Drapcho, p	0	0	0
Totals	32	6	4

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## Nittany Frosh Face Cornell In Meet Today

The Nittany Lion freshman track squad will appear in its one and only home meet today at Beaver Field when it closes its 1955 campaign against the frosh of Cornell University. Starting time is 1 p.m.

The Lion yearlings, fresh from a 68-63 triumph over the Pitt freshmen, will be seeking their second win of the year. In their first meet, the frosh were whipped by the Navy Plebes, 74-55.

Cornell represents sort of a mystery for Coach Norm Gordon, since no information on the Big Red was available for him to study. "All I know is that they are fairly strong in the sprints and the distance events," Gordon said.

The Lion attack will again be spearheaded by John Tullar, Ogier Norris, and Gus Ormrod. All three put on sparkling performances in the Pitt encounter. Others who are being counted on to aid the Lion cause are sprinters Dean Rossi and Harold Breslin, and high jumper Clark Boyd.

Rossi finished runnerup in the 220-yard dash and was a member of the winning mile relay team in Tuesday's meet. Breslin wound up third in both the 220- and 110-yard dashes while Boyd was third in the high jump.

## Freshman Nine Host Raiders

The Penn State freshman nine will close its 1955 season when it encounters the Colgate frosh on the Beaver Field diamond at 2 p.m. today.

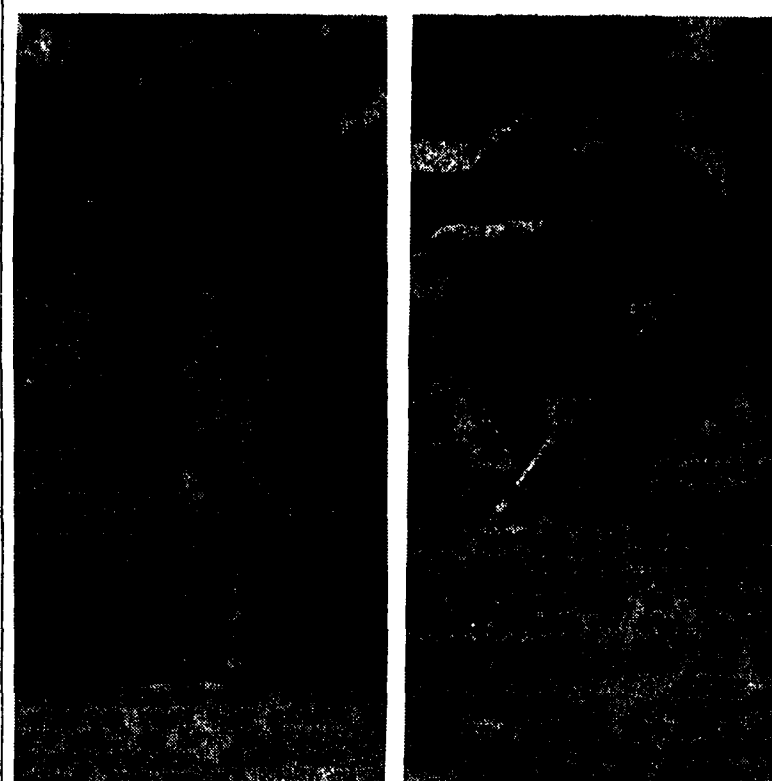
Ron Smith, ace righthander of the frosh pitching corp, will most likely get the call to start today's contest with either Dick Biery or Bob Scrabis behind the plate.

Big Smith will be after his third win of the campaign against no losses. The young righthander made his last appearance in the 9-9 tie with Bucknell when he came in to squelch a Bison rally with the sacks loaded and no one out.

The rest of the yearling's lineup will probably remain intact with one or two possible exceptions, Coach John Egli said.

The Lions, who are 2-1-1 on the season, will be out to avenge a 6-2 defeat set on them by the Colgate squad last year. Today's meeting will mark the fifth consecutive home game for the frosh.

Norm Gordon, former Penn State track ace, is head coach Charles (Chick) Werner's coaching aide.



—Photos by Logan  
LION LINKSMAN JIM MAYES, left, uses "body English" as he guides the ball into the cup in yesterday's golf match with Colgate. Mayes shot a brilliant two under par 67 in defeating his Raider opponent Don Edwards. Gus Gerhart, right, watches ball about to fall into the cup as he scored a 4 and 5 win over Raider Jim Davis. The Lion golfers won the match easily, 7-0.

## Lion Golfers Whitewash Raiders, 7-0

By JOE CHEDDAR

Jim Mayes, the newest Nittany links star, shot a brilliant two under par 67 to lead the Penn State golf team to an overwhelming 7-0 shutout defeat over the Colgate University linksmen yesterday afternoon on the local greens.

Mayes completely overpowered his opponent, Don Edwards, in rolling up his win. He started off quickly by registering a one over par 35 to lead at the turn four up, and gathered momentum as he went. In the final nine Mayes birdied the 11th, 17th, and 18th holes for a three under par 32 and a 7-5 win. His total 67 was the lowest medal score in a regulation match so far this season.

But Mayes was not the whole story for the linksmen. Captain Warren Gittlen and Gus Gerhart both scored par 69's, and John Branish and John Boyanowski registered one over par 70's in racking up wins. As a whole, today's effort, according to Coach Bob Rutherford, represented the best Lion golfing day since he took charge in 1950.

Gittlen's win, although a fine effort, was not an easy one. The Lion captain went one over par on the front nine to take a two hole lead at the turn. But on the back nine his opponent, Raider Captain Jim Smith, got hot and scored a three under par 32 to knot the count after the regulation 18 holes. Gittlen came back to cop the extra hole and register a one up win.

Gerhart, currently playing at the top of his game, continued his play by rapping out a business-like par 69 score for a 5 and 4 victory over the Raider's Jim Davis. Davis was never in the game against the Nittany golfer. Gerhart played even par throughout the match. He scored a par 34 on the front nine to go three up, and added to the advantage in the final stretch to get the 5 and 4 victory.

Sophomore Branish added to his victory string. He totaled a 36 and a 34 for a one over par 70, in taking a 5 and 4 victory over John Downey. Branish was one up after nine. He birdied the 13th, 15th, and 18th holes in winning. Branish was two under going on to the 16th hole; but then scored a disastrous double-bogie and lost two valuable strokes. He stayed even on the 17th and went one under on the final hole. On this hole he drove to within 40 feet of the green, but had a bad lie. He uncorked a beautiful approach to the pin that just missed dropping by inches for a birdie, and then sank the putt—a five-footer.

Boyanowski had to come from behind to gain his win. He went one down after the front nine but registered a par 35 in the stretch, while his opponent, Sherm Peterson, slumped to a 41. He birdied (Continued on page seven)

## Netters Host Strong Colgate Team Today

With five victories and three wins in a row under their belts, the Nittany Lion netters will face one of the strongest court teams in the East when the Colgate Maroon Raiders invade the Beaver Field courts this afternoon.

Starting time for the match is 1:30 p.m.

The Lions will be after win number six and their fourth in a row against the Raiders who sport a three-match winning skein over the Lions. Colgate upended the Lions 6-3 last year by copping three doubles matches when the score was tied after the singles encounters. In 1953, the Raiders downed the Nittanies twice, once by a 9-0 whitewash.

Colgate Highly Rated  
The Maroon netters are rated as one of the top squads in the East by Nittany Coach Sherm Fogg. He said that the Raiders are loaded from their top man down, and that the match should be the toughest the Lions will face this year.

One of the big factors in the Raider's strength is that four of their six starters from last year's squad are back in the field. One of these is last year's number one performer, Dave Lewis, who is also the Maroon's ace this campaign. He was defeated in last spring's encounter by Dick Robinson who was a senior, 3-6, 6-1, 6-3.

Pomerantz Returns  
Colgate captain Mary Pomerantz also played in last season's match. He was downed by State's number four man Bruz Ray 4-6, 6-4, 6-3. He will be in the same spot this year.

Another returnee is Kent Hipkins who will go in the third position today. He knocked off Bill Ziegler last year 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. The fourth veteran is Bo Meyer who was beaten by Ed Seiling in the last fracas, 6-3, 6-2. He will go at the sixth spot.

Other starters for the visiting Raiders will be Leigh Strassner

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