

Lions Score 8-3, 5-4 Wins Over Orange

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With two competent pitchers and a slugging first baseman going all out over the weekend in New York State, Joe Bedenk sent his Centennial Penn State baseball team a little further down the NCAA District Two playoff lane.

On the strength of Eddie Drapcho's eighth win, number four for Lynn Harbold, and two home runs and a double for Pat Kennedy, the Lions swept a Saturday double header from Syracuse, 8-3 and 5-4.

Drapcho's record is now 8-1, with Harbold at 4-0.

The Lions have three regular season contests remaining, all on home grounds. They go against Bucknell tomorrow and face Lehigh Friday and Penn Saturday to wind up the season.

Win Streak Now at 7

Saturday's double victory, coupled with a Friday win over Colgate, made it seven in a row for the Nittanians. Undeclared at home, they're now sporting a 14-4 record.

Drapcho, going all the way in Saturday's lidlifter, permitted eight base hits for three Syracuse runs. While the Nittanians collected the same number of safeties, three Syracuse errors, coupled with Kennedy's pair of circuit clouts, were enough to give the Lions win number 13.

In the second inning of the opener, Syracuse's Bill Williams, starting on the hill for the Orange, issued a base on balls to Lion shortstop Cookie Tirabassi.

Lions Go Ahead, 2-0

Kennedy then put his heavy bat to use with a left-center home run that put Penn State in the lead, 2-0.

Syracuse made it 2-2 in the third, but with the Lions at bat in the sixth, Kennedy clouted home run number two but in much better fashion. The deep center sock came with bases jammed—Ron Weidenhammer on third, Jim Lockerman on second, and Tirabassi occupying first.

In route to his eighth win of the year, Drapcho struck out four and walked only two.

Kennedy was two-for-four at

the plate, and Bob McMullen, playing in rightfield, went three-for-five.

Goes the Distance

In the finale, Harbold went the route behind three Lion extra-base wallops, three Penn State double plays, and a pair of strikeouts to hand the Lions both ends of the twin-bill.

Russo slammed a double along with Kennedy, and Rex Bradley swatted a three-bagger for one of his two hits in three trips. Ron Weidenhammer kept his batting average well above .400 with a two-for-two performance.

Both teams scored a pair of runs in the first. With one down, McMullen walked and reached third on two passed balls by Syracuse catcher Dick Young. Bradley's triple scored McMullen and Weidenhammer's sacrifice fly sent Bradley across.

Kennedy Scores Again

The Nittanians went ahead in the second when Kennedy doubled and completed the circuit after Young overthrew trying to pick him off stealing third.

The Lions put the game on ice in the third when Weidenhammer drove in McMullen and Bradley. McMullen reached first on a walk and took second on Bradley's single. Both runners advanced, setting up Weidenhammer's base hit and two RBIs.

The Nittanians left eight men in the second game. Syracuse stranded eight and five.

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Cornell Whips Lion Freshmen

The Penn State freshman track team closed its 1955 season on a dismal note as the Lion yearlings went down to a 70-61 defeat at the hands of the Cornell frosh.

The visiting Raiders captured first place in 10 out of the 15 events to coast to the victory. Jerry McHugh won both the 440-yard dash and the 220-yard dash to pace the victors in the track events. Cornell's Dick King put on a sparkling performance in the field events as he broad jumped 22' 1" and high jumped 6' 2 3/4" to finish first in both events.

Ogier Norris proved to be the Lion star as he broke Harry Fueher's year old freshman pole vault record with a leap of 12' 10 3/4" in his third and final crack at the mark. The Lion star also won the 120-yard high hurdles and finished second in the 220-yard low hurdles, the broad jump, and the high jump in his final freshman meet.

The Nittany mile relay team, consisting of Dean Rossi, Bob Koph, John Tullar, and Gus Ormrod, kept its season slate unblemished as it won its third consecutive race posting a time of 3:27.7. Koph also turned in his best performance of the season as he won the 880-yard dash with a time of 2:01.1 seconds.

Tullar suffered his first defeat of the season in the shot put when he finished second behind Cornell's Jack Garret and Dave Endries who tied for first with a heave of 45' 4 1/2". Tullar won the discus and finished second in the javelin and the 440-yard dash besides running on the relay team.

Pennsylvania's schoolboy track and field, tennis and golf championships will be held at Penn State, May 27-28.

Pollard, Youkers Tie For 2d; IC4-A's Next

Penn State's outdoor trackmen will wind up their 1955 card this weekend when they travel to Randalls Island, New York, to defend their 1954 title in the IC4A Championships. The Nittanians are expected to be at full force for the two-day affair with three of the men who entered the Coliseum Relays at Los Angeles last weekend expected to set a lively pace for the classy competition.

A total of 513 athletes from 47 colleges has entered New York's only big outdoor track and field carnival.

Art Pollard and Rosey Grier—both out to defend their 1954 individual titles—along with Bill Youkers, will be definite threats for Penn State on the basis of their season-long records and their recent performances at the Coliseum Relays.

NEW YORK, May 23 (AP)—

Coaches today rated Penn State's defending champions as the favorites for the 75th IC4A track and field championships at Randalls Island Friday and Saturday.

Manhattan's deep squad and Yale were rated the chief threats.

Performing before more than 55,000 track fans in huge Memorial Coliseum under a cold, stiff wind last Friday night the Lions walked off with two third places and a fourth- and a fifth-place performance.

Pollard tied for third in the 100-yard dash with a :09.8 time behind Jim Gulliday of Northwestern who took the century title in :09.6—the same time which Pollard ran two weeks ago to tie

his own record set last year.

Pollard—in tieing—was clocked with Dean Smith, Texas. Andy Stanfield, New York, and Penn's ace sprinter, Johnny Haines, were forced out with too many bad starts.

Owner of the IC4A shot title and also the Penn State record, was fifth in the shot and fourth in the discus event. In the shot he flipped the steel ball 53-1/4. Parry O'Brien—the world record holder with a 60-10 heave—took first with a 58-2 3/4 toss. Working against the nation's best discus man, Des Koch of Southern California, Grier was fourth with 154-foot heave behind Koch who won it with a 170-4 1/2 throw.

Youkers Does :14.2

In a torrid contest in the 120-yard high hurdles, Penn State's senior ace on the high woods Bill Youkers tied for second with Jim Ball, UCLA hurdler, in :14.2. Willard Thompson, Illinois, who had never done better than :14.1, won the event in :14.0 flat.

Youkers recently tied the Penn State record of :14.2 against Navy and Michigan two weeks ago, and then set a new Lion mark when he clipped off a :14.1 time in the 120 highs against Pitt last week—three days before he entered the Coliseum invitation relays.

Raiders Whitewash Lion Net Squad, 9-0

An upset-minded Penn State tennis squad received a tremendous jolt as it was completely crushed by the Colgate netmen, 9-0, Saturday on the Beaver Field courts.

In going down to their second whitewashing of the campaign, the Lion netters were unable to win a set in all nine matches. The Maroon Raider's win boosted their mark to 13 wins and three set-backs. The losses were at the hands of Virginia 5-4, Princeton 7-2, and Williams 6-3.

In the number one singles encounter, Colgate's Dave Lewis had no trouble at all as he pounded out a 6-0, 6-0, whitewash over Lion captain Bill Ziegler. The loss was Ziegler's seventh against two wins.

John Cleary was also an easy victim as he bowed to the Raider's Leigh Strassner 6-2, 6-2, in the second spot. The loss evened Cleary's record at three and three.

In the number three match, Ed Seiling was dropped by Pete Hermann. The Lion junior garnered the greatest number of games of

any of his teammates as he bowed 6-3, 6-4. It was his sixth loss while he has won three. Even the Lion's top winner, Chris Christiansen, couldn't change the pace as he was defeated by Marv Pomerantz 6-1, 6-0. It was his fifth setback against the same number of victories.

In the fifth match, Larry Adler could do no better than his teammates as he was downed by Ken Hipkins, 6-1, 6-2. The loss evened his mark at four and four. In the final singles match, Dick Norton got his first start but did not experience any beginner's good fortune. He was downed by Colgate's Bo Meyer 6-0, 6-1.

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