

# Lion 'Nine' Routs Bisons, 17-2

## Extend 2 Win Streaks; 15th Win—9th for Drapcho

By RON GATEHOUSE

Eddie Drapcho made it eight in a row for the Penn State baseball team yesterday at Beaver Field, yielding only five hits and striking out seven to surge the Nittanians on to a 17-2 thumping of Bucknell.

Drapcho, author of a no-hitter over the Bisons earlier in the season, left the mound in the seventh with win number nine and a 16-2 lead neatly tucked away. Stan Szymanski took the final two innings, and allowed one additional Bucknell hit while the Lions scored again to close the books at 17-2.

The victory, ninth for Penn State in as many home games, extended its season card to 15-4.

Paced by Jim Lockerman's run with one on and two out in the third, the Lions collected 17 base hits compared to the Bisons' six.

### Lockerman's Big Day

Lockerman was three-for-six, scored two runs, and earned himself five runs-batted-in.

Ronnie Weidenhammer, keeping his big bat right in the midst of things, went three-for-four to bring his average to .449 in 69 trips. Bob McMullen, playing in his 14th game, boosted an already fine average to .465. He collected two hits in four trips, and brought home four Penn State scores.

Centerfielder Chuck Sneath was the Bisons' big man at the plate. He hit safely in three of four

before Russo, batting for the second time in the first frame, popped to second base for the third out.

Tirabassi started things off with a hit in the third, and the sacks were jammed after Kennedy got a base on balls and Norm Van Ord reached first by virtue of a fielder's choice.

This set the stage for Drapcho's base-clearing double down the left field line. Russo and McMullen both flied out, but Drapcho, Rex Bradley, Weidenhammer, and Lockerman, scored before Tirabassi went down on a third strike.

The Nittanians coasted the rest of the way, with McMullen scoring in the fifth, sixth and eighth, and Bradley and Weidenhammer accounting for the second and third sixth-inning runs.

The 2:35 contest saw nine Lions



—Photo by Walker

**JIM LOCKERMAN**, Lion sophomore centerfielder, finishes a tour of the bases for Penn State's 12th run in the Lions' 17-2 win over Bucknell yesterday at Beaver Field. Lockerman's circuit clout, his first of the season, came with one on and two out in the third. Waiting to greet him at the plate are Ronnie Weidenhammer (2), who scored in front of Lockerman, Cookie Tirabassi (22), and Rex Bradley (20). The win was the Nittanians' ninth in as many home games, and their eighth in a row.

trips and scored both of the losers' runs.

### Bisons Fan 7, Walk 9

Two Bucknell pitchers went together for seven strikeouts and nine walks.

After Drapcho set Bucknell down in order in the top of the first, ten Nittanians strolled to the plate in the Penn State half. When the dust had cleared, the Lions had a 5-0 lead.

They scored seven more in the third, one in the fifth, three in the sixth, and number 17 in the eighth.

Bucknell's runs came in the second and fourth.

After McMullen sandwiched a walk between Russo's infield out and Bradley's outfield fly in the Lions' first, Weidenhammer and Lockerman connected for two consecutive base hits. Cookie Tirabassi then walked to load the bases before Pat Kennedy, reaching first on an error, enabled McMullen to break the scoring ice.

Weidenhammer, Lockerman, Tirabassi, and Kennedy all scored

stranded on the base paths. Bucknell left six.

The Nittanians stole six bases and committed only one error, but the Bisons couldn't seem to find the handle, booting the horsehide nine times.

The loss was number nine for Coach Bill Lane's Bucknell nine. They've won 16.

The Lions, eyeing an NCAA District Two playoff bid, have two regular season games left.

# Netters Edge Bucknell, 5-4, for Sixth Victory

By ROG BEIDLER

Lion sophomores Joe Eberly and Al Williams, in their second "Frank Merriwell" finish of the season, copped a close three set decision from Bucknell's number three doubles team to garner a 5-4 win for the Nittanians from the Bisons yesterday afternoon on the Beaver Field courts.

With the team score tied at four-all and only the third doubles match remaining, Eberly and Williams faced the Bison combination of Al Christiansen and Jim Stewart in the deciding match. The Lion combination started strong with a quick 6-2 victory in the opening set.

The never-say-die Bisons rallied in the second set to cop a 6-4 win to deadlock the match.

In the final set, the teams battled to a four-four score in games when the Lion duo broke Stewart's service to take a five-four lead. In the last game, with Eberly serving, the State combination came out on top of four out of five volleys to wrap up the match for the Lions.

The win was State's sixth against five setbacks.

**Second Merriwell Performance**  
The two sophomores were called on to perform the same feat against the Lehigh netmen. They were not found wanting then as they rallied from a first set defeat to take the final pair in easy fashion.

After singles action, the match was knotted at three-all, but not for long. Bucknell's Art Hartwell and Jerry Finckel pounded out a decisive 6-2, 6-0 win over the Lions' Joe Gruber and Rhymes Humphreys to take the lead 5-4.

Bill Ziegler and Ed Seiling stepped in at this point to tie the count and set the stage for Eberly and Williams. The Nittany number one doubles combination racked up a hard fought 7-5, 6-4 victory over Dick Wormser and Jack Pullizzi.

### Ziegler Wins Third

In singles competition, Captain Bill Ziegler got his third win of the campaign, downing Wormser 6-4, 6-3. It was his second win over Wormser as he beat the Bucknell ace in an earlier match which the Lions won, 6-3. In the number two spot, the Bison's Pullizzi staged a valiant comeback to defeat John Cleary in a three set affair. Cleary copped the opener 6-2, but lost the next two 6-4, 6-3.

Ed Seiling kept the ball rolling for State as the Lion junior notched an easy 6-3, 6-2 win over Hartwell. It was Seiling's fourth win of the season against six setbacks. Chris Christiansen remained the squad's top winner as he racked up his sixth victory, a 7-5, 6-1 decision over Finckel. Christiansen has dropped five.

In the final two singles encounters,

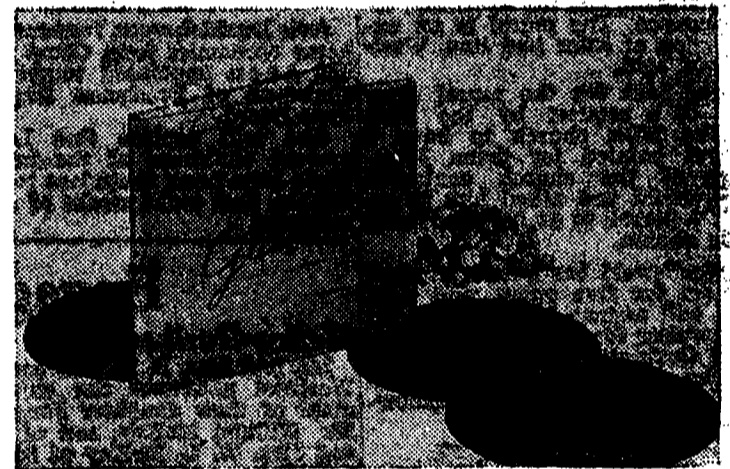
They meet Lehigh Friday and Penn Saturday. Both games are at home.

PENN STATE				BUCKNELL			
	Ab	R	H	Ab	R	H	
Russo, 2b	6	0	0	Hagnew, 1b	1	0	0
McMullen, rf	4	2	2	Whithead, 1b	3	0	1
Bradley, lf	6	2	1	Huber, lf	3	0	0
Weidenhammer, 3b	4	3	3	Burns, lf	4	0	0
Lockerman, cf	6	3	3	McFarland, c	4	0	0
Tirabassi, ss	3	2	1	Sneath, cf	4	2	3
Kennedy, 1b	4	2	0	Sisto, rf	4	0	1
Van Ord, c	3	1	0	Klauder, 2b	3	0	0
D'Orsaneo, c	0	0	0	Hummel, 3b	4	0	1
Drapcho, p	3	1	2	Zartman, ss	3	0	0
Thomas, p	1	0	0	Workman, ss	0	0	0
Szymanski, p	0	0	0	Flurer, p	1	0	0
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ters, Bucknell garnered two three-set wins to tie the match. In the number four position, Al Christiansen fought back after losing the first set to drop Dean Mullen 6-2, to take the final two, 6-3, 6-1. Three set comebacks seemed to be the order for the day as Jim Stewart came from behind to down the Nittany sixth man, Doug Zuker. Zuker won the opener 6-4, but lost the following

pair 6-3, 6-1. The Lions will close off the spring schedule Saturday afternoon when they meet the University of Pittsburgh net squad on the Beaver Field courts. Last year, the Foggmen whitewashed the Panthers in Pittsburgh, 9-0. A win over the Pitt netmen would boost the Nittanians further over the 500 mark than it has been this season.

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