

# Drapcho's .81 ERA, 4 Wins Pace Lions

By FRAN FANUCCI

It is now conceivable to say that without Ed Drapcho the Lion baseball team, sporting an 8-2 record, would be just another ball team. The junior lefthander won his fourth game of the season Saturday when he curveballed the Lions to a 2-1 victory over Colgate.

Drapcho struck out seven and walked only two, and was never in any serious trouble throughout the game. The only run scored on him came in the ninth inning when Colgate second baseman, Tony Nicotera, hit the first pitch deep to left center for a home run.

Drapcho, allowing only one run, brought his earned run average to an amazing .81 per game. He has pitched 49 innings and has allowed only four runs and 23 hits.

The 5-7, 160 pound ace gave Colgate only four hits, two of which were infield taps. Drapcho, strictly a curve ball specialist, kept the heaving hitting Raiders off balance most of the game by



Ed Drapcho  
Hurl 4-hitter

pushing a sneaky fast ball by them when they seemed to be expecting the curve.

His mound opponent, George Fishburn, had to be facing Drapcho to lose the game. The Colgate senior, who beat the Lions the last two years, lost his first college game in his three-year career. He had notched 13 straight wins before Saturday.

The tall righthander allowed the Lions only five hits, but three of these were bunched together in the third inning. The Lions scored one run in the third and one in the fifth to wrap up the game.

In the third Drapcho lined a single to right to lead off the inning. Lou Schneider then bunted to the pitcher who threw Drapcho out attempting to make second. Nicotera tried to double up Schneider, but Colgate first baseman Dave Buccola let the ball spurt away from him sending Schneider to second.

Jack Michel, substituting for the absent Guy Tirabassi at shortstop, then singled to drive in Schneider. Bob McMullen also followed with a single, but Fishburn bore down and got Don Stickler and Jim Lockerman on two infield ground outs.

Drapcho, who was just as much a nemesis on offense as he was on defense, started the fifth inning by reaching first base on an error. He was sacrificed to second by Schneider and scored on Stickler's single. Stickler hit a 3-2 pitch, which proved to be the one that sent Fishburn to defeat.

The defensive-minded Stickler stopped a slight Colgate rally in the third inning when he doubled Ronnie Barr at second after Fishburn had fanned attempting to bunt. Stickler's peg caught Barr by four feet.

The Lions had only one error and Colgate two in the fast-moving contest, which lasted only an hour and forty minutes.

The Lions face Bucknell tomorrow at Beaver Field and Rutgers Saturday at home. Game time tomorrow is 3:30 p.m.

PENN STATE		COLGATE	
AB	R	AB	R
Schneider, 2b	3	1	1
Michel, ss	3	0	1
B.M. Mull'n, lf	2	0	1
Stickler, c	4	0	1
Lock'm'n, cf	3	0	0
Baidy, 3b	3	0	0
J.M. Mull'n, rf	3	0	0
Miller, 1b	3	0	0
Drapcho, p	3	1	1
Totals	22	2	5

Penn State was host to the National AAU gymnastics championships and Olympic tryouts for the third time in 1956.

## Frosh Diamondmen Trounce Kiski, 10-3

Penn State's freshman baseball team pulled a "Pirate special" Saturday afternoon at Saltsburg when it hung a 10-3 verdict on Kiski Prep.

Much on the order of a Bobby Bragan, coach John Egli came up with a revamped line-up that was able to get the Lions out of their hitting doldrums.

## League Leading Cards Defeat Milwaukee, 2-0

MILWAUKEE, April 30 (AP)—The St. Louis Cardinals, docile and hittless for 6½ innings today, shattered Warren Spahn's spell with three singles for a run in the seventh and went on to a 2-0 victory over the Milwaukee Braves.

The Cards slipped into first place in the National League by percentage points over the idle Brooklyn Dodgers, .667 to .636.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE**  
Detroit at New York—Gromek (1-1) vs. Ford (2-0).  
Chicago at Baltimore (night)—Harshman (1-0) vs. Palica (0-3).  
Cleveland at Washington (night)—Wynn (2-0) vs. Ramo (1-0).  
Kansas City at Boston—Kellner (1-1) vs. Porterfield (1-1).

**MONDAY'S RESULTS**  
St. Louis 2, Milwaukee 0  
**TUESDAY'S SCHEDULE**  
Brooklyn at Cincinnati (night)—Erskine (1-0) vs. Klippstein (1-1).  
Philadelphia at Milwaukee (night)—Dickson (0-2) vs. Buhl (1-0).  
New York at Chicago—Hearn (0-1) vs. Hacker (0-1).  
Pittsburgh at St. Louis (night)—Littlefield (0-0) vs. Mizell (2-0).

## Nittany Trackmen Fail To Win First in Relays

A second place in the discus by veteran weightman Charlie Blockson and a fifth in the 880-yard relay topped Penn State performances in the annual Penn Relays at Philadelphia the past weekend.

Blockson came the closest to winning a Lion first by finishing in the number two spot in the discus with a 156'7½" heave on Friday. Harvard's Art Siler copped the event with a 158'4½" throw with Manhattan's Ken Bantum finishing third with a 151'½" toss.

Blockson came back on Saturday to finish fifth in the shot put with a 49'1½" effort. John Tullar, the other Nittany weight entry, failed to place in the shot.

The Nittany 880 relay squad—Dick Winston, Jim Norton, Bruce Austin, and Art Pollard—finished fifth in the finals, which were run in two heats because seven teams were vying for the title, with a 1:26.4 time.

The 440 relay entry failed to finish due to a poor baton pass between the first and second legmen.

The frosh mile relay entry failed to place for the finals despite an outstanding second-leg effort by Fred Kerr. Chet Cotton, Charlie King, and Ed Moran—winner of the mile event in the Ohio State Relays—were Kerr's running mates.

Art Pollard, getting off to a bad start and then stumbling, did not qualify for the finals of the invitational 100-yard dash which

Penn State sent Kiski out of contention in the fourth inning when it rolled up nine runs on six hits and four walks.

Husky Cal Emery continued his fine pitching as he struck out 10 and walked four, going the distance. Newcomers Don Williams and Dean Witherite accounted for four of the Lions' total of 11 hits.

The batting star, however, was centerfielder Don Meyer who collected two triples, both coming in the big fourth. His second three-bagger drove in three runs.

Williams replaced second-sacker Frank Hocking while Witherite was inserted for Doug Caldwell. Witherite played right, with Pat Kinney shifting to left and Meyer to center.

Emery, who gave up six hits, now has given up that same number in 12 innings. His totals show 16 strikeouts and eight walks.

Incidentally, Egli did not see his boys in action, remaining in State College. Sunday he left for the hospital where he will undergo minor surgery. Graduate student Hank Boggio took over the reins for the absent Egli.

was won by John Haines of Penn. Sophomore Ogier Norris tied for fifth in the pole vault with a 12'6" leap while Dick Coats tied for 12th in the javelin with a 186' throw.

Manhattan's Bantaum stole the show from the other entries with his 59'1¼" heave to grab a first place in the shot put. The mark was the highest any Eastern shot putter has hit thus far.

Pitt's Arnie Sowell put on an outstanding performance for the fans as he ran a three-quarter leg in the distance medley in 2:58.7—the fastest in the history of the event.

Sowell also ran a 1:51.4 half-mile in the sprint medley to place the Panthers second behind Villanova and a :46.9 quarter in the mile relay.

Charlie Blockson's high school kid brother, Willie, hit his own personal high in the high jump at 6'4" but failed to place.

### Blockson Nears Disc Mark

Charley Blockson, Penn State football giant, is moving in on Rosey Grier's one-year-old mark of 170 feet, 6 inches in the discus throw. The Norristown senior approached 169 feet in the Ohio State Relays, may still surpass Grier's Penn State high.

### Rielly Rated 'Comer'

Only sophomore to break into the 1956 golf picture at Penn State, Pat Rielly is rated a comer in the sport. Lion coach Bob Rutherford regards the Sharon shot-maker as "one of the most promising golfers we've ever had."

A Glance at . . .

## SPORTS

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### OLYMPIC POST-MORTEMS—

Now that the National AAU championships and Olympic trials are over, Nittany mentor Gene Wettstone can take a well-deserved rest after months of long and arduous hours of preparation for the gymnastic "circus".

Wettstone was awarded a plaque by Roy E. Moore, perennial chairman of the United States Olympic Committee, during the Saturday night finals for "outstanding service to the sport."

If anyone deserved this award, it was Wettstone. He had been making plans for the trials as far back as last December and once they were underway, he didn't stop working until the final score had been flashed. He deserves a pat on the back for a job well-done.

The tumbling competition caught the fancy of the fans as the entries displayed a repertoire of twists and flips that had not been seen around these parts for quite some time.

The fans practically brought the rafters down with jeers after the scores had been flashed for Gary Chamberlain, Jeff Austin, and Jamile Ashmore. The boos, however, were not because the scores did not top that of the eventual winner, Jim Sebbo, but rather because they were exceptionally low—in the fans' opinions, anyway.

Dick Albershardt, Indiana University trampoline artist who finished third in the AAU competition, kept the fans at ease and in their seats with a comedy trampoline act while they awaited official announcement of the Olympic team.

Rafael Lecuona, Florida State Gymkana, was cut from the list of all-round competitors eligible for the finals early Saturday morning because he comes from Havana, Cuba. Lecuona was 15th in the preliminary standings.

Quite a bit of confusion was caused when the winners of the calisthenics competition was announced. Someone gave announcer Steve Fishbein the results from Friday's competition and Jack Beckner was named the winner.

Beckner had the medal in his hand before the error was caught and Chick Cicio declared the rightful winner. Beckner finished fifth.

Ernestine Russell, the Canadian standout, presented the medals to the women side horse vaulting winners.

Asked how it felt not to be able to compete, Miss Russell answered that "it's harder for me to watch than to participate."

The trampoline competition also captured the interest of the fans. Jeff Austin, Naval Air Force entry from Pensacola, Fla., was the particular favorite of the fans. They let out a resounding chorus of boos when the officials gave him only 9.05 points, good for second place.

Sixteen-year-old Ron Munn, the tramp winner from Amarillo, Texas, started taking trampoline lessons three years ago at Nards Trampoline Club in Amarillo.

This was the second consecutive year that an Amarillo native captured AAU trampoline honors. Last year, Munn's home town neighbor, Bob Elliot, copped the title. This year, however, Elliot was eliminated in the preliminaries, which certainly goes to prove that trampoline men certainly have their ups and downs.

George J. Gulack, former Olympic still rings champion in 1932, presented the medals to the still rings victors. Gulack retired from active competition in 1936 and immediately became a judge. He has been on every Olympic Committee since his retirement.

Armando Vega's 9.35 score in the still rings final made the partisan Penn State fans happy—a tumultuous roar went up as soon as the score was flashed.

Dick Beckner followed Vega on the rings and scored a 9.4 to win first place. However, Vega was the first one over to congratulate him for his outstanding performance.

Wettstone hit the nail on the head Thursday when asked to pick an outstanding woman competitor. Without any hesitation, he turned to Sandra Ruddick and said, "She could walk away with the title."

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