

# Netmen Win First, Edge Bucknell, 5-4

By TOM WERNER

The Nittany tennis squad won its first match of the season yesterday against Bucknell, 5-4.

Long after all other action had ceased and the score stood at a 4-4 tie, the Lion's Jack Gruber and George Jackson, in his first intercollegiate tennis action, were playing the deciding doubles match against the Bison Roger Schwartz-Bill Scott duo. After having split, 3-6, 6-4, the Nittany pair had to go to an extra set to shave their Bucknell opponent's 7-5, taking the set and match.

The Nittanians split the six singles matches and won two of the three doubles matches.

Number one man Ed Seiling lost in two straight sets to Bucknell's Chuck Siede when he continually lost his serve, 4-6, 3-6.

Second man Fred Trust, playing his best game of the year, ran over the Bison's John Finkle, 6-0, 6-3. Utilizing a good serve with a fast, steady game, sophomore Trust had little trouble throughout his match.

Captain Chuck Christiansen clicked on the court after a slow start, to overcome Bucknell's Al Christianson, 6-3, 6-0. After losing his serve twice in the first set, Christiansen settled into a fast moving game and quickly dispatched his faltering foe.

Combining good placement shots with a steady, fast net game, the Lion's Dean Mullen downed Bison Roger Schwartz, 6-3, 6-1. The Bucknell southpaw played an erratic and unsteady game, putting up little fight against the oncharging Lion.

Doug Zuker, playing in the five slot, lost to Bucknell's Jim Stewart after winning the first set, 6-4. Staying in the backcourt too much and lobbing the ball to Stewart, who then smashed irreturnable shots into Zuker's territory, lost the next two sets for the Lion, 1-6, 3-6.

Bison Ben Hollander downed a poor playing Larry Adler 2-6, 4-6. Adler, who has looked better, did not capitalize on his opponent's mistakes and misjudged easy shots that could have made points for him, while Hollander played a steady game.

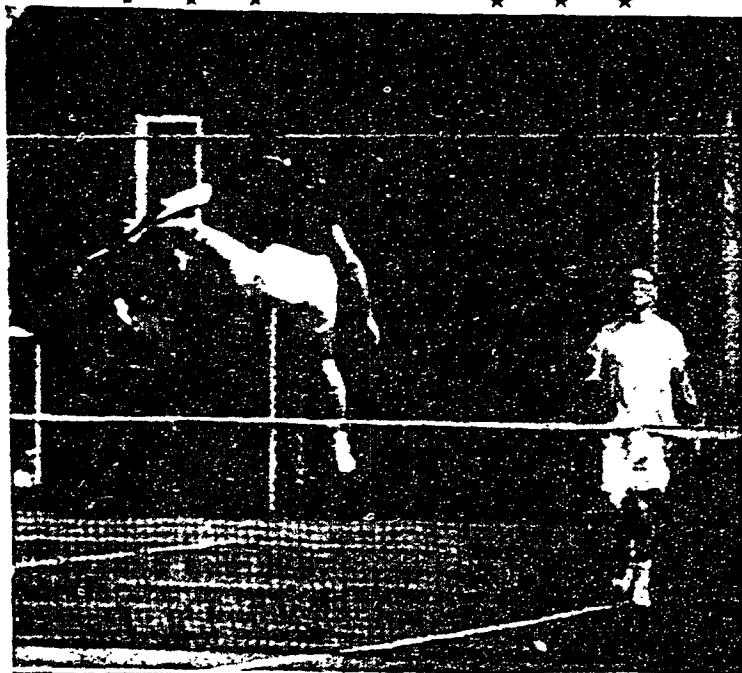
Trust and Williams lost the first doubles match, 6-3, 3-6, 4-6. After routing the Bisons in the first set, Trust and Williams went on to miss crucial shots in the next two sets, losing a hard fought contest.

Chuck Christiansen and Joe Eberly took one set to settle down and then easily clipped Bison's Christianson and Stewart, 4-6, 6-1, 6-0.

In the doubles lineup Coach Sperm Fogg took a calculated risk, the three duos never having played together before. However, in the last doubles match, the inexperienced Jackson managed to play a steady game in a match where both sides made many errors, Bucknell a few more than the Nittany pair.

The Lion's next match will be against Georgetown at Washington D.C., Friday.

This is Bob Rutherford's seventh year as Penn State golf coach. He succeeded his father, Bob, Sr., who retired in 1950.



—Harry Furminger photo

**CHUCK CHRISTIANSEN** jumps for joy as his Bucknell opponent Al Christianson errs on a well-placed shot. Christiansen went on to defeat his Bison foe in two straight sets 6-3, 6-1. The Nittany netmen defeated the Bisons for their first win of the season yesterday.

## Lion Frosh Track Team Meets Cornell Yearlings

An 18-man Penn State freshman track team left at 8 a.m. today en route to Ithaca, N.Y. where it will meet the Cornell frosh in its second dual encounter of the season.

Ed Moran, Fred Kerr, and Clem Schoenebeck are expected to be the big men in the frosh attack. All three will enter the mile run with Kerr slated for duty in the two-mile run.

Moran and Schoenebeck are expected to run in the 880-yard dash with Charlie King listed as the third frosh 880 entry.

**Thompson, Sherba in 2-mile**  
Bob Thompson and Sam Sherba are the other frosh two-mile entries while King and Bob Rindo will do the 440 running.

Chet Cotton, Bob Manning, and Clayton Carter are scheduled to enter both the 100 and 220-yard dashes.

Dick Morse, Charlie Bender, and John Ruff were named by frosh mentor Norm Gordon as the Nittany entries in the 220-yard low hurdles and the 120-yard high hurdles.

Turning to the field side of the

lineup, Gordon named Don Delmore, Jim Wambold and Dick Duswalt as his shot put entries. Bob Gemmill and Wambold will do the frosh discus throwing while Delmore and Duswalt will handle the javelin chores.

Duswalt and Bob Parker were selected as the pole vaulting and high jumping entries with Rindo and Carter grabbing the broad jumping assignment.

## Mays Leads New York To 2-1 Win Over Cubs

CHICAGO, May 1 (AP)—Willie Mays' pair of triples gave the New York Giants a 2-1 victory today as Jim Hearn handcuffed the Chicago Cubs with a four-hitter for the Bruins' sixth straight defeat.

Chicago's lone tally came on ex-Dodger Don Hoak's first home run in a Cub uniform to tie the score at 1-1 in the fourth.

Mays' first triple, a shot off the right center wall, enabled him to score when Dee Fondy bobbled Daryl Spencer's roller between first and second.

## Lacrossemen Invade New York State

Penn State's lacrosse team makes its final road trip of the current campaign this weekend, traveling to upstate New York to meet Hobart College and Syracuse University.

The stickmen face Hobart Friday afternoon at Geneva and meet the Orange Saturday afternoon in Syracuse.

After the weekend series, the lacrossemen return to Beaver Field to close out the 1956 lacrosse season with a four-game home stand.

Coach Nick Thiel's charges are looking for their sixth win of the campaign. They have defeated New Hampshire, Adelphi, Dartmouth, Hofstra, and Pennsylvania while losing to Loyola, Navy, and Colgate.

### Ahead of Pace

The Nittanians are already ahead of their 1955 record pace. At this point last year, the stickmen owned a 4-4 mark. However, the

1955 squad only played twelve games, two less than the current team.

Both Syracuse and Hobart will be seeking to avenge defeats handed to them by the Lions last year. The Orange lost to an underdog Penn State squad, 17-13, while Hobart dropped an 8-7 verdict.

If Captain Bob Hamel can maintain his incredible scoring spree against the New York teams, the Lions could easily repeat their double victory. The 5-9, 170-pound midfielder set a Penn State record for goals in one game in 1954 with eight against Hobart. Last year, he paced the upset victory over Syracuse by whipping six goals past the Orange goal tender, Lindsey, Brown Major Obstacles

However, two immediate obstacles will have to be neutralized if the Lions expect to top the Syracuse lacrosse team. These are in the presence of Stew Lindsey and Jimmy Brown. Lindsey, who led the Orange in the scoring department last year, was a third team

All-American lacrosse choice

Brown, who is better known for his escapades on the gridiron and basketball court, is a crack midfielder for Coach Roy Simmons' stickmen. Despite the fact that he saw action in less than half of his team's 10 games, Brown ranks directly behind Lindsey in team value. He divides his spring sports participation between track and lacrosse, being mentioned as an Olympic track prospect.

Thiel's defensive trio—Bob Bullock, Harry Brown, and Willard Snell—will have their hands full trying to stop the Lindsey-Brown combination. Lindsey tallied four times against the Lions in 1955 and he will probably be out to duplicate this feat, Saturday.

### Hess Is Top Scorer

Bill Hess, sophomore sensation, easily qualifies as the most prolific scorer in Penn State lacrosse history. The Manhasset, N.Y., athlete averaged better than three goals per game in seven starts.

## Scanning SPORTS

By FRAN FANUCCI Sports Editor



### PENN STATE'S OUTSTANDING ATHLETE?

My Choice—Dick Packer, all-American and Olympic soccer player. In a sport which is practically fan-less in the United States, Packer with his amazing ability and competitive spirit has led the Lion soccer team to two consecutive unbeaten seasons and to almost national fame.

His achievements here are too numerous to recall. But one which is fresh in everybody's mind is his climb to the Olympic team, which journeys to Melbourne later this year. Packer was the only college player in the United States to gain that distinction. The 14 other soccer members are all amateur or former college stars.

His athletic prowess with Penn State has never been questioned. In his junior year and again in his senior year he gained All-American honors. Last fall he became the highest scoring soccer player in the history of the sport at Penn State when he booted in 24 goals.

The modest and soccer-wise star was respected as much by opposing teams as he is by his own team. In three years of soccer I never saw Packer in a fight on the playing field. His stature as captain of the team was never jeopardized by unsportsmanlike conduct on or off the field. He played clean, hard, and extremely smart soccer.

Recalling one road trip I made with the soccer team to Baltimore can explain Packer's ability as a captain a little more explicitly. The night before the game with Navy, Coach Ken Hosterman called a short meeting with his players to review game strategy.

At the end of Hosterman's briefing Packer, as captain, talked to the team.

He told it "I scouted Navy and believe me it is strong and has extremely strong outsiders, so let's not get too confident and blow this one tomorrow." His teammates listened intently with no one saying a word. They knew Packer's judgment of other teams and they knew that the next afternoon they would have to fight to win.

I talked to Packer after the meeting seeking to satisfy my journalistic curiosity concerning the strength of Navy. "Frannie," Packer said, "we'll beat Navy tomorrow without too much trouble but I had to tell the team that Navy was strong and that its outsiders were strong, although they are mediocre, because I'm afraid we might relax out there and get upset."

This was Dick Packer's philosophy on how not to get upset. A philosophy which has brought him a regular starting berth with one of the top amateur soccer teams in the nation, The Philadelphia Uhriks, and national recognition as an Olympic team member.

But no matter how well I describe Packer's feats, arguments will ensue favoring other Penn State stars.

Gymnastic Olympic team members Karl Schwenzfeier and Armando Vega are probably next in line as outstanding athletes at Penn State in 1955-56. Schwenzfeier undoubtedly has been the top Penn State gymnastic star since its origination as a sport here.

And to recognize Packer as the top, or to some people, as one of the top players here, I think the University should bestow on him a certificate of merit, or retire his soccer jersey, or place his picture somewhere in Recreation Hall—a gymnasium which holds all the Penn State stars of yesteryear and to which Packer should belong.



Dick Packer

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