

Nittany Nine Host Midshipmen Today

By FRAN FANUCCI

Coach Joe Bedenk's baseball team, on a six-game winning streak since losing to Army two weeks ago, will play its fourth game in five days and close its home season when it meets the U.S. Naval Academy at 2:30 p.m. today on Beaver Field.

The Lions, after winning a doubleheader Thursday against Georgetown, have a 12-2 record and, unless they hit a slump in the next two weeks, will be in line for a District 2 playoff berth.

Bedenk, in dire need of pitchers, had named Ed Drapcho to start against the Middies today, but Drapcho pitched four innings in relief Thursday and may not get the nod. Stan Larimer, who struck out 16 men at Bucknell Tuesday, and Stan Szymanski may be on the mound for the Lions.

The Lion lineup will have Don Sticker behind the plate, Gary Miller at first base, Lou Schneider at second, Guy Tirabassi at shortstop, Steve Baidy at third, Bob McMullen in left field, Jim Lockerman in center, and Jack McMullen in right.

McMullen Leads Hitters
Bob McMullen, the leading hitter on the team, raised his batting average over the .455 mark after his sensational hitting against Georgetown. Lockerman, broke out of his season-long slump when he banged seven hits against the same team.

Navy's record before this week was 9-4-1, its losses coming at the hands of Princeton, Fordham, Yale, and Gettysburg. It tied Lafayette, 5-5. The Middies have scored wins over Trinity College, 11-5; Syracuse, 8-7; Muhlenberg, 6-4; Bucknell, 8-1; William & Mary, 9-4; Columbia, 6-5; Maryland, 7-1; Brown, 16-3; and Penn, 6-2.

Smalley Tops Navy Hitters
Leading hitter on the club is left fielder Dave Smalley, who is hitting the ball at a .450 clip. Dick Snyder and Les McMenamin, both first basemen, are second with .359 averages.

The probable starting lineup for the Middies will have Snyder at first, Andy Massimino, (.239), at second, Larry Wagner (.288) at shortstop, Ed Stewart (.238) at third, and Tom Eaton (.200) or John Bartocci (.167) will catch.

The outfield will be selected from Smalley, Dick Guest (.211), Jim Marshall (.217), Joe Neary (.163), and Charles Heiden (.245). On the mound will be undefeated Ben Montoya, 6-0; or Pete Hofstedt, 2-0. Montoya has a 1.57 earned run average and Hofstedt a 2.31.

Gettysburg Beats Navy
In comparing common opponents both the Middies and the Lions have beaten Bucknell, Syracuse, and Penn, while the Lions beat Gettysburg, a Navy conqueror. The Lions also beat Lafayette.

Navy Coach Max Bishop, a former major league star with the Philadelphia Athletics, lost five of last year's starters by graduation. His biggest problem is finding a good-hitting catcher. Bishop was depending on Earle Smith to fill this position, but Smith has to sit out the entire season because of a knee operation.

The Lions go on a four-game road trip next week. They meet Villanova Wednesday, Pittsburgh in a doubleheader Saturday, and close the year against Lehigh May 23.

Frosh Stickmen Drop 3d Contest

The freshman lacrosse team dropped its third and final game of the season to Cornell yesterday, 11-6.

After maintaining the Cornell scoring for three periods, the Frosh defense fell apart and allowed five Cornell scores in the first four and a half minutes of the final period.

Mike Beatty with three goals, Bill Parker with two, and Al Marcus with one accounted for the six markers which kept the stickmen in the contest until Cornell's fourth stanza surge broke the third period 6-6 tie.

Frosh Nine Wins Third At Cornell

Penn State's freshman baseball team defeated the Cornell frosh 5-1 yesterday at Ithaca, N.Y., when Winston Sandler and reliever Dave Pratt held the Big Red to just six hits.

The Baby Lions thus assured themselves of a winning season, taking a 3-1 chart into today's finale with Colgate at Hamilton.

Cal Emery will hurl for the Lions in an attempt to repeat Ron Smith's victory over the Red Raiders a year ago.

The Lions tallied twice in the second inning against Cornell and added unearned markers in the third, fourth, and seventh.

Rightfielder Jim Bowser provided the Lions their margin of victory with a bases-loaded single that scored the two second inning runs. Bowser, a late-comer to the team, delivered after loser Jordan's wildness filled the bases.

Sandler, whose only previous mound appearance was a short stint against Frostburg, struck out six and walked four. Pratt relieved Sandler with the bases filled and one out in the last inning.

An infield hit scored the loser's only run before Pratt retired the side, striking out two.

No extra-base hits were struck by the Lions as Dean Witherite, Don Meyer, John Yeosock, and Tom Botlock each contributed a pair of singles. Yeosock's pair gave him six hits for the season to lead the team in that department. Botlock's brace of hits were his first of the season.

Each team committed four errors.

Sandler, Emery, and Wayne Breisch each own a Lion victory. Marlin Stover has the only loss.

Cards Trade Haddix to Phils

PHILADELPHIA, May 11 (AP)—The Philadelphia Phillies acquired Harvey Haddix from the St. Louis Cardinals today in a five-pitcher trade the club hopes will end its search for a southpaw successor to Curt Simmons.

Righthanders Herman Wehmeier and Murray Dickson went to St. Louis for Haddix. Stu Miller and Ben Flowers. All will report to their new clubs either today or tomorrow.

General Manager Roy Hamey of the Phillies announced the deal and intimated it may be the first of several moves to help his slumping club. The Phillies have lost seven in a row and are mere percentage points out of the National League cellar.

Hamey has been touring the league cities in an effort to acquire a southpaw, since it has become obvious that Simmons, the one-time fire-balling \$65,000 bonus kid, will never be the same. Simmons, who won 17 games in the club's 1950 pennant race, developed a sore arm last year and hasn't been able to regain his form although he says his arm isn't sore now.

Barbell Club Picnic

The Penn State Barbell Club will hold a picnic at 1 p.m. next Saturday at Whipple's Dam.

Trophies will be awarded to the outstanding lifter and winner of the club-sponsored improvement contest.

Slumping Lions Face Swarthmore Stickmen Here

The Nittany Lion stickmen will try to snap out of their "mid-season" slump this afternoon on Beaver Field when they meet the invading forces of Swarthmore College.

Game time is 2 p.m. Coach Nick Thiel's stickmen have claimed only one victory in their last six games and currently they are in possession of a three game losing streak. Their overall record for the 1956 campaign is 5-5.

Not since the Hofstra tournament, early in the season, have the Lions been able to put together a winning combination. After registering four straight wins in that tourney, the stickmen fell into their losing habit with losses to Loyola, Navy, Colgate, Hobart, and Syracuse.

Lions Beat Penn
This losing stretch wasn't a complete loss to the Lions for they sandwiched a win over arch-rival Pennsylvania between the Navy and Colgate games.

In an effort to come up with the right victory combination, Thiel has made an alteration in his starting lineup. He is switching Lou Girard from an attack position to a midfield spot and placing regular midfielder Andy Bergeson in the vacant attack spot.

However, the positions are not new to the two men. Bergeson played with the attacking team last year and Girard was a midfielder before going into the army, two years ago.

The rest of the lineup will remain the same with scoring stars Bill Hess and Tom Seeman surrounding Bergeson at the attack slots; Bob Hamel and John Steinmuller join Girard in the midfield; Bob Bullock, Williard Snell, and Harry Brown will start in defensive positions; and Jim Houck will be the goalie.

Locotos Back
Jeff Bostock, Glenn Fiscus and Frank Locotos will compose the second midfield. Locotos has not seen much action this year because he could not make away trips with the team. But the two-year veteran will be available the rest of the season and Thiel expects his addition to be a great help.

If the Lions expect to defeat Swarthmore, they will have to do it a midfield. Swarthmore uses a zone defense and their midfield is the key to their zone.

Finkelstein Tops Visitors
Co-captain Jack Finkelstein is the top man on the Swarthmore midfield. His play has been one of the reasons why the Indians have won three of their last four games. S. C. Henderson and Mayer Davidson are the other starting midfielders for the Swarthmore squad.

The rest of Coach Avery Blake's first team consists of attackmen George Bailey, Carter Reynolds, and Jim White; defenseman Howard Hollowell—co-captain, Frank James, and Eben Sales; and goalie Jim Deyrup.

Number of Veterans

More than one-fifth of the 14,433 students enrolled at the University for the spring semester are veterans. There are 3312 former servicemen enrolled, including 2344 on the main campus and 968 at the centers.

A Glance at . . . SPORTS

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PENN STATE AND TRACK:

A crippled Penn State track team meets the Boston University Terriers this afternoon in Boston in its next to last regularly scheduled encounter of the 1956 season—a season that could be termed disappointing to team members and fans alike.

This year's squad, hampered severely by lack of depth in most events and the old injury jinx, has had its share of bumps to date—sporting a 1-1 meet record and finding the invitational relay competition a little too tough to cope with.

With only a strong hurdles contingent—strong as far as the Lion squad goes—and fair sprint, middle distance, and weight entries to work with, Coach Chick Werner has had quite a few problems to solve before naming his starting lineups.

The biggest problem he has had to cope with has been lack of depth in most events, especially the high jump. Sophomore Bob Findley is the number one high jumper on the squad with Alex Milligan and Ogier Norris standing by.

Findley was very impressive in the Lions opening indoor meet of the season against West Point, soaring to a 6'4½" height. However, since the Cadet encounter he has been unable to get back over six feet. Last weekend against Quantico he tied for first with a 5'11¾" mark—a poor height for collegiate entries.

So, lacking any depth in the event, all Werner can do is sit back and hope for the best. Today he finds himself without his regular high jumper—a side injury prevented Findley from making the trip.

The same holds true in the pole vault and the javelin where academic problems and graduation have taken their toll.

Last year's top pole vaulter, Harry Fuehrer, is forced to remain on the sidelines due to scholastic ineligibility, leaving sophomore Norris as the lone Nittany entry on the squad.

Dick Coats and Jim Durdan carry the Nittany colors in the javelin, a spot occupied last year by Rosie Grier. Both Coats and Durdan have given it all they have but cannot match throws by men like Al Cantello, Quantico, and Don Alser, Navy, of over 200 feet.

Charlie Blockson and John Tullar have combined to give the Lions a fairly commendable entry in both the discus and shot put. Blockson has been a big gun in the Nittany scoring with first places in both events against Navy and Georgetown in a triangular encounter and the Leathernecks, Saturday. Tullar has been a steady second or third place competitor for the Lions all season.

An injury to Herb Hollowell in the Quantico Relays, forcing him to the sidelines for the remainder of the year, left Werner without a broad jumper until he came upon hurdler Dick Winston. Winston has given a good account of himself in the two meets he has competed in with a first and a second to his record.

Sprinter Art Pollard, one of the few season-long standouts for the Lions, remains as the lone contending Lion entry in the 100 and 220-yard dashes. Gary Seybert had been the other Nittany sprint man, but an injury put him on the inactive list leaving Dean Rossi as the only other experienced dash man on the squad.

Doug Moorhead and Don Woodrow are the only two Lion distance runners while Bruce Austin, Jim Norton, and Dave Nash are middle distance entries. Moorhead carries the Nittany load in the mile and Woodrow tops the two-milers.

Austin is, without a doubt, the best 440 man on the squad and can run a fair half-mile when necessary. However, Norton and Nash have shown gradual improvement as the season goes on.

The hurdles, when Rod Perry is in fit physical condition, is the team's strongest event. With Perry and Winston in the hurdles, the Lions could be rated among the tops in the East.

Despite the flimsy won-lost record, Werner, considering the state the team is in, expresses no great dissatisfaction with his squad. He's satisfied as long as the team members give it their all during the season—which is all anyone can ask for.

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