

'Nine' Tabs 14th, 8-4; Larimer Fans 13

By FRAN FANUCCI

Penn State's stratospheric baseball team continued its surge for a District Two play-off berth yesterday when it jolted the Villanova Wildcats, 8-4, at Philadelphia for its 14th win and ninth straight since losing to Army April 25th.

Fast-balling Stan Larimer handcuffed the Wildcats on eight hits while fanning 13 hitters, bringing his total strikeouts in two games to 29. The senior hurler has a 4-1 record.

The Lions, sporting an excellent 14-2 card, can almost guarantee a playoff berth if they continue their amazing playing in the next week.

In yesterday's ball game the Lions required only two innings to achieve victory. They scored

two runs in the first and three in the seventh, and added insurance markers in the second and ninth. Villanova came through with two in the first and two in the seventh.

Lou Schneider doubled to open the first and scored when Guy Tirabassi's grounder went through the Villanova infield for an error. Tirabassi, with Bob McMullen at the plate, attempted to steal third but the throw-down was over the third baseman's head, scoring Tirabassi.

Villanova's comeback in the first frame was ignited by Jack DiGiallorenzo's walk, a triple by Sam Ferretti, and a single by Dan Severino. But until the seventh when the Wildcats scored two more on Tom Casey's home run with one on, Larimer was in complete control.

Lion third baseman Steve Baidy poled his first round-



Stan Larimer Fans 13, wins fourth

tripper of the year in the seventh inning with two teammates on board. This was the most disastrous hit for Villanova pitcher Jack Kelly as it put the Lions safely ahead.

What Joe Bedenk has been preaching all season about his air-tight pitching and his surprising hitting are making him appear more effective as a prognosticator than a coach.

His young ball team has been hammering the ball at will the past two weeks, and this plus the remarkable pitching of Ed Drapcho and Larimer has made it one of the most feared teams in the East.

These two combinations spelled defeat for Villanova. The Lions notched 10 hits, including three extra base hits, and were backed up by three double plays in notching the win.

Bob McMullen and Jim Lock-

erman still continue to damage opposing pitcher's reputations. Both had two hits to raise their averages to .456 and .333 respectively. McMullen's is the highest on the team.

But one fallacy in the almost perfect Lions is their failure to hit with men on bases. They left 10 stranded yesterday and 12 in Saturday's contest with Navy, although this has been overshadowed by the pitching corps.

The Lions meet Pittsburgh in a twin-bill Saturday at Pittsburgh.

PENN STATE			VILLANOVA		
Ab	R	H	Ab	R	H
Schneider, 2b	3	1	D'Gial'ro, 2b	3	1
Tirabassi, ss	3	1	Ferretti, lf	4	1
R.M'Mul'n, lf	4	1	L'M'tagne, 3b	4	0
Stickler, c	4	1	Hayes, c	4	0
Lockerm'n, cf	4	1	Severino, rf	2	0
Baidy, 3b	5	2	Donatucci, ss	4	0
Watkins, rf	3	1	Cafone, cf	4	1
Miller, 1b	5	0	Casey, 1b	4	1
Larimer, p	5	0	Kelly, p	2	0
			Black, p	0	0
			Dediak, x	1	0
			DiGial'visi, xx	1	0
Totals	36	8	Totals	33	4

Stickmen Guarantee Winning Season, Wallop Lehigh, 15-3

By LOUIE PRATO

Penn State's lacrosse team assured itself of a winning season for the second straight year when it walloped hapless Lehigh 15-3 yesterday afternoon at Beaver Field.

The victory was the second in a row for the Lion stickmen and lifted their season record to seven wins and five losses—the same mark posted by the 1955 team.

Only two more games remain on the Nittanies' schedule—both on home grounds. Once-beaten Rutgers visits the Nittany Vale Saturday and Cornell makes its 1956 appearance one week later.

Ten men shared the 15-point scoring total against the Engineers as reserves saw action most of the game. Many of the starters were not even around at the finish for Coach Nick Thiel had sent them to the showers in the early minutes of the third period.

Hamel, Steinmuller Lead Attack

Midfielders Bob Hamel and John Steinmuller led the Lion attack with three goals each. Attackman Tom Seeman broke out of a one game scoring slump to capture runner-up honors with two goals.

Single scores were recorded by Andy Bergeson, Dick Angell, Russ Bovaird, Frank Locotos, Glenn Fiscus, Don Sanders, and John Bonner.

It was the first goal of the year for Locotos. The senior letterman was not able to make many trips this year and for this reason he has seen action in only three games. Last year Locotos was fifth in team scoring with ten goals.

Hess Misses Game

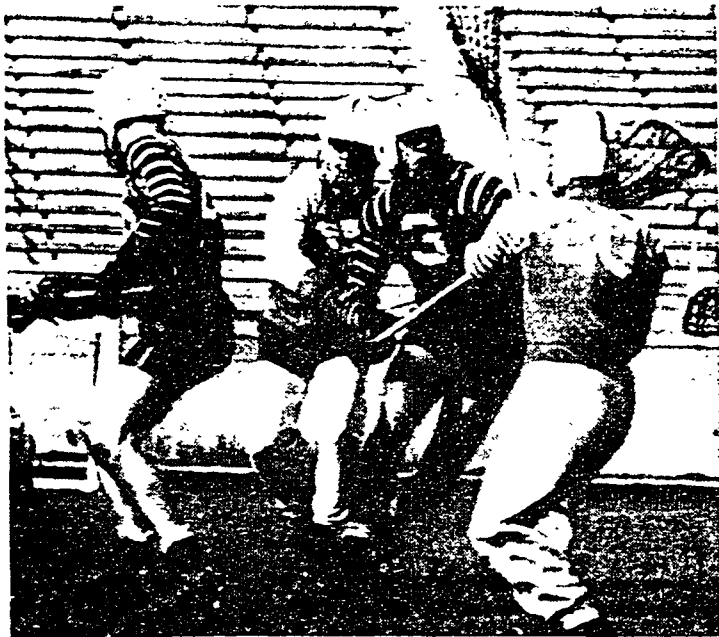
Sophomore scoring star Bill Hess did not see action against the men from Lehigh. The "Manhasset Marauder," who leads the team in scoring with a record 33 goals, is on the sick list with tonsillitis. However, Coach Thiel hopes to have Hess available for Saturday's game with powerful Rutgers.

The Lions took an early 4-0 first period lead before the Engineers dented the Nittany goal. Two more scores were recorded by the Lions before the first frame ended.

Lions Score Six Times

The Lions scored six times in the second period to take a 12-1 halftime lead and by the end of the third stanza the scoreboard showed the Lions in front by a 15-2 count. Thiel stuck to his policy of "holding the score down" by not letting his Lions do any more scoring.

Lehigh finished out its scoring with a goal in the early moments of the final period.



—Dave Bavar photo

LION ATTACKMEN Russ Bovaird and Don Snyder attempt to steal the ball away from Lehigh's Carney after the Engineer defenseman intercepted a Lion pass in the third period of yesterday's lacrosse game at Beaver Field. The Lion stickmen won the tilt, 15-3.

Horseshoes Champs Upset

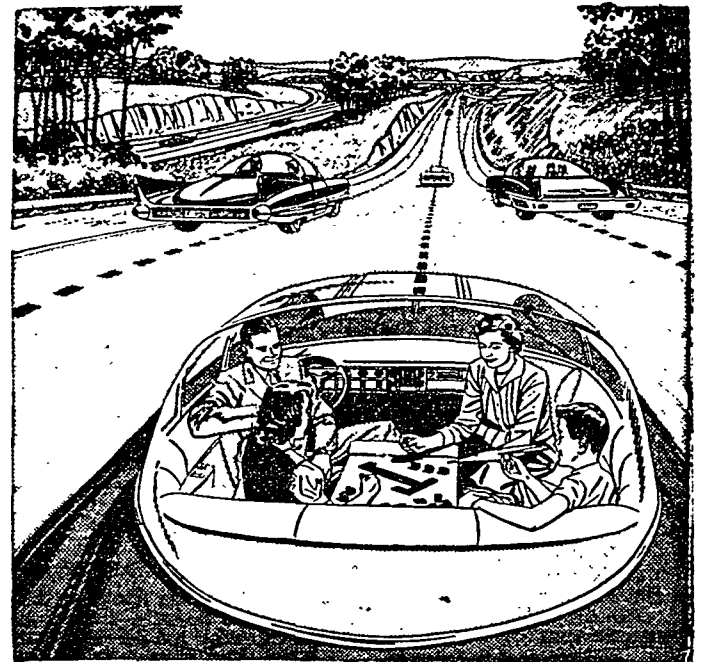
Larry Bartlett and Joe Hyson, Sigma Nu, upset the 1955 Intramural horseshoes champs Gordon Wiser and Bob Fox, Delta Theta Sigma, Tuesday to enter the quarter-finals.

The defending champs took the opening game, 21-14, but dropped the next two, 21-4, 21-15.

Bob Brubaker and Cy Dubinsky, Delta Upsilon, shut out Jim Ellis and Gerald Black, Phi Kappa Psi, 21-17, 21-9; Jack Harmon and Bill Updegraff, Phi Mu Del-

ta, beat Dean Vesling and John Hibler, Beta Theta Pi, 21-13, 13-21, 21-20; and Bill Kane and Garry Crothers, Kappa Delta Rho blanked Ron Carey and Don Patterson, Theta Delta Chi, 21-19, 21-15.

Hal Byers and Carl Nale, Tau Kappa Epsilon; Chuck Miller and Bob Stedman, Delta Sigma Phi; Steve Baidy and Larry Metzger, Alpha Chi Rho; and Paul Rodgers and Jim Clapsy, Delta Chi are the other quarter-finalists.



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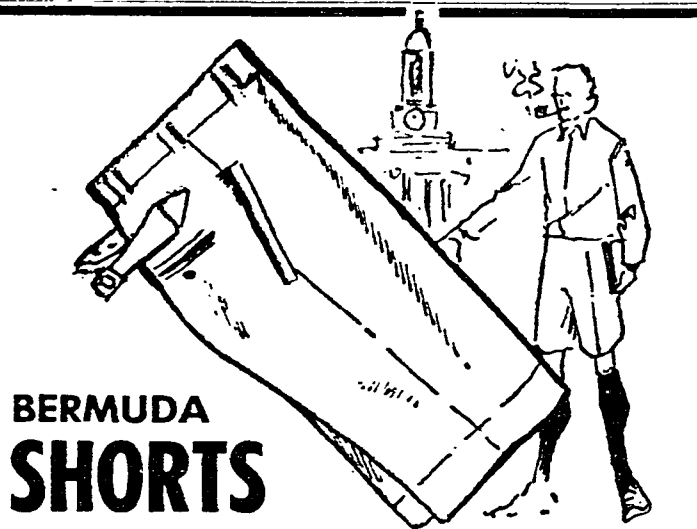
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