

Bob McMullen Clouting .456

By FRAN FANUCCI

Bob McMullen, Lion captain and leftfielder, is apparently well on his way to the team's batting title. The senior speedster boasts an enviable .456 average, 78 points ahead of his nearest competitor—his brother Jack.

The sophomore McMullen alternates with Dave Watkins in right field, but has been to the plate 37 times and has unloaded 14 hits for a .378 average.

Both brothers are lefthanded, although Jack has trouble against southpaw pitching while Bob seems to feast on both species of pitchers.

Besides leading the team in hitting, Bob is number one in the base hit department with 26, is tied for the most runs scored with 19, and is second in the all-important runs-batted-in category with 15. First baseman Gary Miller is the leader in that division with 16. McMullen has also struck out the least amount of times, 4, and is tied for the most doubles with catcher Don Stickler with five.

Jim Lockerman, centerfielder, after roaming around in subterranean depths has finally cracked the "hitting barrier" and has moved up to the number three spot with a .333 average. Lockerman has accumulated 14 RBIs with his 19 hits, which include three doubles, a triple, and one home run.

Other hitters above the .300 mark are Miller with a .315 and Stickler with a .317. Stickler has been to the plate the highest amount of times, 60, but has cracked 19 hits, including his five doubles and one home run, and is tied for second in RBIs with 14.

Other Lion averages are second baseman Lou Schneider (.259), Watkins (.260), and Guy Tirabassi and Steve Baidy (.204).

On the pitching side of the picture Ed Drapcho leads the corps with a 6-1 record, and 1.03 earned-run average. The tiny lefthander has 62 strikeouts and has walked 31; both are the highest totals on the staff.

He has pitched a total of 70 innings, and has allowed 30 hits and 20 runs, eight of which are earned.

Stan Larimer, senior righthander, has a 3-1 mark and a 2.44 ERA. He has fanned 36—29 in his last two starts—and has walked only 15. He has allowed 26 hits in the 40 innings pitched and has given up 14 runs, 11 earned.

Percentage-wise Ron Smith, sophomore righthander, has the best on the staff with a 3-0 card and .09 ERA. In the 19½ innings pitched he has fanned nine and walked 11, while allowing 11 runs, three earned.

In the 15 games played this season the Lion infield has come up with 13 double plays.

Tomorrow the Nittanians seek their 15th and 16th wins of the campaign when they meet Pittsburgh in a double-header at Pitt. Drapcho and Larimer are the probable starting pitchers.



Bob McMullen
Lions' leading hitter

Stickmen Prepare for Scarlet

No less than four All-Americans will make an appearance on Beaver Field tomorrow afternoon when the Lion lacrosse men host once-beaten Rutgers University.

The four—Bob Kelley, Bob Andrews, John Daut, and Don Gucker—spearhead the attack of a power-laden Rutgers team which has dropped only one game in nine encounters, a 13-5 upset by Syracuse.

Last year the same four men guided the Scarlet to the co-championship of the class "B" division of college lacrosse teams with an 8-1-1 record.

Pirates Trade Two for Virdon

PITTSBURGH, May 17 (AP)—Outfielder Bill Virdon—the 1955 National League Rookie of the Year—today was grabbed by the Pittsburgh Pirates in a two-for-one player swap with the St. Louis Cardinals.

The Pirates gave the Cardinals 23-year-old outfielder Bobby DelGreco, a product of Pittsburgh sandlots, and southpaw Dick Littlefield. No cash was involved.

"We needed left-handed batting power and we got it," said Pirates Manager Bobby Bragan. "There were quite a few names kicked around before the trade was made."

"We wanted Virdon. The Cardinals wanted those two—Littlefield and DelGreco. You've got to give up something to get something."

Bragan said he plans to use Virdon in centerfield along side of Frank Thomas and Lee Walls. Virdon will probably bat third in the lineup.

Virdon's acquisition gives Bragan the sorely needed lefthanded batting power. Only first baseman Dale Long swings from the portside in the Pirates' current starting lineup.

Kelley was a first team midfield choice on the All-American team in 1955; Andrews, a second team attack pick; Daut, an honorable mention choice on the attack; and Gucker, an honorable mention pick at a goalie position.

As a sophomore last year, Daut led the Scarlet in scoring with 41 goals—a Rutgers' record of goals scored in one season. Kelley, who co-captained the Rutgers football team last fall, was second to Daut in the point making with 39 goals. He also chipped in 16 assists.

Andrews, with 25 goals, was not a prolific scorer for the Scarlet last year, but he was second in the nation in assists with 44. Rutgers Coach Al Twitchell calls Andrews "the coach on the field."

Gucker is only in his third year of lacrosse competition, never having played the game in high school. Last year he was credited with 136 goalie saves, making 26 of them against Syracuse.

Andrews and Baut will see four familiar faces dotting the Lion starting array. Midfielders Lou Girard and John Steinmuller were teammates of the two at Sewanhaka High School of New York—the nation's number one high school lacrosse team—while Captain Bob Hamel and scoring star Bill Hess played for two league foes of Sewanhaka—Minneapolis and Manhasset.

Kelley and Daut start at mid-field for the Scarlet along with



Bob Bullock
Top defenseman

sophomore Rens Farquharson, another product of the Metropolitan New York schoolboy lacrosse system.

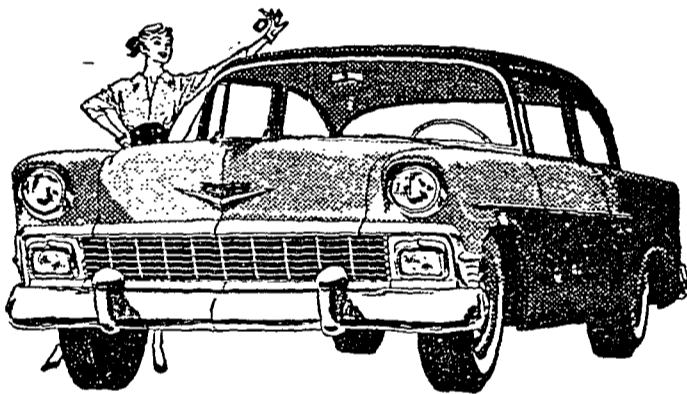
Two more Sewanhaka graduates, Bruce Barney and Hank Goetz, join Andrews on the attack to give the Scarlet a well-experienced scoring combination. Newcomers Dave Pooley and Art Robinson surround letterman George Juergens at the defensive positions.

The Lions have defeated the men from New Jersey only once since the series began. That was in 1946, the first year the two teams met, when the Nittanians beat the Scarlet, 9-1.

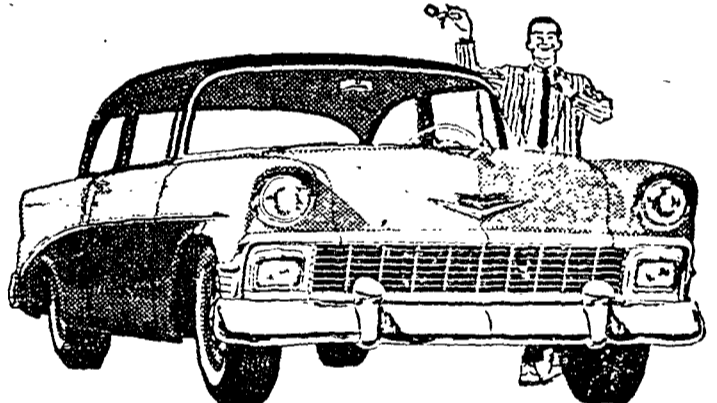
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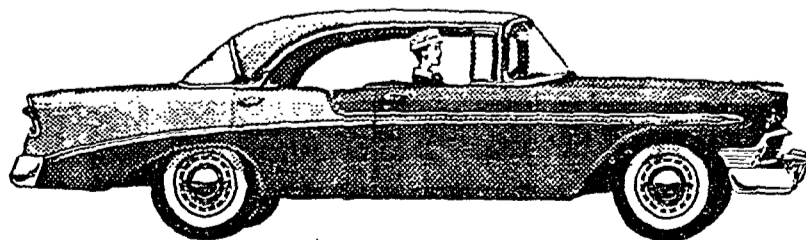
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