

Lion Netmen Down Bisons

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The Penn State tennis team moved into the "blue" side of the record for the first time this year by defeating the Bucknell Bisons, 5-4, yesterday afternoon on the Bison courts.

It was the sixth win of the season for the Lions against five losses. Ironically, the netters won their first match against the same Bucknell contingent by an identical score to start their upward climb.

After breaking even in the singles tilts, the Lions came back to score two wins in the doubles play for the match-clinching fourth and fifth points.

Ed Seiling and Fred Trust, playing their last doubles match together, scored a victory over Chuck Siede and John Fincke in two consecutive sets, 7-5 and 6-2. After a close first set, the Nittany duo hit their stride to win going away.

Captain Chuck Christiansen and Joe Eberly teamed up to score the all-important fifth point over Al Christiansen and John Pulizi, 7-9, 7-5, 6-3. Eberly's potent serve, coupled with Christiansen's fine angle shots, were the deciding factors in the match.

Seiling started the Lions off on the right foot by defeating Siede 6-0, 2-6, and 6-1. After winning the first set easily, Seiling ran afoul in the second tilt before regaining his steady game to win the third.

Trust, after playing an extended first set with Fincke before finally winning, 8-6, drove his opponent to defeat by romping in the second contest, 6-3.

Bucknell's Christiansen fought a tough battle with Penn State's Christiansen before avenging an early-season loss, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

Dean Mullen ran his winning streak to eight, the most victories on the squad, by disposing of Pullizi in the closest sets of the match, 4-6, 12-10, 6-4.

Jim Stewart defeated the Lions' Doug Zuker—for the third consecutive time—in two straight sets, 7-5, 9-7.

Bucknell's Ben Hollander, using his tremendous backcourt lob very effectively to combat Larry Adler's aggressive offensive, beat the Lion netter, 6-2, 3-6, 7-5.

In the final doubles match, Stewart and Ben Collin ran roughshod over Mullen and Zuker in two sets, 6-4, 6-1.

Pollock 12 Wins Title

Pollock 12 defeated Pollock 3, 4-3, yesterday afternoon to win the Nittany-Pollock Softball League Championship. The champs, who finished the season with an 8-0 record, survived a five-team single elimination.

Lion Golf Team Possible Entry In NCAA Tourney

With a possible entry in the Nationals pending on the outcome, the Penn State golf team faces Pittsburgh at 1:30 today in search of its ninth win of the season.

Coach Bob Rutherford announced just before the squad left for Pittsburgh yesterday that if his team won, and looked impressive enough, he would ask permission to enter the NCAA Tournament, being held the latter part of June at Ohio State University.

The final decision is up to the Administration of course, but this year seems to present the best opportunity for entry than anytime since 1948.

Stanford 1955 Champ

Last year Stanford won the tourney, shooting 578 strokes. The 609 strokes taken by the Lions in the Eastern Tourney would place them no better than 16th or 17th. Individual players are apt to be lost, too, among 350 golfers—only 64 of which qualify for the Individual Championship.

Rutherford said yesterday that "this tourney is even tougher than the U.S. Amateur. In this one the players are younger and can stick it out longer."

Would Limit Squad

If the Nittanies do enter a squad, they would probably limit it to four or five men, according to Rutherford. That presents another problem—selecting the best four men.

Pittsburgh—the immediate problem for the linksmen—has a seasonal record of six wins and four losses. By far the best Panther showing of the year was in the Eastern Tourney where they finished in a tie for fifth place.

Rielly Leads Panthers

The Panthers are led by Bill Rielly, brother of the Lions' Pat, and Ken Fisher, who was PIAA champion in 1953. Other lettermen are Dick Ryabik, Gordie Segal, and Jim Garber.

Rielly led the Pitt squad in the Easterns. He qualified for the Individual Championship, and advanced to the second round before being beaten.

R. McMullen Wins Lion Batting Title

Bob McMullen won the team batting title and Ed Drapcho finished with one of the lowest earned-run averages in modern Lion history to lead the Lion baseball team its outstanding 16-3 record. Only the 1955 team won more games, 17, than this year's club.

McMullen, runnerup in last year's batting race, hit a flashy .422 while Drapcho had a .091 ERA.

Playoff berths for the District Two race will be picked next week with the Nittany Lions almost assured of a berth.

This year's pitching was never better. Behind Drapcho, 7-1, was Stan Larimer, who had a 5-1 record and fanned 37 men in his last three starts. Ron Smith had three wins without a loss while Stan Szymanski had an 0-1 card and Ralph Peace 1-0 record. The latter pitcher was handicapped by illness throughout the year.

Other top hitters for the Lions were Jack McMullen, .369; Jim Lockerman, .314; Don Stickler, .296; and Gary Miller, .286. Dave Watkins hit .260; Lou Schneider, .243; Guy Tirabassi, .206; and Steve Baidy, .183.

Lockerman won the runs-batted-in title with 18, Bob McMullen had the most hits, 27, and was tied with Schneider for the most runs scored with 22.

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Stickmen Win 2d Penn-Del Loop Title

For the second straight year Penn State's lacrosse team has been declared the champion of the Pennsylvania-Delaware Lacrosse League.

The Lions, who own a 7-6 record, earned the honor on the basis of victories over three of the eight league members—Pennsylvania, Lehigh, and Swarthmore.

In addition, eight of the ten Nittany starters were named to positions of the Pen-Del All-Star team. Seniors Bob Hamel and Bob Bullock and sophomore Bill Hess won first team berths; senior Andy Bergeson and juniors Lou Girard and Jim Houck copped second team slots; and senior Willard Snell and junior John Steinmuller received honorable mention posts.

The Penn-Del League is an informal association composed of colleges in Pennsylvania and Delaware. No trophy or award is presented to the loop champion although a picture of the champ and a summary of its season is placed in the NCAA Lacrosse Guide — the official college lacrosse record book.

The selection of Hamel to a first team attack berth marked the second successive year that he has received the honor. The Nittany captain also made the Penn-Del team in his sophomore year as a honorable mention choice.

Bullock is another repeater from the 1955 All-League team. The Lion defensive ace held a honorable mention slot last year.

Hamel and Bullock received another honor yesterday when Coach Howard Myers of Hofstra College announced that the two senior stalwarts had been selected to represent Penn State on the

Lions Finish Season Today

With the Pen-Del championship in hand and a 7-6 record behind them, the Nittany Lion stickmen close their 1956 season this afternoon against Cornell on the lower end of the golf course.

Faceoff will be at 3:30. The game was originally scheduled for Beaver Field but it had to be shifted to the golf course site in order that the Beaver Field maintenance crew would have time to prepare for the Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association's state track finals, being held tomorrow.

Cornell's stickmen come here with the hope of making the Lion lacrosse men their second victim from keystone state. Last week, the New Yorkers walked to an easy 18-2 win over the University of Pennsylvania.

According to Coach Nick Thiel, Cornell has won at least four games. It is also known that the Big Red has lost four, but the Lion mentor doesn't have the results of three games—Colgate, Princeton, and Syracuse.

Northern team for the annual North-South Lacrosse All-Star game—comparable to football's East-West Shrine game.

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