

Spring Sports Schedule To Open With Lacrosse; 4 Veterans Pace Attack

The honor of opening Penn State's "spring" sports season goes to the Lion lacrosse team, which opens with Loyola College at 2 p.m. tomorrow on Beaver Field.

A veteran threesome on the attack—including All-American candidate Bill Hess—and veteran goalie Jim Houck provide the strength for first-year coach Ernie Baer.

Hess set a new Penn State scoring mark of 41 goals last year, far exceeding the old peak of 24, and earned himself honorable mention on the All-America lacrosse team as a sophomore.

Supporting the Lion scoring ace are Captain Lou Girard and Tom Seeman. The three also set a new front-line record of 80 goals last year and will again carry the brunt of the scoring load.

Hess is an exceptional dodger and has an excellent sense of the nets. As proof, his record of 41 goals in only 103 shots last year is good for a .398 hitting average.

"As a dodger, he's as good as anybody in the East," praised Baer. "Just give him a dime-sized opening and with his uncanny accuracy, he'll squeeze that ball in for a score."

"He's got what we call a 'fast stick,'" said the amiable coach, "for he can be receiving the ball and, without you seeing him catch it, he just sort of sweeps the ball right where he wants it. Actually he doesn't even catch it, he does it so fast and flawlessly."

Hess is stronger from the left side of the crease, but can also work the right side as effectively as most attackers.

In anticipation of Hess being double and triple-teamed, Baer has been working his ace from the right and devising plays to make Hess a "feeder."

Baer recognizes Hess a playmaker who helps position players during the action. The records prove that the All-American candidate is a team player.

Last year he led the team in

assists with 21.

Girard and the graduated Bob Hamel were second to Hess last year in assists with 12. Girard will again be playing the "feeder" role in setting-up Hess and Seeman with his extremely accurate passing. "Little Lou's" biggest offensive disadvantage is his size.

He is the smallest man on the team at 5-7, 155 pounds, which makes it difficult for him to be a good dodger. But the spunky little veteran managed to flip in 12 marks last year and is contented to be the attack's "jelling" force.

Seeman is Baer's tall "crease-man" (position directly in front of the goal). "He's got a lot of stamina and is able to take setups from Hess and Girard before the defense can regroup," Baer said in his evaluation.

The tenth position to be covered here is probably the most important—the goalie.

Baer has little to worry about at this post, which is capably managed by three-year veteran Jim Houck. Houck's performances, in past seasons, can be best described by Baer's latest compliment on Monday's scrimmage:

"He was just phenomenal in the goal."

"Do you realize that Kenyon scored only two goals against him in the two-hour session, and one was on a screen that wasn't even his fault."

"His biggest asset is his conscientious attitude besides being extremely quick and courageous," said Baer. "He's got a lot of guts and he's a fast learner. He makes the Dean's list about every semester."

Backing up Houck at the present time is Dave Wilkinson, who pleased Baer with his work in the nets during the scrimmage game.



Jim Houck

Ex-Lion Ace



Larry Fornicola
AAU 147-pound runnerup

Fornicola 2d In Mat Tourney

Larry Fornicola, who captained Penn State's wrestling team two years ago when he won the 137-pound NCAA title, finished second in both the 147-pound free style and greco-roman portions of the 1957 AAU tournament in Waynesburg last week.

Fornicola, who hails from near-by Bellefonte, flattened Japan's Yoshi Komiya in 6:25 for the runner-up spot of the Greco-Roman division Saturday night, after losing to Tulsa YMCA's Tommy Evans—the defending champion—in the free-style final the previous evening.

In Greco-Roman wrestling only holds above the waist are permitted.

Fornicola, wrestling under the Second Army banner, was pinned by Frank Szeci—the ultimate champ—in a round-robin final of the Greco-Roman event.

Bosox Top Pirates on Homer; Braves Blast Bums; Phils Win

FORT MYERS, Fla., April 8 (AP)—Milt Bolling broke up a tie ball game today with a 10th inning home run that gave the Boston Red Sox an 8-7 exhibition victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Bolling's 10th inning homer was the third of the day for the Red Sox. Jack Jensen and Jim Piersall both connected for circuit clouts in the first inning. Jensen drove in a run ahead of him.

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 8 (AP)—The Milwaukee Braves jumped on Roger Craig for five runs in the first inning and added three more off reliever Ken Lehman in the fifth for an 8-5 victory over the Brooklyn Dodgers today. It was Milwaukee's fourth straight over the Dodgers.

CLEARWATER, Fla., April 8 (AP)—The Philadelphia Phillies trimmed the Detroit Tigers, 6-5, in their farewell Florida exhibition today. They move North tomorrow with a 16-12 record.

Today's victory was their ninth by a one-run margin, and it was that close only because ace pitcher Robin Roberts almost "blew" the game in the ninth. The Tigers scored two runs in that inning, one of them crossing on a wild pitch.

MOBILE, Ala., April 8 (AP)—Home runs accounted for all the

scoring in the New York Giants' defeat of the Cleveland Indians here today, 3-1, in a game that was called at the end of five innings because of rain.

Medlar Pitching Coach

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Tebbetts Reprimands 'Klu'

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 8 (AP)—Birdie Tebbets, manager of the Cincinnati Redlegs, today called his bawling out of slugging star Ted Kluszewski yesterday "just one of those things which confront a manager every day."

Irrked because Klu did not try for two bases in the game at Nashville with Washington after a hard drive to right, Tebbets pulled him out of the game. George Crowe, who replaced Klu last season at first base when his injured hip slowed him, was sent in to run.

"I want all of my players to hustle," Birdie told Kluszewski when he returned to the bench. "And that includes you, too, Kluszewski."

Klu reportedly made some reply and went to the clubhouse. Tebbets sent a bat boy to bring him back.

Asked about the incident today, Tebbets expressed surprise that

it has aroused so much interest. "It was just a routine part of a manager's job," he told a reporter.

Johnston President-Elect

Johnny Johnston, two-time Eastern intercollegiate wrestling champion, is newly-elected president of the Penn State Athletic Association.

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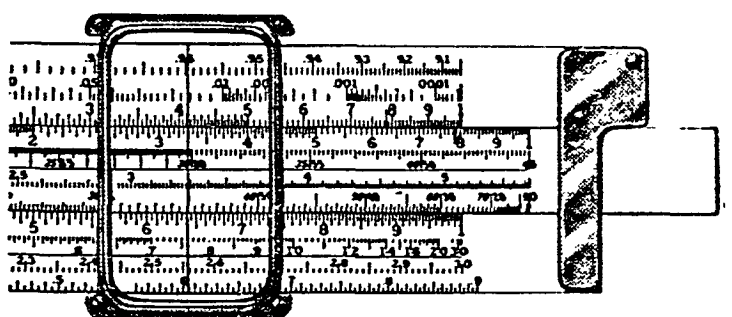
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