

Villanova to Host Lion 'Nine' Today

Two of the best hurlers in the East will match pitching arms this afternoon when Penn State's baseball team tangles with Villanova at Philadelphia.

Cal Emery, the towering Lion lefthander who has lost only one game in his collegiate career, will be on the hill against sophomore rookie Bob Kropiewnicki.

Although Kropiewnicki is newcomer to the collegiate diamond wars, he is no stranger to Nittany coach Joe Bedenk. "We saw him play in high school," Bedenk said, "and thought he was darn good. He was going to enter Penn State but changed his mind and went to Villanova."

Kropiewnicki was a whiz in his high school days at Plains, a Class B athletic-educational plant in the Wilkes-Barre area. In his junior year he pitched Plains to the District championship, going unbeaten with 22 straight wins. He lost only one game out of 21 in his senior year and that was to Swoyersville's versatile athlete Bob Washko—who's now attending Penn State on a grid scholarship. Over 10 major league teams sought his service upon high school graduation.

The 5'11" righthander is noted for his blinding speed—not only in his straight ball but also his curve.

Kropiewnicki, like his Penn State counterpart, is unbeaten this season. He has a 2-0 record with his second win coming on a two-hit 7-0 rout over Scranton last Saturday.

Emery is 3-0 for the campaign with victories over Western Maryland, Bucknell and Ohio State. However, he still hasn't reached the form which helped him win the Most Valuable Player award at the NCAA baseball world series last June.

Emery's been a little wild in the 21½ innings pitched, issuing 16 free passes. On the other hand, he's been very tight in the clutch and includes 27 strikeouts among his achievements. He has yielded six runs thus far but only two of them were earned—both by Ohio State.

Bedenk will go with his usual starting array and batting order for today's contest. That includes (with current batting average) Larry Fegley (.450) at second, Ron Hoover (.300) at short, Ron Rainey (.353) in left, Don Stickler (.294) behind the plate, Joe Moore (.214) in center, Dave Watkins (.222) in right, Steve Baidy (.200) at third, Garry Miller (.562) at first, and Emery (.273). Of course if a southpaw relieves the Villanova starter, then lefthand swinging Jack McMullen (.300) will replace Watkins in the lineup.

IM Bowling Record Set By Fowls

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A new University bowling record was set Monday night when the Fowls, of Indie League A, beat McKee I, 4-0. The Fowls broke the team match record with a devastating 2854.

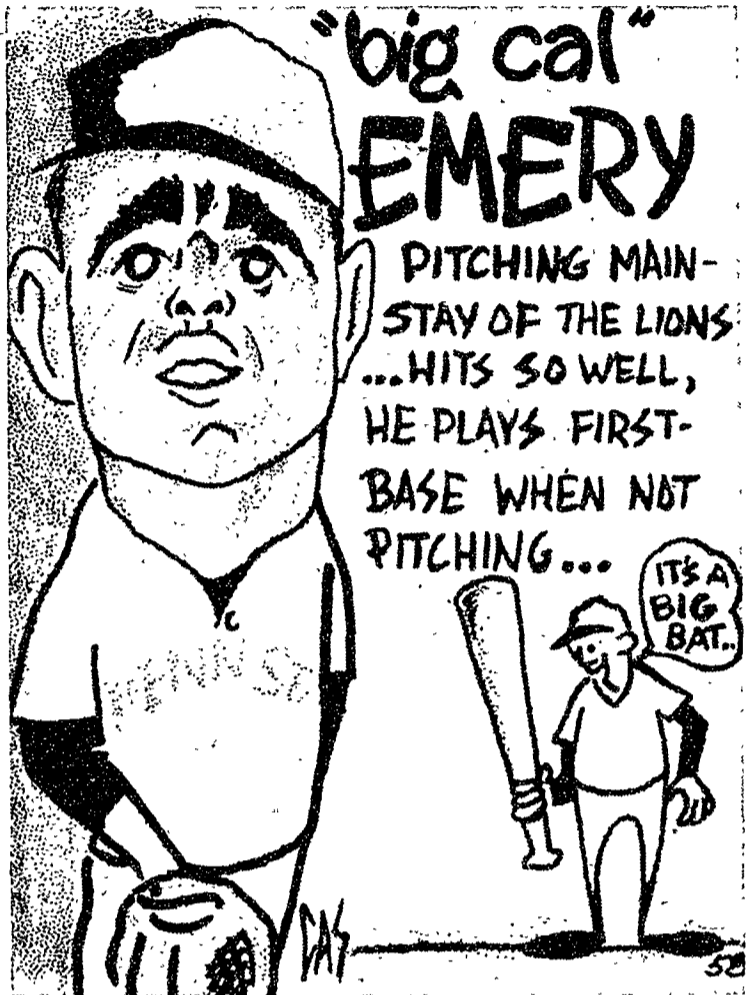
The record-shattering performance was made much easier by Bob Nelson's excellent showing. Nelson had the high single game—246—and the high triple—629. The win enabled the Fowls to hold their first place lead in League A.

IM VOLLEYBALL

Tau Phi Delta and Lambda Chi Alpha kept their winning streaks alive to move into a tie for first place in fraternity League A Monday night at Rec Hall. Tau Phi Delta beat Phi Kappa, 12-15, 15-2, 15-12; Lambda Chi downed Phi Epsilon Pi, 15-7, 16-14.

In League H Sigma Chi took victory number five, downing Sigma Pi, 15-8, 8-15, 15-11. Beta Theta Pi moved into second place by topping Alpha Zeta, 15-12, 15-11.

Beta Sigma Rho kept its short win streak going, beating Alpha Rho Chi, 15-0, 8-15, 16-14. In the final game Alpha Gamma Rho beat Sigma Tau Gamma, 15-12, 7-15, 15-4.



Johnson Adds 2d Neidigh Mat Award

Three-time Eastern Wrestling champion Johnny Johnston added another honor to his treasure chest last night when he was given the William Neidigh Award as Penn State's outstanding wrestler for 1958.

It was the second straight year that Johnston had captured the Neidigh Award, leaving him as the only man to win the honor twice since it was established eight years ago.

Johnston received the award along with a trophy for posting the best three-year dual meet record at the Penn State Wrestling Club's annual banquet at Eutaw House.

Dr. William Hoffman, a former Dean of Admissions at the University and a former classmate of William Neidigh, made the presentation to Johnston, calling him "one of the finest young men I've known." Dr. Hoffman has been following the Penn State wrestlers since its inception in 1909 and claims to "have known every man who ever wrestled for Penn State."

Three other members of the 1958 mat team were also honored at the affair. Earl Poust was given the W. E. "Doc" Lewis award for showing the best "spirit, courage and loyalty." George Gray received the Kaye Vinson Award for most improvement, and Gordon Danks edged Poust for the Scholarship award.

Charlie Ridenour, another of Penn State's three-time mat champs who now coaches wrestling at Penn, presented the Lewis Award while Lou Bell, director of the University's public information department, handed out the Vinson Award.

Ridge Riley, the executive secretary of Penn State alumni, presented the scholarship award to Danks in absentia. "He couldn't be with us tonight," Riley said, "because he's home studying for a bluebook." Danks, a sophomore in aeronautical engineering, had a 3.11 average last semester.

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Johnny Johnston ... honored again

Managers for next year were also announced and introduced at the banquet. Tom Burns, a junior from Stubenville, was named head manager to replace Phil Pettar of Williamsport and Ron Goodling, a junior from York was named freshman manager.

Approximately 75 persons attended the affair, including faculty and administrative members and townspeople. Mickey Bergstein, station manager of radio station WMAJ served as toastmaster. Among the guests he introduced were Howard Johnston, Penn State's first NCAA mat champion; Dr. Jack Light, another of Penn State's three-time EIWA titleholders, and Jack Johnston, father of the Penn State captain.



A Glance at ... SPORTS

By VINCE CAROCCI Sports Editor

... FOR THE LAST TIME:

Almost two years to the day, we sat down to write our first column for this paper. Well, Saturday, our tenure at this desk comes to an end. Today, our college writing days come to an end with this, our last column. We don't mind saying the days certainly rocketed by—in Jupiter C fashion, you might say. But time stands still for no one ... not even college sports writers.

As our Collegian days close we see an interesting athletic spring semester in store the rest of the way. For one thing, the Lion baseballers now are back to normal, as Coach Joe Bedenk put it yesterday. As you know, the Lions' hopes for their second consecutive undefeated regular season went by the boards—or by the plate, if you like—when Ohio State won two of three games from them last weekend.

Naturally, no one likes to lose—especially Joe Bedenk. But, as he said yesterday, baseball is a game of chance—you win some and lose some. The nine now has its work cut out for it if Penn State is to go into the district battles for the NCAA World Series later this year.

It's no secret that the Lion success lies in the hands of the pitchers. With Eddie Drapcho no longer around as the stopper, Bedenk must come up with at least two more starting pitchers.

Two of Bedenk's best prospects—Larry Bavar and Dave Simmons—received the starting nod against the Buckeyes and both received a pounding. However, both were making their first starts of the season and this may account somewhat for their showing.

Unless these two—or Marlin Stover, Ron Riese, Larry Friedman or some unknown—can reach starting status, the Lions may take their bumps this season. But we're betting on the pitchers to improve and come June, Penn State will be in the thick of the district fights.

Elsewhere, golf Coach Joe Boyle finds himself with probably the strongest golf club seen here in the last 10 years. Pat Rielly, Bill Davidson and John Felus give Boyle one of the best well-balanced teams in the East. The golfers are sound bets to finish their regular season undefeated and go on to capture the Eastern Championship later in the year.

Track may not be a big winner but certainly will give the fans their share of thrills. Anyone who witnessed the loss to Navy last Saturday will verify this. Watching Ogie Norris and Ed Moran set new University records and Fred Kerr and Dick Hambright set new meet records was most enjoyable.

And watching Hambright come from 20 yards behind in the last leg of the mile relay to win was certainly a thrilling pleasure in itself. It was a race you've often heard about but don't often see. Track lacks depth—that hurts.

We're not too familiar with the lacrosse and tennis teams. Reports from the stickmen's corner seem to indicate that, although the Lions should field a formidable squad, they figure to get licked a few more times this year. The loss of scoring ace Bill Hess with a broken kneecap hurt Coach Earnie Baer more than a stab in the heart. With Hess, lacrosse figured to be very strong. Without him ... well, the situation doesn't look overly promising.

Tennis has a good squad. Nothing outstanding, just good. The Lions will win their share—but not much more.

Although their season doesn't open until next Fall, the Penn State footballers are hard at work in spring practice. It's hot with those pads on but Coach Rip Engle has his boys going at it with no holds barred. The training is rough but it's the best way for Engle and his assistants to get a line on next season's prospects. Right now, the prospects seem hopeful.

Early indications are that Andy Mocoyni will fill the bill at fullback. The switch of Maurice Schleicher, a fullback the past two years, to end seems to be headed for success—along with the switches of center Charlie Ruslavage and tackle Bill Wehmer to guards. The grid-ders should be stronger this year.

That's the sports scene as we see it as sport editor. We'll be watching it with interest as the school year draws to a close to see just how right we were. Here's hoping.

Before we finish, we'd like to thank a few people for their cooperation these past years—especially this past year. To the Athletic Department and coaches in general, thanks for your help. It was enjoyable in most cases, enlightening in others, to work with you.

A special thanks to these: Coaches John Egli, Joe Bedenk and Gene Wettstone for their extra-special cooperation; head trainer and assistant baseball Coach Chuck Medlar for his all-around help this past year. Intramural director Gene Bischoff and his assistant "Dutch" Sykes for their help in our first year on the paper and their tremendous cooperation in our four years here.

Also, to trainer Ed Sulkowski, equipment men Oscar Buchenhorst, Mel Franks and Ralph Wert, trainer Willie Meyers and the athletes in general for simply making our trips to Recreation Hall so enjoyable. And to the members of the Varsity "S" Club, our thanks for making us an honorary member of the organization. We certainly appreciated the honor.

Now, it's Loui Prato and Matt Mathews turn to run the desk. We know they will do a good job and we doubt if they'll be quite as anti-Pittsburgh as we. Come on in boys, the water's great. Good luck.