

Lions Face Gettysburg In Home Baseball Tilt

Penn State's baseball team will run into a red-hot Gettysburg nine this afternoon when the Lions host the Greyhounds at Beaver Field.

Game time is 3:30. (Radio Station WDFM will broadcast the tilt starting at 3:25.)

Gettysburg is currently riding on a 10-game winning skein after losing the season's opener to Syracuse. And the main reason for the Greyhounds' surge has been the hurling of sophomores Jack McCracken and "Bucky" Walters. McCracken is undefeated and Walters' only defeat was to the Orangemen.

Both are highly-rated Major League prospects. McCracken has already been tempted by a couple of American League clubs while the Cincinnati Redlegs no doubt have their eye on Walters—the son of the famous Cincinnati pitcher of the late thirties and early forties.

Penn State's first sacker Gary Miller, is very familiar with McCracken, having played high school and summer ball with the Gettysburg Ace. Miller, who incidentally is the Lions' leading hitter with a .466 average, has high regard for McCracken.

"He's one of the best pitchers I've seen," says Miller, "and he's really fast. He's built something like (the Lions') Ron Riese but a little taller. I think Cleveland and Washington wanted to



Ron Riese ... out for number two

sign him last year, but he wanted to get a year or two of college in first.

"You know," Miller added, "he was going to enter Penn State when he graduated from high school two years ago. But he finally chose Gettysburg."

Regardless of whether McCracken or Walters hurls for Gettysburg, Bedenk will call on

his recently promoted number two starter, Ron Riese, for mound duty. Riese was Bedenk's ace fireman in the early part of the Nittany season. But after the pint-sized righthander's performance in his first starting assignment last week against Syracuse, Bedenk elevated him to the second hurling spot behind Cal Emery.

Riese almost threw a perfect game at the Orangemen. He allowed only two men on base, both via hits, and his teammates backed him up with an errorless defense. He threw only 94 pitches in the nine-inning fray, and 51 of them were strikes.

In 18 1/3 innings pitched, Riese has given up only one walk, fanned 17, allowed nine hits and three runs. All three runs were scored by undefeated Ohio State in one frame and all were earned.

Bedenk will stick with his standard lineup for today's test. That lineup, according to batting order, would find Larry Fegley (.375) at second, Bob Hoover (.286) at short, Ron Rainey (.312) in left, Don Stickler (.250) behind the plate, Chuck Caldwell (.375) or Joe Moore (.188) in center, Jack McMullen (.285) or Dave Watkins (.182) in right, Steve Baidy (.200) at third, and Miller (.466) at first.

The Lions will also be in action tomorrow, entertaining West Virginia.

Stickmen Close Out Away Season in NY

Coach Earnie Baer's lacrosse men close out their away season in New York this weekend at exactly the mid-season mark on their 13-game schedule.

As the seventh and middle game of the schedule, the Lions play at Geneva today against Hobart, a team that Baer terms "in our league."

But tomorrow, the Lions take on another "Class A" team in the Syracuse Orangemen. The Syracuse tilt closes out the away season for the Lions with only five friendly home games remaining. "And all five are teams on our scale," commented Baer.

The Lions hold a 2-4 record through the first half of the year, but the four losses were to "Class A" lacrosse teams as Baer calls them—Hofstra, Navy, Maryland and Rutgers. "And nobody else in the nation plays such a killer schedule in the beginning," Baer reiterated.

Hobart, although a traditional lacrosse rival, was not on last year's schedule and since their publicity department failed to release any information on the team, Baer was completely in the dark as to their capabilities.

Hobart and Syracuse are annually the two toughest teams in the state of New York, and last year's Lions proved it by dropping a 13-4 decision to undefeated Orange squad led by football and lacrosse All-American Jimmy Brown. The Hobart crew lost to the Syracusans by a similar score, 16-4.

For the Lions, Baer contemplates only two changes in his lineup. One will involve an inexperienced, but aggressive, junior Dave Wilkinson. Wilkinson, a former goalie, was impressive in his first game on the attack last Saturday and will start in place of Barry Price.

Al Faust is involved in the other change. The little midfielder may jump to the first trio as Baer will have to rest the third injured midfielder, Chip Henderson. Dick Hammond, Henderson and Faust will probably shuttle back and forth on the first two midfield units.



Dave Wilkinson ... breaks starting lineup

Frosh Drop 2nd Straight To Navy Baseballers, 9-2

By SANDY PADWE

A balanced attack is the most important thing as far as any baseball team is concerned. When a team is hitting, getting good pitching, and fielding flawlessly, it will be hard to beat.

The Penn State freshman team hasn't been able to combine these three yet, and the result is two straight losses—the last one coming Wednesday at the hands of the Navy plebes, 9-2.

In their first game against Lock Haven, the Lions got the hitting and pitching, but the defense failed. At Annapolis Wednesday they had the fielding, and lacked the hitting and pitching.

Against Navy, southpaw Dick James struck out six men, but walked just as many. Couple the walks with five hits and the result is seven Navy runs and a nice

warm shower for James. Two other pitchers—Harry Heffner and Doug McClain—followed James and gave up the last two Middle runs plus walking six more men.

Commenting on the performances of his pitchers, coach Bill Speith said that they had good "stuff," but lacked control. He said, "James is a fine pitcher and as soon as he gets more work under his belt he will be hard to stop."

"Our hitting attack was terrible," said Speith—the Lion Cubs collected only two hits. "Mike Hader, Dick DeLong, and Karl Fry are hitting the ball better than anyone. Hader hasn't had a base knock this year, but he hit the ball solidly five times."

The Lion Cubs have a tilt coming up Tuesday against the Bucknell frosh at Beaver Field.

Swank Succeeds Oxman As Head Gym Manager

Ralph Swank has been named head manager in gymnastics for the 1958-59 season, succeeding

Dick Watson and Dick Rost will serve in the new capacities of associate managers. The new first managers are Bill Corbin, Ron Glou and Bill Sabatino.

Gridders Open at Lincoln

Penn State will play the University of Nebraska at Lincoln, Neb., in its opening game of the 1958 football season.

Tim-Tam Favored Over Silky

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Tim Tam is the slight favorite to win the classic Kentucky Derby tomorrow, but the Calumet Farm colt must reckon with Silky Sullivan, Jewel's Reward and 13 others who were entered Thursday for America's most colorful horse race.

If the weather man cooperates, this 86th Derby could draw more than 100,000 for the biggest crowd in its history due to the presence of Silky Sullivan. Slick Silky, who trails far behind, then gives with the old college try in the final half-mile, is one of the most talked about colts ever to start in the derby.

Silky's name was the first into the entry box Thursday, seven minutes after it opened at 7 a.m. Willie Shoemaker will ride the big chestnut.

As the morning wore on, Jewel's Reward, owned by the Maine Chance farm of Mrs. Elizabeth N. Graham, was entered along with two stablemates, Jet's Alibi and Ebony Pearl.

Tim Tam was the seventh official entry. He is listed as the early 2-1 choice to give Calumet Farm its seventh derby.

Odds on Silky Sullivan, who copped the Santa Anita Derby but hasn't tangled with such colts as Tim Tam and Jewel's Reward, were 5-2.

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