

Stickmen Out to Break Navy's 28-Game Streak

By BILL BARBER

It will be all or nothing when the Nittany Lion lacrosse team takes on the Midshipmen of Navy at 2 p.m. today on Beaver Field.

The Lions will go all out to break the 28-game winning streak that Navy holds against them. If they are ever going to do it, this is the year as the Nittany stickmen boast one of the strongest all-around teams they have ever fielded, according to Lion coach Earnie Baer.

"If we can maintain possession of the ball on offense and control the ground game, there is a good chance we could win tomorrow," Baer said.

"We'll be at full strength today while Navy will be lacking two of their top midfielders, Captain Bill Mitchell and Bob Gibbons," Baer added.

The Lion aggregation will be further strengthened today by the return of Dave Wilkinson to the nets and Gove Elder to a mid-field slot.

Wilkinson was slated for the starting goaltender job earlier but has been kept out of the lineup due to an ankle injury.

Elder had been benched for four weeks due to a severe charley-horse. He will be positioned in the second midfield along with Dick Hammond and Chip Henderson.

Baer is also planning to use the third midfield of John Behne, Dave Erwin and Dick Janda as a powerful stand-in for the first and second midfield crews.

From the speed these three powerful midfields can produce, Baer is hoping to run Navy ragged.

The Lions also have a slight weight factor to their advantage as their first four defensemen average 196 pounds and the first midfield averages 193.

In a defensive switch, Andy



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LACROSSE STARTERS—Lacrosse Coach Earnie Baer (middle) poses with three of his starters for the Navy game. Kneeling—Dick Bullock, standing Dave Erwin (64) and John Behne (47).

Moconyi will be in a starting position today. Moconyi has advanced quickly since he first came out for the sport early this spring. Baer plans to use him for added speed to make for an overall fast-moving defense.

Co-captain Dick Dill and Erwin will fill in the other two starting slots in the Nittany defense.

Bob Swanson will lead off the stickmen's midfield aggregation with Dick Bullock and Ray Tuleya taking over the remaining starting positions.

The midfield will most likely

prove to be the second strong point as the Lions' attempt to down Navy.

The attack will feature Behne, who tallied eight goals in the Lions' winning effort over Loyola last Saturday. Jim Wimpenny and Bill McDonough will round out the Baerman's starting attack.

LACROSSE BRIEFS—Navy beat the stickmen, 18-2, last year in a game played at Annapolis.

The Lions' next game will be Wednesday afternoon at Beaver Field against the Quakers of Pennsylvania.

Two of Navy's basketball stars—Jay Metzler and Tom Inderlied also play lacrosse. Metzler was an honorable mention choice on the cagers' all-opponent team.

Lions Play Cornell In Tennis Opener

Tennis Coach Sherm Fogg will be tutoring Penn State's net squad for the 13th season today when the Lions crack the lid of their 1959 campaign. The netmen will be meeting the Red Raiders of Cornell at 2 p.m. on the Nittanies' new home court behind the skating rink.

Five newcomers will fill the berths on the Lion tennis squad's starting alignment. A rookie team of sophomores Dick Ludwig, Gary Moore, John Blanck and Don McCartney will be seeing action.

Captain Chuck Bibleheimer, now starting his third year of play, is Coach Sherm Fogg's number one man. The rest of the single play will find Ludwig in the second spot, Jerry Carp, another newcomer, in the third spot, Moore in the fourth position, John Krall in the fifth spot and Blanck in the sixth position.

Bibleheimer and Carp will pair up as the leading doubles duo with a Moore-Ludwig team scheduled for the second position. Blanck and McCartney will complete the doubles roster.

The only returning lettermen back in the fold this season are Captain Bibleheimer, Don Harnett who is also a senior and Krall. However, due to illness, Harnett will not be able to see action in today's match.

The calibre of the Cornell team is unknown, but if it is anything like last year's team, then it should be a tough match. Last season at Ithaca, the Lions bowed to Cornell by the score of 6-3.

Coach Sherm Fogg said "the team may be a little inexperienced but they all play a smooth and steady game." Cornell will have most of their lettermen back from last season, and the Big Red have already started their 1959 campaign against southern schools, according to Fogg.

NET-TINGS — Bibleheimer was Pennsylvania State High School singles champion at Easton High School in 1952. Carp was IM singles champion last year and was runner-up this season. Sophomores Ludwig, Moore, Blanck and McCartney were all members of the Lions freshman team last year. The freshman chalked up a 2-0 record.



CHUCK BIBLEHEIMER
... Lion net captain

ZBT H-Ballers Win Close Tilt

Play in the IM fraternity handball doubles tourney last night featured a come-from-behind victory by Zeta Beta Tau's Ted Steinman and Fred Ochroch as they beat George McKay and Read Roberts of Pi Kappa Phi, 13-21, 21-18 and 21-7.

Other winners were varsity wrestler Sam Minor and Don Robinson of Alpha Zeta, Mike Vignola and Stu Berry of Phi Mu Delta, Fran Salizzoni and Jim Hockenbrock of Theta Delta Chi, Bob Nastase and John Hanish of Theta Kappa Phi, Homer Hilner and Ed Bahl of Delta Upsilon, George Huggler and Jim Stopper of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, and Marty Meer and George Krevsky of Phi Sigma Delta.

Lions to Host Penn In Golf Match Today

The Pittsburgh Pirates couldn't do it, now it's up to the Lion golf team.

The Pirates, after a spectacular 1958 season dropped their first away game and their first home game. Similarly, the Lion golfers dropped their first away game last week and are underdogs in their first home match against Penn today at 1 p.m.

Golf coach Joe Boyle is going to try to beat the odds with nearly the same team that lost to powerful Maryland in the opener.

Key factor in Boyle's plan of attack will be Bill Davidson, Lion captain and Eastern champion. The Lion mentor is looking for Davidson to turn in "a spectacular season" following an opening loss at Maryland last week.

Another important person in Boyle's plans will be Scotty Stultz. Stultz will place an 11-game winning streak on the line when he faces his Quaker opponent. He was the only victorious Lion against the Terps last week and has turned in some very fine performances for the Penn State squad in the past.

Boyle has still a third ace in the hole in the person of Roy Altman. Altman, who had a 9-1 record last year, lost a close 3-and-2 decision in the Terrapin match. Boyle is also looking for Altman to come through to realize his potential.

The rest of Boyle's lineup stacks up to be stronger than its showing last week. Dick Burgoon, senior transfer from Franklin and Marshall, is expected to win by the Nittany coach.

Two of the other places on the



ALTMAN

'9' Rained Out; Play Lafayette

Penn State's baseball team lost to one of its toughest opponents yesterday—the rain.

An all-day storm forced the Lions to miss their scheduled tilt with the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers. Yesterday's rain-out marked the second time in two years that the teams have met the same fate.

Today the Nittanies are scheduled to play Lafayette in Easton. But as of last night it was raining hard there and Lion officials were worrying about another postponement.

The Lions, however, weren't idle as they managed to get in some practice under the stands at Lafayette's Fischer Field. The pitchers were able to throw a little and the rest of the Lions got in some pepper.

If the Lions play today Penn State coach Joe Bedenk will probably use Ed Kikla on the mound. But he could change his mind before game time. Kikla was supposed to make his first appearance in a Nittany uniform yesterday.

The stylish southpaw was ineligible during his freshman season last spring. But so far this year he has impressed the Lion

coaches with his curve and fast balls.

According to Bedenk, Kikla won't have an easy time of it against the Leopards because they only lost three men from last year's team which beat the Lions twice.

But the man who was most responsible for both of Lafayette's wins last year—Al Caesar—is gone. Caesar drove in the tying runs in the first meeting between the two teams, and the Leopards went on to win that one, 8-7.

Then in the NCAA playoffs Caesar tattooed the walls of Connie Mack Stadium as Lafayette walloped Cal Emery and the Lions, 9-1.

Incidentally, both Caesar and

Emery signed major league bonus contracts after the playoffs. Caesar is in the Dodger chain now while Emery is in the Phillies organization.

DUGOUT CHATTER — Emery hit .298 for Bakersfield in the California League last season. He spent all of his time at first base, not on the pitching mound. He started out the spring season with the Phillies but was then sent to Buffalo. The Lions were runner-up to California in the NCAA finals two years ago. Coach Joe Bedenk was a former Lion football coach. He has been coaching here for 29 years. His assistant Chuck Medlar was once a player for Bedenk.

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