

Hader Goes Back to 3rd In Lion Defensive Move

There was one good thing about Penn State's poor fielding performance against Bucknell Tuesday. The Lions probably won't have too many more days like that.

Even though they committed seven errors, they still won the ball game in ten innings, 8-7. But there's an old baseball saying that coaches and players like to use after such performances: "That's the bad one we had in our system and now we're rid of it."

That seemed to be the feeling in the Lion camp yesterday as they prepared for this weekend's three-game series with Ohio State on Beaver Field.

To add more defensive strength to his infield, Lion Coach Joe Bedenk announced that he would move Mike Hader back to third base in place of Ron Rinker. Rinker will move back to centerfield and will platoon there with Doug Caldwell.

Hader opened the season at third for the Lions and played well defensively. He's a scrapper down there and he's big enough to stop a lot of potential base-hits," Bedenk said. "But his hitting is still a question mark."

With Hader back on third, the outfield should profit defensively too, because both Rinker and Caldwell are fast and have good arms.

All this emphasis on defense may seem a little puzzling to baseball fans, but Bedenk is a firm believer that a team can go far with a tight defensive team.

"Oh sure, you need the hitting but if you can hit and field, too, you have that much over another team," he said.

DUGOUT CHATTER—Ohio State comes in here fresh from an eight-game tour in Florida.

Last year the Buckeyes and Lions played at Columbus with the Lions winning one tilt of three. . . . Leftfielder Dick Landis looked like a throwback to the days of the gashouse gang with his headfirst slides against Bucknell the other day. . . . Bob Hoover pulled off the fielding gem of the day when he went far to his left to stop what looked like a Bucknell basehit and then threw the



Mike Hader . . . back on third

runner out from deep short. . . Assistant Coach Chuck Medlar says that Lion pitcher Ed Kikla has one of the finest moves to first that he's seen. . . . Kikla picked off one Bucknell runner Tuesday.

Stickmen—

(Continued from page six) up two tallies within one minute. Mike Shure proved to be a big surprise in the Lion attack as he scored within seven seconds the first time he got into the lineup this year. Kane was awarded the assist on Shure's tally.

The final Lion goal was poked in by Kane in the last few minutes of the third period with the Penn nets wide open.

H-Ball Finals Near; Harnett, Campbell Win

Defending champs Don Harnett and Bob Campbell of Tau Kappa Epsilon continued their quest for a second straight crown by turning back Jim Burke and Ron Pezoni of Theta Kappa Phi, 21-8, 21-7, in IM fraternity handball doubles action last night.

Their win enabled them to move into the Flight One finals where they will meet Phi Epsilon Pi's Verne Zeitz and Bob Cross.

Other team combinations that advanced into flight finals were Bill Fiedler and Ron Griffith of Sigma Nu, John Krall and Paul Sweetland of Phi Mu Delta, Sam Minor and Don Robinson of Alpha Zeta and Chuck Bibleheimer and Paul Ludwig of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

IM Badminton

Matt Stirling, last year's champion, moved a step closer to his league title in Tuesday's independent badminton competition, winning his match, 15-2, 15-3. Stirling is undefeated in League B play.

Wesinger Mokha beat Dave Houghton, last year's runnerup, 15-2, 15-8. Mokha now is the leader in League A with a perfect record.

In fraternity action, Bill Sekeras of Alpha Chi Sigma and Al Horne of Alpha Zeta advanced to the finals of Flight Five. Sekeras defeated Ron Dietz of Alpha Gamma Rho, 15-9, 15-6, and Horne beat Ned Manashil of Beta Sigma Rho, 15-8, 15-11.

In the only other action, Charles Whiteman, one of last year's flight champs, defeated Adam Mosteller in three games, 15-9, 11-15, 15-11. Whiteman will play in the Flight Six final tonight.

Track—

(Continued from page six) Dave LaHoff and George Jones will run in the half-mile for the Lions.

The distance races will see a Nittany lineup of Ed Moran, Dick Engelbrink, and Herm Weber in the mile and Fred Kerr, Engelbrink, and Dennie Johnson in the two-mile.

Weightmen to Enter Lifting Tourney

By CLIFF LOGAN

Penn State will be one of 19 colleges and universities represented in the 1959 National Collegiate Weightlifting Championships at the University of Pittsburgh April 18.

Penn State has qualified three men for the meet—Kent Cootes in the 123½-pound class, Paul Deitzel in the 132-pound

division and Bob Grubb lifting at 198 pounds. Tom Zaleski, a 148-pounder, has qualified as first alternate.

The lifting competition, which will be done at the Pitt Field House, is divided into seven classes—four of which will comprise the afternoon program. The remaining three classes will lift in the evening at 7:30.

Men entered in the 123½, 132, 148 and 181-pound classes will start competition at 1:30 p.m., and those in the 165, 198 and unlimited classes will lift in the evening.

Five qualifying lifters from each class were selected earlier this spring on the basis of their lift totals sent in by each of the 19 participating schools.

The Penn State entrants have had virtually no competitive action in tournaments. Grubb, a grad student, is the only member

of the trio who has lifted in competition with other schools. He placed second in the 198-pound class in the Inter-Pennsylvania weightlifting contest which was held last year at Penn. Both Cootes and Deitzel are freshmen and are lifting for the first time.

The Penn State Barbell Club is pushing for varsity status as a new Lion weightlifting team. Whether varsity status can be obtained depends on the number of men joining the club next fall, according to Grubb. Before a competitive team can be organized there must be at least two men in each weight class, he said.

Expected back for the fall semester is Dick Prouger, National Teenage Champion in the 148-pound class. Club Coach Fred Bellis is hoping that he can build a team around Prouger.



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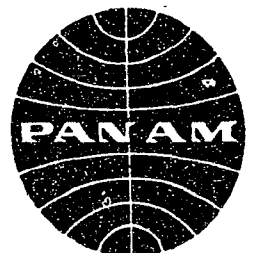
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