

By MATT MATHEWS Associate Sports Editor

EVER SEE THE "GASHOUSE GANG" PLAY BALL?---

Have you seen Penn State's baseball team play? Yes, a 1-up score. Davidson shot a par well, then don't bother reading this. But if your answer is for the Tecumseh course on which "no", then let me tell you what you're missing.

In the first place, you probably know that this team has a Joe Boyle said this was quite a 7-1 record. (They lost two Fridays ago to a powerful Ohio feat. "The greens on the course State squad which had an 11-2 record. But they came back were not fit for playing," he said. to win a doubleheader from the Buckeyes that Saturday.

The record is only the black-and-white of it. This is not a black and white team by any stretch of the imagination. This is one of the most colorful teams that has represented Penn State in any sport since I've been here.

ies. And from this angle the most outstanding has been Dick
"Pepper" Landis.
The little left-

fielder has speed to burn. On de-fense he already has two "spec-taculars" to his credit - both - against Ohio State's catcher, Walt Peters. In

the first game he made a shoestring catch of a dropping linedrive and in the second he also

deep left-center. "Both would have been triples," unhers on base to make the and possibly homers had he not games exciting. He's only given caught either ball," analyzed up seven hits in 22 innings. His Charlie Swift, WDFM's sports diearned run average is a measly rector. "But that's the kind of ball 0.45. And his won-lost record is Landis plays; he's a gambler all 3-0. What a boring pitcher! the way—and he's got the speed to gamble with."

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According to the statistics, Landis is a poor leadoff hitter. He's hitting .083. But he gets on base two or three times a game.

the most dangerous runner these And although he made seven ereyes have ever seen. Against rors in the Ohio State double-Bucknell last Wenesday, he stole "but correr" home for the winning run in a **2**-1 game,

But an even more outstanding example of his value as a leadoff batter was exhibited against Georgetown Saturday. Statisti-cally, he was 0-for-5. But he received four walks and scored four

On a passed ball, he invariably takes two bases and climaxes each steal with a long head-first slide into the bagala "Pepper" Martin of the old

Gashouse Gang.

In fact, he took eight bases and whatta weekend!

Saturday (steal or passed ball)
and was only close to being out once On that occasion the ball was there, the second baseman's highly successful Lion squads nations were working well. was there, the second baseman's highly successful Lion squads nations were working well.

Rlove was down right in front of the bag waiting for Landis. But which should really make this when the dust cleared after Pepper's apparent swan-song, the umb signaled safe. How he made it, this writer cannot determine, to open the Lion's home season.

Maybe his arms reached around the bag before the ball touched his head. Only Pepper and the viously they forgot Navy and

Pepper isn't the only outstanding rookie. There's sophomore southpaw Tom Durbin who has two wins to his credit. Durbin also boasts a 6-for-6 record at bat and looks almost es fast as Landis. But then, Durbin's only been at bat in 10 innings and hasn't had the opportunities to steal that Landis has had. Oh yes, Durbin's pitch-

ing record is also spotless, 2-0. Then there's the other wing to the outfield trio, sophomore Zeke

DeLong. Against Ohio State, De-Long saved Durbin by catching a potential line-drive triple just inside the right field line near the flag. What made Zeke's deadrun catch all the more important was the fact that the bases were The difference from last year's loaded and, with two outs, all solid, but dull, squad is the rook-three Buckeyes were moving and

> nized as the fifth hitter. He's had the 18th to send the match into plate for .367. But he's not just a swinger. He was on base all four

Although not as dangerous a base runner as Durbin or Landis (Zeke probably only has five or six stolen bases), De-Long is dependable in the clutch.

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Another decisive factor in the link loss was that Roy Altman and Scott Stultz, playing number three and four respectively, lost their matches by close scores.

Altman lost to the Orange's Bob Armstrong 2 and 1 and 1 and 2 and 2 and 3 State he struck out a couple times with the bases loaded before hit-And when he's on base, he's ting a single to drive in two runs 'hot corner."

Why he only had two errors to liven the Georgetown twin-bill—along with misplaying a couple of high-hopping grounders. But he tries.

To this group of rookies you add solid (but dull) performers ing edge in drills yesterday. like Captain Bob Hoover (.448) and Larry Fegley (.420) and Joe Bedenk has another winning combination. Come to think of it though, maybe we better keep those dull guys with the .400 lefts and a crushing right that left has sparring mate off his batting averages.

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After the first five holes, Burgoon was down three holes. However, he made a good comeback and was 3-up after the 13th.

three Buckeyes were moving and would have easily scored. But the right field speedster caught it and ended all possible "buts." Pritz, meanwhile, tied the match on the 17th hole. Both men halved

On the first playoff hole, Burtimes in his last game—twice via base-on-balls.

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> All wasn't bad for the Lions, however, as their two young stars, Haydn Thomas and John Morton, came through with decisive wins. Thomas defeated Jack Kress of Syracuse, 6-and-5. Morion took Dick Spear by a 6-and-4 score.

"Both of these men played AF to Get New Stadium sharp games and looked good out there for us," Boyle said.

Altman lost to the Orange's Bob Armstrong, 2-and l. Stultz dropped a decision to Stan Ban-

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Haydn Thomas

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