

Nittanies Split With Panthers

Kikla Wins After Lions Drop Opener



FIRST RUN—Dick Landis, Penn State's third baseman, crosses home plate with first run in second game of yesterday's doubleheader with Pittburgh. The Lions lost the first game to Pitt but won the second.



SAFE AT FIRST—Lions' shortstop Bob Hoover legs out base hit in first game of yesterday's twin bill at Beaver Field. Lions lost the first game, 6-5 in 11 innings.

—Photos by Charles Jacques

By SANDY PADWE
The Penn State playoff excitement was deluged yesterday but it didn't take long to get back on the right track.

The Lions, playing a crucial doubleheader with Pitt, lost the first game, 6-5, in 11 innings, but rebounded to win the nightcap, 10-0, behind the 3-hit pitching of Ed Kikla.

So now the Lions have a 13-3 record and Pitt has a 12-3 mark, and one of the two teams is a good bet to get a bid to the District II baseball tournament because they have the best won-lost marks in the district.

The choices for the tournament won't be made until Monday, though, when district officials meet in Scranton. Other possibilities include Lafayette, Rutgers, Temple, St Johns, Navy and Delaware.

Kikla's win in the second game yesterday was the third straight shutout the Lion star has thrown, and the win was his seventh of the year against no losses.

He now has a string of 28 straight scoreless innings, and has an ERA of 0.52.

The Lions sewed things up early for him, scoring a run in the first and two more in the third. Bob Hoover and catcher Harry Beans were the big guns in the early attack, driving in the runs.

Hoover's RBI came in the first frame, scoring Dick Landis, who had singled and stole second. Then in the third, Beans came up with the bases full and punched a perfectly placed single to right to score two more.

The Nittanies scored three more in the fourth and four in the fifth to avenge the first game loss.

In that first game, the Lions "threw" the game away, making four errors with two of them coming at vital moments.

With Penn State leading 5-4 with two out in the ninth, Pitt pinch hitter Fred Langingham sent a hot one to Hoover at short-

stop. The Lion captain fielded it cleanly, but his throw went over the first baseman's head and Bill Kaliden scored from second base.

The Lions and Ron Riese then battled the Panthers until the 11th inning when Pitt pushed across the winning run, which again was unearned.

Kaliden, who had been safe on a Larry Fegley error in the ninth, was safe again when Fegley booted his grounder. Paul Stalitz sacrificed Kaliden to second and firstsacker Ron Maser sent him home with a sharp single to center.

The Lions couldn't score in their half, and Riese took the loss, his first after three wins. It was a bitter pill for Riese to take. He came in to relieve surprise starter Bob Arner in the second inning, and pitched nearly perfect ball until the eleventh.

It was also a tough loss for the Lions, who came from behind to go ahead, after being down 4-0 in the fourth inning.

The Lions' big rally came in their half of the fourth when they pushed three runs across the plate to put them back in the game.

The Nittanies collected five hits and combined them with a walk to get their runs. Zeke DeLong led off the inning by singling, and Doug Caldwell followed suit.

Bill Benton drew a walk to load the sacks for catcher John Adams. But Adams grounded one down to third, and the thirdsacker threw home, forcing DeLong.

Riese, a good hitting pitcher, was next up and he delivered a single to right to score Caldwell. Landis then came through with another bingle and the Lions found themselves behind, 4-3.

In the fifth they tied it on singles by Hoover, Benton and Adams. They went ahead in the seventh and held the lead until the ninth when Pitt tied it.

The Lions have one more game remaining on their schedule, and it will be played tomorrow at Temple. The Owls

had a 14-4 record, but played Moravian College yesterday.

Second Game

PITT				PENN STATE			
AB	R	H		AB	R	H	
Colangelo, 2b	3	0	0	Landis, 3b	1	3	1
Martin, 2b	1	0	0	Dubin, lf	5	1	2
Karts'nas, lf	2	0	0	Fegley, 2b	2	2	0
Schoep'ner, ss	3	0	1	Hoover, ss	3	3	3
Matulevic, 3b	1	0	0	DeLong, rf	3	0	1
Kaliden, cf	3	0	1	Caldwell, cf	3	1	1
Joy, rf	2	0	0	Benton, lb	3	0	0
Johnson, rf	0	0	0	Beans, c	4	0	2
Maser, lb	3	0	1	Kikla, p	4	0	1
DeLong, c	2	0	0				
Langin'ham	1	0	0				
Hamilton, p	1	0	0				
Guthrie, p	0	0	0				
Reich'bach, p	1	0	0				
Conti, p	0	0	0				
a-Stalitz	1	0	0				

Totals 24 0 3

PITT				PENN STATE			
AB	R	H		AB	R	H	
24	0	3		28	10	11	

W—Kikla (7-0); L—Hamilton (4-1)

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W—Reichen Bach (1-1); L—Riese (3-1)

the BLACKBOARD

by Johnny Black
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Let them never again be called the "scrubs."

While coaches Chick Werner and Norm Gordon stared in disbelief, the Penn State "B" mile relay team unofficially shattered the school record by ripping off a 3:12 clocking to defeat the "A" relay team in a challenge race in Tuesday's practice on Beaver Field.

This team had substituted for the Lions' "Big Five" California tourists and come within .4 of a second of the stadium record at Pitt last week to salvage a victory for the Nittanies. Somewhat miffed at being tabbed "Wooden Indians, scrubs, "B" team, etc.," the three sprinters and Dick Hambright asked for a showdown with the "regulars."

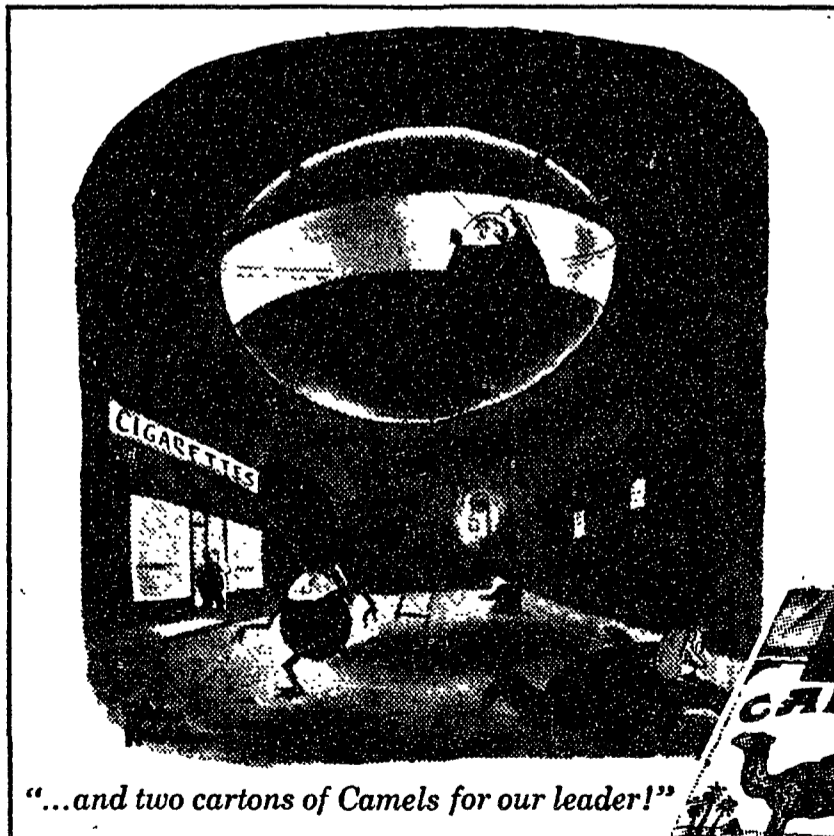
Planning to conduct a "light" workout anyway that night, the coaches granted the request and the two quartets lined up, batons poised. The regulars—Ed Moran, Chick King, Bill Schwab and Don Davies. The "scrubs"—George Metzgar, Blaine O'Connor, Bob Brown and Dick Hambright.

The gun sounded and Metzgar and Davies shot out of the hole for the first lap. When Gordon clocked Metzgar in 48.1 after the first quarter he was ready to return the watch to the jeweler with a few choice comments about his workmanship. But then Werner reported that he had caught the second place Davies in 48.2. The Nittany mentors brushed the fog from their eyes, leaned back and watched the times click off. O'Connor, 48.9; King, 49.2; Brown, 48.1; Schwab, 48.2; Moran, 48.2; Hambright, 46.9. Six men under 48.2, all eight under 49.2. Total times—3:12 for the "B" team, 3:13.8 for the "A" team.

These are probably the two fastest mile relay times ever run by eight different men on the same squad. And a few interesting sidelights serve to increase the incredulity of it all. King, a half-miler, miler and 2-miler, ran 49.2 for the quarter—the first quarter he ever ran in his life. And in clocking his 48.2, Moran was hampered by a toe injury. While in Los Angeles last week he took time out to enjoy the sun and surf on Santa Monica beach, famed playland of the Hollywood starlets. And while his eyes wandered in directions that his feet didn't he severely bruised his toe.

But the crux of this story is that the team that was already conceded by track experts to have the best distance runners in the East, suddenly discovers that it also has not one, but eight of the swiftest quarter-milers in the country. Just as the winners glibly quipped, "Who's the "B" team now?", it will be interesting to see what lineup Werner comes up with against Manhattan Saturday in both the quarter-mile and the relay.

It all goes to indicate the versatility of one of the best track (Continued on page seven)



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