



Ron Riese  
Lion Pitcher



PENN STATE pinch-hitter Bill Benton, is walked in bases-loaded fourth inning to put the Nittany Lions ahead 2-1, in game against Ithaca yesterday.

# Hoover, Riese, Kikla, DeLong Lead Lion District 2 Sweep

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11 years and their fifth in a row. But it was by far the most surprising. Nobody—even Bedenk—had given the Lions a chance at a District berth—let alone a championship—back in March. After all, the Lions had lost six key regulars from the 1958 team—including Cal Emery, the junior hurling ace who was the Most Valuable Player at the NCAA tournament two years ago.

But an outstanding crop of rookies—and the stabilizing performances of the few "old pros" that were left—has made Bedenk and all Penn State fans a happy bunch.

Two of those experienced hands—shortstop Bob Hoover and pitcher Ron Riese—were the men chiefly responsible for the Lions' playoff victories, although it would be a real injustice to give any two men all the credit.

But Hoover was undoubtedly the Lions' clutch man—igniting a rally, delivering a hit at a key point, or halting an opponents rally with a brilliant fielding play.

It was his two-out run-scoring single in the third that put the Lions back into the game with Ithaca after the visitors had jumped off to a 1-0 lead earlier in the frame. He had three hits all told yesterday, driving in two runs.

Against Temple the day before, it was the Philadelphia senior's bases-clearing double with the sacks full and the Lions trailing 1-0 that proved to be the clutch hit of the game. That sent the Nittanians into a led which they never relin-

quished. Riese was equally effective. The pint-sized senior was the bulwark of the Lion pitching staff during the two-game set. He pitched the full nine innings yesterday, scattering 10 hits, fanning seven and walking only one. That's not bad for a guy who pitched 2½ innings of runless ball in saving the Temple victory Thursday for the Lions sophomore ace, Ed Kikla.

There were other playoff heroes, too. Catcher John Adams' four-for-four plate effort yesterday and the batting and fielding of sophomore right fielder Zeke DeLong helped, too. And give credit to the Lions' sophomore mound ace, Kikla. He wasn't as effective as usual in his stint against Temple, but he still pitched a good game.

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## Hoover 2nd Base Choice On District 2 All-Star Team

Captain Bob Hoover, a three-year veteran for Coach Joe Bedenk's baseball team, was honored last week as the first team second baseman for the NCAA District Two All-Star team.

Sophomore pitcher Ed Kikla was named to the second team. Hoover has been Bedenk's regular shortstop for the past two campaigns and was Bedenk's starting second sacker as a sophomore on the Lions' second-place NCAA squad in 1957. Bedenk explained the choice of Hoover at second instead of his regular shortstop post with this comment: "In that Hoover played second base two years ago, plus the fact that there were a whole lot of good shortstops this year,

the committee decided to place him at second." George Schoepper of Pitt was the District Committee's shortstop choice. During the regular season, Hoover hit at a .343 clip, with 23 hits and 19 RBIs, including two home runs. One of his homers was a 400-foot job over the football stands in right-centerfield that was acclaimed by Bedenk as the "longest" he'd ever seen at Beaver Field. Kikla, although only a sophomore, was the Lions' ace hurler this year, with a 7-0 mark. One of his victories was a two-hit, 16-strikeout win over West Virginia, 3-0. The All-Star team is picked on the basis of performance during the regular season and not of the playoff games.

### At National Championships--

# 9 Lions Seek Track Titles

Nine Penn State trackmen, including four IC4-A winners, will be seeking national championships next weekend at the NCAA track and field tournament at Lincoln, Neb.

Coach Chick Werner's proteges, fresh from an unbeaten dual season and an overwhelming team victory in the IC4-As, will prep for the nationals this afternoon when they compete in the Midwest Open AAU meet at Fort Wayne, Ind.

Following the NCAA outing, the Nittanians will jump over to Boulder, Col., for the National AAU championships, June 19-20.

Werner's crew is headed by Nittany captain Ed Moran, currently the hottest home-bred miler in the country. Moran swept both the mile and the 880 in the IC4-As and is considered the prime favorite in the NCAA mile run. His 4:02.1 against Michigan State earlier this year was the best time ever recorded in a collegiate dual meet.

Dick Engelbrink, Bob Szezyller and Bob Brown are the Nittanians' other IC4-A-winning entries. Engelbrink won the two-mile, Szezyller, the 220-yard low hurdles, and Brown copped the 100-yard dash.

The rest of Werner's national aspirants include Chuck King in the 880, Dick Hambricht in the 440, Fred Kerr in the two-mile, Jim Schwab in the javelin and John Tullar in the weight events.

Moran, Engelbrink, and Schwab set individual Penn State records during the past dual season and Brown tied another.

Moran bested Chuck King's 880-mark set against Michigan State early in the year when he

ran a 1:49.6 against Manhattan. King's standard was 1:49.8.

Engelbrink broke Olympian Horace Ashenfelter's 9:03.2 mark in the two-mile run with a time of 8:58.9 in the Michigan State encounter. Schwab snapped the 21-year-old mark of Nick Vukmanic when he threw the javelin 223-11½ against Manhattan.

Brown joined five other Nittanians in the 100-yard dash record category with a :09.6 clocking in the Ohio State opener.

And just for the record, one other mark was broken this year—the mile relay. George Metzger, Dave Davies, Moran and Dick Hambricht set that mark when they ran a 3:13.3 against Manhattan.

Kansas is the team favorite in the national event, with three Jayhawkers rated "sure" winners—Ernie Shelby (broad jump), Charlie Tidwell (hurdles) and Bill Alley (javelin).

Besides Penn State, the other threats to the team title include Arizona State, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State, San Jose State, California, Oregon, Texas and Michigan State.

Southern California, a team which owns an 80-plus unbeaten dual meet streak, is the defending champion. However, the Trojans are barred from competition this year—and next—because of an illegal recruiting penalty levied by the NCAA.

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Borow,2b	5 1 1	Fegley,2b	3 1 1
Giarolo,lf	4 1 2	Hoover,ss	5 1 3
Materile,1b	4 0 1	DeLong,cf	5 1 2
Chabot,ss	4 0 2	Caldwell,cf	4 1 0
Hoyt,cf	4 0 0	Adams,c	4 0 4
Cain,3b	3 0 0	Beighley,1b	1 0 0
Mee,s	3 0 0	Benton,1b	3 0 1
Curry,p	1 1 0	Riese,p	1 1 0
a-Inter'cola	1 0 0		
Slomkowski,p	0 0 0		
Churchill,p	1 0 0		
Lebedz,	1 0 0		

Totals 38 8 10 Totals 32 7 12  
a—Struck out for Curry in 4th  
b—Grounded out for Churchill in 9th  
c—Singled for Noun in 9th  
RBI—Borow, Materile, Chabot, Fegley, Hoover, 2, DeBong, Adams, Riese, E-Noun, Borow, Mee, EB—Adams, SB—Hoover, Saq—Fegley, DP—Hoover to Fegley to Beighley, Chabot to Borow to Materile, 2, LOB—Penn State 11, Ithaca 7, BB—Riese 1, Curry 1, Slomkowski 2, Churchill 4, SO—Riese 7, Curry 2, Slomkowski 1, Churchill 2, HO—Riese, 10 for 3 runs in 9; Curry, 4 for 1 in 3; Slomkowski, 5 for 4 in 1½; Churchill, 3 for 2 in 3½, HBP—Riese (Noun), Churchill (Riese), Slomkowski (Fegley), W—Riese (4-1), L—Slomkowski (5-2), U—Toff, Tyson, Henwood