

Double-Sport Kochman Stars in Baseball Too

The Roger Kochman story reads like something Hollywood would dream up; it's that fantastic.

Only 18, the Lion sophomore has accomplished more in seven months than most college athletes do in a career and he hasn't reached his peak yet!

Honorable mention All-American in football, Kochman seized notice Wednesday that he also bears watching as a baseball player.

He had half of Penn State's hits including a long left center field home run as the Lions won their opener, 6-1, over Gettysburg.

Six-foot, 190 pounds, Kochman is every inch an athlete. He has speed to burn, power aplenty and lots of desire to make good both in football and baseball.

Kochman came to Penn State after a sensational high school career at Wilkesburg, a suburb of Pittsburgh. Not only was he outstanding in football and baseball, but he was quite a track star too, finishing second in the PIAA 100 and 220. His best time in the 100 was 9.7.

It was this great speed that brought Kochman to the attention of the football world last fall. Subbing for the injured Dick Pae in the West Virginia game, Kochman went 52-yards around end for a touchdown on his first carry and after that there was no stopping him.

He racked up 111 yards in eight carries, tops for a single Lion runner all year long.

The next week against Syracuse, he came off the bench late in the first period, took a hand-off from Richie Lucas, and sprinted 17 yards for a touchdown to give the Lions an early 6-0 lead.



Roger Kochman ... double-trouble

Then in the fourth quarter he electrified the huge crowd of 32,800 when he gathered in a Syracuse kickoff on the goaline and proceeded to go 100 yards through the whole Orange team for another score.

Lion baseball fans hope he

can match his football performance tomorrow when the Syracuse baseball team comes to Beaver Field for a double-header.

Kochman plays centerfield and because of his great speed is a topflight defensive ballplayer. He didn't get many chances against Gettysburg Wednesday, but he has displayed a strong arm in practice.

The tow-headed speedster picked up a lot of his baseball experience playing American Legion ball around his home town. He also played for the Little Pirates, a handpicked sandlot team, sponsored by the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Orioles Edge Bucs, 9-8

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — The Baltimore Orioles exploded for four runs in the eighth inning yesterday, edging the Pittsburgh Pirates 9-8.

Highlighting the big eight frame was a two-run home run by Gene Woodling into the trees in right field. He drove in Jackie Brandt who had singled for his fourth hit.

Georgetown Beats Nittany Netmen, 6-3

SPECIAL TO THE COLLEGIAN

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Penn State tennis team suffered its second straight setback yesterday when fired-up Georgetown downed the Lions, 6-3.

The Hoyas, usually one of the best teams in the East, are having their troubles this year and were "up" for the unwary Lions. The win boosted Georgetown's record to 2-3.

Dick Rezzetti started the Hoyas off on their winning way with a smashing 6-1, 6-0 victory over Lion veteran Dick Ludwig in the first match. The loss was Ludwig's second straight.

Captain Jerry Carp and Jim Baker tasted defeat for the first time this season by identical 6-3, 6-3 scores. Carp, playing in the second slot, lost to Fred Cone while Baker, the third man, was dropped from the unbeaten ranks by big Bob Mendel.

John Blanck took his second straight victory by downing the Hoyas' Walt Burbrick, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2. Blanck dazzled the Georgetown veteran with an assortment of slice shots and lobs to win the match.

Ron Connolly, fifth man for the Hoyas, downed Penn State's Vance Rea, 6-1, 6-3. Rea, in his first year of varsity competition, now has an 0-2 log.

John Krall, a disappointment to Lion coach Sherm Fogg last week, overcame a first-set loss and went on to clobber Bob Ruzanic, 0-6, 6-1, 6-2. Fogg says that Krall could really help the Nittany cause this spring if he reaches the peak he hit near the end of last season.

Zimmer Predicts LA Will Trade Him to Cubs

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Shortstop Don Zimmer of the Los Angeles Dodgers predicts he'll be on the payroll of the Chicago Cubs before another day dawns.

"I think it's a cinch," Zimmer told a newsmen. "Eight Giants told me Wednesday they heard I was going to the Cubs. And then Dale Long, who just left them for San Francisco, did too. I heard there's a three-for-one deal cooking."



Jerry Carp

es the peak he hit near the end of last season.

Carp and letterman Garry Moore were completely overwhelmed in their doubles match by Mendel and hard-hitting Rezzetti. The outcome was never in doubt as the Hoya duo waltzed to a 6-1, 6-0 win.

The second match was a different story as Baker and Blanck teamed up for a hard-fought 6-3, 8-6 victory over Cone and Ruzanic.

The Nittanians return to their home courts to face Maryland tomorrow afternoon at 2.

SUMMARY

Singles
Rezzetti (G) beat Ludwig (PS), 6-1, 6-0.
Cone (G) beat Carp (PS), 6-3, 6-3.
Mendel (G) beat Baker (PS), 6-3, 6-3.
Blanck (PS) beat Burbrick (G), 6-3, 8-6, 6-2.
Connolly (G) beat Rea (PS), 6-1, 6-3.
Krall (PS) beat Ruzanic (G), 0-6, 6-1, 6-2.
Doubles
Mendel and Rezzetti (G) beat Carp and Moore (PS), 6-0, 6-1.
Baker and Blanck (PS) beat Cone and Ruzanic (G), 6-3, 8-6.
Connolly and Burbrick (G) beat Rea and McCartney (PS), 6-2, 6-4.

Palmer Leads in Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Arnold Palmer, who usually saves his best for the last, got off to a tremendous start in the 24th Masters Golf Tournament yesterday, helped by a favorable ruling on the same hole where his strongest rival, Ken Venturi, came a cropper.

Palmer, the 1958 Masters winner from Ligonier, Pa., shot an opening round of 33-34-67, five under par for the big, crowded Augusta national course, to take a two-stroke lead at the end of the first day.

Venturi, who had threatened with a 31 on the front nine, faded to an over-par 73 finish.

It was a ruling on the 12th hole, a short pitchover a creek, that set Venturi stumbling. On the same hole, Palmer was given the benefit of a free lift and made his par while Venturi hacked out a double bogey five. From there on Ken was just about sunk and he took bogeys on four of the remaining six holes while blowing to a 42 on the last nine.

Two strokes behind Palmer at

the finish were four players who hadn't figured much in the pre-tournament calculations—former Champion Claude Harmon, Fred Hawkins, former PGA Champion Dow Finsterwald, and Jay Hebert.

England's Harry Weetman, young Don January of Denver and amateur Dr. Frank (Bud) Taylor from Pomona, Calif., had 70s. Deane Beman, the young British Amateur champion from Bethesda, Md., bogeyed the last two holes and tied at 71 with U.S. Open Champion Bill Casper and California's Gene Littler.

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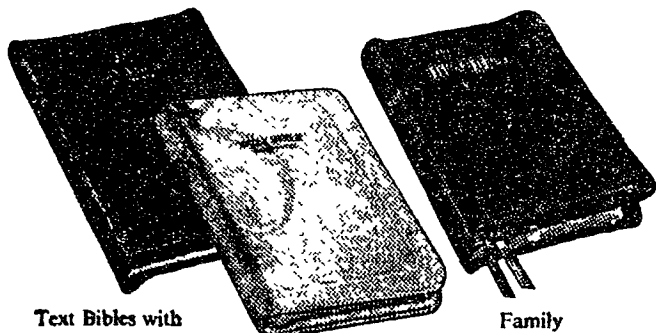
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