

Eight Lion Errors Help Villanova Take 4th, 9-6

By JOHN MORRIS

Penn State's baseball team pulled a Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde act Saturday and coach Joe Bedenk still can't believe it.

The Lions played errorless ball while beating Gettysburg in their opener last Wednesday, but Saturday they didn't look like the same team.

Villanova (4-0) remained unbeaten as the Lions committed eight errors and lost to the Wildcats, 9-6.

"I don't really understand what

Today's game between Penn State and Lehigh scheduled for Beaver Field has been postponed until Thursday due to wet grounds.

happened," Bedenk said. "We've got an inexperienced team and I guess the boys just got excited."

Marlin Biesecker was the State starter in Saturday's fiasco and took the loss. He was followed on the mound by Bob Fenton, Dave Bergery and Ed Kikla.

The Wildcats drew first blood in the second inning on Richie Richman's two-out double and Dan Baier's blood single.

Villanova made it 3-0 in the third with the help of two Lion miscues.

Jack Fahey walked to open the inning and after Jack Lynch struck out Dan Melega scored Fahey with a single that got by Dick Pae in centerfield.

Melega scored a moment later when catcher Don Jonas threw the ball into center on a steal attempt.

Pae redeemed himself in the Lion half of the third by singling to drive third sacker Don Robinson home with the Nittanians' first tally.

The Lions tied it up in the fourth on a walk to John Phillips, a double by Al Gursky and a single by pinch hitter Jim Thomas.

Biesecker walked opposing pitcher Wayne Walz to open the fifth. Fahey's sacrifice moved him along and Lynch brought



John Phillips

the lanky hurler across with the tie-breaking run.

But the Wildcats weren't finished. Melega tripled Lynch across and scored when Bart Brodtkin's relay throw sailed into the visitors' dugout.

The Lions got their final two tallies in the seventh on an error, a single by Phillips, a walk to first sacker John Adams and an infield out.

| VILLANOVA | | | PENN STATE | | |
|------------|---|---|-------------|---|---|
| Ab | R | H | Ab | R | H |
| Fahey,rf | 3 | 1 | Brodtkin,2b | 3 | 0 |
| Lynch,ss | 3 | 1 | Robinson,3b | 3 | 0 |
| Melega,3b | 5 | 3 | Pae,cf | 3 | 0 |
| Wiegand,c | 5 | 0 | DeLong,rf | 5 | 0 |
| Platco,lf | 4 | 0 | Jonas,c | 1 | 0 |
| Cramer,cf | 5 | 1 | Halle,c | 4 | 1 |
| Richman,1b | 4 | 1 | Phillips,ss | 3 | 2 |
| Baier,2b | 3 | 1 | Gursky,lf | 4 | 1 |
| Walz,p | 2 | 1 | Rodenb'r,1b | 1 | 0 |
| Sappnar,p | 0 | 0 | Ja-Thomas | 1 | 0 |
| Fidalgo,p | 0 | 0 | Shaffer,1b | 0 | 0 |
| | | | c-Adams,1b | 1 | 1 |
| | | | Biesecker,p | 1 | 1 |
| | | | Fenton,p | 0 | 0 |
| | | | b-Saul | 1 | 0 |
| | | | Bergery,p | 0 | 0 |
| | | | d-Hrobak | 1 | 0 |
| | | | Kikla,p | 0 | 0 |

Totals 34 9 10 Totals 32 6 6

a—singled for Rodenhaver in 4th
b—struck out for Fenton in 6th
c—walked for Shaffer in 6th
d—fielder's choice for Bergery in 7th
Villanova .012 .031 .110—9 10 2
Penn State .001 .201 .200—6 6 8
RBI—Pae 2, Thomas 2, Hrobak, Fahey, Melega 2, Platco, Baier, Walz, E—Melega, Richman, Pae 2, Brodtkin, Phillips, Rodenhaver, Shaffer 2, Biesecker. 2B—Gursky, Richman. 3B—Melega.

| Pitching | | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|---|----|----|----|
| IP | H | R | ER | BB | SO |
| Walz, W, (1-0) | 5 1/3 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 7 |
| Sappnar | 1 2/3 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Fidalgo | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Biesecker, L, (0-1) | 4 1/3 | 5 | 6 | 3 | 2 |
| Fenton | 1 2/3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Bergery | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Kikla | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 |

Navy Bombs Stickmen In Opener

Navy's defending national lacrosse champions spoiled Penn State's opener Saturday at Annapolis, Md., by ripping the Lions, 16-5.

The Middies combined a tight defense and a vicious attack to win their 31st straight over State. The Navy attack pelted the Lion nets for 59 shots while the defense held State to only 10.

Surprisingly, Coach Earnie Baer was not disappointed with Penn State's performance. "It was the most goals we have scored on Navy in the last five or six years," he said. "It was a great improvement over recent years, but they simply outran us and took advantage of our mistakes."

Tom Hayes, State's promising sophomore, led all scorers by collecting four goals and one assist.

Dick Seelig, another sophomore, got the first score of the game at 1:15 when he took a pass from Hayes and put the Lions ahead, 1-0.

But Navy bounced back quickly with two goals for a 2-1 lead. Hayes then knotted the score with his first goal at 10:46.

Hayes' score was the last State goal until the third period. Navy, meanwhile, stormed the Lion defense for a 13-2 lead to sew up the win.

Don Chinn and Tom Mitchell led the Navy scoring parade with three goals apiece.

The Lion freshman team also went down to defeat, losing to the Navy plebes, 5-2.

Rickey's Son Dies
PITTSBURGH (AP) — Branch Rickey Jr., vice president in charge of minor league clubs for the Pittsburgh Pirates, died yesterday at Presbyterian Hospital. He was 47.

American, National Leagues Set for More Openers Today

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Now that President Kennedy has thrown out the first ball and the new Washington Senators have made their first appearance—a 4-3 loss to Chicago's White Sox—big league baseball can turn its attention to the other clubs and a series of opening days stretching to April 27.

The entire National League and the rest of the 10-club American League gets down to work today, weather permitting, with an eight-game schedule that is expected to attract about 284,000 fans.

Pittsburgh's world champion Pirates start their pursuit of another National League pennant today in San Francisco against the Giants, one of five clubs ex-

pected to fight it out for the flag. A turnout of 42,000 is due at windy Candlestick Park to see Al Dark's Giants face Pittsburgh's Bob Friend. Sam Jones gets the nod from Dark.

The American League champions, the New York Yankees, will be at home before about 20,000 playing hosts to the new Minnesota Twins (old Washington Senators). Cookie Lavegetto is trotting out Pedro Ramos against the Yankees' veteran lefty, Whitey Ford.

Today's Openers
National League
Pittsburgh at San Francisco
Philadelphia at Los Angeles (N)
St. Louis at Milwaukee
Chicago at Cincinnati
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Minnesota at New York
Los Angeles at Baltimore
Cleveland at Detroit
Kansas City at Boston

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Kennedy Sees White Sox Top Senators, 4-3

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new Washington Senators miscued victory into defeat yesterday. And Chicago's veteran White Sox pushed from behind for a 4-3 season opening game decision to the obvious disappointment of President Kennedy and a packed house at Griffith Stadium.

Washington's oldtimers culled in the American League's expansion draft, put them ahead early but they lost their lead when it counted.

Aging Gene Woodling brought Kennedy to his feet, cheering and applauding, with a two-run triple off the scoreboard in right-center in Washington's first inning at bat.

The new Senators, making their bow as a major league entry even as Kennedy made his debut as a presidential pitcher, had a 3-1 lead after two innings but it gradually vanished.

Roy Sievers, who had homered for the Sox in the second, drove across Minnie Minoso with the winning run in the eighth.

But the verdict turned on errors—four all together by the Senators.

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