

Pitt Trackmen Show Signs of Improvement

By JIM KARL

After a dismal start Pitt's track team has begun to show a little life and Panther Coach Carl Reese is breathing easier.

The Panthers, who finally beat West Virginia last week, 81-50, after dropping their first three contests, meet an undefeated Penn State team at 12 tomorrow in Pitt Stadium.

"Final exams hurt us," Reese said yesterday. "They came between the second and third meet and with the bad weather it made it rough for us."

Pitt dropped its season opener 104-27 to a strong Maryland squad, finished second to Navy in a triangular meet (Navy 88, Pitt 86, Georgetown 27) and dropped a 72-49 decision to Miami of Ohio before beating West Virginia.

Penn State edged Navy 66 2/3 - 64 1/3 and then beat Michigan State and Ohio State in a triangular meet last week.

"After I read the results of the Navy meet it didn't seem like we should be on the same track with Penn State," Reese said. "But looking at the results of the Penn Relays and your triangular meet last week, things look a little more encouraging."

(State came up with some good individual performances at the Penn Relays but failed to win any relay titles. The times in last week's meet weren't quite as fast

as they were against Navy but the track was soggy and the weather humid.)

Reese said that weightman Dan Kanell is Pitt's only outstanding performer. "Our only sure winner is Kanell," he said.

"Next to Kanell, Bob Shanafelt is our most reliable point getter. He won both the 100 and 220 against West Virginia and he won indoors against Navy and Harvard.

Pitt's big weakness appears to be the distance events. Against West Virginia, Panther Bob Takrany won both the mile and the two mile but his times were slow. He was clocked in 4:28.1 in the mile and 10:05 in the two mile.

Penn State has three men who have bettered 4:15 in the mile so far this season and Gerry Norman was clocked in 9:13.8 in the two mile last week.

Pitt may also be in for some trouble in the hurdles. Sophomore Bob Grantham's times haven't been exceptionally fast but he's improving each week.

He finished second in the 120 highs and then scored an upset by capturing first place in the 220 lows against Navy's highly rated hurdlers. Then last week he swept both events against Michigan State and Ohio State.



Bob Grantham

MAJOR LEAGUES

By The Associated Press American League

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Detroit	13	7	.720	
New York	14	8	.636	2 1/2
Baltimore	13	11	.542	4 1/2
Cleveland	12	11	.522	5
Minnesota	12	12	.500	5 1/2
Kansas City	9	10	.478	6
Boston	9	12	.429	7
Los Angeles	10	13	.409	7 1/2
Washington	10	16	.385	8 1/2
Chicago	8	14	.364	9 1/2

Yesterday's Results

Baltimore 8 Minnesota 7
Washington 9 Detroit 4

National League

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
San Francisco	15	4	.652	
Los Angeles	15	11	.577	1
Cincinnati	14	10	.583	1 1/2
Pittsburgh	12	10	.545	2 1/2
Milwaukee	10	10	.500	3 1/2
St. Louis	10	11	.476	4
Chicago	9	14	.391	6
Philadelphia	6	18	.250	9 1/2

Knicks Signs Naulls

NEW YORK (AP) Willie Naulls, former UCLA star, signed his contract with the New York Knickerbockers of the National Basketball Association. It will be his fifth year with the club.

Klaus' Grand Slam Gives Senators Win

DETROIT (AP)—Billy Klaus, an .095 hitter, smashed a grand slam home run that sparked the Washington Senators' biggest offensive show of the season yesterday in a 9-4 victory over the first-place Detroit Tigers.

Gene Woodling and Dale Long also hit homers for the Senators, who climbed out of last place by splitting a four-game series with the American League pacesetters.

The nine-run output was two better than the Senators had done in 25 previous games.

The Tigers gave reliever Bill Fischer his first start of the season and the sinker ball specialist was in command for four innings. But the Senators loaded the bases on two singles and a walk with one out in the fifth.

Then Klaus smashed the second grand slam of his career. Fischer walked Danny O'Connell, and Woodling greeted Hank Aguirre with a two-run homer.

ST. PAUL-MINNEAPOLIS (AP)—The Baltimore Orioles turned clutch hitting and five Minnesota errors into an 8-7 victory yesterday to take their three-game series 2-1.

Although Steve Barber was driven to the showers in a three-hit, three-run outburst in the sixth, the Baltimore lefty got credit for the win. He is now 4-2.

The Orioles pushed over their winning margin in a three-hit, five-run splurge against Camilo Pascual, Twins' starter, and Ted Sadowski, in the fifth inning.

Minnesota chipped away at the Orioles' lead in the late innings, but reliever Hoyt Wilhelm shut the gate with one run to spare.

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