

# Rain-Soaked Baseballers Host Ithaca Nine Today

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Penn State's rain-drenched baseball team returns to Beaver Field this afternoon to host traditionally tough Ithaca at 3:30. With a break from the weatherman, the Lions will go after their third win against no defeats.

State defeated Lehigh, 7-3, Friday for its second win, but the game was played in a constant drizzle. The rain turned Villanova's field into a quagmire, forcing the cancellation of Saturday's scheduled contest against the Wildcats.

Sophomore Jeff Spanier will be the starting pitcher for the Nittanians this afternoon. The tall righthander has shown well in practice, earning the third position in the Nittany rotation.

Coach Joe Bedenk's Big Two, Marlin Biesecker and Bob Fenton, have each notched a victory to account for the Lions' 2-0 log. Both men will be ready in the bullpen if Spanier runs into trouble this afternoon.

ANOTHER CHANGE in the State lineup will see Roger Kochman replacing Al Gursky in left field.

Gursky, the Nittanians' regular left fielder last year, has had dif-



ROGER KOCHMAN

iculty finding his batting eye so far this season. Kochman was the Lions' regular center fielder two years ago and Bedenk hopes he will put some punch in the stuttering State attack.

The Nittanians have a 2-0 mark mainly on the efforts of Biesecker and Fenton. Biesecker has given up seven hits in his 11 innings of

work and Fenton allowed only two hits in his seven-inning stint in the Lions' opener.

Shortstop Johnny Phillips is the leading hitter among the Lion regulars, boasting four hits in eight trips for a .500 average. Second baseman Don Robinson has two hits in seven trips for a .288 batting mark. The rest of the Nittanians can't seem to find the range.

The remainder of the Lionup will be the same as the one that started against Gettysburg and Lehigh.

THE LINEUP: Dick Pae, center field; Robinson; Fred Light, third base; Don Jonas, catcher; Kochman; Dick Anderson, right field; Pete Liske, first base; Phillips, and Spanier.

This will be Ithaca's first regular season game, but the Bombers have just returned from a nine-game exhibition tour of the sunny southland and are raring to get their campaign underway.

Coach Bucky Freeman's Bombers slipped to a 6-5-1 record last year after an 11-1 log in 1960 and a 15-2 mark in 1959.

"Ithaca is a baseball school," Bedenk said yesterday. "They always have good teams."

Freeman has 11 lettermen returning to form the nucleus of this year's Bomber squad.

Co-captains Bob Christina and Bob Valesente are expected to provide the power in the Ithaca attack, but promising sophomores will play a big role in the Bomber fortunes this season.

Thirteen sophomores are on the 25-man Ithaca roster and several of them could break into the starting lineup today.

This afternoon's game will be the Nittanians' last home game until they meet Bucknell on Beaver Field April 24. The Lions travel to Rutgers and Army this weekend and Pennsylvania a week from today.

## Majors Ready for 2nd 'Openers'

By JACK HAND

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President Kennedy has thrown out the first ball at Washington's new \$20 million D.C. Stadium and Cincinnati has held its traditional opener but the bulk of the major league baseball teams open the season today.

The 11-game program, spread over two days, is expected to attract a total of more than 340,000 fans if the weatherman is agreeable. The largest turnout is due at the new \$18 million Dodger Stadium in Chavez Ravine where Los Angeles will meet the Cincinnati Reds this afternoon before 56,000 people.

With each major league now expanded to 10 clubs, the 20 openings days spread over a two-week period. Seven more will make their home bow Friday but the Los Angeles Angels won't be home until April 17 and the Milwaukee Braves play their first home game April 18.

THE ADDITION of the two new clubs, New York Mets and Houston Colts, to the expanded National League generates new interest in the older league which

experienced a drop in attendance last season.

Although the New York Yankees are odds-on favorites to win another American League pennant, the league counts on another home run binge by the M&M boys, plus challenges from Harmon Killebrew, Jim Gentile, Rocky Colavito and Norm Cash to keep the turnstiles whirling. Detroit, Baltimore, Chicago and Cleveland all hope to press the Yanks.

Billy Hitchcock at Baltimore and Mel McGaha at Cleveland are the new managers in the American League with eight holdovers. In the National the "new" faces are Casey Stengel, returning from retirement at 71 to boss the Mets, and Harry Craft, formerly at Kansas City and now with Houston.

In addition to the new parks at Washington and Los Angeles, there will be a new temporary stadium in Houston to be used until the domed park is finished in 1964. The Mets, also awaiting the finish of their new park at Flushing Meadows in 1963 or 1964, will open in the historic Polo Grounds.

# Lion Golfers Win Opening Match, 4-3

Special to the Collegian

ARLINGTON, Va., April 9 — Penn State's golf team opened its season by edging Georgetown, 4-3, on a wet and soggy course here.

Coach Joe Boyle's linksmen were greeted by a heavy rainfall when they arrived at West Briar Country Club yesterday afternoon. By this morning, the heavy downpour made play at West Briar practically impossible because of laying water.

But good fortune hit early for the Lion golfers and the meet was switched to the Congressional Country Club across the river from Washington, D.C., where crews were busy trying to clean up from the weekend Cherry Blossom Festival.

GOLFERS FROM both sides had trouble finding the range on the professional course, known also for its swank clubhouse and "19th hole." To add to a steady rain on the front nine and intermittent showers on the back nine were the exceptionally long fairways.

Sophomore Bill Robinson turned out to be the key player for the Nittanians. The team score was knotted at 3-3 when Robinson and his Georgetown opponent, Tom Kizer, came off the front nine tied. Despite the heavy going, the young State golfer remained calm enough to turn in a hefty 4 and 2 margin on the back nine.

The loss was the first for the Hoyas, who scored wins over George Washington University and American University in other outings this year. The victory got the Lions off to a much better start than last year when they lost their first two encounters before defeating West Virginia.

Jim Tabor defeated John Vallulis, 3 and 2; captain Bob Swahn downed Vladimir Blazek, 4 and 3; and Paul Hummer decided John Cooney, 2 and 1, to account for the rest of the Lions' scoring. Meanwhile, State golfers Roland Gartner, Joe Baidy, and Dick Gillson were downed by their Georgetown opponents.

GILISON AND Robinson were the low scorers of the day for the

Lions with 78, six over par performances.

"This match was too close for comfort," Boyle remarked afterwards. "It is a very beautiful course to play on, but it's too long for college boys."

The summaries:  
PENN STATE 4 GEORGETOWN 3  
Jim Tabor (PS) def. John Vallulis, 3 and 2.  
Tim Byrne (GC) def. Roland Gartner, 4 and 3.  
Bob Swahn (PS) def. Vladimir Blazek, 4 and 3.  
Phil Lewandowski (GC) def. Dick Gillson, 1-up.  
Paul Hummer (PS) def. John Cooney, 2 and 1.  
Fred Linkins (GC) def. Joe Baidy, 5 and 4.  
Bill Robinson (PS) def. Tom Kizer, 4 and 2.

## Entries for IM Golf, Tennis Due Tomorrow

Intramural director Dutch Sykes announced yesterday that all entries for tennis doubles and golf-team play must be turned in to the IM office by 4:30 tomorrow afternoon.

In tennis competition, opponents will be responsible for contacting each other and arranging a specific time for their match. Deadlines will be established for each round of play.

In golf match play, each player is paired against an individual from the opposing team for 18 holes of play. One point is scored by the winner of each match. The team that scores three or more points wins the match and continues in tournament play.

Both events will be run on a single elimination basis.

Complete information will be posted on residence and fraternity bulletin boards. Single eliminations in wrestling will begin tomorrow night.

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