

Rain Costs Bergey Starting Assignment

By JOHN MORRIS

Right about now Dave Bergey must be wondering if he is ever going to get a chance to pitch again.

The senior righthander, who has had one of the most frustrating seasons imaginable so far this year, had his debut as a starting pitcher put off again yesterday when the Lions were rained out of their game against Lafayette.

Bergey was somewhat of a sensation as a sophomore and a steady hurler for Joe Bedenk's team last year. His talents were being counted on heavily for the 1962 season.

BUT THEN FATE stepped in. Bergey developed a case of sugar diabetes, forcing him to miss the Lions' early practices and their first several games.

Bergey is almost ready to go now, but a combination of things has delayed his first start. He was mentioned as a possible starter in Tuesday's game against Maryland, but the Nittany coaching staff gave the nod to lefthander Bob Fenton in order to keep at least one pitcher in a regular rotation.

Yesterday it was the rain and it will be Fenton's turn to pitch against Navy Saturday on Beaver Field.

Bergey has pitched two innings of relief this year, but they came during the late innings of the Lions' 25-6 rout of Bucknell nine days ago.

The cancellation of yesterday's contest gave the Nittanians an opportunity to reflect on their narrow 6-5 victory over Maryland.

ONE OF THE brightest aspects of the sloppily-played game was the clutch hitting of Dick Anderson. Bedenk considers Anderson a "picture hitter," but the big right fielder had been having his problems at the plate, batting only .231



DICK ANDERSON

going into Tuesday's game.

"He really looks like a hitter up there," Bedenk has been saying all spring. "One of these days he is going to break loose."

Tuesday was that day, and Bedenk hopes it is just a preview of things to come. Anderson hit a two-run triple and stole home in the first inning, then delivered a game-winning single in the bottom of the 11th.

His three RBI tied him with center fielder Dick Pae and third baseman Fred Light for team leadership in that department with seven. He leads the team in home runs with two.

Left fielder Roger Kochman also had a good day at the plate against the Terps, boosting his average to .285 with two hits in four trips.

Relay Show 'Law of Averages' Pleases Lion Track Coach

By DENNIS KNECHT

Track fans who read the accounts of last weekend's Penn Relays in the Philadelphia or other metropolitan papers, saw very little about the success Penn State gained in that meet.

Of course, the reason is simple. Penn State did not place first in a single race or event in the two days the meet was held on Franklin Field. The metropolitan headlines told of the conquests of the winners — Villanova, Michigan, New York University, and Abilene Christian — in the coveted Championship of America relays.

"If Penn State had won the four-mile relay — and we almost did, we were leading right up until near the end — there would have been much more recognition for us," coach Chick Werner said after the meet. "But as it was, we didn't do so badly."

The Lions didn't win any relays, but they placed in seven events out of the 11 that they entered, a good showing considering the hundreds of athletes entered in the fabulous meet.

"There were three or four teams that dominated the relay races, but after that Penn State was in good shape," Werner said. "You don't have to win against teams like that to be considered good. There were a lot of good teams there that didn't even place."

Assistant coach Norm Gordon was in agreement with Werner. "Some teams had men entered in almost every event, but didn't place in any," Gordon said.

"A lot of people probably think we made a poor showing because we didn't win. But I think we did real well."

Starting this Saturday the Lion thinclads get into a three dual-meet homestand by entertaining Michigan State on Beaver Field, Pitt and the Quantico Marines will be State's other foes on the two following weekends.

'Law of Averages' Stops Golfers' Skein

By JOE GRATA

The 5-4 defeat Penn State's golf team suffered at the hands of West Virginia Tuesday afternoon was inevitable. The proverbial "law of averages" finally caught up with the Lions, figuratively stole the tee from under them, and left State licking its wounds after being stopped atop a five-game winning skein.

Since the first meeting with the Mountaineers in 1940 until now, the Nittany linksmen have played havoc against

West Virginia, winning seven matches while losing none. But the tale was different this year on the Lakeview Country Club at Morgantown, W. Va.

It was a hot and sultry day with temperatures ranging in the middle 80's. The course was new to coach Joe Boyle's line-up which included four sophomores, and the narrow fairways were disastrous to the Lions.

The Mountaineers were considered weaker than usual at first, but the West Virginia contingent took a quick lead. Soon, all the Penn State golfers were down, except captain Bob Swahn.

"Swahn shot a magnificent par 36 on the front nine," Boyle said yesterday. "He set the pace by turning in the largest winning margin of the day (6 and 5), even though he was penalized several strokes on the 10th hole when his ball was lost in a pile of leaves."

SOPHOMORE Jim Tabor was the other Lion to turn in a victory in match play. Tabor was three holes behind his opponent until the final few holes, when he surged ahead with a fine array of shots to down Jim Goodwin, 2-up. Both Tabor and Swahn preserved their marks at 6-0 by winning.

The other two points for the Nittanians came in "best ball" play. Tabor and Bill Robinson won in the first foursome, 2-up,

while teammates Swahn and Roland Gartner copped in the second foursome, 3 and 2.

Dave Liebau and Paul Hummer of the Lions were both defeated in the final foursome and lost the "best ball" match. Both were tied with their Mountaineer opponents until the final hole, a rough 615-yard par five.

"We thought we'd get the win there," Boyle said, "because both boys got off good drives down the middle of the fairway while West Virginia sliced their drives into the woods. Not to alibi, but it was lucky that they were able to get clear shots out of the woods and towards the green."

LIEBAU AND Hummer had putting troubles however, and turned in bogey sixes while their Mountaineer competitors parred the hole to give West Virginia the decisive margin and the team's only victory against State throughout the years.

Mays' 8th Homer Leads Giants Over Bucs, 3-2

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Willie Mays hammered his eighth home run yesterday, powering the San Francisco Giants to a 3-2 victory over Pittsburgh. It was the Giants' eighth straight triumph and their longest winning streak since coming west in 1958.

Righthander Juan Marichal weathered Bob Skinner's two-run homer in the first inning to become the sixth consecutive starter to go the route for the National League leading Giants. He won his fourth game against two setbacks.

Managerial Changes Rumored

NEW YORK (AP) — The baseball season is less than a month old but already there are rumblings of impending managerial changes.

According to the grapevine (whatever that is), two big league managers are on shaky ground while two others have decided to pass the job on to others at the end of the current campaign.

The uneasiest of all 20 major league pilots today must be Mickey Vernon, the soft-spoken gentleman who runs the Washington Senators. The alarmists would have you believe that only a 2-1 victory over the Boston Red Sox Tuesday night saved Mickey's job.

THE SAME SKEPTICS insist that Minnesota Manager Sam Mele, like his predecessor Cookie Lavagetto a year ago, is feeling the hot breath on club owner Calvin Griffith on the back of his neck. Mele supposedly has been told the Twins must make a respectable bid for a first division finish — or else. The Twins, recovering from a slow start, aren't

doing badly, winning 10 of their first 19 games.

A usually reliable source said that Casey Stengel already has informed George Weiss, the president of the New York Mets, to start looking for a prospective manager for 1963. Casey will announce his retirement again immediately at the end of the 1962 season.

From Boston it's reported that Mike Higgins, the popular Red Sox manager, has decided to take off his uniform at the expiration of this season and move into the club's front office. Higgins' logical successor appears to be Johnny Pesky, the former Red Sox shortstop, who returned this year to Seattle where he proved to be one of the top Pacific Coast League managers in 1961.

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