

Lion Baseballers Rained Out; Seek Pitching Help for Fenton

By JOHN MORRIS

For the fourth time this year the Penn State baseball team has had a game cancelled because of rain, but at least it gave the arm-weary Nittany pitching staff a well-earned day of rest.

Coach Joe Bedenk gave the Lions the day off after it was announced that yesterday's scheduled contest with Colgate had been washed out. The Lions (6-2) also have had games with Villanova, Rutgers and Lafayette canceled because of that wet stuff.

THE NITTANIES swung back into action with a doubleheader against Syracuse on Beaver Field Saturday. Weather permitting, of course.

Actually, yesterday's rain-out will give Bedenk and pitching coach Chuck Medlar three more days to find somebody to back up lefthander Bob Fenton in Saturday's doubleheader with the Orange.

Fenton (5-0) has been the Nittanies' only reliable full-time pitcher this year. The stocky junior has appeared in seven of the Lions' eight games and has pitched in the last six. Righthanders Dave Bergey and Jeff Spanier have been routed in their only starts this season. Senior Marlin Biesecker, State's other starter, is still recovering from the weakening effects of two infected teeth.

Reliever Dick Stellman has been



ROGER KOCHMAN
... second leading hitter

effective in his two appearances, but may not be strong enough for a regular starting role.

SHORTSTOP JOHNNY Phillips leads the Lion regulars in hitting with a .423 average, but the lanky captain has been having more than his share of troubles afield.

"Phillips was the best shortstop in the East last year," Bedenk said. "But he had a habit of overcharging the ball, so his manager in summer ball had him practically sit down to pick up a grounder.

Now he is so far back on his heels, he can't move."

Phillips has committed thirteen errors already this season, more than he had all last year. He is fielding only .740.

Left fielder Roger Kochman is the Lions' second leading batter with a .292 average. He scored the Lions' only run in their loss to Navy Saturday, 7-1. The speedy junior doubled and romped home on center fielder Dick Pae's single up the middle.

The RBI gave Pae a team-leading total of eight on the season, one more than third baseman Fred Light and right fielder Dick Anderson.

	Hitting				
	C	AB	R	H	RBI
Phillips	26	9	11	4	423
Kochman	24	7	7	5	292
Jones	21	9	7	5	250
Anderson	20	10	9	7	257
Robinson	20	9	9	4	250
Light	20	8	8	7	342
Pae	10	10	9	8	225
Like	27	6	6	5	222

	Pitching						
	W	L	R	BB	SO	ERA	IP
Noe (0-0)	1	1	1	2	9	0.00	8.00
Spanier (0-1)	1	1	4	3	2	0.00	1.00
Stellman (0-0)	2	0	1	2	2	1.00	1.00
Fenton (5-0)	7	0	25	17	15	1.28	12.00
Biesecker (1-0)	1	1	20	13	8	2.18	12.00
Bergey (0-1)	2	2	6	6	5	12.27	12.00

Pirates Option Gibbon To Kinston Farm Club

PITTSBURGH (AP)—The Pittsburgh Pirates sent pitcher Joe Gibbon to Kinston, N.C., in the Class B Carolina League yesterday on 24-hour recall.

General Manager Joe L. Brown said Gibbon probably will be recalled within two weeks.

The 27-year-old lefthander from Hickory, Miss., starred for the Pirates last year, but has been sidelined this season, with a strained muscle in his left elbow.

Brown said Gibbon was sent to Kinston because "Kinston has the warmest climate of any city in the Pirates' farm system."

Baseballers Hope, Pray As Majors Trim Rosters

NEW YORK (AP) — Fringe ball players tiptoe past the general manager's office these days. They are especially nice to the boss' secretary. When they go home they leave the phone off the hook. If they're on the road, they tell the desk to cut off all calls.

The reason for this retreat into the shadows is the imminence of the cutdown day... that fatal day when the big leagues trim the fringe.

For the first 30 days of the season, each major league club is allowed to carry 28 players. From the 31st day through Aug. 31 the limit is 25. The rest of the time it is 40. That is why you see those bulging rosters at spring training time. Although four teams started a day early, April 9, Commissioner Ford Frick's office has decreed midnight, today as the deadline.

HERB SCORE was one of the fringe men, teetering on the edge, until the Chicago White Sox sent him out to Indianapolis Monday. Many of those who will go out are anonymous characters, unknown to most readers, but Score was something special because of that day five years ago when he was hit by Gil McDougald's line drive.

Tracy Stallard may be an unfamiliar name to some. But it never will be forgotten by Roger Maris. Stallard is the young man who earned an unenviable place in the International League.

record books by throwing the ball that Maris hit for his 61st home run last October 1. Although Stallard appeared in 43 games last year and had a 2-7 record, he had pitched only one inning for Boston this year when Manager Mike Higgins sent him to the Seattle farm in the Pacific Coast League.

Philadelphia chopped off two men by selling Billy Conzolo, one-time Boston Red Sox bonus baby, to the Los Angeles Angels, and peddling Eddie Keegan, a 22-year-old right-handed pitcher, to its Buffalo farm in the International League.

The New York Mets must be the most nervous of all. Who can be sure of his future on a club that won only four of its first 20 games? The Mets optioned pitcher Ray Daviault to their Syracuse farm in the International League.

The New York Yankees cut their squad down to the 25-player limit by optioning relief pitcher Tex Clevenger to Richmond of the International League.

MAJOR LEAGUES

NATIONAL LEAGUE					AMERICAN LEAGUE				
	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.		W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
a-San Francisco	20	6	.769	3	New York	14	7	.667	1 1/2
a-St. Louis	15	7	.682	3	a-Cleveland	12	8	.600	1 1/2
Pittsburgh	14	9	.609	4 1/2	a-Minnesota	14	10	.583	1 1/2
c-Los Angeles	15	11	.577	5	b-Los Angeles	11	9	.550	2 1/2
b-Philadelphia	11	10	.524	6 1/2	Chicago	13	12	.520	3
b-Cincinnati	12	12	.500	7	Boston	11	11	.500	3 1/2
c-Houston	10	13	.435	8 1/2	Kansas City	12	14	.462	4 1/2
Milwaukee	10	14	.417	9	Baltimore	10	12	.455	4 1/2
New York	5	16	.238	12 1/2	b-Detroit	9	11	.450	4 1/2
Chicago	6	20	.231	14	Washington	4	14	.200	9 1/2

a, b, c—Played night games.
 Yesterday's Results
 New York 3, Chicago 1
 Pittsburgh at Milwaukee, ppd., cold
 Today's Games
 San Francisco, Sanford (3-1) at St. Louis, Simmons (4-0) N
 Los Angeles, Podres (1-2) at Houston, Stone (2-1) N
 Pittsburgh, Francis (1-2) at Milwaukee, Piche (1-0) N
 Philadelphia, Mahaffey (2-3) at Cincinnati, Purkey (4-0) N
 New York, Jackson (1-3) at Chicago, Ellsworth (2-3)

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