

# District 2 Bid Fades Fast As Rain Cancels Contest

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Time is running out for the Penn State baseball team, and that District 2 playoff bid is drifting out of its grasp.

The Lions (8-2) were rained out of their scheduled Beaver Field clash with West Virginia yesterday and will probably have to win all three of the games on their schedule for the rest of this week to make the playoffs.

The district selection committee meets in Scranton Monday to pick the four teams as well as the dates and site of this year's playoff.

**THE NITTANIES** travel to Lewisburg for a single game with Bucknell tomorrow and then move on to Pitt for an all-important doubleheader with the Panthers Saturday.

Lion coach Joe Bedenk, a member of the selection committee, knows that the Lions will need as many victories as possible to be in line for a District 2 bid.

St. John's (19-0) and Seton Hall (14-4) have practically clinched two of the four tourney openings. A third spot in the playoffs goes automatically to the winner of the Middle Atlantic Conference championship.

That leaves just one position up for grabs, with State, Lafayette and Pitt three of the main contenders.

A win over West Virginia (17-5) would have given a considerable boost to the Lion hopes, but umpire Hal Strehlow was forced to call the game after a 10-minute downpour, a false start and another heavy rain.

The rain started to come



THAT'S ALL, FOLKS—Penn State baseball coach Joe Bedenk and West Virginia mentor Steve Harrick confer with the umpires just before head umpire Hal Strehlow called yesterday's game on Beaver Field because of wet grounds. The Lions return to action with a game at Bucknell tomorrow.

down just as Lion captain John Phillips met Mountaineer co-captains Ed Tekavec and Tom Stepp at home plate to exchange lineups and go over the ground rules.

Rain mixed with hail pelted the field for about ten minutes before the teams ventured out to start the game.

Lion lefthander Bob Fenton got Mountie leadoff man Joe Hatala on a fly to short center and struck out center fielder Jim Procopio before the rain came down again.

The deluge let up again in about 15 minutes, but the field was deemed unplayable by the umpires and coaches.

# State Golfers Score 'Sudden Death' Win

By JOE GRATA

Penn State's golfers won their eighth meet against one loss by defeating Bucknell, 11½ to 10½, in a mixed-up match at Lewisburg yesterday afternoon.

"We won, but we weren't sure we had the victory until we left Lewisburg," Boyle remarked after the meet.

The Bisons and Nittanies tangled under the "Nassau" scoring system. The players were paired into seven groups, as in regular match play, but one point was given for the winner of the front nine, one for the back nine, and one for the entire 18 holes. Under this system, when two players tie, they are awarded a half point each.

Sophomore Jim Tabor, who turned in a surprisingly weak performance at the Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Association championships at Cornell last weekend, was the decisive man for State's linksmen. Tabor birdied holes 17 and 18 to down Curt Mull, 2½-½, to continue unbeaten in dual meet competition this year.

But Tabor saved his best shots for the playoff, after the team score was deadlocked, 10½-10½. Bucknell's "officials" decided that the No. 1 man from each team should go into a sudden death playoff.

Once more Tabor and Mull teed off, and it took only two holes for Tabor to win. He smacked a magnificently placed drive which bounced onto the green 25 feet away from the pin on a par 3 hole. Then confidently he sank the downhill putt for a birdie. Mull parred the hole.

Three other State sophomores accounted for the bulk of the Nittany points. Roland Gartner defeated Jerry Singer, 2-1 in 19 holes, Dave Liebau downed Don Mothner, 2-1, also in 19 holes, and Bill Robinson beat Ralph Lerner, 2½ to ½.

Boyle was pleased with the victory over the Bisons, who for three consecutive years were Middle Atlantic Conference champions



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until they finished second this season.

"The course was terrible and the fairways were hard," Boyle said, "It was a close one, all right, but our performances were just good enough to win."

The Lion linksmen, who finished third behind champion Yale and runner-up Army in the East-erns, have three matches left—Lehigh, Pitt, and Cornell.

PENN STATE 11½ BUCKNELL 10½  
Tabor (PS) def. Mull, 2½-½  
Gartner (PS) def. Singer, 2-1 (19 holes)  
Dunn (B) def. Swahn, 2-1 (19 holes)  
Liebau (PS) def. Mothner, 2½-½  
Sang (B) def. Haidy, 3-0  
Robinson (PS) def. Lerner, 2½-½  
Zak (B) def. Hummer, 2-0

# Lion Netmen Face Bucknell Today

By KEN DENLINGER

While the fortunes of the Penn State tennis team this year probably haven't caused Bucknell coach Henry Peters to lose much sleep, his Bison squad had better not be too overconfident when they face the Nittany Lion netters this afternoon at 2:30 on the varsity courts.

The Lions, now 2-7, would like nothing better than to bounce back into the win column and today seems as good a time as any.

**BUCKNELL WILL** be led in today's match by seniors Mike Nachwalter and Bob Heuman, but like State, the Bisons will be rely-

ing mainly on sophomores. In the number one singles position, Nachwalter will go against Lion captain Jim Baker.

Senior Whit Gray will face Heuman in the number two spot. Gray defeated Heuman, 6-2, 6-4, in last year's encounter.

Alan Isaacman will handle the number three spot for State with Csaba Balazs, Steve Seitchik and Coldren comprising positions four, five and six respectively.

**FOGG WILL PROBABLY** stick to the same doubles alignment he used in last Saturday's 7-2 loss to Syracuse. Baker and Gray will face Nachwalter and Heuman in the number one position, Isaacman and Seitchik will go against senior Pete Kaplan and sophomore Don Warren in the number

two spot, while John Coldren and Balazs will handle the number three position.

One bright spot in an otherwise dull picture for State this year has been the steady play of Coldren. The former York High star has posted a four win, four loss record thus far and coach Sherm Fogg calls him "a much improved player."

Oddly enough, Coldren feels his best performances have come in defeat.

"Although I was beaten both times, I think my best matches were against Bob Teall of Navy and Paul Witbeck of Colgate," he said. "I had Teall match point in the third set, but couldn't quite pull it out. He (Teall) is by far the best I've faced so far."

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