

Nittany Players Praise Pencek For Rise in Lacrosse Fortunes

By DEAN BILUCK

When coach Dick Pencek begins talking about the fortunes of this year's lacrosse team, all innocent bystanders had better take cover if they don't want to be drenched by a "shower of humility."

In his first year as head State coach, the 23-year-old former All-American has led the Lions to a record breaking 7-2 chart so far. But to hear him talk, one would think he has had nothing to do with the team's won-loss record.

"I can't honestly say what I've done for the team," he said yesterday with a boyish grin on his face that was the perfect picture of humility. "I haven't given them any new skills or really taught them anything. All I do is organize, and they do the playing."

THE YOUNG MENTOR hesitated to put his finger on any one factor that has caused the rise in fortunes, but he did praise the change in attitude.

"I haven't been concerned with the record," he said. "I'm very pleased with the fact that the kids have enjoyed playing the game. They've really wanted to play this year and, indirectly this is the reason for the good record."

Cards, Cubs Rumored Near Trade Agreement

NEW YORK (AP) — The St. Louis Cardinals, badly in need of outfield help because of an injury to Minnie Minoso, have made an offer to the Chicago Cubs for George Altman, their hard-hitting outfielder, it was learned yesterday.

It is believed the Cardinals have offered right-handed pitcher Ernie Broglio, a 20-game winner for the Cardinals two years ago, and outfielder Charlie James for the left-handed hitting Altman. Last year Altman hit .303, with 27 home runs and 96 runs batted in. He also led the league in triples with 12.

You know, if you don't enjoy playing a sport, you don't do a good job at it."

While Pencek will take little credit for the good year, Lion players think otherwise.

"The coach's attitude and his enthusiasm for the team has made the big difference this season," senior co-captain Lou Meier said. "If we lose a game, we feel as if we really let him down. I sure hate to lose, because I don't want to let him down."

Second leading scorer Dick Seelig was of a similar opinion.

"The material is basically the same as we had last year, so I would say the coach plus the change in attitude has been the

big difference," the junior attackman commented. "It's hard to put your finger on what he has done for us, but he has that intangible something that makes you really want to go all out."

LEADING SCORER and candidate for All-America honors, Tom Hayes, was even higher in his praise.

"The difference between last year and this is like black and white," Hayes said. "The team spirit has changed and the coach is so close to us we really want to play for him."

Saturday, State goes after its eighth win against Colgate at Beaver Stadium in a game that could establish this year's team as the best in Lion lacrosse history. And you can bet that when the referee blows that whistle for play to begin, there will be ten Nittany Lions playing their hearts out for their coach. They hate to let him down.



Dick Pencek

Signing of Lucas Bolsters ABL

CLEVELAND (AP)—The signing of Ohio State's Jerry Lucas, three years at upwards of \$105,000.

Lucas, a three-time All-American who had said repeatedly he wasn't interested in professional basketball, could have signed with the NBA's Cincinnati Royals for

He chose, instead to become the first big-name player to pick the ABL over the NBA and thus give the new league the gate attraction it lacked in a money-losing and somewhat disorganized initial season.

The signing strengthened speculation that Lucas' teammate at Ohio State, John Havlicek, might also join the Pipers.

Lion Thinclads Improved, Ready to Face Quantico

By DENNIS KNECHT

After a powerful Navy team defeated Penn State 89 1/3-41 2/3 in the first track meet of the outdoor season, April 14, coach Chick Werner claimed his thinclads had been hampered by poor weather conditions in early season practices, and were not really as bad as they looked.

Anyone who thought Werner was just making up excuses then, found out Saturday how right the veteran coach was. The Lion thinclads smashed four records enroute to a 93 1/2-37 1/2 rout of Pitt on Beaver Field.

"Boy, would I like to meet Navy now," the jubilant coach said just after Ciro Risoldi cleared the pole vault bar at 14'4 1/2" to break the second Penn State record and the third meet record of the day.

BEFORE THE record vault was made, Jerry Wettstone jumped 6'6 1/4" to establish a new school and meet record, and Howie Deardorff ran 880 yards in 1:50.8, breaking the old meet record of 1:53.2, standing since 1924. About 30 minutes later, Gerry Norman set a new meet record of 9:00.5 in the two-mile run.

"We're starting to look respectable," Werner said after the meet. "If we were to meet Navy now, we would beat them."

Navy, competing in the Heptagonal Games in Hanover, N.H. over the weekend, captured only one first place, the 880.

Stew Lingley was the winner for the Middies in 1:53.1.

If the Penn State thinclads had been in the Heptagonals and performed as they did against Pitt, they probably would have won Deardorff's 880, Norman's two-

mile and Wettstone's high jump Saturday, would have taken first places in the Heptagonals as all bettered the winning marks in the Hanover meet.

This Saturday, in the final dual meet of the season, track fans will get a chance to see just how good the Lions are when the Quantico Marines storm Beaver Field.

LAST SATURDAY the Marines came close to upsetting ICA In-door Champion Villanova in a dual meet, but yielded, 78-62.

Quantico stars Cary Weisinger and Dick Edmunds set new track records in Villanova Stadium. Weisinger ran the mile in 4:02.7 and Edmunds won the 440 in 46.8. Quantico also won the mile relay in 3:11.4.

Commenting on the Marines' showing against Villanova Werner said, "We've improved quite a bit. We're no pushover, either."

Mets Trip Cubs, 6-5

NEW YORK (AP)—Felix Mantilla's single to left with the bases loaded in the 11th inning yesterday gave the New York Mets a 6-5 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

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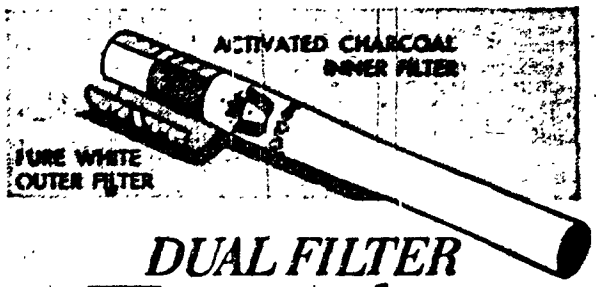
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