

# LaXers Drop Game; Also Lose Coach

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The Penn State lacrosse team lost more than a game Saturday—it also lost a coach.

The Lions closed out their season, falling to a strong Colgate team, 8-6, in Beaver Stadium. But the defeat wasn't the big story—it was the loss of a coach.

A coach that had led the Lions to their best season since 1946 and a coach, who in his first season, had revitalized the sport at State.

"Uncle Sam," however, plays no favorites.

Dick Pencek took over the head coaching job at State in January, and at 23 was the youngest head lacrosse mentor in the country. He acquired the job of trying to build a sport that hadn't had a winning season since 1959 and one that constantly ended up on the wrong side of the win-loss chart.



Dick Pencek

Pencek's team won its first four ball games, equaling a State record. Then the Lions lost to national powerhouse Maryland. The stickmen drubbed Rutgers for the first time in history and then lost to Syracuse before winning the next two.

IN THE PROCESS the Lions captured the Middle Atlantic Conference championship and the Penn-Del crown with 4-0 records in both leagues. They also broke a State scoring record with 20 goals against Lafayette.

Everything looked bright as State headed into its final game with Colgate. A win over the Big



WAIT A MINUTE—John Meisel (right) circles around a Colgate player and attempts to get off a shot in the Lions' 8-6 loss Saturday in Beaver Stadium. State closed the season with a 7-3 record.

Red would give State its best record ever. Then things turned dark. Wednesday the team's leading scorer, Tom Hayes, suffered a torn achilles tendon which put him out of action for the Colgate game.

The worse was to come though. Thursday Pencek received word that he had not passed the physical for the six months program and that instead of six months he was to report for two years' duty in the United States Army.

PENCEK DIDN'T tell his team because as he said, "I didn't want to pull a Knute Rockne." Rockne is the Notre Dame football coach

who was famous for his pre-game and halftime speeches that brought fire to the eyes of his players.

Pencek never did tell his players, but assistant coach Fred Pisano did. With Colgate ahead 5-3 at halftime, Pisano asked Pencek to leave the locker room and he told the players that this would be their last game for Pencek. State came out with that fire in their eyes the third quarter and scored within 40 seconds, but after that nothing seemed to go right. "I will have to say that the goalie was really lucky," a disappointed Pencek said after the game. "The fellows put out 200 per cent and he made so many lucky saves it was unbelievable. It's too bad the fellows had to lose, when we had so much to gain from a victory."

Pencek said he will report for duty June 11. The only chance that he could be back at the coaching reins next year is if he doesn't pass his induction physical which he will take on the 11th.

THE WIN WAS Colgate's seventh in a row. The Big Red lost its first four, but since then no one has been able to control them. Andy Pollock and Lou Meier, with two goals each, carried the State offense which had its worst day of the season. Previous to the Colgate defeat, the Lions averaged 11 goals per game.

Ken Staub and Bill Charron scored State's other goals. Hayes pulled out when the NFL franchise was offered. The AFL substituted Oakland, Calif. as State's top scorers.

# Rained Out Again, Lions Host Temple

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Nine wins against two losses isn't exactly a record to cry over, but this 1962 baseball season still has to rank as one of the most frustrating in Joe Bedenk's 32 years of coaching here.

A rained-out doubleheader at Pitt Saturday marked the sixth and seventh games that the Lions have had cancelled this season, and the missed games may be a factor in whether the Nittanies receive a bid to the NCAA District 2 playoffs or not.

ANOTHER IMPORTANT factor is the Lions' game with Temple on Beaver Field this afternoon at 3:30. State must have the win to stay in contention for the coveted bid.

The district selection committee, originally scheduled to meet in Scranton yesterday, will not meet until Thursday. The delay gives the Lions one more opportunity to prove that they rate a playoff berth.

"This has been a funny spring," State pitching coach Chuck Medlar said yesterday. "It only rains on days we have games scheduled."

The Lions have missed only two or three days of practice all year, but the seven rain-outs have cut their proposed schedule of 20 games down to a possible 13. The Nittanies wind up their regular season with a game at Delaware Thursday.

Bedenk still gives his team a good chance of making the playoffs—if the Lions can get past Temple today.

JUNIOR LETHANDER Bob Fenton (7-0) is slated to pitch against Temple, a team that has hit a late-season slump. The Owls started out the campaign with a ten-game win streak, but they have leveled off of late and now have a 13-6 record.

Bedenk is contemplating one change in the Lion lineup. The move would have Al Gursky starting in left field and regular left fielder Roger Kochman replacing Pete Liske at first base.

Liske has been having trouble at the plate in the Nittanies' last several games. The lanky first sacker has slipped from an early high of .313 to .182.

Shortstop Johnny Phillips continues to lead the Lion regulars in batting with a .444 mark. The Nittany captain also leads the team in walks with 16.

KOCHMAN HAS been one of the team's hottest hitters in the late-season surge. The first baseman-outfielder is swinging at a .324 clip and paces the Nittanies in total bases with 21.

Fenton leads the Lion pitching staff in nearly every department. The stocky southpaw has a 1.06



BOB FENTON

... seeks eighth victory

earned run average, surrendering just seven earned runs in 59 innings of pitching. He has also chalked up a team-high 62 strikeouts.

Righthander Marlin Biesecker, the probable starter in Thursday's finale at Delaware, has accounted for the Lions' other two victories. He has a 3.67 ERA.

Righthander Dick Stellman has pitched 11½ innings, mostly in relief, boasting a 3.09 ERA in three appearances. The rest of the staff has pitched a total of 5½ innings. State has a team ERA of 2.36 against a 5.09 ERA by its opponents. The Lions have a team batting average of .259 against .216 for opponents.

## Frosh 9 Trips Bisons

The Penn State freshman baseball team completed an undefeated season, topping the Bucknell frosh, 6-5, Saturday. The victory marked the fifth win in as many starts for the frosh.

The decisive blow came on a three-run homer by Dave Savitz. The hit, Savitz' first of the season, climaxed a four-run eighth inning which moved the frosh from a 5-3 deficit to a 6-5 victory.



# Federal Judge Rules Against AFL Monopoly Power Charge

BALTIMORE (AP) — A federal judge ruled yesterday that the senior National Football League did not have a monopoly power to restrict competition and so owes the new American loop nothing for expanding into Dallas and Minnesota.

The junior professional major league had sought \$10,080,000 in damages. It claimed the NFL, founded in 1920, possessed and used the power to exclude rivals.

U.S. Dist. Judge Roszel C. Thomsen dismissed the monopoly claim with the statement the NFL "did not have the power to prevent or unreasonably to restrict competition."

He said the official publication of the AFL itself "asserted that never before in the history of sports has an organization gone so far so fast."

After ruling out the charge of monopoly, Judge Thomsen said

the question remaining was whether the NFL had conspired against the new league by granting franchises in Dallas and Minneapolis-St. Paul to increase from 12 to 14 members.

He said the AFL was entitled to no relief on that score either.

The NFL announced in January, 1960, it was expanding to Dallas and plans to start in Minnesota the next season.

The AFL previously planned to start functioning in 1960 with teams in Dallas and Minnesota. Prospective Minnesota backers pulled out when the NFL franchise was offered. The AFL substituted Oakland, Calif.

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