

# Lacrosse, Baseball Squads on Road

## Lingenfelter, Micsky Chosen To Pitch Against Rutgers

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The next time a Chicago sports writer bemoans the trials and tribulations of Eddie Stanky, Penn State baseball coach Chuck Medlar will be able to nod sympathetically.

Last season "The Brat" had the best pitching staff in the majors and his White Sox still finished no better than fourth. They just didn't have the bats.

This season Medlar has put together a fine pitching staff, but some great efforts are going to waste because State hasn't come up with the hitting to match the arms.

No one supposes that Denny Lingenfelter, Jim Allgyer, Bill Micsky and Gary Manderbach are in the same class as Joel Horlen or Gary Peters, but Lehigh and Ithaca aren't the Minnesota Twins either. In 54 innings the "Big Four" has allowed only eight earned runs.

**Faded After 3**

The Lions got great hitting as they swept their first three games, but faded after that and State has split its last four.

Medlar remains optimistic as the Lions head for New Jersey to meet a strong Rutgers outfit. "Our hitting will come around," he said. "Don't forget—we saw some good pitchers in the last four games."

Eight days ago at Lehigh, State beat a sophomore pitcher, 2-0. After the game Medlar called him, "one of the best we'll see all year."

Last weekend the Lions saw not one but two pitchers who could be rated better. Hal Burke of Villanova stopped State, 1-0 in 10 innings, besting Manderbach in as fine a pitcher's battle as anyone had seen in a long time.

**Another Heartbreaker**

When the Lions split with Ithaca, they went down 4-0 to another first-rate effort. Frank Spaziani took the loss in that one even though he gave up only two earned runs.

The best prediction for this weekend's action is more of the same. Medlar's staff is rested and ready—and Rutgers coach Matt Bolger has his two top hurlers in line to face the visitors.

The opening game will match two right-handers with identical 3-0 records. Lingenfelter, unstoppable so far this season, gets the call for State. Rutgers, 7-2 on the season, will counter with Jim Jackson, a soph hurler who has been a pleasant surprise for Bolger.

Jackson has handcuffed St. Peters, Columbia and Princeton in three starts.

In the second contest, the Scarlet Knights will go to their ace, Senior Ed Ott. A Pennsylvania (Hatboro) product, Ott led the Knights with a 2.04 ERA a year ago. The lefthander is currently having the same troubles as the Lion pitchers—little hitting support. His record is just 1-0 with two no-decision games.

An outside possibility for the second game is Doug Brittle, also the 6-6 center of the Rutgers basketball squad. The junior has shown some impressive pitching this season after a shaky sophomore year.

Medlar will go with Bill Micsky in the second game. The sophomore made Penn State history two weeks ago by tossing a no-hitter at Gettysburg in his first varsity start. He has not seen action since then due to a stiff shoulder, but is ready to go tomorrow.

With Micsky starting, Allgyer will be free to come out of the bullpen, something he has done superbly in two games this season, despite the fact that he's normally a starter. In two relief appearances Allgyer hasn't surrendered a run.

**Worked Hard**

The hitters have been getting some good workouts this week in long intrasquad games designed to give them the feel of competition during the week-long layoff.

The top hitter through the first seven games has been second baseman Ken Barto. The senior easily qualifies as the most improved hitter, too. A year ago he hit less than .200 for the regular season. This year he's swinging the bat at a .476 clip.

Joe Comforlo is batting a healthy .333. The junior has turned in some steady hitting against the best pitchers the Lions have faced.

The rest of the squad hasn't fared nearly as well although there is one notable exception. That's reserve catcher Gene Christina.

The senior came off the bench last Sunday and banged out a clutch pinch-hit double to drive in the winning run in the 3-2 victory over Ithaca.

Christina started the second game to give regular Dave Fore a breather. He rapped out two straight hits to wind up with a perfect 1.000 average for the limited action he's seen.

That sort of clutch hitting gives Medlar bench strength to work with and a good pinch hitter. And the Lions may need all the RBIs that Christina—and everyone else—can provide in the upcoming series.



**SWINGING** A hot bat this spring is senior team captain Gary Kanaskie, who presently has a .308 average, getting eight hits. He'll lead the baseball squad (now 5-2) against Rutgers in a doubleheader tomorrow at New Brunswick, N.J. Last year centerfielder Kanaskie batted .277, third best on the squad, and also hit a team-leading four home runs, the same as teammate John Featherstone.

## LaXers Challenge Colgate, Syracuse

**By STEVE SOLOMON**  
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A two-game weekend road swing into New York begins today for the Penn State lacrosse team, and it could be a bus ride into national prominence.

Astute lacrosse observers are focusing a sharp eye on the Lions to determine whether their near-upset over defending national champion Maryland ten days ago was a once-in-a-season fluke. It was the only Penn State loss in four games.

"It's a big challenge," coach Dick Pencek said of winning the last six games on the schedule. "We have to be up mentally for each one. If we lose again, it discredits our performance against Maryland."

The Lions will have to be psyched sky high this weekend. They face undefeated Colgate this afternoon and a highly-publicized Syracuse squad tomorrow.

**Don't Have Class**

Colgate is 2-0 with triumphs over Lehigh and Lafayette, although they don't appear to have the overall class that the Lions possess. But they're big, have bench strength, and use unorthodox setups to free the midfielders, who have contributed half the scoring this year. If the Lions are looking forward to Syracuse tomorrow, they'll have trouble.

The Orangemen will field their best team in years, strengthened since last year's 11-10 victory over State by the addition of some highly-touted sophomores. Syracuse is 3-1, with its only loss coming at the hands of Navy, and is favored over the Lions by the nationally distributed Lacrosse Newsletter. They boast a solid midfield and attack.

All the Lions were pronounced fit by Pencek, with the exception of Mike Passano, who may be sidelined with a groin pull. Ken Edwards, Bob Schoepflin and Rick Ruf, all of whom took a beating in State's 9-5 win over Loyola last Saturday, should be close to 100 per cent.

**In Small Slump**

Edwards is the team scoring leader with 34 points on 16 goals and 18 assists. The Long Island sophomore is in a small slump, however, having ripped the nets for only one goal in the last two games. But his overall field play has remained outstanding.

Bob Schoepflin, Edwards' mate on attack, has come on strong lately, scoring the Lions' key goals. He has seven goals and 11 assists to rank behind Edwards.

Midfielder Randy Voigt has been shooting frequently, and as was the case against Loyola, sometimes erratically, but he has a dozen goals to his credit. Rick Ruf has seven goals, Dave Schock four, and Loren Stolp, Steve Henderson and Passano, two each.

But it has been the man behind the nets who has carried the Lions this season. Goalie Jim McGuone is the unsung target of 35 to 45 whistling shots each game. Against Loyola, the 5-10 junior was credited with 20 saves.

## Unbeaten Tennis Team Travels

# Lions Face Navy

**By JOHN LaPLACE**  
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This afternoon the unbeaten Penn State tennis squad (2-0), under coach Holmes Cathrall, embarks on its first road trip of the season, motoring to Annapolis where it will face the Midshipmen of Navy.

With a 10-day layoff prior to the trip to the Naval Academy, Cathrall kept the Lions busy. The netmen took full advantage of the perfect tennis weather and worked for a steady game. "We've worked for steady performances this past week," said Cathrall. "We hope that this will be helpful in the three-set matches which we are expecting from the Middles this weekend."

The 10-day layoff also provided Joe Kaplan with an opportunity to sell his wares to Cathrall. And sell he did. Kaplan's showing the past week has impressed Cathrall so much that he earned him either fifth or sixth position for tomorrow's match.

"Joe is one of the nicest surprises of the season," the coach said. "He didn't make the trip down South and has beaten some of the boys who did make the trip."

As for the Middles, they're stacked with talent, according to all reports. Bill Burns, who played position one or two last

season for Navy, is the only casualty due to graduation. The Lions will be facing five of their conquerors from last season at Annapolis.

Navy barely pulled off a 5-4 win last season, and it was one of two narrow 5-4 decisions dropped by the Lions, who posted a 9-3 mark last season. Despite relative inexperience in his number three, four, five and six positions, Cathrall, with cautious confidence, expects a 5-4 match again this season, with the outcome going either way against a tough Navy team.

With the Navy match tomorrow the Lion netmen begin a rugged seven-day grind which

leaves just about enough time to keep the Sabbath holy, and that's all. Following the Navy meet, State hosts Gettysburg Tuesday and travels for weekend dates Friday at Syracuse and Saturday at Colgate.

Aside from Joe Kaplan's cracking the lineup, replacing Jeff Bickmore, the front line remains intact with only a few minor changes within. Captain Mario Obando and Neal Kramer retain their one-two positions. However, Glenn Rupert and Tom DeHuff will be in either third or fourth position. Tom Daley and Kaplan will anchor the front line with either in the fifth or sixth position.

## Go for Fourth Tomorrow

# Linksmen Meet WVU

**By DICK ZELLER**  
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The Penn State golf team will go after its fourth win in five starts tomorrow when it challenges West Virginia on the Morgantown Golf and Country Club course.

"It is a very unusual golf course," Joe Boyle, the Lion coach, said of the site. "It is very hilly and not much of a test of golf."

Boyle will be forced to make a few changes in his strategy. The Southern Conference, of which West Virginia is a member, has its meets set up for six players from each team with an 18 point scoring system similar to the one used at Maryland last week.

The six competitors for State will be about the same as in the other matches this year. Jim Ceiger, Tom Apple, Frank Gause, Rusty Washburn, Ernie Samiga and Bob Hibsichman will walk the course on the State side. They are being counted on heavily to carry the Lions' title defense in the Easterns and are getting every opportunity to play together.

Last year, State had little trouble with the Mountaineers, handing them a 7-0 defeat on the Lions' home course. Only one letterman from that West Virginia team is gone, and coach Charley Hockenberry is expecting his team to improve

greatly on last season's 6-7-1 record.

A team top heavy with seniors, West Virginia, surprisingly, is looking to two of its sophomores to add life to the team. Harry Young, a Baltimore star who got away from the Penn State recruiters, is expected to see action along with Bruce Keagy, a newcomer from New Castle.

Top scorer of the returning lettermen is Mike Gocke. On his way to a 7-3-1 record last year, Gocke averaged 77 strokes per match. Close behind are the Ault twins. Bob contributed a 6-5 slate to the Mountaineer cause with a 78.6 average while Dick (5-9) averaged 78.9.

Apple is State's lone undefeated player. Everyone else has lost at least twice now. Last week at Maryland Apple turned in the medalist score, a par 72.

Apple and Hibsichman are the only new faces in the lineup so they probably won't recognize many of the faces on the WVU squad tomorrow. Hopefully they will be able to remember how well they have to play to come out with a win.

The Lions and Mountaineers will meet again in the Indiana tournament on April 27. Indiana is meeting West Virginia today in a dual match, so the tournament will be a rematch

of old friends.

Possibly, the back-to-back matches will be reflected in the play of the WVU team, but this could easily be countered by the home course advantage.

The next action for the Lions will be Tuesday when Lehigh visits the Lions on the State links. The action will start at 3:30.

## Celtics, 76ers In Playoff Battle

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The Boston Celtics who have written more than their share of history in the National Basketball Association try to add another page tonight.

No team in the annals of the NBA ever has won a seven game playoff series after trailing 3-1. Coach Bill Russell's game team will try it the hard way too—on the home court of the defending champion Philadelphia 76ers.

## Flyers Lose in Playoffs

The Philadelphia Flyers lost to the St. Louis Blues last night, 3-1, giving the Blues a fourth and final win in the NHL best-of-seven Western division playoff.

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