

Medlar May Make Changes As Light-Hitting Lions Travel

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Penn State's baseball team goes on the road today and the Nittany Lions are taking several "what-if" question marks on the trip.

How far can a team go on pitching alone? Will the hitting revive? If a batting resurgence comes, will it be soon enough to get the faltering Lions back into the picture for a District Two playoff spot?

Tuesday's 3-2 loss to Indiana State, the third one-run defeat in the last six games, clearly showed the two weaknesses that have hampered the Lions—poor fielding and even poorer hitting.

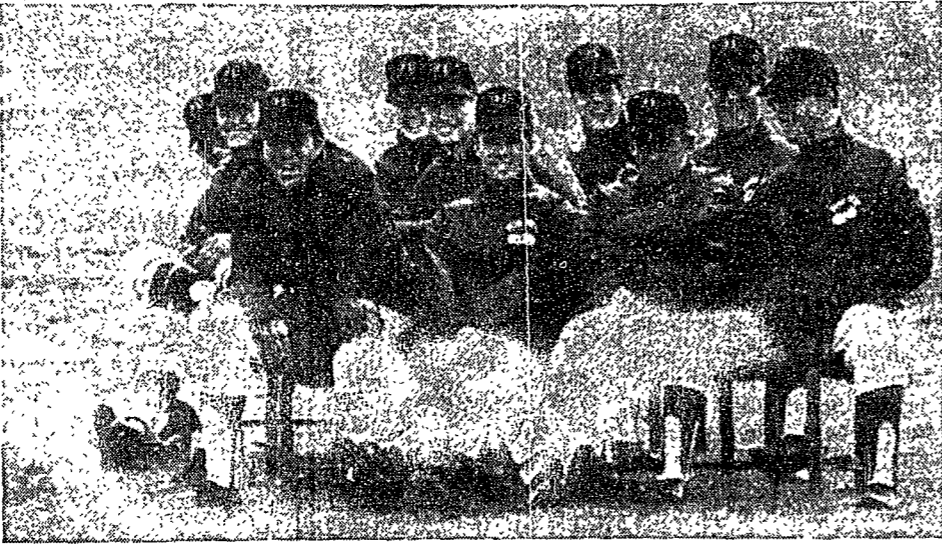
The Lions banged out a "rousing" five hits against a less than effective Indiana hurler, and left 10 runners stranded on the bases. Only one run was scored on a base hit, the second coming on a bases-loaded walk.

Despite the paltry run production the Lions might still have won. Jim Algeyer was turning in another chapter in the continuing series of outstanding pitching performances by State hurlers. But the fielding breakdown was just too much to overcome—all three Indiana runs scored because of errors.

Errors Fatal
One crossed the plate when right fielder Dick D'Neher missed the cutoff man with a throw, allowing a runner on first to circle the bases. The other score came because first baseman Mike Eggleston couldn't pick up a bunted ball that was a sure out.

No amount of good pitching can make up for lack of support in the field, especially when the hitters aren't producing.

Only three regulars are above the .300 mark. Second baseman



PENN STATE'S bullpen hasn't been seeing much action this year as the starters have shown consistently good performances. Pitching is carrying the Nittany Lions during the current hitting slump which has seen State leave 45 men on base in the last five games. Coach Chuck Medlar is happy that his relievers can rest, but may make some changes in the starting lineup.

Ken Barto continues to lead the club, boasting a .461 average. He also is the leading run producer with 14 RBIs and 11 runs scored, one more than captain Gary Kanaskie, the second best hitter.

Kanaskie had two solid hits Tuesday, raising his average to .333. Left fielder Joe Comforio is at .306 despite going hitless against Indiana.

No one else is even close to .300 and most are below .250. The hitting drought was so bad that coach Chuck Medlar was forced to use Algeyer in the outfield last weekend. The most recent failures at the plate call for more drastic measures.

"If this keeps up I'm definitely going to make some changes," Medlar said after

Tuesday's loss. "I may make one at third base, I may make one at first base and I'm thinking of making a change in rightfield."

Medlar has used three players at third, the most recent Scott Frymire. The junior went hitless in four trips Tuesday, keeping his average at .000.

The man he replaced, sophomore Jim Owens, is hitting .143. Substitute Rod Cowburn has made only three plate appearances, getting one hit.

"I'm thinking of using Jim Watts at third," said Medlar, "and I'm considering putting Gene Christina at first. He's not that good defensively, but we've got to have that hitting."

The hitting Medlar was talking about was Christina's .800 average. The reserve catcher

has gone four-for-five this season in one start and two pinch-hitting assignments. Yesterday he delivered a pinch single. Against Rutgers he delivered a pinch double to drive in the winning run. When you have a batting order that has left 45 men on base in the last five games that sort of power has to be used.

Oddly enough, the Lions opponent today is having the same trouble. West Virginia owns an 8-6 record and only one regular is batting above .300.

The Mountaineers have been riding on their pitching staff as much as State has. Most of their victories have come over small schools. Pitt being the only exception. West Virginia beat the Panthers 4-0 in Pittsburgh, but at the same time

has lost to Richmond twice, George Washington, Shippory Rock, California and West Liberty—hardly powers in the baseball world.

The only team to play both Penn State and West Virginia was Indiana. The Mounties crushed the Indians 8-1.

Disappointing Year
Mountaineer coach Steve Harrick expressed some disappointment when he said, "It hasn't been the kind of season we had hoped for."

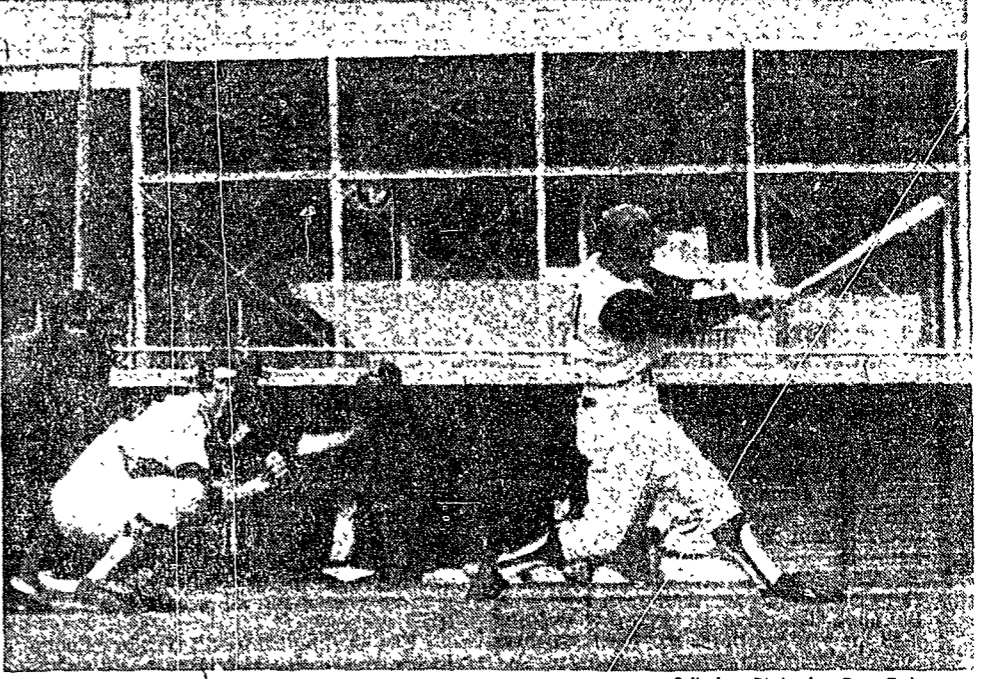
Penn State will probably be the toughest team West Virginia has met this season and Harrick has saved the best man on his staff to face the Lions.

The starter today will be Denny Taylor, a senior right hander. Taylor has been a bulwark of the Mountaineers' staff, compiling a 5-0 record with an amazing 0.54 ERA. He is among the nation's leading strike-out artists with 48 whiffs in 33 innings.

Medlar will counter with either Gary Manderbach or Denny Lingenfelter, two of his most effective hurlers. Manderbach is 1-1 on the year with a 1.13 ERA. The lefty lost a win when the hitting failed against Villanova. He had gone 9 innings without allowing a run, but the Lions couldn't win it for him. State eventually lost in the tenth.

Too Hurler
Lingenfelter is the staff leader at 3-1 with a 1.36 ERA. He had made three excellent starts and could have won the fourth except for some untimely errors.

Whether a new batting order will get the Lions moving is uncertain, but Medlar has to try something. A lot of great pitching has gone to waste already—and time is starting to get short on any chance of returning to the post-season playoffs.



TOO MANY strike outs have hurt the batting average of Penn State shortstop John Featherstone. The senior led the team with four home runs a year ago and has belted two already this season. But Featherstone went hitless in three trips against Indiana Tuesday, dropping his average to .243. A similar slump is afflicting most of the Nittany Lion hitters.

Brudage Confirms Vote

South Africa Barred

LAUSANNE, - Switzerland (AP) — Avery Brundage confirms yesterday that South Africa is out of the Mexico City Olympics.

The American president of the International Olympic Committee said there were more than enough votes to keep South Africa out of the games.

Actual Danger
And, in a statement, he said the IOC's executive board had feared there would be "actual danger if a South African team appeared at the Games."

Brudage said that with 54 of the 71 votes cast, all IOC members had approved the board's recommendation to withdraw the invitation to South Africa to participate in the Oct. 12-27 Games. Thirteen members voted in favor of South Africa.

Simple Majority
Only a simple majority of 36 votes was required to bar South Africa.

South Africa, barred from the Olympics in 1963 for its racial segregation policies, was reinstated when the nation's Olympic Committee pledged to send a multiracial team to the 1968 Olympics. This was done in a

mail vote of the IOC and announced at the Winter Olympics in Grenoble, France, nearly eight weeks ago.

A storm of protest followed. More than 40 nations, most of them from Africa, said they would boycott the games. Other nations, including the Soviet Union, indicated they would, too, if South Africa competed.

Faced with a disaster to its

multimillion-dollar production, Mexico City's organizing committee requested and got a special meeting of the IOC's executive board last weekend. The board then unanimously recommended that the invitation be withdrawn and called for another vote of the IOC. Once the executive board made its recommendation the result never was in doubt.

Bad Starts Plague Big League Stars

NEW YORK (AP) — Jim Wynn, the man who hit 37 homers and knocked in 107 runs last year, is riding the bench at Houston. Tommie Agee, the man the New York Mets had to have, is sitting with an 0 for 26 streak and a .119 batting average.

Deron Johnson, supposed to solve Atlanta's first base problems, is hitting only .114 and Tommie Aaron is playing the bag. Bob Bailey is watching while Luis Alcaarez holds down third base for the Los Angeles Dodgers.

The vagaries of early spring find a proven hitter like Willie Stargell of Pittsburgh trudging along at .158 and Sandy Valdespino, a .165 hitter last year, slugging at a .387 clip for Atlanta.

Mays at .341
Averages including Tuesday's games show Willie Mays is bouncing back strong at .341 but Roberto Clemente, the defending champ, is way down yonder at .231. Triple Crown winner Carl Yastrzemski of Boston is averaging only .257 but he has four homers and seven runs batted in. Frank Robinson of Baltimore, the 1966 Triple Crown winner, is out with the mumps.

Gil Hodges, the manager of the Mets, has been resting Agee in the last three games. He expects to return the ex-White Sox outfielder to the lineup tomorrow night in Cincinnati. Ironically, Don Bosch, who flopped last year, has been moving center for Agee.

Wynn, played out of his old center field job in Houston to make room for Ron Davis, took extra batting practice Tuesday at Shea Stadium from Harry Walker, the Astros' special hitting instructor. Wynn has only three hits, all singles, in 35 trips, only one RBI and is hitting .086.

A Catcher in the Dome?
Among the more startling statistics is a little item in the Houston figures. The Astros' catchers have thrown out only one base-stealer in 15 attempts. Obviously, the runners have been giving rookie Hal King a bad time.

Grady Hatton, Houston manager, switched to John Bateman against the Mets. There were five stolen bases against the Astros in one game but then there were five against Boston the other day when Gene Oliver was catching.

Nelson Classic Opens in Dallas

DALLAS, Tex. (AP) — What may be the greatest gathering of big name golfers—many of them coming to pay tribute to one of their own—will move out today in the opening round of the \$100,000 Byron Nelson Classic.

A limping Arnold Palmer, the greatest money-winner of all time, will play despite a painful hip injury. It's all because of Nelson, the fabled Texas golf great of the forties, who is being honored by having the tournament named for him and who was given a \$25 a plate testimonial dinner.

All But Lema
Eleven of the twelve top money winners of golf history, led by the great Palmer, with Billy Casper No. 2 are in the field. The missing one is Tony Lema, killed in a plane crash last year.

The 13th, Ben Hogan, had to withdraw because of an injured knee, but the 14th and 15th are here—Bob Goalby and Don January.

There are 74 players who have won PGA tournaments and Jack Tuthill, PGA tournament director, said no other tournament could make that statement.

There are more than 55 from the top 60 money winners of the year. But Casper is the only tournament winner this year since George Knudson had to return to Canada under his visa.

Field of 156
Which shows how wide open things will be when the field of 156 starts hammering at Preston Trail Course with its 7,986 windswept yards.

Gary Player, one of the big names in the field, said it was one of the toughest golf courses he ever had played.

January, who is a Dallas resident and has played the Preston Trail course, was being eyed as a favorite for the \$20,000 first money. January has just finished making a run for it in the Masters and then winning the Tournament of Champions.



THE FORTUNES of the Penn State lacrosse team depend heavily upon fleet feet of 6-10, 165-pound attackman Ken Edwards. Assistant Coach Tom Hayes is shown above giving some halftime advice to the Lion sophomore star. The Nittany Lion laxers will attempt to rebound from their 13-9 loss to Syracuse last week when they entertain a tough Rutgers squad Saturday afternoon.

Intramural Standings

DORMITORY Balsam over Nittany 41, 33-8 Harrisburg over DuJmir, 25-14 McKeasport over Kinross, 26-15 Williamsport over Wilkesboro, 31-10 Hickory over Jordan— forfeit Linden 31, Chestnut 9	Larch 26, Juniper 15 FRATERNITY Beta Theta Pi over Phi Kappa Tau, forfeit. Delta Chi 26, Alpha Tau Omega 15 Lambda Chi Alpha 31, Alpha Epsilon Pi 9
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4 - 4:05 p.m.—WDFM News
4:05 - 6 p.m.—Music of the Masters—With Kathy Bradley.
MOZART — Violin Concerto #3, GRIEG — Quartet in G, BIZET — Carmen Suite.
6 - 6:05 p.m.—WDFM News
6:05 - 7 p.m.—After Six (Popular, easy-listening)
7 - 7:15 p.m.—Dateline News (Comprehensive campus, national and international news, sports and weather)
7:15 - 8—After Six (Continued)
8 - 10 p.m.—How About You with Mike Bartos (All request show)
10 - 10:05 p.m.—WDFM News
10:05 - 12 midnight—Symphonic Notebook—with Michael Machusa.
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Beatles' Eye View of the Guru.

The Maharishi Mahesh Yogi—spiritual adviser to the Beatles and Mia Farrow, architect of Transcendental Meditation, leader of the Spiritual Regeneration Movement. A frail man who sits cross-legged among cushions high in his own ashram—a Himalayan retreat where believers practice meditating and exist on boiled rice and vegetables. The Beatles were there, and Mia, and a score of celebrated and not-so-celebrated believers from around the world. Why? To find out, Post writer Lewis Lapham talked to the Guru's followers in the U.S., then went to India. You can see the Maharishi, his retreat and his message as the Beatles see them in the May 4 issue of The Saturday Evening Post. Get your copy today. On newsstands now.

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