

Rutgers Match Pits Friends

# LaXers' Reunion

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Being the good friends that they are, Penn State lacrosse coach Dick Penck and Rutgers' coach Bob Naso will make the perfunctory pre-game handshake tomorrow afternoon at 2. Then they'll try to beat each other's brains out. No quarter given, none asked. Even with a 15-goal lead, neither will send in the scrubs until he sees the timekeeper reach for his gun.

This is a rivalry born eight years ago when Penck and Naso were roommates and teammates at Rutgers and the players they are now coaching were wide-eyed kids on the sandlots of Long Island and Maryland. Naso was the lacrosse player—he persuaded his buddy to try out for the team. Penck picked up a stick and made All-American three years later.

Series Is Even  
Now established in the coaching profession, they've met four times. Penn State has won twice, last year a 7-6 decision that ruined the Scarlet's fine season. Rutgers has been laying in wait ever since.

But Penck's and Naso's won't be the only reunion tomorrow. A t t a c k m e n Bob Schoepflin of State and Glenn Rich of Rutgers, old high school teammates in New York, will meet again. Their offensive

duel could decide the outcome of the game.

Naso has his usual national power again this year, with only tough losses to Harvard and Army in seven games. And they're ready for this one, having massacred Colgate last Friday.

"Rutgers has gotten stronger as the season has gone along," Penck said. "They've got good speed and two outstanding mid-fields. I'm sure it will be a Ken Edwards, Penn State's sophomore attackman, appears in the Faces In The Crowd section of the current issue of Sports Illustrated. He was honored for scoring 12 goals in his first three games, six of them coming in the Bucknell contest, a Penn State sophomore record.

really well-played game. They've got personnel equal to Maryland's, so you know they're tough."

The Scarlet Knights also have All-American attackman Joe Nites, one of the top ten scorers in the country, who, quite naturally, will present the Lions fans a basis of comparison with their own scoring machine, sophomore Ken Edwards. The 5-10, 165-pound Edwards has scored 18 goals and 20 assists in six games, including an exhibition against Oberlin.

The Lions, though, have found scoring more difficult

lately, and Penck plans a number of offensive adjustments for tomorrow's game. What they are he wouldn't say, having closed practices to the public this week, but the guess here is that the changes center around Edwards, who despite his season's output has ripped the nets only three times in the last three games.

Rick Ruf, Randy Voigt, and Schoepflin have taken up the slack a bit, but when Edwards isn't scoring three or four a game, the Lions are in trouble. Ruf threw four past the goalie in last week's 13-9 loss at Syracuse, hiking his seasonal total to 11. Voigt has 12 goals, and Schoepflin, 8.

Coach Still Hopes  
The Syracuse defeat could put the damper on the Lions' chances for national ranking. They're 3-2 with four games remaining, but Penck is optimistic.

"We still have a lot of tough games to play," he said. "We'll just have to go out and win them all. The boys will be underdogs against Rutgers, so a win could put us right back in the running."

Before that can happen, there will be plenty of hand shaking and reminiscences. Penck and Naso, Schoepflin and Rich.

There is absolutely nothing to the rumor that "Auld Lang Syne" will replace "The Star Spangled Banner" before the game.



UNDER THE watchful eye of interior offensive line coach Joe McMullen, two Penn State football players go through the agony of spring drills. The interior offensive line boasts experienced players, but some are learning new positions. McMullen is in his sixth season as a member of the Nittany Lion coaching staff.

# Syracuse Next For Lion Nine

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Penn State's baseball team had its first encounter with typical early-spring weather yesterday. The Nittany Valley seemingly followed the Lions to Morgantown, W. Va., forcing cancellation of the scheduled game with the Mountaineers.

Coach Chuck Medlar will have to use today's practice session to decide whether to make some major changes in State's lineup before tomorrow's doubleheader with Syracuse. After a 3-2 loss to Indiana earlier in the week, Medlar was thinking of using different performers at three positions—first base, third base and right field.

Dropped 4 of 8  
What has upset Medlar's plans is the bad slump the Lion hitters have fallen into recently. After winning the first four games the team stopped hitting and has dropped four of the last six contests, three by a single run.

Only three regulars are hitting with any degree of consistency—Ken Barto, Gary Kanaskie and Joe Comforto. The rest of the starters have failed to provide much help in recent games, although the team batting average is still a respectable .257.

Barto leads the club in hits, runs, RBIs and average—.462. Kanaskie is swinging at a .333 clip and Comforto is batting .306.

After that trio the averages are much lower. In fact, the next two hitters are pitchers Denny Lingenfelter and Gary Manderbach. Shortstop John Featherstone leads in home runs and ties Barto for total bases but his average is just .242. The rest of the regulars are around .200—or lower.

When the talk switches to pitching, the whole situation looks brighter. It's easier to forget the hitting troubles when looking at a team earned run average of 1.84. The four starters have been superb so far. Sophomore Bill Miesky tossed a no-hitter in his only appearance. He has been sidelined with a stiff shoulder for the last two weeks.

Excellent Record  
Gary Manderbach has a 1.13 ERA in 16 innings, with a 1-1 record. He lost a 1-0 game to Villanova earlier in the year after shutting the Wildcats out over nine innings.

Workhorse Denny Lingenfelter owns a 3-1 record with a 1.32 ERA. The senior leads the staff in innings pitched with 34½ and strikeouts with 40.

Jim Allgyer has divided his time between starting and relieving and the dual chores haven't hurt his effectiveness. The senior has a 2.40 ERA in four games, evenly divided between starting assignments and bullpen work.

Medlar's moundsmen have been carrying the burden so far. If the team is to improve its 6-4 record in a hurry, the hitters will have to start shouldering their share of the burden.

## AL '69 Schedule Waits on NL

CHICAGO (AP) — The American League decided for the sake of harmony yesterday to play ball with the National League on mapping 1969 schedules. It delayed action on setting up a planned two-divisional slate for its 12-team expansion program.

"We set yesterday's meeting as long ago as last February in order to possibly adopt a divisional, six-club scheduling plan for 1969," said Joe Cronin, American League president, "but last week the National League decided to expand to 12 teams in 1969 if it were feasible. We now must wait for the National's firming up of its 1969 expansion program be-

fore we can decide on our playing schedule. It would be difficult if we went ahead with a divisional setup not knowing what, or even if, two new teams the National will add."

Lou Carroll, National League attorney, sat in on the meeting of American League club owners yesterday.

Cronin said that Carroll thought the National would expand at a feasible date, and, in the interest of harmony, they would like for the American League to delay its scheduling plans.

Carroll said the National will meet probably in mid-May, at which time the two new franchises for 1969 may be voted on.

## Money, Hisle Sent To Minor Leagues

PHILADELPHIA (P)—Shortstop Don Money and centerfielder Larry Hisle, the two standout rookie prospects of the Philadelphia Phillies, were optioned yesterday to San Diego of the Pacific Coast League.

General Manager John Quinn said pitcher Larry Colton and shortstop Roberto Pena have been recalled from San Diego by the major league club. All four players will report for the new assignments today. Money and Hisle will join San Diego at Indianapolis and Colton and Pena will join the Phillies in Atlanta.

Money was described as the key player in a winter deal with Pittsburgh, which sent ace pitcher Jim Bunning to the Pirates. The Phillies received Money, pitcher Harold Clem, Bill Laxton and Woodie Fryman. Clem and Laxton already are in the minors. Fryman has posted a 2-1 record thus far for the Phillies.

"Whatever was in the best interest of those two fine young players was uppermost in our minds at all times," Manager Gene Mauch said. "Both benefitted from their brief stay with the club. Now I believe it is best for them to go out and play every day."

Money played in four games and hit .231, while Hisle was in seven games and hit .364. Hisle also was used several times as a late inning defensive replacement in center.

Colton, a right hander, is 1-2 with a 3.14 ERA in three games at San Diego, while Pena is hitting .219 in eight games. Pena, who had a try with the Chicago Cubs in 1965 and 1966, hit .234 last year at San Diego.

Money was the most valuable player in the Carolina League last year, hitting .310 at Raleigh. Hisle hit .302 at Portsmouth in the same league and stole 31 bases.

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