

Orange at Stadium

Thinclads Home

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The Penn State track and field team will shoot for its first dual meet victory of the outdoor season tomorrow at Beaver Stadium when it hosts Syracuse at 1:30 p.m.

State will be favored in this meeting of the two rival schools, as it boasts a well-balanced but not flashy team. Syracuse has already lost a meet to Colgate, not a powerful squad.

Last year, basically the same Syracuse team fell before the charging Lions by a 107-38 score. State won in all but one event in downing the Orangemen.

**Lions Confident**  
Syracuse will be out to avenge that defeat, but State is confident in its might. The Orange will be strongest in the sprints this year. Team captain Ron Manne is a top sprinter who has been clocked at 9.7 in the 100 and 21.9 in the 220.

Manne will be backed by Bill Roberts, quarter-mile. He's a fleet runner who is expected to cover the distance in close to 48.8. In the hurdles, Tom Wood is the mainstay of the Syracuse team. Wood ran the hurdles in 44.1 to set a meet record when Syracuse lost to Colgate.

**Distances Fast**  
Syracuse also boasts some fine distance runners, who may give State a bit of trouble. The field events will be a sort of mystery this week, since no one is certain just how good the Syracuse weight men are. Most of their shot, discus and javelin men have been in spring football training and have yet to perform in a dual meet.

State will counter against Syracuse with some of its finest runners. Manne will face State's fine 9.7 runner Bob Beam in what should be the closest race.

The durable Ken Brinker will again run in four events. This week, he'll attempt the 220 and the high hurdles, besides running on the 440 relay team and anchoring the mile relay squad.

Distance runner Ray Smith will see double duty this week, running both the mile and two-mile for State. Smith is preparing for his head-on clash with Pitt's Jerry Richey one week from Saturday in the Big Four meet.

This weekend State will test a mile relay team which hopefully will bring victory in the Big Four meet and the ICAAs. Harry McLaughlin, Howie Epstein, Steve Calhoun, and Brinker will carry the baton for State.

**Javelin Trio**  
Earlier this week, State had a throw-off to determine who will hurl the javelin this weekend. Joining Dick Richardson in this event will be Charlie Bradley and Tom Allen. Syracuse is weak in the jumping events, and State will try to capitalize on this weakness. Captain Chip Rockwell, Ray Blinn and Bob Kester, who swept the triple jump against Navy, hope to repeat this feat against the Orange.

The main objective this weekend will be a sort of preparation for two upcoming meets. State's coaches are anticipating a fine showing by the Lions in preparation for the four-way meet May 18 with Pitt, Syracuse, and West Virginia. After that, the ICAA championships will be the center of attention.



IT'S HARD to be a forgotten man when you've scored 14 goals and 21 assists, but not too many Penn Staters can come up with the name of Bob Schoepflin (5) when discussing lacrosse. Most publicized is sophomore Ken Edwards, here moving the ball against an unidentified Rutgers opponent.

Schoepflin Forgotten Man

LaXers Eye 5th

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Even the casual lacrosse fan picks up the names quickly. Ken Edwards comes first, of course, because when you score three or four goals a game and add a similar number of assists and when you shoot over your shoulder and behind your back and generally run the show, you are bound to get a lot of attention.

Then you recognize Galen Gobey, because at 6-5 and 220 pounds you don't overlook him unless Katherine Ross is sitting beside you.

The next name is likely to be that of Bob Schoepflin. Bob who? Don't hold your breath until somebody tells you, because the lacrosse coach spends his time in strategy sessions at this time of the season. Last year's star is this season's superstar, but now it's a two-man show.

Schoepflin got all the press releases last year when he was a bright-eyed sophomore with an unusually large lump in his throat but an equally amazing scoring touch at any distance. He practically carried the Penn State offense alone, scoring

10 goals and 23 assists, a major accomplishment for a fellow who didn't start in high school until injuries wiped out the first team.

This year things are different. Another sophomore "wunderkind" is on the scene, and Schoepflin, who with three games remaining on the schedule has already surpassed his 1967 totals, can sit back and appreciate what Ken Edwards is going through.

"There's a lot of pressure on Ken," Schoepflin said of the young Lion who has 26 goals and 32 assists and clippings from Sports Illustrated. "I know, because I went through it last year. But now that there's another scorer on the team, I feel much more relaxed. I think my play has improved because of it."

Schoepflin is a 5-7, 140-pounder from Huntington High School, the center of Long Island's annual lacrosse frenzy. In his senior year, Huntington won the league and Long Island championship and placed 11 men on all-city, state, or national teams, which helps to explain why a college star faced his biggest challenge trying to win a letter in high school.

Schoepflin, though, was an instant hit at Penn State. Coach Dick Penick welcomed him with a handshake, a lacrosse stick and an amercio offense. Schoepflin cured the latter.

"He's probably one of the top five attackmen that Penn State has ever had," assistant coach Tom Hayes said. "With Edwards around, he doesn't get the attention that he enjoyed last year, but he's still our most consistent player. We can always count on him for three or four points a game."

Schoepflin's journey to Penn State has brought unexpected benefits.

"When you recruit a player like Schoepflin," Hayes continued, "you get more than four years of good lacrosse, it helps the whole recruiting program. Bobby was one of the top players in Long Island, and high school boys listened when you tell them that one of the players they admired came up here."

Schoepflin and his mates entertain Cortland State at 3:30 tomorrow afternoon in a battle of similar styles. The Red Dragons' coach, Fred Pisano, was an assistant under Penick in 1962 and has since carried his playing strategy northward. "On paper, it looks like a pretty even matchup," Hayes said. "But I think we would be favored by one or two goals because of our tougher schedule."

Not to mention a little attackman named... uh...

IM Results

VOLLEYBALL

FRATERNITY SEMI-FINALS  
Phi Kappa Phi over Phi Delta Theta, 15-0, 15-13  
Phi Gamma Delta over Beta Theta Pi, 15-12, 8-15, 15-13

DOMITORY QUARTER-FINALS

Montour-Pike over Chestnut, 15-11, 16-14  
Watts 11 over Franklin, 15-12, 8-15, 15-13  
Mercer over Centre, 15-2, 7-15, 15-12  
Butternut over Luzerne, 15-2, 15-7

SWIMMING

Quarter-finals  
DORMITORY  
Birch def. Williamsport, 22-19  
Montour Pike def. Lehigh, 30-11

FRATERNITY

Phi Kappa Phi def. Phi Sigma Kappa, 33-7  
Kappa Sigma def. Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 22-17

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Batteries: Pittsburgh—Kooze, (L, 9-2); Wickersham (7) and May; Atlanta—Reed, (W, 3-0); Britten (9) and Tillman; Martinez (9); Phillips 7; Cincinnati 3; Washington 3; Boston 1; Houston 5; San Francisco 2

Two vs. George Washington Tomorrow

Lion Nine Seeks To End Skid

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Chuck Medlar lit a cigarette, leaned back in his chair, and spoke about the previous day's game. Medlar had watched his team get three runs in the first inning, and then die at the



BILL MIESKY  
... tries again tomorrow

plate. Temple won 9-3, and Medlar wasn't happy with the loss. He's seen too many all-ready this year.

"I don't know what to say about that game," Medlar said. "We got off to a quick lead, then suddenly we were behind. When we hit the ball, it went right at somebody. It's just been that kind of a year. Maybe the law of averages is catching up with us after five winning seasons, because we aren't

getting any breaks." The Temple game was typical of the entire season for the Lions. Starter Denny Lingenfelter had to leave the game with a stiff shoulder. At the time State had a 3-1 lead, but the Owls jumped on reliever Gary Manderbach for a five-run inning and that was the game.

Bill Miesky, Woyne Burns and Frank Spaziani also worked in the Temple game, but only Spaziani was effective.

**Spaziani Tough**  
"I was very pleased with Spaziani," Medlar said. "He had a real good fastball and kept the ball down most of the time. When he's throwing like that, no one can do much damage against him."

Temple's hitters certainly couldn't do much damage to Spaz. He pitched two-hit ball for four and two-thirds innings. While the Owls were rattling their bats against Manderbach and Burns, the Lions were going down steadily. The pitch-

ing of Hal Wertz, Gary Kanackie and John Featherstone rapped RBI singles in the first, but after Jim Watts' single leading off the second the Lions couldn't touch Wertz for a safety.

**New Challenge**  
Tomorrow at 1 p.m. the Lions run up against George Washington in a doubleheader, and tomorrow the Lions will be facing something new.

When the NCAA ruled that individual conferences could decide on eligibility of freshmen for varsity sports, the committee made GW coach Steve Korcheck the happiest man in the nation's capital, next to Hubert Humphrey.

The reason? Korcheck has the guy who may be the best, freshman pitcher in the country—and at George Washington he's eligible for varsity competition.

Hank Bunnell, 6-4 right-hander from Scranton, is rated the top pitching prospect ever to attend George Washington. In his career in high school

and American League baseball, the 18-year-old chalked up no less than 13 no-hitters. He beat Navy 8-1 Tuesday and is almost sure to face State tomorrow.

Faced with a four game losing streak and a series of doubleheaders coming up, the Lions need two wins tomorrow to get back to .500 from their current 7-9 mark—and to get started on a winning streak.

"Once you've lost some tough games, it gets to be a mental thing," Medlar said. "You're just waiting for something to happen."

"But the guys are hustling as much as they possibly can. We'll keep on battling and try to do as well as we can the rest of the season."

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Orioles Look Like AL Champs of '66

BALTIMORE (AP) — The remainder of the American League would do well to cast a wary eye at the fast start by the Baltimore Orioles.

The 1968 Orioles don't resemble the 1966 pennant-winners—in personnel or performance to date—but there are enough parallels to cause concern for the opponents.

So far, the pitching has been vastly superior to 1966 with the hitting less potent.

Just as important as raw ability, perhaps, as outfielder Paul Blair points out, is "the return of the winning spirit."

**Not as Bad**  
"We're out to show we're not as bad as last year," Blair said, referring to the 1967 collapse which tumbled the Orioles into a sixth place tie.

"Last year we sat back and waited for something to happen," said Blair. "This year, we're making things happen and forcing the other teams to make mistakes."

Only 12 of the current 25 players were with Baltimore through the entire 1966 season, but they include seven of the eight day-to-day regulars.

The lone exception is shortstop Mark Belanger, the youngster whose promise prompted the Orioles to deal veteran Luis Aparicio during the off-season.

Two years ago, the Orioles opened with rookie catcher Andy Etchebarren, rookie second baseman Dave Johnson and second-year player Blair in center. Baseball traditionalists said a team with so much inexperience up the middle couldn't win, but Baltimore did.

Did They Ignore Wilt?

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Idle conversation between a reporter and Vince Miller, scout-statistician for the Philadelphia 76ers of the National Basketball Association, may have solved the mystery of why Wilt Chamberlain took a few shots in the seventh and final game of the Eastern final against Boston.

Miller told George Kiseda of the Philadelphia Bulletin his chart showed Chamberlain got the ball in the pivot just seven times in the second half — twice in the third period, and five times in the final quarter.

In the first half, the ball went into the pivot 23 times. Kiseda asked Chamberlain why the 7-foot-1 center didn't point this

out in answering questions about why he only took one shot in the second half.

"What would I have looked like if I had said, 'Hey, we lost because my teammates didn't get the ball into me?' If Alex Hannum didn't have guts enough to lay it on the line and accept a certain amount of responsibility for the loss and name the reasons why, then I've lost a lot of respect for him, which I have, and I will tell him that when I see him. You can't shoot the ball if you don't have the ball.

"But you know something, after the game, not one writer came up to me and said, 'Hey, how come the ball didn't come into you?' Not one.

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