

Lion Nine Faces Tough Maryland

By DON MCKEE
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The games could hardly have been labeled crucial by the calibre of the opposition. Mansfield State is far from being a power in the world of college baseball, but Wednesday's doubleheader was still an important date for Penn State's baseball team. "This doubleheader could be a big one," said State coach Chuck Medlar before the game. "If we win two, we have a good chance to go on to a winning season."

The Lions did win both ends of the doubleheader and won in impressive fashion. Denny Lingenfelter yielded just two hits and Gary Manderbach only two as State won both games by identical 4-1 margins, breaking a four-game losing streak.

Readback
The season mark is now back to respectability at 9-9. But just when it looks as if the Lions might break their long slump, they run into a roadblock.

The obstacle is Maryland. The Terps will face the Lions in a home doubleheader at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, and they could well be the best team State will see this year. Maryland has won as many games as State has played—18.

Despite having run into some difficulty recently, Maryland is still a formidable opponent. The Terps are contending for the Atlantic Coast Conference title with a 12-5-1 mark. Their overall log is 18-5-1.

Double Defeat
Maryland was cruising along in first place in the ACC until last weekend. In a two-night doubleheader with North Carolina, the hitters sabotaged fine efforts by Maryland's sparkling pitching staff and the Terps went down to 1-0 and 2-1 defeats. Both games went into extra innings.

On Sunday Maryland will be seeking to add Penn State to a list of northern victims that already includes Syracuse, Dartmouth and Massachusetts. Coach Jack Jackson has two juniors ready to take the mound and the duo boasts some impressive credentials.

Mike Heron is unbeaten this year, sporting a 4-0 mark. A righthander, his earned run average is less than 1.00.

The Terps' second probable starter is

the staff leader in victories, Tom Bradley, 5-2. He has also been limiting opponents to a run per game.

Earlier in the year Maryland had been getting steady hitting, with the team average over .300 in mid-season. The hitters haven't been quite so prolific lately, but the Terps can still count on some good bats.

Jackson's best hitters have all been underclassmen. In fact, two of the three top hitters are freshmen—left fielder Jim Norris and shortstop Mike Baier. Sophomore outfielder Gene Hiser has been close to the team lead in batting and the top homer man is also a soph, Joe Shamburg.

Medlar will counter with his top righty-lefty punch, Lingenfelter and Manderbach. Both were strong and consistent on Wednesday.

Lingenfelter completed his sixth game in eight starts, winning his fourth against three losses. Those defeats could easily have been victories, but bad luck robbed the senior on more than one occasion.

Dependable Denny
An indication of Lingenfelter's effectiveness is his 1.41 ERA and the 65 batters he has struck out in 64 innings. He's been Medlar's most dependable pitcher all year and the coach will be counting on him again Sunday.

Manderbach has exhibited two sides this season, one where he looks like Sudden Sam McDowell and another where he resembles the erratic Bo Belinsky.

When Mandy is on, he's virtually untouchable. But when he hits a wild streak, a very common affliction with young lefties, he either walks in the runs or gets bombed.

Fortunately, Manderbach seems to have recovered from the wildness he showed against Rider. The two-hitter against Mansfield brought his ERA down to a respectable 3.18. The junior has also struck out 31 batters in 34 innings.

Penn State got a big lift Wednesday by a hitting resurgence on the part of shortstop John Featherstone. The senior lifted his average to .299 with a three-for-five day at the plate.

Second baseman Ken Barto continues to lead in average with a .345 mark. He has scored 16 runs and driven in the same number, leading the team in both categories.



MIKE SCHURKO
... freshman flash

Cheerleaders Set Tryouts Sunday

All students who submitted cheerleader applications are asked to be present for tryouts this Sunday at 7 p.m. in White Hall.

Rich Klinetob, who heads the returning 13 leaders, said four women and five men will be added to the squad this year. Subsequent tryouts will be held next Wednesday, Thursday (when first cuts will be made), Friday and Saturday, with the finals taking place a week from Sunday in Rec Hall.

Face Pitt, Syracuse and WVU Thinclads in Big Four Meet

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The military Lion track and field team will travel to Syracuse to give battle to three other universities in the annual Big Four meet.

State will clash with Syracuse, Pittsburgh, and West Virginia in this renewal of old rivalries. The Lion thinclads are in the position of defending champions. Last year they scored 115 points to 39 for Pitt, 28 for Syracuse and 12 for West Virginia.

Pitt Tough
This year's win will not be as easy to come by, even though State earlier downed one of its opponents, Syracuse, by an overwhelming score of 131-33. The main stumbling block will be Pitt. This year the Panthers have several runners who are rated among the best in the country.

Jerry Richey has received national attention as the next great distance runner. Richey, made eligible a year early by Pitt's trimester system, is a positive threat to win both the mile and two-mile in the meet at Syracuse.

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The Lions are hoping to dominate the shot put, discus, and javelin contests. Heavily depended upon will be Dick Richardson in the javelin and Jim McWilliams in the shot and discus.

The thinclads have hopes of sweeping both relay events. The team of Beam, Brinker, Kester and Charlie Hull will be one of the finest 400 teams ever seen by the other members of the Big 4. These men are determined to crash the school record this week.

Speed Needed
The mile relay, however, will have to hustle to win their event. State will field a strong and confident team as a result of last week's win over Syracuse. Harry McLaughlin, Epstein, Calhoun and Brinker will pass the baton.

Meanwhile, the State freshman track team will travel to Cornell. A small contingent of 12 frosh will be headed by distance runners Mike Schurko and Jim Miller, pole vaulter Ed Seese, weight man John Glass, and middle distance runner Tim Donovan.

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