

Rosecrans, Rogers score 3 Lacrossers dump Loyola

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Lacrosse is the best spring spectator sport at Penn State. At least that's what a handful of Lion lacrosse players are trying to convince the local inhabitants.

Whether the fast-paced action can lure fans to attend the matches will be determined as the season progresses, but the stickmen didn't hurt their drawing power Saturday when they polished off Loyola 14-7 on the AstroTurf.

The Lions dominated the match, firing 66 shots on the Greyhound goal while the visitors managed 23 shots.

"We played well in spots," coach Dick Pencek said after the season opener. "We made a lot of mistakes. We could have had ten more goals."

The Lions only trailed once in the match when Loyola midfielder Tom Crompton zeroed in on the State goal for a 1-0 lead.

Penn State finally found the range on its shots and led 4-1 after one quarter. Sophomore attacker Jay Blatter notched his second goal to give the Lions a 6-5 edge at halftime. Loyola was able to score four times in the period proving it was better than its 0-3 record.

Using three midfield units, Penn State dominated the play in the second half. A seven goal flurry in the third quarter put the match out of reach and allowed Pencek to play his substitutes.

The Lion scoring onslaught was centered around the midfielders who accounted for nine of the 14 tallies. Jim Rosecrans, who will split his spring between football drills and lacrosse, picked up a three goal hat trick. Midfielders Martocci and Bob Cohen added two goals apiece.

score were Blatter and Tom Rogers who also notched a hat trick. Though he didn't score, freshman Karl Hurtzig was always near the goal and passed off for four assists.

"As the season goes on we're going to have to get more scoring from our close attack," Pencek said.

The Lions, shooting for their first winning season since 1968, face a tough schedule that includes six teams that played in either an NCAA or a United States Lacrosse Association tournament last season.

The first test for the Lions, who carry only three seniors on the roster, comes Wednesday against Ivy League

power Penn in Philadelphia. Penn State lost to the Quakers in last year's contest, but have stacked the deck in its favor this year with four aces. The State lineup is beefed up with four football players who can handle a lacrosse stick.

The biggest two-sporter is Rich Caravella, a 6-5, 230-pound center who guards the goal. The defense is bolstered by linebackers Buddy Tesner, Joe Carlozo and Rosecrans. Rosecrans used his weight and strength advantage as he teamed with Martocci to win 20 of 25 faceoffs Saturday. After Loyola cut the Lions margin to 8-5, Rosecrans won a faceoff and then weaved his way through the Loyola defense and fired a hard shot past the goalie.

This year's team is just that, a team. Last year when Penn State was in trouble or needed a goal it went to its sophomore sensation Jimmy Trenz. However, the honorable mention All-America wasn't satisfied with his publicity notices or the level of competition and took his 42-goal, 28-assist credentials to Cornell.

"We lost a kid with a lot of talent, but we picked up kids who are going to pull us together," Pencek said.

"We're a team rather than a group of individuals. Jimmy would have been just another player."

In addition to the talent on the squad there is also a positive attitude that exudes from the players.

"There is more anticipation to meet our opponents," Pencek said.

"We're going a long way against teams like Hobart, Syracuse and Penn," Caravella predicted. "Nobody is going to run away from us."

SCORING
Loyola 1 4 2 0-7
Penn State 4 2 7 1-14
Penn State goals — Rogers, Rosecrans 3, Cohen, Blatter, Martocci 2, Abriel, Giacalone
Loyola goals — Kellerman, Crompton 2, Baily, Awallt, Rutkowski
Penn State assists — Hurtzig 4, McGuire 2, Abriel, Cohen
Loyola assists — Awallt 3
Saves — Caravella PS 7, Giacalone PS 3, Slatkosky L 29
Shots on goal — Penn State 66, Loyola 23



Photo by Randy J. Woodbury

Lion attacker Karl Hurtzig shakes Loyola defender and eyes open teammate

Sherkel opens 'familiar' season

By RICK STARR
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Over the years a Chuck Medlar coached baseball team has come to mean two things, defense and pitching. So when the Lion baseball team takes the field for a doubleheader against George Washington this afternoon in Washington, Medlar's crew will be putting on a familiar act.

"We should have a good defensive club, particularly in the infield, and our pitching should be more than adequate," Medlar said. "Our main concern will be generating some offense."

"We have to get more consistent hitting. So far this Spring our hitting has been coming along."

This afternoon's starter, Rick Sherkel, last year had a 6-2 record and an ERA of 1.50. Medlar's top pitcher, Sherkel will also see some outfield duty as Medlar tries to get more steam into the Lion lineup.

Righthander John Maier and lefty Tom Kirsch are the only other experienced hurlers on the club. However, Medlar said that footballer Brian Masella "looks fine so far," and he expects to get more help from righthanders Steve Correll, Mitch Lukevics and Len Bartek.

Behind the plate George Coval looks set with freshman Garry Koch holding down the number two spot.

In the infield Medlar will go with captain Don Stine at third, Greg Vogel at second, and either Bartek or Art Ochs at first. Ochs bats left while Vogel bats right and both have the tools to start so Medlar may decide to platoon them all season.

Penn State's biggest offensive weapon is shortstop Gerry Micky. The Lion junior last year hit a healthy .321 and led the team in runs batted in with 21.

It's the outfield that's still unsettled with two-thirds of it up for grabs. Senior Dennie

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DeWitt will return to center but so far that's the only position Medlar is set on. Sherkel, a fine all-around athlete, will probably play in left when he's not pitching but Medlar will still have to come up with two more outfielders.

Bill Burkert could be in right by virtue of his strong arm but Medlar is more interested in offensive potential at the moment. Besides Burkert, Sam Lammie, Lou Korb, Jack Thorm and basketball regular Kevin Burke could get the job.

The George Washington

game today will be the first of six contests the Lions will play in the next week, consequently the pitching staff will get a stiff early workout. Sherkel will start the first game of this afternoon's doubleheader but Medlar is going to wait until after that game to decide on his second starter.

The Colonials will field one of their youngest teams ever against the Lions with five freshmen, one sophomore and two juniors filling the starting slots. Seven of coach Bill Smith's eight starters are

new this year.

However, the Colonials have hard hitting Pete Albert at second and pro prospect Jodie Wampler on the hill. Wampler lost 3-1 to the Lions last year.

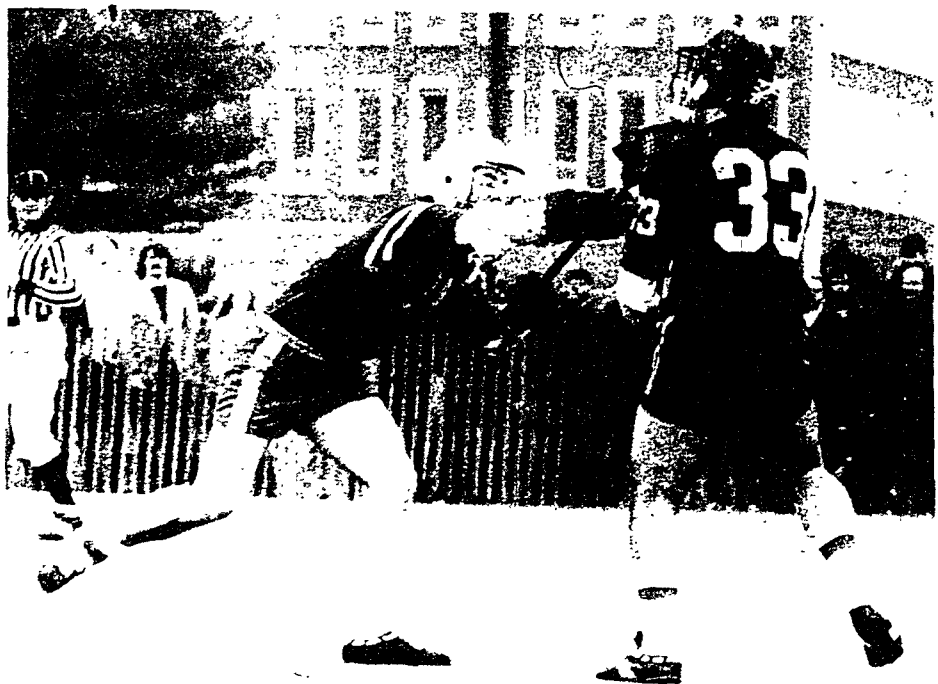
Penn State is also young in spots this year and could be a little vulnerable in the early part of the season, particularly in the outfield.

Medlar, a member of the NCAA Rules and Tournery Committee, said that according to a new NCAA ruling by his committee, whenever a northern team goes South in

the early spring, it must count all games played on its final record. Therefore, Penn State takes a 1-1 record into its first regularly scheduled game, having split a doubleheader with William and Mary.

"We know that the northern schools are handicapped by the weather which allows the southern teams to get more practice," Medlar explained. "And we know that the selection committees in the North will take this into consideration — a good record early in the season against southern teams usually indicates a good club."

Besides affording a good look at his pitchers, this week's tough schedule will also give Medlar a pretty good indication of how his men will adjust to the loss of four of last year's starters. Graduates Cliff Steffy and Harry Rogers will be missed at the plate while Mark Tanner, who was picked up by the Chicago Cubs, leaves his old spot at first open. Ace lefthander Jim Conroy has also moved on leaving behind a pitching staff with questionable depth.



Loyola's Mike Eby swings at midfielder Jim Rosecrans

Palmer takes dunking Casper leads Greensboro golf

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Billy Casper fell back into a tie for the lead and Arnold Palmer fell into a creek yesterday in the rain-delayed third round of the \$210,000 Greater Greensboro Open Golf Tournament.

Casper, who held the lead alone at the end of Friday's second round, slogged through mud and slop for a 68, but was caught at 14-under-par 199 by veteran Lou Graham.

Graham fashioned a 67 on the 7,021 yards of mud and goo that make up the Sedgfield Country Club course.

Chi Chi Rodriguez had a 67 and was alone in third place at 201 going into today's final round of this weather-plagued event.

A 1 1/2-inch rainfall can-

celled Saturday's play and a double round of 36 holes was scheduled Sunday. The course was still under water yesterday morning, however, and only the afternoon half of the 36 holes was able to be played.

Doug Sanders and Rod Funseth were at 202, Sanders after a 69 and Funseth following a 68.

Canadian George Knudson, Mike Hill and 60-year-old Sam Snead were in a group at 203. Hill had a 67, Knudson 69 and Snead a 70 despite complaints that "I threw away two strokes on the last three holes."

Palmer had a 70 despite a dunking on the ninth hole when he slipped from a narrow foot bridge into waist-deep water. He scraped his right wrist when grabbing for

a metal support, but the greatest damage was to his dignity.

"It's the silliest I ever felt in my life," Palmer said after posting a 207 total.

Lee Elder, who needs to win here to become the first black player ever to compete in the famed Masters tournament, remained within striking distance. Elder had a 68 and at 204 was only five strokes away.

Lee Trevino, winner of two of his last three starts, couldn't keep pace. He had a 69, but at 206 was seven strokes out of the lead.

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BASEBALL

Penn State at George Washington (2), 1 p.m.

Paterno bought a million dollar night

but didn't really want it

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It cost him more than a million dollars, but Joe Paterno bought himself a day.

Governor Shapp made it official last week when he named Saturday "Joe Paterno Day" and more than 700 persons added their consent when they paid \$25 a plate at the Penn Harris Motor Inn Saturday night.

They came to make Joe Paterno a saint. Well, practically, anyway. After the invocation, emcee Fran Fisher quoted from "Joe Didn't Go," a sermon delivered by Rev. Vernon Baum after Paterno declined a \$1 million-plus offer from the New England Patriots in January.

Hearing himself being compared to "the man from Nazareth," Paterno appeared somewhat more than mildly embarrassed over Saturday night's fanfare.

"Joe's very appreciative of the whole thing," Sports Information Director John Morris had said beforehand, "but if it were up to him, he'd just as soon not go through with it all."

It wasn't entirely up to him, of course. So Paterno walked into the Penn Harris Saturday night, into a room with more than 700 idolizing persons, each person having his program before him. The inside of each program was imprinted with Paterno's remarks from the press conference at which he made public his decision. Though the

program had a misprint, the words were considered nearly sacred.

Lt. Gov. Ernest Kline handed Shapp's proclamation over to Paterno and the onslaught of speakers had begun. Penn State President John Oswald, ex-governor Raymond Shafer, local politicians, fraternity brothers from Brown, football players, they all bounced up to the podium to lay their praises upon Saint Joe. Each one was introduced with pounding, circus-like organ music.

Paterno sat there, graciously, a slightly ill-at-ease smile on his lips.

Introducing Shafer as the governor during Penn State's longest winning streak, Fisher added "... and he was interested enough in the program to make sure Sue Paterno was flown to Colorado to see the streak end in person."

Shafer had a few little barbs of his own, welcoming to the gathering "the friends of Hose Nose One." Though it appeared for awhile the testimonial might turn into something of a Friar's Roast, it never happened and the compliments were tossed with greater frequency than the mock insults Paterno might have appreciated more.

"I've got a letter here from Billy Sullivan of the New England Patriots," Fisher deadpanned, scanning a letter, as Paterno looked up in surprise. "... I can't read that part ... We may as well forget it."

There were some legitimate letters: from Nixon ("P.S. Bud Wilkinson said hello," quipped Fisher), from Arnold Palmer, Hugh Scott, Richard Schweiker, Bob Prince, even Pete Liske. Paterno's fan mail that night rivaled Olga Korbut's.

The Cotton Bowl sent Wilbur Evans up to the affair which sure ain't gonna hurt Dallas if it's looking for Penn State come next December. "We had a lot more fun in Dallas than we did in New Orleans," Paterno laughed later, "before, after and during the game."

"Football My Way" one Brown alumnus appropriately referred to as the "First Book of Paterno," a remark which had Paterno heaving with laughter. Indeed the Penn State coach seemed least self-conscious when his old frat brothers from Brown were digging him, his brother George was needing him or his old football players were ripping him.

Fisher handled the affair quite well but some of the best moments came from the

players — Lydell Mitchell, Dave Joyner, Steve Smear, Charlie Pittman, Gregg Ducatte. Joyner was candid enough, talking about the times when "he was trying to feed us that 'football is fun' crap in preseason."

Smear, after a few jokes, had a less fortunate time when he tried to thank Saint Joe "quite seriously, on behalf of my mother and other Penn State football players ..."

The show, though, belonged to Joe. He smoothed his way past a few jokes, then got into the real stuff.

"The reason I'm here tonight," he said, "is that there are so many people who have been willing to help me along the way ... You folks have given me much more than I have ever given you ..."

"We're having a Penn State Night and a State of Pennsylvania Night and I think we ought to keep it in this context."

Maybe Paterno tried but everyone else was just up too much for a Joe Paterno night. There were gifts: a \$7,500 check for the Levi Lamb fund, a trip anywhere in the world for he and his wife, a new Dodge Charger.

"What'll I do with my Mustang, now," Paterno asked, referring to his near-clunker which hasn't worked in six weeks.

And, get this, arrangements were made for Sue and Joe Paterno's private audience with Pope Paul VI.

That is where, presumably, Paterno will be canonized.



Joe Paterno: the reluctant saint

—Ray McAllister