

Bomb Juniata 17-6

Lion nine offensive

Although pitcher Mitch Lukevics wasn't on the mound to witness it, Penn State had a relatively easy time chopping up Juniata 17-6 yesterday afternoon at Beaver Field. The reasons he was given an early leave were an aggressive first inning by Juniata and bases on balls, a problem that continues to haunt coach Chuck Medlar.

Lukevics (4-1), who has developed into a top starter this year, began his first inning in routine form by striking out the Indians' leadoff man, Jeff Erkel. But left fielder Tom Straighteff, who is hitting .386, then came up with a double and Dee Adcock followed with a single to score the Indians' first run. Lukevics then struck out Mike McNeal, a .396 hitter, but walked Andrew Polardy and surrendered a single to Steve Bergstresser that scored another run. After Lukevics walked his second hitter, Medlar brought on John Maier. Maier struck out Mike Hartley to end the threat.

The Lions began pecking away at the lead in their half of the first by picking up a run on no hits and finally built a 6-2 margin before they exploded in the sixth and seventh for 11 runs.

In a contest in which walks were awarded generously, Lion shortstop Jerry Micsky and third baseman Don Stine picked up a couple in the sixth after Denny DeWitt had been retired. A single by Rich Sherkel and a sacrifice by Kevin Burke then produced two runs. After first baseman Art Ochs was hit by a pitch, Catcher George Coval reached first on a miscue by Indian second baseman Sam Williamson. The error allowed the third run of the inning to score and the Lions picked up three additional runs by combining two more walks and a DeWitt single.

Then in the seventh, Penn State added five more tallies in a frame that was highlighted by DeWitt's home run to left.

Brian Masella helped out Maier in the late innings on the mound and also took a turn in left field.

The Indians, a good offensive club with a

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.309 team batting average, came up with only seven hits on the afternoon while the Lion bats continued to surprise Medlar. Penn State recorded 12 hits for the afternoon's work. However, a considerable share of the Lions 11-run victory margin can be attributed to wildness on the part of Juniata's mound staff. Besides surrendering numerous walks, the Indian hurlers hit two Lion players.

STOLEN BASES—The Lions now have four days off before their next contest, a doubleheader with Buffalo Sunday at Beaver Field. Penn State will close out the regular season with four doubleheaders and a rescheduled game with Pitt on May 15.

Lukevics' first-inning exit yesterday was his second of the season. The freshman righthander was knocked out against Rider after retiring only one man. Before yesterday's game, Lukevics had the lowest ERA among Lion starters, 0.29.

—Rick Starr

JUNIATA				PENN STATE			
ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi
Eckler rf	5	0	0	Vogel 2b	5	1	0
Strieghelf lf	5	2	2	DeWitt cf	6	2	3
Adcock 1b	4	2	2	Micsky ss	3	3	1
McNeal 3b	3	1	0	Stine 3b	4	3	2
Polardy ss	4	0	1	Sherkel p lf	4	2	1
Bergstresser cf	5	0	1	Burke rf	4	2	1
Williamson 2b	2	1	0	Ochs 1b	4	1	0
Hartley c	4	0	1	Coval c	3	1	0
Amatucci p	3	0	0	Lukevics p	0	0	0
Breiner ph	1	0	0	Maier p	4	1	3
Totals	36	6	7	Masella lf	1	1	1
				Koch c	1	1	1
				Totals	38	17	12

JUNIATA	201	000	210	— 4
PENN STATE	102	126	50X	— 17
Hr — DeWitt, DP — Penn State 1, LOB — Penn State 10, Juniata 8.				



Photo by H.R. Begley II

Infielder Don Stine, batting .333, paces the Lions' improved hitting attack

Bench clouts 3 HRs against Phils

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Johnny Bench blasted three homers, driving in seven runs, and tied a major league record for consecutive homers but the Cincinnati Reds needed a tiebreaking

two-run shot in the ninth inning by Dave Concepcion to beat the Philadelphia Phillies 9-7 last night. Bench, who homered in his last time at bat Tuesday night, smashed all three

homers off Cy Young Award winner Steve Carlton, equalling the mark of four homers in consecutive times at bat held by 17 other players, 11 in the American League and six in the National.

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Hurlers nix pros for college ball

By ROBERT ANGELO Collegian Sports Writer The Texas Rangers and Detroit Tigers will have to wait some time for two of their more recent draft picks. Steve Correll and Mitch Lukevics have decided to throw their stuff at college hitters for the next four years.

Lukevics is a 1972 graduate of Liberty High whom Coach Chuck Medlar learned about from some major league scouts.

"I told Tommy (Donchez) to bring him to the sidelines for a West Virginia football game," Medlar said. Donchez also hails from Liberty.

Lukevics nearly chose to become a Mountaineer. "I was recruited by West Virginia for football," he said, "but after I met Chuck Medlar, I decided on Penn State and baseball."

As a Liberty High star, who was named to the first team of East Penn League, Lukevics' three season totals were 16-6. The Detroit Tigers were impressed enough to draft him for a second time.

Medlar describes him as having an outstanding fastball and good control.

"His fastball tails off, and that makes a fastball effective," Medlar said. "He throws his curve from two speeds. He's also a strong boy who can throw just as hard at the end of the game as in the first few innings."

Steve Correll did his prep Penn State pitching for New Ringgold High and his American Legion team. As with most college pitchers, Correll started in Little League and has never missed a summer of baseball.

As a high schooler, Correll's senior year record was 9-2. His best mark as a Legion pitcher was 7-3, including a no-hitter which Correll lost on a walk and an error.

"We didn't hear about Steve until the tail end of the season last year," Medlar said. "We were in Princeton for the District II Playoffs. I met Steve there and talked to him about Penn State."

Correll chose Penn State over the Texas Ranger rookie league. "His fastball is very outstanding. He can blow it right by hitters," Medlar said. "His curve is coming along. Once he gets the ball over the plate consistently, he's going to be a good one."

Correll admits to his control problems. "Against Gettysburg, I was taken out in the fourth. We were winning at the time, but I just couldn't get the ball over," he said.

When he is getting the ball over, his fastball has been effective. Earlier in the season, Correll defeated Bucknell 5-2, allowing five hits and walking six. He also worked a scoreless relief stint against William and Mary.

Lukevics' top performance so far in a Lion uniform came against West Virginia, when he struck out 17 en route to a 12-0 victory.

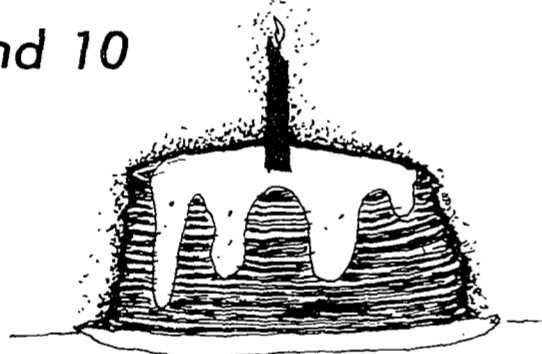
"I was shooting for 10 strikeouts that day," Lukevics said. "I remember somebody saying that I had eight. That was early in the game. When the game ended, I heard someone say 17 strikeouts, and I almost passed out."

With the possibility of post-season action growing stronger with each additional win, Lukevics and Correll are growing more and more important. Due to the playoff setup, the team with the deepest pitching has a decided advantage.

Right now, Lukevics and Correll figure as part of Medlar's depth.

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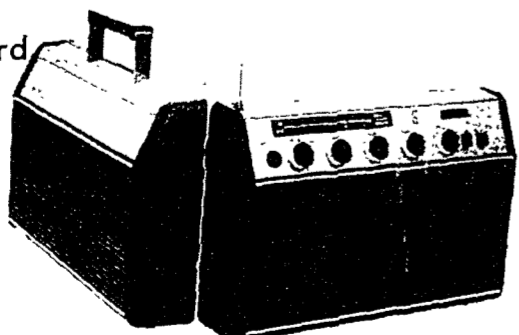
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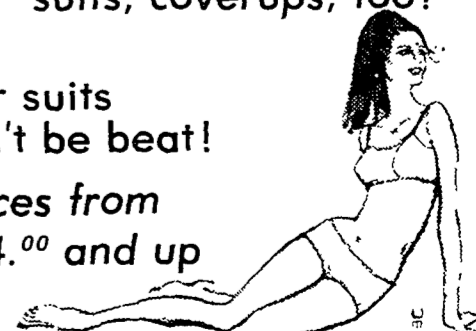
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