The disappointing slump Jeffrey Field's Red Dragon night

Joe Boyle shook his head when he heard the question, hesitating for a moment but then shrugging.

'No, I don't know what's wrong with Johnny," said Penn State's golf coach. "He's been hitting the ball OK but he just can't seem to score well.'

Johnny is John Krumrine, the only senior on the golf squad, a fifth place finisher at last year's eastern championships and

at the beginning of this year, Boyle's most consistent golfer. Krumrine started strong this year, hitting the ball well even in the adverse weather conditions of Happy Valley's early

spring. The first match this year against Navy and Columbia Krumrine shot a 75, leading the field and displaying the type of game-good hard drives, accurate short game and steady putting-that had made him the number one Lion golfer.

Krumrine was playing the type of golf he was accustomed to playing, low 70's golf. At the Lehigh match Krumrine ballooned to an 83. Still, the team set a course record that day and Krumrine's high scores didn't seem important.



The Lions traveled to the Kepler Invitational in Ohio at the end of that week. Krumrine had been sick before the match but he hadn't felt that would hinder him. Something had though; Krumrine finished the two day, 54 hole competition at 256, 27 strokes behind the tournament medalist.

"The greens were hard there and even a good shot could bounce off," Krumrine said just after the match. True, many of the golfers had complained about the greens but Krumrine was the senior, the two year varsity veteran and he felt he should have lead the Penn State team, not finishing 16 strokes behind his freshman teammate Sherm Hostetter.

At West Virginia the following Saturday, Krumrine turned in an 81; not good but better than the three scores of 83-88-85 he had collected at the Kepler.

Maybe he was breaking out of the slump. Perhaps the high scores were just the result of Krumrine's illness. Monday's Mid-America, the second major tournament the Lions had entered in less than a week would tell.

Krumrine shot 83-81-164, 22 strokes behind the tournament champion, Paul Davis of Ohio State.

Obviously, Krumrine hadn't borken out of the "slump." Penn State had been blown out in the Mid-American, finishing 13th in a 15 team field. Krumrine's scores were the highest of all Penn State golfers.

The State College native, who had piled up a record of 73-3-3 for the Little Lions, was philosophical after the tournament disasters, the tournaments that had introduced Penn State into the big time collegiate competition.

"My short game hasn't been very good," said Krumrine. "I

just wasn't hitting the greens at the Mid-American. "Maybe it was because I had so much trouble hitting the greens at the Kepler. I think that tournament hurt my confidence. I'm really disappointed."

Krumrine was disappointed. He had wanted to lead the young, inexperienced, and inconsistent team. For two years he had played in the shadow of Dan O'Neil, the 1972 and 73 Eastern medalist and now with O'Neil's graduation, Krumrine had felt the pressure to carry most of the load, and so far he hasn't

"I haven't felt good physically all spring," he said quietly before last weekend's Eastern Championships. "But the pressure is on me now to play well, on the whole team for that matter. We all need a good first round in Ithaca."

There was pressure at the Easterns for the entire Penn State squad. It would be the last trip to this tournament because of the University's withdrawal from the ECAC and the Lions had won the last two tournaments, seven of the past 11. They wanted to leave the Easterns on top.

Krumrine had hoped to do well, especially since a poor



Penn State captain John Krumrine before ballooning scores and poor season.

showing would kill Penn State's chances of going to the NCAA championships this year.

But after finishing fourth the first day, just six strokes behind tournament leader Penn, the Lions succumbed to the winds of Cornell University's upstate New York course and their own nerves. Only Hostetter could break 80 the second day and the Lions ended up a distant fifth, tied with Navy at 652 and 14 strokes behind the tournament winning Quakers. Krumrine was for the third straight time in a tournament, the highest scoring Penn State golfer. He didn't have a good first, found (86) or second (82) and Penn State was almost assuredly not going to the NCAA's.

Krumrine had not carried the burden. Maybe the pressure had been too great on him, maybe his confidence had been shaken, maybe he was just in one of those "slumps" golfers seem to get themselves into habitually.

But John Krumrine felt he had let the team down. He hadn't lead the team this year or carried the burden and when he talked about it, he didn't say much, just quietly hid the disappointment of not doing the job he had been assigned to

Today, Krumrine and the rest of the Penn State golf team are in Indiana, Pennsylvania for the Indiana Invitational. It is a relatively minor tournament, with just six Eastern teams entered, Bucknell the only strong squad in the field.

It is the type of tournament that could give the young Penn State team (two freshmen, sophomore, junior) a shot of confidence if they could win big. After the last couple weeks they all need it, especially John Krumrine.



Final home laX fray

This year...He has

broken New York state's

record for career saves

with 517 (previous record

was 496). He now has 105

coming into this game on

the season and is averaging

15 saves every contest'— another record to come?

His 39 efforts against

Massachusetts carried the

Dragons to a 10-9 victory in

five overtimes. On the

subject of overtimes,

Cortland lost its only game

to Hobart by that identical

Now that pretty much

takes care of the defense

and any balls going into the crease area. But what

about those shots that don't

get to Graham? The Red

Dragons stingy defense has

allowed only 6.2 goals find

score in one overtime.

By TIM PANACCIO **Assistant Sports Editor**

Tonight is Red Dragon night at Jeffrey Field. For the price of nothing, you can see Cortland State's Red Dragons (6-1) breathe, shoot, spit, and engulf fire at 7 p.m. against Dick Pencek's Lions (4-3). Cortland (State Univer-

sity of NY) is perhaps the best team Penn State will face this year. It is the current U.S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association college champion and it spews fires of talent like a bazooka.

Sophomore Jud Smith stears the attack with 17 goals followed by Jim Luchsinger with 18 goals. Smith is first because he has 14 assists on the side and Luchsinger but one. Last year, Smith was one of 12 Red Dragons who had over 50 points on the year.

Senior co-captain John Espey was a third team All-America last year and returns at midfield with Scott Noble and Paul McGee.

The defense isn't bad despite the loss of All-America Bob Ernst who graduated. Boku (pro-Beaucoup) nounced Shawn Hendrickson, McDonald and Bob Deegan give the Dragons a solid firewall, if you will, around All-America goalie Pete

Graham. Graham is strong. For beginners, a little history first. Last year, Graham broke his own school record of 203 saves with 209 rescues. He averaged 13.9 saves a game, another record.

the crease area per contest.

In the meantime, the offense has tingled the twine for 13.1 goals every game.

Penn State in seven previous, tries has managed only to tie against Cortland. Last year, Pencek's squad took a 20-5 beating.

Pencek will be relying on Billy Abriel, Keith McGuire, Jack Barry and Carl Hurtzig to penetrate that firewall mentioned before and score.

It'll be tough but the Lions should be up for this one. And if nothing else, tonight is the last time Penn State performs at home as they close the season out with three road games, so it will want to leave spectators with something nice to remember.

ion baseballers hunting **Buffalo**

By JEFF YOUNG **Assistant Sports Editor**

Len Bartek and his pals are goin' up north ta hunt some looking pretty good. Buffalo. An' if he's on target, they might all be able ta do a little more huntin' later on. Bartek (4-0) is Penn State's starter for the opening game

junior righthander said. "But of its doubleheader today at I think if we take both games, Buffalo. And if the Lions (13we're gonna get the bid

Golf team competing

Penn State's golf team is in Indiana, Pennsylvania today for the 18-hole, six-team Indiana Invitational Golf Tournament.

It will be the fourth invitational the Lions have attended this year, the others were Kepler, the Mid-American and last weekend's Eastern Championships. Penn State is the defending

champion although Indiana's Ron Milanovich captured the 1973 medalist honors. The six team field consists

of Indiana, Penn State, Akron, Youngstown, Pittsburgh and Eastern runnerup Bucknell.

man squad of John Krumrine, Tom Amendola, Fred Von Bargen, Tom Sulkowski, Rod Franc, Sherm Hostetter and Bob Dine. - Brian Miller

Bartek's last outing was by 3) can sweep today, their chances of receiving a far his best, as he threw a 7-0 District 2 playoff bid are shutout at Juniata one week ago. Medlar had him in the "It's really hard to say, bullpen for both games of cause we're independent, and sometimes it helps and sometimes it hurts," the

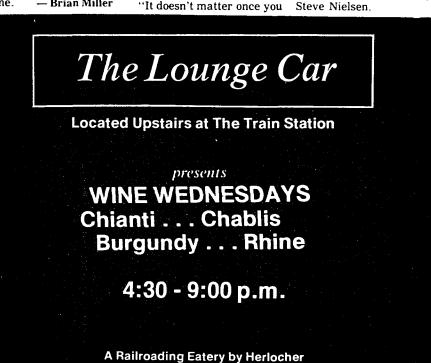
Sunday's Temple sweep, but didn't find the need. "I can pitch with one or two days rest," he said, "though my arm has been a little sore. I think it's just the change

back to cold weather.' Speaking of weather (above the expletives of frustrated baseball coaches), it won't be much warmer than 50 degrees when Bartek takes the hill this afternoon. But he isn't worrying much about the climate.

get loose," he said. "The only thing it might do is affect the hitter, since he's just standing there a lot of the time and the pitcher's always working.'

Against Buffalo, a team with four senior infielders hitting better than .300, Bartek expects to fire his big sinker as long as its sinks, 'but some days it just doesn't work.

For Buffalo (19-11-1) the probable starters are lefty Jim Niewczyk (3-2) and righthander Jim Ridel (3-3). Penn State's nightcap starter will come from Mitch Lukevics, John Maier, or Steve Nielsen.



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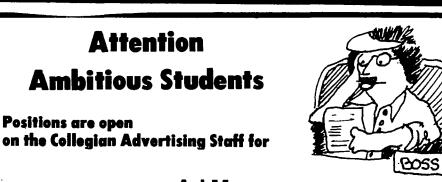
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