

Win streak snapped Lion nine splits pair

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The Penn State baseball team (12-4), which shuffled into Buffalo yesterday with a five game winning streak, came out screaming bloody murder and had to settle for a 6-7, 12-4 split in its doubleheader.

Game one was a game the Lions would like to forget. With two out in the first inning, the team's pitching ace, Steve Nielsen (4-1), was forced to leave the game with an arm injury and State's luck seemed to drain right along with it.

"I don't know the extent of the injury," Lions' coach Chuck Medlar said, "but I'm afraid he'll be out for a long while. It could be a real blow to our play-off chances."

State held a 6-2 lead going into the fourth on the strength of two-run homers by first baseman Dave Delenick and catcher Garry Koch. Buffalo, however, came back to tie it that inning on a call the Lions will be protesting from now til Christmas. With two out and three runs across in the frame, reliever Dick Miller left the game and was replaced by Frank Deutsch.

The first man the freshman faced, John Kidd, hit a fly ball to rightfielder George Weigel, who caught it for the apparent third out. However, the infield umpire ruled the catch a trap and allowed the tying tally to cross home plate. The runs were charged

to Miller, who in his three innings of work, allowed five runs on the strength of seven hits.

"Miller just didn't have it today," Medlar said. "It was the first time this year."

When it rains, it pours and that was the case for the Lions in the seventh and final inning. With the score knotted at six, Kidd led off with a single and was moved to second on a free pass to catcher Al Dickson. Tim Gorman followed with a sacrifice, which forced Deutsch to walk the next batter intentionally to load the bases.

Then, with the count full to George Grow, the Lion hurler uncorked what looked like the third strike. However, to the dismay of the entire State team, the home plate umpire called ball four and the winning run crossed the plate. Deutsch, who gave up only one hit in his two-plus inning stint, was credited with the loss.

"Deutsch pitched very well," Medlar said, "but those two calls really hurt him."

The Lions revenged the defeat with plenty to spare in the nightcap by jumping out to a 10-0 lead and breaking the team's one-season home run record.

State's big inning was the second when they pulled off a double steal and produced six runs. The two thieves were Greg Vogel and Bob Miller,

who executed the play after reaching the corners on a walk and a single.

The Lions tallied two more runs in the fifth on a Todd Clark homer with one on and entered the record books one frame later when Weigel's two-run shot broke the team's mark of 23 set in 1975.

State starter Tim Pearson (4-0) went the distance to register his fourth victory while allowing just six hits and striking out four.

"I thought Pearson, who made his first start since the shoulder injury, pitched very well," Medlar said.

The Lions may be back in action this afternoon at 2:30 if Mansfield decides to paly a make-up game at Beaver Field.

Netmen win last home match

The Penn State men's tennis team rolled to its tenth straight win yesterday afternoon, beating Lehigh, 8-1, in the season's home finale.

The Lions (12-3) were extended to three sets in only two of the singles matches, including the lone loss at sixth court, and swept all three doubles matches to finish with a home mark of 8-1.

Fourth court Fabricio Valdivieso, beaten only once in 13 matches this year, again led the assault as the freshman won his tenth in a row, 6-0, 6-2. Fabricio's only loss in collegiate competition came in the 9-0 whitewashing at Penn.

Fellow frosh Alex Davidson upped his record to 12-3 with a 6-1, 6-4 win; top court

Miguel Maurtua (11-4) triumphed, 6-4, 6-0, and Mark Darby won handily, 6-2, 6-0.

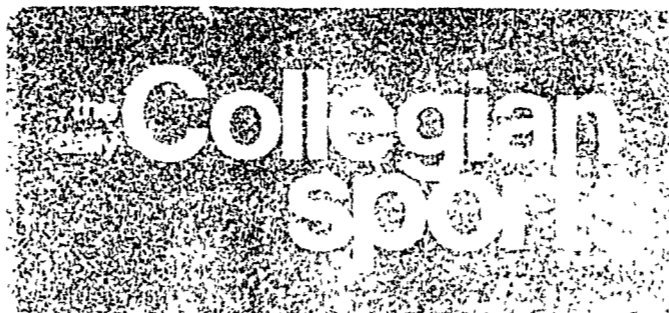
The only problems for the Lions came on third court, where Jim Ellis (11-4) finally won, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4, and sixth court, where Randy Whiteside took his third loss in 13 matches, 4-6, 6-4, 3-6.

The Engineers provided little opposition in doubles, with the exception of top court's first set. Maurtua-Ellis won that one, 7-5, then took the second set by 6-2 to raise their record to 12-2.

Darby-Whiteside (11-4) won, 6-2, 6-3, and Davidson-Jim Howell (9-2) coasted, 6-3, 6-2.

The netters conclude their regular season Saturday at Colgate, with the Easterns looming the following weekend.

— Jack Paton



Intramural Scores

VOLLEYBALL SEMIFINALS
FRATERNITY — Zeta Psi def. Phi Kappa Theta, 15-12, 15-10; Tri-Alpha def. Phi Kappa Psi, 15-4, 15-10.
DORMITORY — Northampton def. Birch, 12-15, 15-10, 15-13; Clearfield def. Lancaster, 15-10, 15-11.

SOCCER
FRATERNITY — Alpha Chi Sigma def. Alpha Epsilon Pi, 1-0; Delta Theta Sigma def. Alpha Kappa Lambda, 2-0; Phi Kappa Psi def. Phi Kappa Alpha, 2-0; Pi Kappa Phi def. Acacia, 1-0 (CK); Tau Phi Delta def. Sig Tau Gamma, 3-0; Delta Chi def. Delta Upsilon, 1-0; Tau Kappa Epsilon def. Phi Sig Kappa, 3-2 (CK); Beta Theta Pi def. Kappa Sigma, 6-1 (CK); Zeta Psi def. Delta Kappa Phi, 3-1 (CK).

GRAD-FACULTY — Thunderclaps def. MBA, 2-0; Stickers def. Wizards, forfeit; Protohounds def. Grizzlies, 3-1.

INDEPENDENT — Adjustable Concept def. Nets, 1-0; Intrepids def. Jokers, 3-1; Mugs def. Underdogs, 2-1; Wally One Eyes def. G&N Club, 9-2 (CK); Ungowa Bros. def. Brock's, 1-0 (CK); Greta's Gang def. Sand Castle Restaurant, 3-1; Der Wings def. Hotspurs, forfeit; Peons def. Ducks, forfeit; Fitz's Follies def. Boners, 2-0 (CK); Raiders def. Woodballers, 4-1; Team O.P.E.C. def. Bruisers, 2-0; Altoonids def. Wood is Good, 2-1 (CK).

Phils take 6th straight; Kison five-hits Giants

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Bobby Tolan's grand slam home run and Ollie Brown's two-run pinch-homer in the sixth inning last night powered the Philadelphia Phillies to their sixth straight victory, a 6-3 triumph over the Houston Astros.

Tolan's homer, his third of the year and the second grand slam of his career, came off Joe Niekro, 1-5. A walk, a hit batsman and Jay Johnstone's single loaded the bases before Tolan wiped out Houston's 3-0 lead, lofting an 0-1 pitch just over the right field wall at the 350-foot mark.

Tommy Hutton then reached second base on an error before Brown, batting for winning reliever Ron Reed, 2-0, belted his long homer to left, chasing Niekro. Brown's homer was his first of the season.

Cliff Johnson smacked a solo homer in the fourth and drove in a run with a base hit in the first as the Astros built their 3-0 lead off Phillies' starter Steve Carlton.



Stars in last night's baseball action, Ollie Brown (left) of the Phillies hit a two-run pinch-homer in the Phils 6-3 win. Al Oliver (right) also clouted a two-run job in the 6-1 Pirate win.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Al Oliver and Duffy Dyer each hit two-run homers to back the five-hit pitching of Bruce Kison and help the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the San Francisco Giants 6-1 last night.

The Giants, who suffered their ninth loss in 10 games, fell behind 3-0 in the third inning when the Pirates began their assault on Ed Halicki, 2-4. With one out, Kison doubled over the head of center fielder Von Joshua and scored on a single to left by Richie Hebner.

Oliver, making his first start after missing six games with a heel injury, followed with his homer over the right field wall. Dyer's fourth-inning homer followed a double to right by Richie Zisk.

The Pirates added a run in the fifth on Dave Parker's grounder off reliever Dan Heaverlo. Kison, 2-2, gave up the Giants' lone run in the sixth on a grounder by Gary Matthews.

In the fifth, Oliver singled, took third on a single by Willie Stargell and scored on Parker's grounder out. Giants' first baseman Willie Montanez made a throw to the plate after tagging first to retire Parker, but it bounced in the dirt in front of catcher Dave Rader.

Darrell Thomas opened the Giants' sixth with a triple over the head of Parker in right. Bobby Murcer drew a walk before being forced at second by Matthews, with Thomas scoring on the play.

Playoffs

NHL Playoffs Semifinals Best-of-7 Series Tuesday's Results
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