



The Master's crowd gives first round leader Hubert Green his due. Green's five-under-par 67, gives him a two-stroke edge.

Seeks first major championship

Green leads by two at Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Hubert Green used a new driver to pound Augusta National's par five holes into submission, birdying all of them on his way to a five-under-par 67 and a two-stroke lead yesterday in the first round of the 41st Masters golf tournament.

Green, who has yet to win one of the game's Big Four events, said, "this is a very important part of my life. It's a goal I want to achieve."

leading money-winner Tom Watson, injury-troubled U.S. Open champ Jerry Pate, Hale Irwin, Tom Kite and Rik Massengale, the winner of the Bob Hope Desert Classic earlier this season.

Trackmen to host top field in Relays...

By RICK WEBER Collegian Sports Writer The Sixth Annual Nittany Lion Relays get into full swing today at Beaver Stadium with the decathlon and 110-meter hurdles slated for 1 p.m. starts.

Philadelphia Pioneer Track Club will compete. Top individual performers include half-milers Tom McLean of Bucknell and Mark Belger and Don Page of Villanova, and Bruce Track Club's Tony Hall, the top javelin thrower in the nation.

The meet record of 9:08.4 in the 3,000-meter steeplechase should also fall; Bruce Baden of Penn State has already recorded a sub-nine-minute time this year (it came in last weekend's Colonial Relays).

Joe Batteer (triple jump), Bill Austin (400-meter intermediate hurdles), John Sallade and Jim Greene (long jump), Gary Greaser (discus, hammer throw), and Jay Behm and Tim Bowers (javelin).

Smashing debut for Toronto; Catfish, Yanks chug Brewers

By The AP First baseman Doug Ault paced a 16-hit attack yesterday with a pair of home runs and drove in four runs as the expansion Toronto Blue Jays won their first American

League game ever, defeating the Chicago White Sox, 9-5. In other games, the New York Yankees blanked Milwaukee 3-0, Kansas City topped Detroit 7-4, Texas edged Baltimore 2-1 in 10

innings, and Cleveland nipped Boston 5-4 in 10 innings. In the National League, the New York Mets downed the Chicago Cubs 5-3, Los Angeles tripped San Francisco 5-1, and St. Louis outlasted Pittsburgh 12-6.

Pirates ripped by Cards

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Keith Hernandez drove in four runs to lead the St. Louis Cardinals to a 12-6 romp yesterday over the new-look Pittsburgh Pirates, who made three first-inning errors in the teams' National League opener.

Hernandez rapped a two-run double and a two-run homer. John Denny and relievers Al Hrabosky and John Sutton scattered 11 hits in the successful major league debut by new Cardinal Manager Vern Rapp.

Designated hitter Jim Wynn crashed a tape-measure homerun in his first at-bat in the American League to lead the Yankees.

Amos Otis' two-run homer and John Mayberry's three-run shot powered Kansas City, while rookie Bump Wills singled home the winning run in the 10th inning to lift Texas.

Cleveland's Frank Duffy charged home on Duane Kuiper's 11th-inning chopper in the Indians' triumph over Boston.

"If the weather breaks," said meet director and Lion coach Harry Groves, "it will be the best track meet ever held here because of the number of good teams entered."

"If anybody interested in track is in town and doesn't bother to see it, they're crazy."

Top teams such as Villanova, Cornell, Essex County College, Pittsburgh, Bucknell and the

"Truck meets can't be rained out," said Lady Lion coach Chris Brooks. "They can't count the times."

"It was a lousy meet," she continued. "The kids were so mad and frustrated. Pitt wasn't scoring efficiently or

even trying hard."

The scene shifts this Sunday back to University Park and the emphasis, as the name Nittany Lion Relays reveals, is on relays.

Coach Brooks cited the 4 x 110 relays as one event in which to watch out for those girls from Penn State. Four out of the following five Lady Lions will run the relay:

Regina White; Tina Leatherman; Patti Knighton; Lea Ventura; and Cathy Boyanowski.

Another relay race which Coach Brooks says will be good for the Penn Staters is the Distance Medley Relay.

Donna Gardner will run the 800, Lea Ventura will follow her in the 400, Hilary Noden will race the three-quarter mile, and captain Kris Bankes will run the last leg, the mile.

Kathy Mills, recovering from a bug she picked up in

the Women's Cross Country Championships in Germany, will be back and running. She'll compete in two events, either the mile, 4 x 800 relays or half-mile.

"She (Mills) is still feeling tired," said coach Brooks. "But she has been training hard."

Among the other teams competing in the event are Pitt, Club Keystone, Bucknell, Delaware Sports Club, Central Jersey Track Club, Youngsville, Clearfield and numerous independent runners. Some of the teams are AAU clubs.

"We're hurting for competition in the mile and some other distance events," said Lady Lion coach Brooks.

"We'll have some good times in the meet. Some other times will not be so good, because we are giving some of our young people experience," she added.

...Lady Lions eye Pitt, others on Sunday

By DARLENE HROBAK Collegian Sports Writer When the Lady Lion tracksters host the Nittany Lion Relays this Sunday at Beaver Stadium (yes, that's Easter Sunday), the meets will be held regardless of the weather.

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Snowbitten LaXers to meet Tar Heels

By JERRY LUCI Assistant Sports Editor Snow in the spring time isn't one of God's greatest gifts to mankind.

You can't run barefoot through it. You can't lay on it and get a sun tan. But you can go crazy waiting for it to go away.

Lacrosse coach Dick Pencsek is one such loony because he's had a tough time prepping his 18th-ranked, 0-1, squad for tomorrow afternoon's match against 11th-ranked North Carolina.

"Yesterday, (Tuesday) we tried to practice in a torrential downpour," Pencsek said. "Today, (Wednesday) we had to call it off because we couldn't see the ball. The snow came down so hard we couldn't see from one end of the field to the other. We haven't been able to cover anything that we wanted to cover."

One thing the Lions especially wanted to cover was their lack of fluidity on offense. Pencsek had installed a new offensive strategy involving a lot of ball movement, but the plan broke down in last week's 9-7 loss to Drexel, a failure Pencsek takes on his own shoulders.

"I made several errors in judgments, I guess," Pencsek said. "We had done a lot of things in scrimmage, but when you get into a game it's a different situation and things don't always work the way they should."

"I looked at the films and we weren't off, functionally. It was just overall a really bad game," Pencsek said. "I hope we don't throw the ball away like we did on Sunday (against Drexel). You do that against any team and they're going to beat you."

Carolina will. Last year the Lions were knocked off by the big bad boys from the South. A fair amount of that squad graduated but the void has been ably filled by junior college transfers, according to Pencsek.

"They picked up some excellent ballplayers and they have a new goalie who's a good kid."

Even with the new faces, North Carolina's strategy remains the same.

"They do basically what they did last year," Pencsek said. "They're a real picking and cutting team. There is constant movement. They've got some very good athletes and they take a lot of shots."

At least temporarily Pencsek said he plans to abandon his new offensive strategies and return to the formula that brought him 7-2 and 9-2 records in the last two seasons.

"It'll be a little more structured and we'll rely a little more on Maut (middle Rich Mauti), Repp (middle Paul Repp), Keith (attackman McGuire) and Coop (middle Bob Cooper), in individual efforts," Pencsek said.

The bitter loss to Drexel which caused the offensive changes had some good in it for it forced the Lions to figure out what caused the letdown.

"Well, we just said that you, the players, have to sit down and you got to look at yourself and find out what you're going to contribute to the team and whether or not you're trying to do more than you're capable of doing," Pencsek said. "... Just try to regroup and get together as a team."

But there's no denying the road ahead, starting with North Carolina, is tough.

"We can play a good ball game and lose," Pencsek said. "This is a situation where you have to play a super ball game."



Lion lacrossemen Jack Barry (13) and Gary Alex (19) will try to help even the team's 0-1 mark tomorrow against 11th-ranked North Carolina.

Major league standings

Table with National League and American League columns, listing teams, wins, losses, and percentages.

Will interest in ice hockey team be maintained?

(Editor's note: This is the second of a two-part series on the possibility of Penn State's hockey program gaining varsity status.)

By JOE GARVEY Special to The Collegian

Proudman said he didn't think a seating capacity of 2000-3000 would bring in enough money to support the program. "If Scannell is concerned with hockey generating enough money for itself, the capacity should be 4000-5000," he said.

Scannell said that the capacity shouldn't be 6000-10,000 initially. He also said that that capacity a lot of money would have to be spent on the upkeep of the facility and that it would be a larger building than Rec Hall, which would drive costs up.

Deciding on the capacity brings up another question: will hockey draw at Penn State? Hockey isn't drawing well in the pro leagues. In its Nov. 29, 1976 issue, Sports Illustrated reported that attendance at National Hockey League (NHL) games dropped 10 per cent in the last two seasons.

Dean Scannell said attendance depends on several variables. First of all, he said there's a national phenomenon for hockey. He said he has friends in Kansas City who drove more than 20 miles at 3 a.m. to see and play in youth leagues.

he said. "Five years ago, maybe five played." He said that projecting this out over the years, there will probably be several hundred people on campus who've played hockey and several thousand who've seen a game. As this happens, a following builds, he said.

The club has drawn well over the last couple seasons. But Dean Scannell said, "There's a natural tendency to support a club — they worked hard, let's support them. But this disappears quickly, as the volleyball team is finding out this year." (The varsity hasn't drawn as well as the club did last year. Coach Tom Tait called last year's team "the best in the East" and this year's team has won about 70 per cent of its games.)

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Proudman said this isn't a valid comparison because volleyball is a different kind of spectator sport than hockey. He said that "there's no way interest in the hockey program would wane" if the club goes varsity, partly because of the advantages of a heated rink and publicity that go with varsity status. He said that not having heat in the rink has held the

crowds down. He also said that he thinks hockey appeals to the football fan, who likes action sports but has none at Penn State in the winter.

How well hockey will draw is vital to the club's varsity hopes. Because hockey is expensive, some of the cost would probably be passed on to the students.

"If we go varsity, with the team on a self-supporting basis, we would have to charge," Scannell said. "We have to do it with a carefully developed logic. We don't feel charging for hockey is a violation of the concept of giving to the student because we're adding something to our program."

Much of this hinges on what kind of varsity Penn State has. Dean Scannell defined two kinds. One is like gymnastics, football and basketball where "we do what we have to do to be the best." This means going for a national title, a national schedule and recruiting, especially from Canada. On recruiting Canadians, Scannell said, "I don't want it, the club doesn't want it. This type of commitment is 'a tremendous financial drain.'"

The other kind of varsity is similar to fencing, which involves "doing the best we can with our resources." This means a regional schedule and no scholarships. Scannell cited Lehigh as a hockey club that followed this route. This conflicts with Kurtz's belief that given the scholarship, Penn State could compete with anybody.

Following this path would be less expensive than the other kind, which brings up the possibility of having a varsity on the basis of its own income (self-supporting). Scannell said this means that revenue from other sports won't go to hockey and revenue from hockey won't go to other sports.

Brownshilde said he'd like to see a program similar to the one at Notre Dame, which was gradually built up over five or six years. He said that Notre Dame played an independent schedule for a couple of years before joining a league.

to Division I hockey. He said he thinks Penn State could play Division II hockey right away and the rise to Division I "could be fast, depending on how much interest in the program there is." He also said a \$100,000-\$150,000 budget is high for a Division I program, but could be that much for a Division I program.

Proudman said that the club wants to get to the point where the move to varsity status "is a smooth transition." He added that the program should gradually build up to Division I, not jump right into it.

Proudman also said that if the seating capacity is 2000-2500, "there's no way the program could pay for a \$100,000-\$150,000 budget." He also said that Penn State wouldn't have to recruit Canadians because of the improvement of hockey in the U.S. He said some Division I teams are starting to get away from recruiting Canadians.

The administration and the club seem to have gotten along well. Kurtz feels the administration has been fair with the club. "We didn't have a five-year program to get varsity status," he said. "We tried to upgrade the program through increasing the caliber of our players and with an attractive schedule. With that, we tried to get a following."

But Kurtz did make moves to "stimulate interest in the administration" to go varsity. He fielded an NCAA eligible team and used publicity to let people know about the team.

Proudman said, "The University has been very generous with us. Our relationship has come 400 per cent in four years." He said the University subsidizes about 50 per cent of the club's budget, mostly through supplementing ice time.