

Nittany Baseball Team Will Open Season With Bucknell Tomorrow

Ditmar Books On View
Several books and magazine articles by Raymond Ditmars, lecturer on the Artists' Course program for this year, will be on exhibition in the Agricultural Library in Patterson hall until April 18.

130 Freshman Rookies Vie for Yearling Team

With more than 130 plebes in various articles of uniform out for freshman baseball, Coach Leo Houck is gradually narrowing down the list of possibilities to a smaller and more easily handled group. "The boys with the most uniform on are not necessarily the best," he says. "They just got there first. What we need around here is a couple of more bats. The other one we had split. We also need a backstop."

Some of the men are giving each other tough competition for positions. Behind the bat, Klipstein, Slover, and Yeagan are showing the others how to handle the pitches of Ford, Lenz, Schmidt, Simoncelli, and Wirt, the leading pitchers. At first, Angstadt, Edwards, Katz, Meyers, Tosti, and Watts are competing to hold down the base.

Second basemen Jacobs, Keller, Robins, and Steekle; shortstops Brownstein, Myhoff, and Silver; and third basemen Peterson, Rager, Tindal, and Werner complete a promising infield. Outfielders on the ball are Bachrach, Bartholomew, Castello, Dillio, Dong, Igo, and Walsh.

12 Sophomores Named To College Blue Band

Twelve sophomores were selected last week to fill the existing vacancies in the Blue Band by Major Wilfred O. Thompson, bandmaster, Daniel E. Nesbit '35, president, announced last week.

The replacements, all sophomores, are: Kenneth L. Fritz, Ralph E. Haley, Fred R. Houseman, Robert K. Repogle, clarinets; Richard C. Shoemaker, saxophone; Clyde W. Oesterling, tenor saxophone; Edwin E. Kiser, M. Clair Swoope, baritone; Delmar K. Myers, Clyde M. Rinker, horns; William R. Grubb, and Raymond A. Mattern, drums.

The next public appearance of the Band will be at a concert given in honor of the mothers on Mothers' Day in May.

Uncertain Pitching Staff Dependent on Consistent Fielding of Lion Veterans

BULLETIN

Because of the severe and unexpected snowfall yesterday morning, it is probable that the Penn State-Bucknell baseball game scheduled for tomorrow afternoon will have to be canceled or postponed. Neil M. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics, said yesterday that no definite action on cancelling the game will be taken until this afternoon when the condition of the field can be determined.

By BILL McDOWELL

They used to talk in professional baseball circles of how the late and eccentric Rube Waddell would call in his infield and outfield in the midst of a heated encounter and retire the opposing side unaided. Whether or not this was merely a tale devised to entertain stunted adult minds, it would be perfectly well if the Penn State baseball team could reverse the situation and dispose of Bucknell tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock on Beaver field without the services of a pitcher.

The reason for this is that this most important spot in the line-up is the one which is most uncertain at this writing. Tomorrow's game also will be the opening one of the season for Bucknell, but they will have the services of Ruzickack who has had plenty of varsity experience even if he did drop the 6-2 tilt which State won in Lewisburg last May.

Coach Joe Bedenk, on the other hand, has only one tosser with any varsity experience at all; namely, Ernie Stokes. And Stokes has pitched only one and one-third games of varsity ball. He was responsible for the 6-0 victory over Dickinson last year, but didn't get a hit out of three times at bat, if you happen to be statistically inclined.

Veterans' Back
You can expect to see some pretty consistent fielding this year with four veterans back and the other positions well taken care of. Captain Bill McKechnie will be on first, Robbins on second, Stocker on third, O'Hara at shortstop, Bielicki in right field, Miller in center field, and possibly Witter in left field. Bedenk has been trying Ochrock in left field instead of behind the plate with the purpose of getting a hitter in the vacancy left by Bill Kasesak, who captained last year's nine.

In direct contradiction to what has been bruited about generally, Frank Smith will not start in the box. The starting pitcher will probably be a left hander, although Connie Mack's tenet that "you never can tell in baseball," holds true in this case.

The Southpaws
Ernie Stokes is a likely candidate for the assignment, but so is Lefty Knapp. Knapp has a better curve and as good control as any candidate for pitcher at the present time.

But don't think for a minute that Frank Smith is playing the role of the forgotten man. He and Kornick, both sophomores, have been working out as a battery twosome. Both won letters in football and basketball this year and did not come out for baseball until after basketball season. Consequently, Smith was several weeks behind the rest of the pitchers who had been rehearsing their act in the corridors of the gym until the weather permitted them to go outside the middle of last month.

Smith has plenty of speed and is daily gaining in smoothness and control. He can also hit creditably and should be functioning to perfection soon.

Hold the Lifeboats
If you happened to be up on the baseball field to watch the team in practice games the week before last or last week you were no doubt amazed at the facility with which the pitchers in their three-inning workouts seemed to be fanning the alleged heavy hitters. This is really nothing to become alarmed over when you recall that the pitchers have had the advantage of a month of practice over the batters and the latter are always slower getting in stride in any man's league.

Last May, when State played Bucknell, Stocker was the leading hitter with .389, Bielicki was second with .327, and Miller rated third with .326. Robbins and Kornick have been hitting well among the newcomers. Captain Bill McKechnie has been hitting well also and probably will bat in second position after Stocker.

Baseball Coach Plans College World Series

Andy Coakley, veteran baseball coach at Columbia University, last week announced plans for a college baseball world series featuring eight outstanding American teams and possibly a representative from Japan, which may be held in one of New York's major league parks this summer.

He has written to the supervisors of several sectional intercollegiate athletic conferences regarding the plan and responses have been enthusiastic. No official communication has reached the College yet, but it is understood that Penn State will be included in the series if plans which are now in the formulative state progress.

The games would be held either in the Yankee Stadium or the Polo Grounds—possibly in both—the week of June 24. By this time all colleges will be closed and there will be no interference with players' classwork. The tournament would require four days.

Cindermen Plan For Penn Relays

Although Saturday's track trials were the last race trials before the Penn relays, they didn't mean much. "The weather was bad and I'm afraid most of the boys went to the dance the night before," Coach Chick Werner said.

Denying the recent story in the Philadelphia Inquirer which said that State would enter a complete team at the Relays, Werner said that he expected to enter teams in the four-mile and distance medley relays and in the quarter and half mile sprint relays. If the freshmen show up well he will probably enter a team in the mile relay.

Werner is especially pleased by the showing of Pete Olexy, star of the

freshman cross-country team last fall. Before coming here Olexy competed on the Polish Olympic team, running in the mile and half mile. At the annual Interscholastics held here last spring he won the mile, running for Lansford high school. Several colleges tried to get him, but because his coach had been one of Werner's pupils at Illinois, he persuaded Olexy to come here. "Already he has done a 4:37 mile and I expect him to break 4:30," Werner declared.

"The freshmen took good in spots," the coach said yesterday, "but the team isn't well-balanced. I feel that there are still a lot of good boys who haven't come out."

Stoddard Will Explain Lower Division System

Because of the curiosity and comment aroused by the institution of the Lower Division of the School of Liberal Arts here this year, the local chapter of the A. A. U. P., feeling that the faculty at large would welcome an authoritative exposition of this innovation, will hold an open meeting in the first floor lounge of Old Main tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock at which time Dean Charles W. Stoddard, of the School of Liberal Arts, will explain his experiment.

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