

# Baseballers, Lacrosse Men Play Openers This Week

## St. John's Will Be 1st Stick Foe

Twenty Lion lacrosse men, accompanied by Coach Nick Thiel, will leave by private car early today to test their mettle in two vacation contests—against St. John's at Annapolis on Wednesday and against Maryland at College Park on Saturday.

Few hopes are entertained that the stick-wielders will return next Tuesday with anything more than experience under their belts. Both State's opponents have played at least two scheduled games. They will meet a Nittany team crippled by lack of practice, a team whose coach pronounced it hardly ready for stiff competition.

Thiel's probable starting lineup Wednesday will be Jim Riddell at out home, Captain Ray Cosekery at in home, Bart Buser at first attack, Ralph DePaolo at second attack, Berne Cramer at center field, George Ritter at second defense, Joe Carter at first defense, Hot Drake at point, Alex Cowan at cover point, and Bud Myers at goalie.

Other men making the trip will include Andy Klaus, Claude Boyd, and Al Blair, inside attack men, John Genter, Ott Wuenchell, and John Price, center fielders, Roger Sharp, John Buckman, Dan Hess, and Harry Hauth, inside defense men.

## 12 Trackmen Will Remain Here Over Easter Recess

Twelve Lion trackmen will jump the gun on "Old Man Weather" by remaining here over the Easter vacation and getting into condition for the Penn Relays April 28 and 29, Coach Chick Werner announced yesterday.

The runners will participate in two daily work-outs throughout the vacation. Coach Werner plans to concentrate on the four-mile and medley relays, and the half and quarter-mile sprint relays.

Sprinters Paul Staller, Berne Kalmanowicz, Bill Engel, John McCarthy, Van Hartman, and Walt Hosterman will attempt to reach top form for the half and quarter-mile sprint relays.

Hurdles Captain Miller Frazier and Bob Hutchnings, mile Frank Maule, Charley Price, Bill Guest and Dick John, and pole-vaulter George Jackson complete the group which will stay over for the sessions. A number of outstanding men in all events will be unable to practice here and Coach Werner has given these men instructions for working out at home.

Several outstanding Lion trackmen have received invitations to compete in the Drake Relays, but because of the approaching Penn Relays and the bad weather conditions Penn State will not be represented. However, there is a possibility that the Nittany Lions will send several men to the Drake Relays next year.

## Rain, Easter Recess Hinder Footballers

With Saturday's intra-squad game completely washed out by April's first rain, and with the starting of Easter vacation tomorrow, Coach Bob Higgins' football Lions have hit another snag in their spring practice. Thus far, the sessions have been very satisfactory and far from productive. The first intra-squad game proved disappointing to the Blue and White coaching staff along offense

## Netmen Await First Match

Confining their workouts to interrupted sessions on the asphalt court and indoor drills, Penn State's tennis Lions are preparing for their opening match at Penn, April 15.

Coach Ted Roethke plans to hold tryouts immediately after vacation to determine the strongest possible aggregation to face a well balanced Red and Blue team. Veterans of last year's team who are virtually assured of starting posts are Captain Al Hildebrandt, Jerry Gopelman, Carl Aiberg and Bob Kirby, although the latter has not yet reported for practice.

Sophomores May Cluck, Sopomores M. C. Weinstein, Walt Frank, Gus Bigras and Del Hughes are expected to offer stiff competition for the starting posts and may replace some of the veterans in the higher positions.

Penn's team, captained by Stuart Forshaw and paced by Izzy Bellis, presents one of the strongest lineups the Lions will face this season. They will have the advantage of several matches already played. Last year the Philadelphia lad swamped the Blue and White 7-0.

Several of the players plan to stay on campus during vacation and probably will engage in a practice tilt with a faculty team.

Lines and these difficulties can not be ironed out until after Easter. However, the workouts up to date have shown that there will be tight battles for several varsity posts next fall, particularly the upback and wingback jobs and the starting tackle positions.

## 3 From Field, Track And Diamond

### Coskery—Lacrosse Captain And A BMOC-Too

By BOB WILSON  
If you passed Ray Cosekery on the street you might take him to be a shoe salesman, a bill collector, a stage comedian or almost anything but captain of Penn State's lacrosse Lions.

But captain he is—and he should be a good one. Stocky in build, hustiness like in manner and whimsical in his antics, Cosekery is an athlete with genuine leadership ability.

Further evidence of his talent as a helmsman are the facts that he is president of Interfraternity Council, president of Sigma Nu Fraternity, secretary of Student Board, a member of Lion's Paw, Spaul and Domes Student Council and Student Union Board.

True story: There were more people at the Penn lacrosse game in Philadelphia last year than you could shake a stick at. But that's precisely what Cosekery was doing when his little nephew yelled from the stands "Give the ball to 'Uncle Raymie'! He'll throw it in!" So they gave the ball to "Uncle Raymie" and "Uncle Raymie" scored twice in the last five minutes. Raymie still stands.

Vital statistics: Cosekery led the team in scoring both his sophomore and junior year. At times he is a carbon copy of Mickey Rooney as Andy Hardy. Has started every game since he has been a member of the varsity. Received All American honorable mention last year. A last-minute goal that beat Swarthmore, 7-6 last year, provided his biggest thrill.

When recording brain waves for founda, University of Southern California's Dr. D. E. Travis amplifies them 200,000 times.

### A 'Drowning' Guard That's Trackman Miller Frazier

By BOB LANE  
When Captain Miller Frazier stretches his 6 feet 2½ inches and 175 pounds over the high and low hurdles, for the Nittany Lions, long-standing records fall like rain.

The former Upper Darby H S track leader holds the P I A records in both the high and low hurdles, and last spring he socked over the wood and cinders to set two new State marks in the 120 high and 220 yard low hurdles.

During the past two summers "Fraz" was a life-guard at Ocean City, and at one time broke into newspaper headlines, but not for a heroic rescue in tumultuous seas. It seems that life-guard Frazier faked drowning and when the rescuers arrived he laughed and sent them back to dry dock.

Unfortunately for Miller, rumors of his humorous escapade reached the director who sentenced the victim to five days work without pay, and thus resulted the most famous patrolman of the Ocean City sands, "Charity Guard" Frazier.

The Lion leader is a lover of outdoor life. Last October Miller possessed 15 squawking reptiles, but his favorite, "Stubby," an Arkansas King snake, devoured 12 of his scarp friends and at the present time three remain.

Frazier modestly admits that he hopes to lower his present marks of 148 and 238 seconds which he clocked last spring. He came within one-tenth of a second of the world mark on the boards this winter and raced to a first in the Penn A C meet and garnered a second place in the IC4-A competition against the best hurdlers in the country.

### Baseball Capt. Brake Hates To Brag But Has Reason To

By BAYARD BLOOM  
"When did I start playing baseball? Why, I've been tossing that old hot-rod around since I was knee-high to a duck, and that was quite a while ago."

And that in his own words describes Lion Baseball Captain Ray Brake's enthusiasm for, and skill in, America's great national pastime.

Talkative about most things, modest Ray is reluctant to confirm Paul Bunyan legends of his baseball prowess. Under the third degree and threats of revealing his age, Captain Brake, with frequent "Aw, shucks, the fellows will think I'm bragging," gave out with the following:

He hit the longest home run that was ever hit in the Cumberland valley—more than 400 feet. He has played sandlot ball in every league worth mentioning from Maryland to the New York state line. Led the independent league of Maryland in hitting two years ago with a close to 500 average.

Vital statistics: height, 5 feet 11 inches, weight, 168 lbs. hails from Waynesboro, Pa. thinks Coach Joe Bedenk is a great coach and a great guy. hopes to play pro ball for a few years after graduation this year to help him as a coach. transferred from forestry to Phys Ed after leaving Mont Alto, where he started his head-first sliding because of a bad knee. says theory of head-first slide is to make the first one good.

Operators of the Oregon State College telephone exchange say "number please" on an average of 2,045 times a day from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

## Lion Boxers Lose Bouts To Champs

Al Tapman lost out in the semifinals of the National Collegiate boxing tournament last Friday night after putting up a valiant battle against Ted Kara, of Idaho, who was crowned 127-pound champion the following night. It was three furious rounds from bell to bell and the local gladiator gave Kara a tough run for the decision.

Kara was Olympic boxing champion in 1936.

Tapman gained rights to meet former national Golden Gloves champion after defeating Clayton Hand of Mississippi State the night before in the preliminaries. Hard Luck Hank Schweitzer, the other Lion representative at the tournament, met up with more ill-fate when he was pummeled against Ed McKinnon 1937 national champ in his first of the preliminary fights.

Puts Up Good Fight  
Although Schweitzer had his foe hanging on in the second round he tired badly in the third and lost the decision. McKinnon was defeated in the finals Saturday night.

University of Wisconsin fighters took four of the eight individual championships. The other four crowns went singly to Loyola, Idaho, Catholic U., and Louisiana State.

The champions—all new—are Sewele Whitney, of Loyola, at 120 pounds, Ted Kara, of Idaho, at 127, Gene Rankin, of Wisconsin, at 135, Omai (The Assassin) Crocker, of Wisconsin, at 145, Woodrow Swancutt, of Wisconsin, at 155, Frederick Stant, of Catholic U., at 165, Truman Torgerson, of Wisconsin at 175, and Rene Trouchesset, of Louisiana State, heavyweight.

A crowd of 15,500 witnessed the final bouts of the three-day tournament, bringing total attendance to approximately 35,000.

## Moundsmen Face Tigers This Friday

An enlightening lecture by Coach Joe Bedenk, one afternoon of pepper drills and five days' spent indoors oiling gloves for the onmushing opener with Princeton on Friday was the duty of Penn State's varsity baseball squad last week.

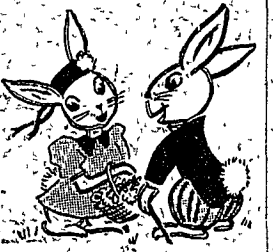
Faced with the tough job of picking a winning combination on the basis of too-few practices, Coach Bedenk is satisfied that the nine men whom he has selected to start against the Tigers, who already have one game under their belts, are good enough, but he by no means certain that they are the best on the squad.

Neal to Pitch  
Tall, right-handed Bill Neal is slated to start on the mound for the Lion nine, while veteran backstop, Joe Gillespie will be on the receiving end.

Because of the relatively poor physical condition of the pitching staff, Bedenk expects to use three, and possibly four, hurlers—Tom Watts, Harry Siefen, and Joe Dinger will probably see action. Captain Ray Brake at center, and two sophomores, Penny Gates at left field and Walt Kniaz at right field post, will be in the outer garden for the Lions.

Veteran third-sacker, Paul Menzie, will handle the hot corner and Harry Harrison, bandaged ankles and all, will start at shortstop. Eddy Sapp at second brings the total of sophomores on the team up to three and Art Sebel will cover the all-important middle sack.

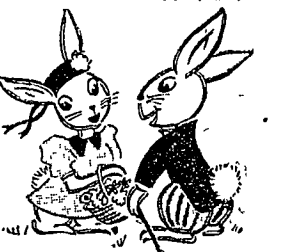
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