Baseball And Lacrosse Open Spring Sports Season

Cooper And Lewis Enter NCAA Bouts

Bedenk Bemoans 'Lack Of Practice' For Tiger, Engineer Diamond Tilts

22 Players Work Out For Friday, Saturday Openers; Richardson, Medlar Will Start Games

"We haven't practiced outside yet That's about all there is to say"

Thus baseball mentor Joe Bedenk, looking none too optimistic, commented on the diamond situation yesterday as he prepared to take his quade against Princeton Friday and Lehigh Saturday The fact that Princeton will have played several games and will be all warmed up for the locals in their opener Friday helped to darken his outlook

A squad of 22 players has been working out under the stands and in Rec Hall for the past several weeks, including seven infielders, three outfielders, four catchers and eight pitchers

Here's how the batting order, intact from last year with the exception of John Ebbersole and Ken Truhn, will look against Princeton Dough Sherwin (CF), Penny Gates (LF), Co-captain Paul Menne (3B), Bill Debler (1B), Ed Sapp (2B) John Ebbersole (RF), Ken Truhn (SS), and Co-Captain Martin Valerie (C)

Winding up the batting list will be either Jim Richardson or Chuck Medlar on the mound, with Ed Bastian slated for relief duty. Both Bastian and Richardson boasted undefeated pitching records last season.

The Nittany nine will be struggling this year to avoid falling off from last year's peak, when their 15 victories and four defeats comprised one of the best records in the East

EIBA Champs Reach Coast For NCAA's

Houck And Schott Make Trip With Lion Boxers

Penn State's two Eastern Intercollegiate boxing champions reach Sacramento, Cal, today where they will warm up for the national competition they head into this Thursday, Friday and Saturday in the National Collegiate Athletic Association championships

Captain Mike Cooper at 127 pounds and Jim Lewis at 165 pounds are the two fighters Accompanying them are Leo Houck, Lion boxing coach, and Dean Carl P Schott, a member of the NCAA boxing rules committee.

The fate of the two Lion champions is likely to depend largely on the luck of the draw

In competition this season, both Cooper and Lewis lost one fight but each avenged his beating in the Eastern Intercollegiat championships, Cooper by beating Cadet Lavenduksy of Army and Lewis by dethroning Charles Healy of Syracuse Cooper also lost a close decision to Clay Hogan of Wisconsin

The Yunnan provincial government in China will establish a large agricultural station for the promotion of silk cocoon and livestock production

Varsity Stickmen Meet Hobart Here Saturday

Co-Captains Buser And Ritter Will Lead Lions In Attempt To Avenge Last Year's Setback

Forsaking their Easter eggs and bonnets to return for practice sessions during Easter holidays, Nick Thiel's varsity lacrosse team finds itself faced with its first tough hurdle this coming weekend when they meet a powerful, highly-rated Hobart College stick team on New Beaver Field Saturday afternoon

Coach Thiel spoke enthusiastically of his club-wielders yesterday, as he pointed with pride to his co-captains Bart Buser and George Ritter, but was not so optimistic as to venture a victory prediction

The lads from Geneva, N Y, are consistently highly-rated in the East and last year took the Lions fo a ride, 12-6 This season they present nearly the same team, led by a trio of All-Americans, Ferris, Dobms, and Buteau.

The probable lineup for the Nittany ten wil find Dattlebaum at the out-home post; Riddell, in-home, Buser, first attack; Hess, second attack, Ritter, center, Price, second defense; Sharp, first defense, Drake, point; Carter, cover point, and Yudin, goal

66 Football Candidates Out For Spring Practice

Spring football practice will be held outdoors as soon as the weather permits, Coach Bob Higgins announced yesterday Higgins released the names of the 66 candidates for the team juniors, captain-elect Leon Gajecki, John Kimmel, Walt Kniaz, Sam Kopach, Wade Mori, Aubrey Nonemaker, Lloyd Parsons, John Patrick, Ben Pollock, Chuck Peters, Frank Platt, Carl Stravinski, Tom Vargo, Bob Wear, Craig White, Jim Woodward

Sophomores, Richard Carlton, John Day, Clarence Erwin, Len Frketich, Mike Garbinski, John Himes, Len Krause, Jack Margerum, Charles Medlar, Tom Megargee, Chuck Taysor, John Reitz, Harry Robb, Dean Sears, John Shirey, Bill Smaltz, Henry Stultz, Arthur Swan, Don Yoho, Ernest Zimmerman

Freshmen, Galen Bailey, Earl Brown, Robert Davis, Robert Eckes, John Egli, Jack Fallon, Dick Grace, Lem Gramly, James Hall, Bill Hamilton, Emory Kasprzyk, John Kerns, Joe Marcus, Eddie Maslow, Bill Null, Lou Palazzi, Bob Payton, Bob Perugini, Jack Qualey, John Reichenbach, Bob Rice, Robert Shrom, John Steinbacher, Morris Stern, John Tessieri, H. M. Thompson, Ralph Ventresco, Paul Weaver, Bob Wingard

Pan-Hel Bridge Nets $114

The benefit bridge on March 17, sponsored jointly by city and campus Panhellenic associations, netted a profit of $114 for Mrs Hetzel's emergency fund, Marguerite R. Scheaffer '40, student chairman, has announced.

Werner Calls For Track Candidates

Lions Will Enter Both Drake And Penn Relays

Hopeful of getting a break with the weather, track Coach Chuck Werner has issued a call for all varsity and freshman candidates for this afternoon He added that the track locker rooms are now situated in the Water Tower instead of the former position in Rec Hall

All freshmen should report to Bob Grieve while the varsity will be in charge of Werner

He also stated that for the first time in Penn State track history, the Lions will enter the Drake Relays Despite the fact that the Penn Relays will be held the same week-end (April 29) Werner stated that if enough fellows show up well he definitely will take a contingent to the Iowa competition

Until the cinder track is conditioned the squad will drill on the board track at New Beaver Field

Gleason, King Drop Bouts In Nationals To Lose Chances At Urbana, Ill.

Lion wrestling hopes crashed Saturday when Frank Gleason and Carl King were eliminated from the annual NCAA championship meet at Urbana, Ill.

Gleason, former Eastern 136-pound titleholder, lost in the semi-finals, and King, veteran 121-pounder, was defeated in his first bout. They were the only Lion entrants.

In his opening match, Gleason came from behind to top an overtime decision from Len Pomeray of Kent State. During the first part of the supplation period Gleason was behind but rallied to even the battle. He had little difficulty coming through in the extra session.

Gleason was eliminated by Verle McClellan, Kansas State's Big Six champion. Although McClellan never held a decided advantage he kept Gleason on the defense for most of the bout.

In a 121-pound match King was edged out by Bob Johnson of Southwestern State College in Oklahoma.

Between The Lions
With BOB WILSON

Flash! Scoop! Copyright!
So exclusive is today's column that it will probably go down in journalism annals as the greatest news "beat" in Penn State history.

For it is my privilege today to print—even before they have said them—the pre-season statements of Penn State's spring sport coaches Nick Thiel, Joe Bedenk, Chuck Werner, Ted Roethke and Bob Rutherford.

Never before has any Collegian column bored its readers so far in advance So don't wait another minute' Get the jump on your fraternity brothers, sorority sisters and roommates Yawn over these carefully - worded pre - campaign predictions even before they have been made

Here are the exclusive, sensational and as yet unuttered statements that will scoop even the men who will say them by at least 72 hours

Joe Bedenk, baseball coach "It looks like a long, hard season, especially since we haven't been able to practice outside one single day as yet Our pitching staff is weak, our infield shaky, our outfield jittery and our batting power hopeless I don't know how many games we'll win That's pretty hard to say in baseball with the element of chance as great as it is We'll just have to do the best we can with what we have"

Nick Thiel, lacrosse coach "Well, I have a pretty fair starting team, but my reserve power is pitifully weak And when you start bucking teams like Hobart, Maryland, Army and Navy, you need plenty of reserve power. I'll be glad to win 30 percent of our games this year."

Chuck Werner, track coach "This just might be the year for track, but then there's always a chance that Barney Ewell will break a leg, Captain Nick Vukmanic will dislocate his shoulder, Billy Smith might pull a tendon, Olyys Krug could sprain an ankle, or Maule and Henderson develop appendicitis If all that happens, we're sunk!"

Ted Roethke, tennis coach "Ooooh! What a lousy season we're gonna have! I doubt if we even get to use the outdoor courts this Spring, what with weather conditions the way they are. And in the event we do get a few days of outside practice, I still question whether we can win more than one match."

Bob Rutherford, golf coach "I don't like to say what our chances are at this time, 'cause every time I make a pre-season prediction, my boys just don't click It's happened so many times that I've finally decided to cut it out Last year I absolutely refused to predict the outcome of the season, and we had a mighty successful one Nope, no prediction' And that's final!"

Editor's note: Mr. Wilson was last seen thumbing a ride out of town on Route 322. It is believed he will remain in hiding until the stink from this column blows away. Kindly address any mail to him in care of the dead letter office.

Golf Team Opens Season On April 20

Snow Delays Practice For More Than Month

Delayed more than a month by the abnormally long-laying snow Coach Bob Rutherford's golfers started practice sessions feverishly yesterday in order to get in as much drilling as possible before their opener on April 20 The golfers were out swinging in early February last year

With only three top positions even reasonably copped, by Co-captains Bud Miller, Ken Klingensmith, and Jack Brand, Coach Rutherford emphasized that he was not searching for stars but for a well-balanced team Coach Rutherford also stated that the team was "wide open" and that no positions were cinched

Bill Hubler, Johnny Leyden, Scott Maxwell, and Dent Holden were among others named as likely varsity clubbers by Rutherford. Hubler, Leyden, and Maxwell saw varsity service last season, while Holden is a graduate of last year's frosh team

In commenting on the 1940 outlook the veteran Rutherford said, "We may not have the best team but we'll be in there somewhere"

Tennis Season Opens April 19

Candidates Holding Night Drills In Recreation Hall

With the opening of tennis season less than three weeks away and still no outdoor practice, Coach Ted Roethke is drilling a small squad of candidates nightly in Rec Hall The first encounter is with Penn April 19 followed by a match at Lehigh the next day

Keeping one eye on his lads and the other on a list of strong opponents, Roethke announced that drills at present are merely an effort to tune-up stroking He added that he also is trying to develop several doubles combinations

Headed by Capt Jerry Goodman, Mac Weinstein and Del Hughes the most promising candidates so far are Johnny Knode, Charley Bowman, Ted Lesko, William Bowman, Charles Hough, John McGuire, and Chuck Huyck

Lion Nine Meets Princeton Friday; Stickmen Face Hobart Saturday While Bedenkmen Battle Lehigh

55 Varsity, 15 Freshman Games Listed For Track, Baseball, Golf, And Baseball; 24 Home Matches

The Nittany Lion varsity baseball and lacrosse teams start Spring sports off with a bang at home and abroad this weekend Joe Bedenk's nine sounds the starting gun when they open against Princeton at Princeton Friday, while Nick Thiel's stalwart stickmen will cross sticks with Hobart lacrossemen here Saturday as the State baseballers meet Lehigh away the same day

With 55 varsity and 15 freshman tilts listed in baseball, lacrosse, track, golf, and tennis, according to the schedule released by Neil M. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics, Penn State teams will be active until June 8

Nine To Play 19 Tilts

Eleven of the 19 baseball games will be played at New Beaver Field, as well as five lacrosse tilts, four tennis matches, three golf meets, and one track meet to be played on home territory The schedule

Baseball

April 5, Princeton, away	6, Lehigh, away	10, Western Maryland, home
12, West Virginia, home	13, West Virginia, home	17, Syracuse, home
20, Navy, home	23, Temple, home	26, Rutgers, away
27, Army, away	May 1, Dickinson, home	4, Gettysburg, away
8, Penn, away	11, Pitt, away	17, Syracuse, away
22, Susquehanna, home	25, Muhlenberg, home	29, Bucknell, home
June 8, Pittsburgh, home		

Track

April 26-27, Penn Relays, Philadelphia
May 4, Ohio State, home, 11, Pittsburgh, away, 18, Syracuse, home, 25, Navy, away
May 31-June 1, IC4-A, New York City.

Lacrosse

April 6, Hobart, home, 12, Penn, away, 13, Navy, away, 17, Swarthmore, home, 20, Cornell, home, 27, Maryland, home
May 4, Army, away, 11, Lehigh, home, 17, Colgate, home, 18, Syracuse, away

Tennis

April 19, Penn, away, 20, Lehigh, away, 24, Gettysburg, home, 26, Carnegie Tech, away, 27, Pitt, away
May 1, Bucknell, home, 4, Navy, away, 8, Army, away, 10, Susquehanna, home, 14, Cornell, away, 20, Syracuse, home.

Golf

April 20, Pitt, home, 24, W and J, home, 27, Army, home
May 1, West Virginia, home, 4, Cornell and Pitt at Ithaca, 10, Georgetown at Pittsburgh, 11, Princeton and Penn at Pittsburgh, 17, play-off if necessary, 18, championships

Freshman Baseball

April 27, Army, away
May 4, Mercersburg, home, 7, Syracuse, away, 11, Cornell, home, 22, Mont Alto, home, 25, Wyoming Seminary, home

Freshman Track

May 4, Mercersburg, away, 11, Cornell, home

Freshman Lacrosse

May 4, Cornell, home, 18, Lafayette, away

Freshman Tennis

April 24, Gettysburg, J V home, May 11, Carnegie Tech, away

Freshman Golf

May 4, Cornell, home, 18, Cornell, away, 25, Army, away

Warren Cops PIAA Gym Crown Here Saturday

Warren High School gymnasts terminated Pottsville High School's four year reign to take the mythical schoolboy's PIAA gymnastic championship, with Bloomsburg placing second, Pottsville third, in Rec Hall, Saturday afternoon.

In conjunction with the gym meet, the annual volleyball tournament featured another upset when Munhall High School downed last year's titleholders, Westinghouse High School of Pittsburgh, in the final round, 12-15, 15-16, and 15-11

Zimmerman, Warren, copped the Eugene Wettstone Individual Trophy when he won the parallel bars and tumbling honors Other winners were Schaffer, Bloomsburg, indian clubs, Sorenson, Warren, side horse, Reifsnyder, Pottsville, flying rings, Edmunds, Pottsville, horizontal bar, and Young, Oil City, rope climbing

They're Here!