

# Nittany Nine Will Meet West Virginia Here Today, Tomorrow

## Lions To Play Two Weekend Games After Wednesday's 10-2 Triumph Over Western Maryland Outfit

### Jim Richardson Ready To Take Mound Today; Medlar Shows Promise Against Green Terrors

BY ROSS LEHMAN

After routing a hapless Western Maryland outfit, 10-2, in their home debut Wednesday, the Lion baseball nine will meet a strong West Virginia team in a weekend doubleheader on New Beaver Field today.

The Mountaineers have always been a tough foe since they first met a Nittany baseball team back in 1905 when Penn State copped the opener 9-5. Last year, at Morgantown, W. Va., they administered one of the four beatings which the Lions suffered during their 20 game schedule.

Jim Richardson, who never pitched a baseball game until he tried out for Penn State's freshman team, will seek his fourth consecutive victory against the Mountaineers in today's tilt starting at 4 p. m.

#### Medlar Stars

Proving that Joe Bedenk need look no further for a capable moundman to complete his pitching staff, Chuck Medlar, 252-pound sophomore giant, turned the Green Terrors into green novices when he allowed only two runs and four hits on Wednesday.

Throwing his high fast ball, then shifting to a wide, sweeping curve, Medlar struck out nine batters and constantly kept the Western Maryland batters swinging on their heels.

Western Maryland opened hostilities when it scored once in the first inning after Hongman singled, advanced to second on a sacrifice, and tallied on Linton's sharp drive to center field.

#### Lions Open Fire

The Lions immediately retaliated by pushing three runs across the plate when Sherwin was hit by a pitched ball and Menzie received a base on balls. They pulled a typical "Joe Bedenk" double steal, and scored when Bill Dobler blasted a double into right field.

Dobler advanced to third on Sapp's infield grounder and crossed up the catcher when he promptly stole home. From there on the homesick Green Terrors were ready to sing "Maryland, My Maryland."

Taking advantage of four misplays, the Lions scored three runs

W. Maryland	ab	r	h	e	a	e
Hongman, cf	3	1	1	0	0	0
Bills, 2b	3	0	0	2	3	0
Stropp, 1b	4	1	1	1	0	2
Linton, c	3	0	1	2	0	0
Bricke, c	1	0	0	3	0	0
Smith, lf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Elder, rf	3	0	0	1	0	0
Sturm, 3b	3	0	0	1	1	1
Ryan, ss	3	0	1	1	2	2
Cook, p	2	0	0	2	0	1
Cole, p	0	0	0	0	1	0
a-Talbotton	1	0	0	0	0	0
b-Evans	1	0	0	0	0	0
c-Phillips	1	0	0	0	0	0
d-Fitzgerald	1	0	0	0	0	0

Totals	33	2	4	24	9	4
Penn State	ab	r	h	e	a	e
Gates, lf	4	2	1	0	0	0
Sherwin, 1b	3	3	1	2	0	0
Menzie, 3f	3	1	1	0	1	1
Dobler, 1b	3	1	1	1	0	0
Sapp, 2b	4	0	1	2	3	2
Yates, c	4	0	0	0	0	0
Truhm, ss	4	0	0	0	1	0
Seibel, lf	3	2	1	1	2	0
Medlar, p	4	1	1	2	6	0

Totals	32	10	7	27	13	3
W. Maryland	100	001	000	—	2	
Penn State	300	303	01x	—	10	
Two-base hit	Debler	Three-	base hit	Stropp	Sacrifice hit	Bills
Stolen bases	Sherwin	4	Gates	Menzie	Debler	Double play—
Sturm	Stropp	Sturm	Struck	out—by	Medlar	9
Cole	2	Cook	1	Base on balls—off	Medlar	1
Cook	1	Cole	1	Losing pitcher—	Cook	Umpires—
Reilly	and	Hancock	Time of game	2	00	hours

in both the fourth and sixth innings, and made the final tally when Sherwin scored from second, on a wild toss by Ryan, Green Terror shortstop, on Menzie's hard-hit grounder.

## Between The Lions

With BOB WILSON

### This Guy Barr

Since the big fellow has just been elected to captain Penn State's basketball Lions in 1941, it seems only meet, right and necessary that something be said about him here and now.

And since Coach John Lawther knows him almost as well as his own mother does, he is the only logical choice to do the honors. But before Mr. Lawther goes off the deep end, I'd like to mention a little incident that occurred between John and the big fellow just this past season.

Scene: The Temple game in Philadelphia the night of February 22.

In his pre-game locker room speech, John Lawther told his boys not to worry about this big, bad Temple outfit, but just to go out there and have a good time. Yea, have fun!

Well, the score see-sawed through the first half as State Temple scores have always done since time immemorial, and John Lawther just sat there on the bench tearing his hair, biting his nails and gnashing his teeth.

Midway in the second half, with the score still see-sawing, the big fellow happened to get the ball on an out-of-bounds play right next to Lawther. He noticed Lawther, this time with his head buried in his hands.

Now the big fellow is an opportunist par excellence, so with the flippancy for which he is noted in his circle he turned to Lawther and said, "Are you having fun, John?"

Coming when it did, the little query must have hit Lawther just about right, for he looked up and smiled.

And coming when it did, that smile must have hit the team just about right, for the Lions nicked Temple that night, 33-31.

There have been countless other incidents, all of them equally humorous, all of them excellent examples of how coach and captain should get along with each other. And now for those few words, Mr. Lawther.

"Well, I'll say this, Johnny Barr is a natural floor general. He's cool-headed, a good influence on steadying the team, a swell ball handler and he shows rare judgment about just what should be done when the going gets rough. "The old pros at New York this year were astounded at his pivot ability, and practically everyone who saw him play agreed that he was one of the best men in the East this season. I look for an even better season with him next year.

"While I'm at it," Lawther added, "I'd like to say something about Big Mac (retiring captain Cliff McWilliams). We're going to miss Big Mac next year, especially on the boards. He was one of the best defensive players I've ever coached. His attitude was marvelous and his influence on the team's attitude was a big factor in our success this past season."

## Lineup Of Golf Varsity In Doubt

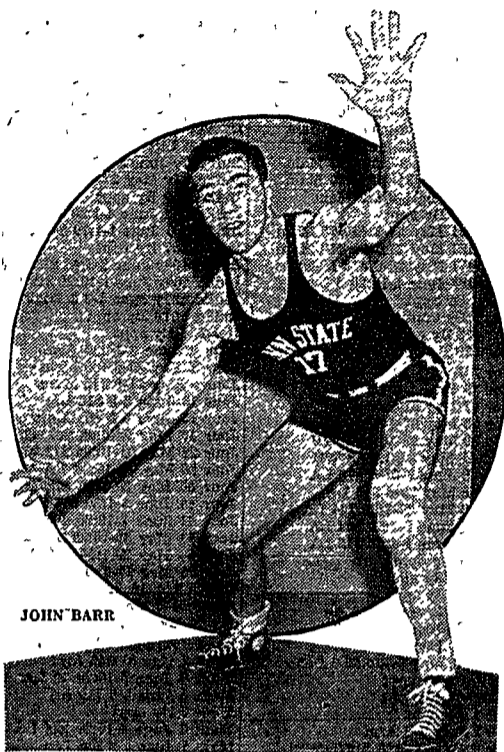
### Positions Of 5 Veterans On Team Not Assured

By STAN POKEMNER  
With the season's opener with the University of Pittsburgh six on the College links April 20, golf Coach Bob Rutherford has been unable to pick a varsity team from nearly a dozen evenly-matched aspirants.

Even with co-captains Bob Miller and Kenny Klungensmith, Johnny Hubler, Jack Brand, and Scotty Maxwell returning from last year's squad, Coach Rutherford's job of choosing a varsity team is no snap. While these veterans admittedly hold an edge over other aspirants, even their places on the team are not determined. Regular practices are being held daily as the weather permits, although the linksmen are handicapped by not being able to play on the greens. Fairway practice and some work on the putting green are helping to get the golfers in shape.

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## PICKED TO LEAD CAGERS



JOHNNY BARR

Johnny Barr, stellar forward and high-scorer of this year's cage aggregation, was elected basketball captain for 1940-41 at the team's banquet in Lemont Wednesday night.

Barr has been a standout on the Lion five since he crashed the lineup as a sophomore last year. Notable for his cool, unruffled play when the pressure was on, he was named on several all-state lineups at the close of the season.

## BUSBY SAYS

By BUSBY BUTTERFINGER

At the right you see a picture of two of the boys in the All-Collegiate Circus which will be coming to Wreck Hall in two weeks. The act is called "Invading the Stratosphere" and the bloke on top is Mr. Chuck Gillespie being held by Mr. Vic Gentilman. I was going to get Gillespie's job, but Gentilman protested to Wetstone that he was hanging or something if he was going to hold a baby elephant up in the air 30 feet. I didn't like that at all.

The other night I am talking with Mr. Dailey of the grounds and bldg dept' who is constructing the new 'cradle' which they are going to use for the acrobats in the circus. He is a dead ringer for me, in fact, he looks more like me than my old man. But he smokes too many seegers, having borrowed and consumed six in the half hour I talked with him.

Well, the queen is finally picked for the circus, but Wetstone won't even tell his wife who the fair maiden is. I am very sore at certain parties for not letting me pick her, instead of this guy Dick Powell. After all, I've worked around circuses and sideshows long enough to be able to pick the best looking Penn State coed—EeCee Davis and his cohorts, Ray Conger, and Nick Thiel, who planned to sell peanuts with the nuts taken out of the shell just to gyp out patrons and get even with



Wetstone, have hit a snag. It seems Thiel, who was eating the discarded nuts, has consumed as many as he can and refuses to eat more. Conger, doesn't like nuts and refuses to eat them, and EeCee is too stoney to throw them away. So they are sitting in EeCee's office every night trying to find a way out.

## Lion Tennis Team 'Crams' For Penn

### Netmen Open Practice On Courts; Meet April 19

By PAT NAGELBERG

With Penn's formidable array of tennis stars awaiting the opening of the Lions' 1940 season on their Quaker City courts next Friday, Coach Ted Roethke faces the difficult task of rousing his charges into playing form within the few remaining days of practice.

That old bugaboo of spring sports, inclement weather, once again curtailed outdoor practice and the racqueters were forced indoors at the beginning of the week. The last two days have found Roethke's charges getting some badly-needed practice on the clay courts. Providing good-weather prevails and the condition of the courts improves, trial matches will be held during next week to determine the line-up which will face the University of Pennsylvania on April 19 and Lehigh at Bethlehem on April 20.

#### Battle for No 1

A close battle for the number 1 spot on the team looms between Captain Jerry Goodman and Mac Weinstein, both consistent winners last year. The two players appear very evenly matched at this point and their position will not be determined until they face each other across the net next week. Del Hughes, another veteran, seems slated for the number 3 post.

Four newcomers from the freshman ranks and several veterans are waging a pitched battle in an effort to fill the remaining positions. Returning from last year's wars are Ted Lesko, Chuck Huyck, and Gil Feldman, who saw varsity action before. The promising sophomores are Bill Ramsay, erstwhile Lower Merion star, Chuck Bowman, Johnny Knode and John MacQuire. George Schless, Walters and Larry Lightbody of ice hockey fame might break into the line-up later in the season.

Bellis Leads Penn  
Izzy Bellis, an old nemesis of Weinstein's since their scholastic days, will lead the Red and Blue netmen against the Lions. Three other veterans occupy prominent spots in the Penn line-up which completely routed Swarthmore, 9-0, in their campaign curtain-raiser last Saturday.

## Nittany Stickmen Seek Victory At Penn Today, Navy Tomorrow

By JOHN BAER

Determined to continue a five-year-old superiority and conquer a 21-year-old jinx, the Nittany lacrossemen will battle Penn in Philadelphia today and Navy at Annapolis tomorrow.

The Lions have defeated Penn in their last five encounters but have never gained the edge over the Middies since the two schools first met in 1919.

In the weekend games, the stickmen will be seeking their first victory of the season. The opener against Hobart last Saturday saw the New York Staters emerge on the long end of a 14 to 9 score.

"The main fault with the team at present is lack of experience," commented Coach Nick Thiel before the squad left for Philadelphia yesterday. "Jim Ritter was a freshman last year, and Bud Dattelbaum, Jack McHugh, John Price, and Jack Yudin were reserves."

In practice sessions this week Thiel sent the stickmen through scrimmage after scrimmage trying to iron out defensive mistakes that showed up against Hobart. The same team which started in the opening game will take the field against Penn and probably against Navy.

Reserve centerfielder Dan Hess, who is on an engineering inspection trip, was unable to make the Eastern invasion.

In Philadelphia the Lions will face a seemingly mediocre Penn team which, to date, has lost two and won one. However, the Quakers may be strengthened by the addition of Red Stephens, all-American center last year, who is reported to have gained eligibility after missing the first three games of the season.

Tomorrow the lacrossemen will run up against a different proposition when they battle undefeated Navy. So far, the Middies have emerged victorious over Haryana and Dartmouth.

The starting Nittany lineup will consist of Jack Yudin (goal), Jack McHugh (cover point), Holt Drake (point), Roger Sharp (first defense), John Price (second defense), Co-captain George Ritter (center), Jim Ritter (second attack), Co-captain Bart Buser (first attack), Jim Riddell (in home), and Bud Dattelbaum (out home).

In addition to the starting lineup, 10 Lion reserves made the trip. They are: Bill Ziegenfus, George Wolbert, Mark Singley, Bill Henning, Maury Salek, Scraggy Dowle, Joe Carter, Kevin Campbell, Mike Creak, and Irwin Chelly.

## Ewell And Vukmanic Will Compete In Drake Relays; Others At Penn

### Three More Sprinters May Go To Des Moines To Team With Ewell In 440, 880 Relay Races

By BILL MCKNIGHT

Penn State trackmen will compete in two different events April 26 and 27 when Captain Nick Vukmanic and Barney Ewell go to the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa, and part of the squad goes to the Penn Relays in Philadelphia.

Vukmanic will take part in the javelin competition and Ewell will enter the invitation 100-yard dash and the broad jump at the Drake Relays. Werner is also considering sending three more sprinters to Iowa to team with Ewell in the 440 and 880 yard relays.

#### Competition Slated

The team making the trip to Philadelphia has yet to be chosen and competition for a place on the squad is waxing hot. Among the events that the Nittanymen may enter are the two-mile relay, two-mile run, high jump, pole vault, four-mile relay, and the 400-meter hurdles.

Weather in the past few days has not permitted use of the cinder track but intensive work on the track has put it in proper condition. Aspirants for the two-mile relay include Max Peters, Frank Maule, Len Henderson, Dick Yohn, Harry Kjellman, Joe Henrie, and Chet Snyder.

Bill Smith, Henderson, and Herm Goffberg are possible entries in the special two-mile run. It is probable that Orvis Krug will be the Nittany contestant in the high jump and Bob Smith and Elmer Gross may also be entered in the event.

## Second Intra-Squad Grid Scrimmage Is Scheduled For Tomorrow Afternoon

With the second intra-squad scrimmage game of spring football slated by Coach Bob Higgins for tomorrow afternoon, the Lion gridmen have been going through their paces on the practice field every afternoon.

The week's training was climaxed by a heated session on Wednesday afternoon. Tom Wargo, star end of last year's eleven, showed his usual brilliant form when he blocked a punt to score a touchdown and also made considerable gains on end-around plays. Spud Erwin, sophomore end, proved himself an opportunist by grabbing a fumbled ball in mid-air and scampering 40 yards for another six-pointer.

## Penn Included In 8-Game Soccer Schedule For 1940

For the first time in 11 years, Penn State's soccer Lions will meet Penn's Quakers next year on an eight-game schedule, which was released yesterday by Neil Fleming, graduate manager of athletics.

The Penn game will take place in Philadelphia on November 30 in the season's finale. The Red and Blue replaces Lehigh.

For the second successive year, the Lions will open the season with Gettysburg. The remainder of the opponents remain unchanged except for Lehigh.

The 1940 schedule September 28, Gettysburg, October 12, Western Maryland, 19, Bucknell, 26, Syracuse at Syracuse, November 2, Navy at Annapolis, 9, Army; 23, Temple, and 30, Pennsylvania at Philadelphia.

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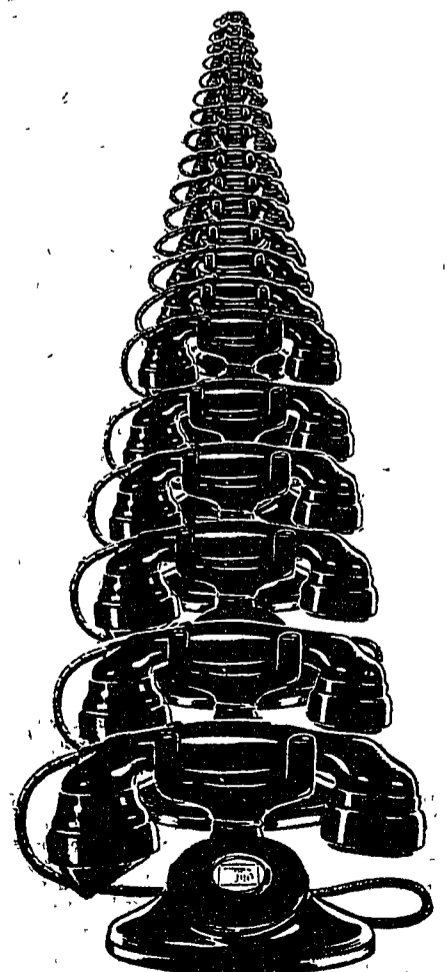
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