

Between The Lions

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Lacrosse Hotbed

Penn State's lacrossmen will open their official season against the Middle stick wielders this afternoon at Annapolis Maryland. And when a lacrosse squad ventures into the state of Maryland they find themselves right in the backyard of good lacrosse playing.

Once before this season Coach Thiel's charges traveled down Maryland way only to return with a 10-0 shellacking at the hands of John Hopkins.

Hes Our Coach

If you have good eyes you may have noticed in small headlines the other day that Nick has been selected to coach the All-North lacrosse team in the annual post-season North-South game. To be selected from among such lacrosse schools as Hobart, Princeton, Dartmouth, and Yale is a real tribute to good coaching. Of course there is none of the hullabaloo over Thiel's selection that there would be if Bob Higgins were named coach of the North football team. Yet the honor is just as great regardless of the sport. So we doff our columnistic hat to Coach Nick Thiel, more acclaimed throughout the North than on his own campus.

Want Some Hiking?

Come the summer semester, this College is going to have a real problem on its hands supplying a sufficient recreational and athletic program. We have previously recommended an expanded intramural program and the possibility of interschool intramurals. Unable to take care of all students, such a program will have to be supplemented by hikes, picnics, swimming, sun bathing, student union dances etc. And we repeat, it's not too early to start laying plans for this recreation program.

We Make A Pledge

Incidentally, in our first column we refrained from making any policy commitments until we got out bearings. There is one pledge that we feel ready to make at this time however, and that is: regular and complete coverage of all intramurals this summer; more complete coverage than in the past because intramurals will hold a more important spot this summer than ever before.

Uncle Sam Nearly Takes Ewell's Track Enemy

Uncle Sam almost took away from collegiate competition Barney Ewell's bitterest track rival, Hal Davis of California, national 200-meter champion. He was foiled in his efforts, though, by the interference of a United States Marine Corps reserve enlistment.

Davis will be permitted to finish his present college term before he becomes one of the many in the armed forces. He and Ewell still remain as the "world's fastest humans."

Golf Team Opens 21st Season Here

April 18 With W. Va.

Penn State's golf team will inaugurate its 21st season next Saturday when the linksmen from the University of West Virginia come here for the third meeting of the schools. The Lions have won the two previous encounters by large margins.

Penn State last had an undefeated golf team in 1935, and before that, the Nittany golfers won all their matches in 1927 and 1930. Three years ago, the linksmen lost only two of nine engagements, to Princeton and Georgetown.

The condition of the golf course this Spring has precluded most of the pre-season practice, but Coach Rutherford is confident that from the large number of new candidates out for the team this year he will be able to select a winning combination.

Freshman candidates for the yearling golf team will be called as soon as the weather permits, Coach Bob Rutherford Jr. said last night.

Lacrosse Team Battles Navy At Annapolis Today

Glenn's Injury Proved Sprain

A gleam of light amid a shadow of darkness hung over the Penn State track world yesterday. The light came from reports from College medical officials reassuring Chick Werner through X-ray studies that Johnny Glenn's ankle is not broken as was feared Thursday.

The sprain, received during a physical education class, is severe enough to possibly keep him from participation in the Penn Relays, April 24 and 25. Werner explained, however, that a sprain so serious might be more injurious to his work this year than a break would have been.

This is especially important with a high jumper. The strain of taking off and landing on the jumps is greater than any connected with straight running. This fact and a possibility of slow healing of the injury are hardly overshadowed by the favorable report from the infirmary.

The rest of the team held workouts yesterday despite the inclement weather. Field men who could find room held drills under the stands on New Beaver Field while runners got their daily grinds on the boards of the track in Rec Hall.

This, incidentally, is another dark shadow. That makes two dark to one light. Insistent snow and rain leave the team with poor chance to get in proper condition before they must take part in their first meet in two weeks.

Lion Stickmen Aim For Surprise Win

Special to the Collegian

ANNAPOLIS, Maryland, April 10 — Penn State's lacrosse team arrived here today for their opening game with a strong undefeated Navy team tomorrow afternoon.

Coach Nick Thiel's squad, back from a losing practice session with John Hopkins, 1941 national champions, at Baltimore last week, has gone through a rigid training schedule and has bolstered the weak spots discovered during last week's practice tilt.

Believing his team to be stronger on the defensive side of the game than on the offensive, Coach Thiel expressed the belief that the Lion stickmen would fight a hard battle with the Midshipmen.

Pacing the Lion defense will be Mort Saler at his net position and Captain Bill Ziegenfus at the first defense spot, outstanding performers in the Johns Hopkins tilt. Saler and Ziegenfus were mainstays on last year's varsity.

The remaining positions will be filled by Howie Hausner at point, J. M. Gotwals at cover-point, George Pittinger at second defense, and Jim Ritter at center after having been moved up from the second defense spot.

Tom Mitchell has been placed at first attack being reinforced at that slot by Mark Singley at second attack. Bob Koch at in-home and Sam Flenner at out-home complete the starting lineup for the Thielmen.

Rounding out the traveling roster are Charlie Temkovits, Jim Hewitt, Ray Sundback, Bill Briner, Jim Henderson, Charlie Lockwood, Wayne Bitner, Dick Juve, Bill Piper, and Dick Ross.

The rugged Middies, in two previous games this year, have vanquished Dartmouth and Harvard by overwhelming scores.

Batmen Postpone W. Maryland Tilt, Point For D-Son

With this afternoon's scheduled baseball game against Western Maryland postponed, Coach Joe Bedenk's diamond minions settled down today to prepare for Dickinson College on New Beaver field Wednesday.

Practice is called for 2 o'clock this afternoon, and if weather conditions remain the same, the Lion nine will work out under the New Beaver field stands and in Rec Hall, where they were confined yesterday.

"We can't do anything if the weather stays like this," said Coach Bedenk, looking at the low, gray clouds as rain drizzled down.

However, the baseball mentor is hopeful the skies will clear by Wednesday, so the Penn State squad can get started on its schedule, even though lack of practice may make the Lions underdogs.

Last year the home nine scored an easy win over the Dickinson Red Devils, 5-2, in a mid-season contest. Two of this year's expected starters shared in the win, as Captain Bill Debler, first baseman, collected a hit and a run, and Shortstop Whitey Thomas duplicated Debler's feat.

If the Blue and White doesn't get a chance to see action against the Dickinson lads, two more opportunities will occur next weekend when Gettysburg and Colgate travel here Friday and Saturday, respectively.

Franny Farris, slated to start at second base, is still followed by an injury jinx. Farris' knee has been causing him trouble and he may have to be replaced at the keystone spot by sophomore Ed Sebastianelli. Last year a broken ankle sidelined Farris after the start of the season.

Tennis Situation Presents Problem

By BEN BAILEY

For several days we've been trying to figure out why Tennis Coach Ted Roethke's boys nicknamed him "MacArthur." After having studied the tennis picture from every angle, and, although the boys still don't tell why they gave him the name, (we can assure you it is fully warranted.)

Anyone who year after year can beat strategic retreats from Ole Man Weather on the one flank, the lack of interest and apathetic attitude of students toward tennis on the other, and the building expansion program, yet keep turning out tennis teams on the tiny clay peninsula still remaining like Roethke does, certainly deserves the name "MacArthur."

The weather run-around has become an annual affair for Roethke. This year the netmen have been confined almost exclusively to midnight drills in Rec Hall.

Last month they had three days of outdoor practice on the asphalt court, which somebody has aptly termed "Pinchot's Plaza." In appearance and smoothness it compares very favorably with the old

macadam roads for which ex-Governor Pinchot is famous.

Ole Man Weather then proceeded to lay down his record-breaking 30.5 inch snow barrage, and the boys once again retreated back to Rec Hall. Immediately after Easter they ventured forth into the sunshine a second time. After three more days of practice they were driven back to Rec Hall again in a cross-fire of rain and snow. And their season goes Wednesday.

With the exception of golf, tennis is perhaps the one game in which most students will engage after they graduate; yet it is in a state of decline here at Penn State. Facilities are at a new low, too.

Building expansion on campus has also taken its toll. Although the student population usually increases from year to year, we now have fewer tennis facilities than were available 20 years ago.

With the building of Pond Lab the best courts on the campus were ploughed under.

Potential tennis courts have become parking lots instead. Over beside the varsity courts such a lot has been built. Rumor has it that the lot was filled with automobiles once last Fall during Alumni Homecoming weekend. The rumor is unconfirmed, however. Now, with the demise of the automobile, parking lots are becoming an expensive luxury.

Sigma Phi Alpha Elects

Newly elected officers of Sigma Phi Alpha fraternity are president, Edward P. Arters '43; vice-president, Philip R. Thomford '43; secretary, Walter L. Dutton '45; treasurer, E. Dean Stanton '44; and caterer, Martin B. Yarnell '45.

Goodwin Elected '43 Hockey Captain

Burton Anthony and Tom Goodwin were elected captains, and Charles Sorber and Paul Panneton were chosen as managers for the 1943 hockey season at elections held recently.

Goodwin, a sophomore, will be the acting captain for next season, replacing Larry Lightbody, who captained the Lion puckmen through the recent campaign that saw the Lions win five out of six

Three Alumni Made Cadets

Shirley K. Smith of State College and two other former Penn State students, Alfred H. Austin and S. E. Gardner, Jr., are in the final stage of their Aviation Cadet training at Foster Field, Victoria, Texas.

encounters.

Acting manager for the coming season will be Panneton, who succeeds Johnny Clark.

Anthony and Sorber, both juniors, will be graduated before the next hockey season rolls around.

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