

Bedenk Opens 14th Year With Proctor On Mound

Pvt. Wee Willie Proctor from Denver, Colorado, will walk out on the mound to open Joe Bedenk's 14th season as baseball coach this afternoon, when the Nittany Lion baseball team dig their diamond cleats into the Navy field at Annapolis.

Behind the plate will be Ed Holler, civilian veteran now awaiting an immediate call from the U. S. Navy, after passing his draft board physical examination earlier this week.

Leading off in the batting lineup for the Penn State nine is Bob Urion, guarding the left field gardens. In the number two spot will be Dale Bower, mainstay on the Lion team last season, in and out of the Army on a medical discharge several months ago.

Marine Pvt. Gerry Carle from Minnesota will swing in the third notch on the batting order, and blanket the hot corner at third base, while Earl Bruhn, another Marine from the North Star state, will bat in the cleanup position, and play centerfield.

Twenty-one year old Whitey Kurowski will get the starting nod for the second base position. Kurowski, whose brother was World Series hero several years ago, and still playing for the St. Louis Cardinals, came up from high school and sandlot baseball in his home town of Reading.

From the Lion football squad comes Marine Al Richards, Miamisburg, Ohio, youth, who will get the nomination for first sack chores. Johnny Schlesiger, final Marine to get the starting nod, will be varsity man at shortstop. His home is in Yutan, Nebraska.

Tomorrow, another civilian gets a pitching assignment, when either Mike Wardrop or Joe Golembeske starts against the Swarthmore nine. Wardrop was varsity man for several seasons, and is now awaiting call to the Navy with Holler, after passing induction physicals this week.

Holler will be behind the plate for both games, but Marine C. S. Dellago from Minnesota will see action in one of the weekend tilts.

Both opening opponents have seen games already this Spring, with the Midshipmen playing in nearly ten games, and the Swarthmore nine engaged in four frays. Last Saturday the two teams met, each other at Annapolis, the Midshipmen squeezing in a 1-0 win.

Mayor's Son Is Star

Mike Millikin, Penn State, lacrosse star, is the son of Mayor Millikin of Harrisburg. Pete Johnson, another lacrosse veteran, is the son of a former Lion grid luminary.



JOE BEDENK starts his 14th year at the helm of the Nittany Lion baseball team this afternoon, when his Penn State baseballers meet Navy in the 1944 opener at Annapolis. Tomorrow afternoon, the Bedenk charges go to Swarthmore for the second half of their weekend start.

Gymnasts to Seek NAAU Title for Second Time

Penn State will seek its second National A. A. U. team title when the 1944 gymnastics championships are held at Philadelphia on Saturday, May 6.

Gene Wettstone's collegians, 1943 Eastern intercollegiate champions, won their first A. A. U. crown in the 1943 Nationals. At this year's intercollegiate the Lion gymnasts captured three individual titles.

Dramatis Is Ex-Champ

"Chicken Every Sunday," new Broadway stage hit, was dramatized by Julius Epstein, former Penn State boxing champion, and his brother, Phil, who competed in intramurals as an undergraduate.

Villanova Will Run

Villanova today accepted the Pittsburgh date on the Penn State track schedule, and will meet the Lions here May 6. Pitt had previously announced its intention of dropping track this season.

Rain Decrees Fate Of Tennis Opener

Colgate Opposition If Courts Are Ready

Weather permitting, the varsity tennis team will open its home season with the Colgate Red Raiders on the Nittany courts tomorrow at 2:30 p.m.

Handicapped by the elements since the start of practice several weeks ago, Coach Ray Dickison's netmen are casting a hopeful glance at the greying skies with the hope that they may clear in time for the scheduled meet.

The groundkeepers, who had the varsity courts rolled and lined two days ago, saw their work wrecked by the deluge of yesterday. Barring more rain, the courts should be ready for tomorrow's contest. A little sun would provide a fair playing surface for the racquet-ers.

After a 6-3 loss to Swarthmore two weeks ago, the Lions were rained out of their scheduled contest with Navy.

Walt Stenger, varsity holdover from last year's squad and one of the two singles winners at Swarthmore, will oppose the number one singles man for the Red Raiders, while Ed Meyer will play his first varsity contest for the Nittany team when he starts in the second singles spot and teams up with Stenger in the first doubles bracket.

Bob Tuttle is Coach Ray Dickison's choice for third singles and Bob Rossheim, winner against the Garnet two weeks ago, will play in fourth singles position.

Ed Perry, formerly of Northwestern, will start at the fifth singles slot and Herb Beckhard is slated for action at number six.

Tuttle and Perry will team up to face the opposition's offerings in the second doubles bracket while Coach Dickison has named Rossheim and Beckhard as his third doubles combination.

Little is known about the Colgate net squad except that V-12 talent will probably make up the bulk of the team.

Johnny Schroyer Missing On Italian Beachhead

Johnny Schroyer, who shared top billing with Johnny Lujack at Connellsville High School a few years ago and then made good as a freshman footballer at Penn State, has been reported missing in action on the Anzio beachhead.

The War Department announcement said he had been missing since February 18. His mother, Mrs. Phyllis Schroyer of Connellsville, is convinced, however, that he is safe. She expects word hourly that he is a prisoner of the Germans.

Schroyer, rangy 180-pound blocking back, understudied Aldo Cenci on the 1942 team, and made good from the start. His staunch defensive play established him as a fixture in the all-plebe backfield that also included Joe Colone of Berwick, Larry Joe of New Derry, and Bobby Williams of Pittsburgh.

He is the first ex-Lion gridder to be reported missing in action in World War II. One other, Gil Radcliff of Norristown, is a prisoner of the Japs. There are several ex-athletes among the 100 Penn Staters listed as dead or missing in action, but none of them played varsity football.

Runners Enter Penn Relays

Track Coach George Harvey's statement that Navy has the nation's second best cinder squad was confirmed to an emphatic degree last week when the Lion spikesters scored but 13 points against the Midshipmen track combination, who poured 113 points into the lop-sided contest.

But the meet with Navy gave the track mentor an idea which men have the necessary qualifications meriting them posts in the 1944 Penn Relays tomorrow in Philadelphia.

Veteran John Dibeler, one of the three civilians on the team, will run in the mile relay. The remaining three berths will be handled by Bobby Jones, Richard McCown and Edward Long.

Dibeler, Jones, and McCown will also compete in the sprint medley. The fourth spot in this event is a toss-up between Paul Smith and Bud Long.

Coach Harvey named Edward Buch, former Northwestern boy, as the man to hold the shot position. Frank Raenear, by dint of past performances, has been posted to enter in the broad jump.

Next week the Penn State trackmen will meet Villanova in the first home meet of the season for the Lions. Since Villanova scored but 13 points against Navy, the same number which the Lion squad was able to chalk up against the midshipmen, the dual meet promises to be a nip-and-tuck affair according to Harvey.

Former Bison Baseballer Is Now with Yankee Nine

If Infielder Joe Bozas manages to stick with the New York Yankees after his tryout this spring, he will be the 19th Bucknell athlete to break into the big leagues.

Heading the list, of course, is Christy Mathewson, but Bucknell also contributed four other pitchers, three catchers, five infielders and five outfielders.

Plesser in Panama

Promoting athletic events for servicemen in the Panama Canal Zone is the wartime job of Lt. Barney Plesser, former Penn State track star.

Lion Lacrosse Team Faces Navy In Away Contest

After its opening game loss to Army, Penn State's lacrosse team is due for no let-up in the caliber of opposition when they face the Navy stickmen at Annapolis tomorrow.

It was the Middies who last season bumped off Johns Hopkins, perennial giant of the stick circuit, for the Doctor's first loss of the season.

This year Hopkins turned the tables on Navy, beating them in a close 3-2 scramble last week, but the Middies won their first two games from CCNY and Swarthmore by wide margins.

In preparation for the battle with Navy, Coach Nick Thiel will nominate Art Lorenz to replace Bill Batkin on attack. Mike Millikin and George Bishop will start again at the remaining attack spots.

Dale Hamilton, Don Bretherick and Echelman will probably get the nod from Thiel to start in the midfielder posts with Frank Martinas, Al Auer and Bob Carson facing the Midshipmen from the defense line.

Pete Johnson will be in the nets for the home forces.

The Lion coach is taking two full teams down to the Severn in an attempt to spot his best combination under game conditions.

Coach "Dinty" Moore, Annapolis mentor, has but two of his last year's starting combine left over—Capt. Al Giorgis at mid-field and Charlie Guy at defense—but has put together another strong team from second-string and jay-vee material.

Advances from the Severn front indicate that the Lions will have trouble getting the ball past the Middle goaltenders. Jack Albright, from last year's reserves holds down the post, but is facing keen opposition for the honors from two other players.

Ernie Litty, recently elected varsity basketball captain for next year, will start at one of the defense positions for Coach Moore.

Only form postcards have been received from Capt. Gil Radcliff, former Penn State grid star, since he was interned by the Japs in the Philippines.

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