

# 5 Experienced Men Left On Lion Baseball Squad

### Bruhn, Schlesiger, Bower, Richards Back Again; Whitey Kurowski Declared Eligible for Season

Graduation and transfers have left Coach Joe Bedenk with only five experienced men to open the Nittany Lions' summer baseball schedule against the Colgate Red Raiders at Hamilton, N. Y., July 14 and 15.

The Lions have Earl Bruhn, Johnny Schlesiger, Dale Bower, Al Richards and Whitey Kurowski back for the summer slate. The remainder of the first string is gone.

The entire pitching staff of Mike Wardrop, Joe Golembeske, and Willie Proctor went out with the spring semester. Also gone is Ed Holler, regular catcher, who graduated.

Navy-Marine trainees who were transferred include Gerry Carle, third baseman; Floyd Foster, right fielder; and Bob Urion, left fielder.

Practice began on Monday. One of the more promising candidates is Ivan Klein, a 17-year-old freshman. The husky lad is fighting for the catcher's position.

Tom Kent, George Chambers, and Black are the hurlers who will handle most of the Lions' contests. All three pitchers were on the squad last semester but didn't see much action.

Coach Bedenk received a pleasant surprise last week when he learned that Whitey Kurowski would be able to play this semester. Second Baseman Kurowski is the brother of Whitey Kurowski of St. Louis Cardinal fame. The Penn State trainee was declared ineligible at the start of the season.

## Wrestling Champ Receives Surprise

Lt. Charlie Ridenour, thrice Eastern intercollegiate and once National A.A.U. wrestling champion, is firmly of the opinion that the sun shines only on former Penn State athletes.

Home on furlough the mat star told the story of giving up the traditional dollar to a Bob Larsen of Buffalo, N. Y., a few moments after he had donned his second lieutenant's bars at the Army Air Field, Deming, N. M. Larsen was the first enlisted man to salute him.

In the ensuing conversation Ridenour, who now has qualified as a gunner and a navigator-bombardier, learned to his surprise that Larsen was a former Penn State footballer.

"He took the buck regardless," the ex-Lion wrestler smilingly admitted.

## Plans Are Underway For Softball League

Plans are underway to organize a softball league for civilian students this summer, according to Wally O'Toole and Dick Blood, chairmen in charge.

Any team interested in joining the league should contact either O'Toole or Blood before the middle of next week. Schedules will then be made for the summer.

## Glennland 'Classroom' Is Busiest on Campus

Busiest "classroom" at Penn State since the arrival a year ago of military and naval trainees has been the Glennland swimming pool.

Figures released today show that on an average of 10,000 towels are used monthly at the pool. Each man who enters the pool for instruction is entitled to one towel.

## Coach Higgins Issues Call For Football

Football Coach Bob Higgins announced this week that football practice will officially begin August 14. In the meantime Coach Higgins intends to hold light workouts for all those who are interested.

The Lions open their nine-game schedule against Muhlenberg September 30, at the New Beaver Field. There are four home contests and five games away.



COACH BOB HIGGINS

A canvass of the Navy V-12 ranks disclosed that at least a half dozen members of last year's squad had survived the mid-year transfers.

With this group as a nucleus Coach Higgins hopes to fill the remaining positions with freshmen and new navy-marine trainees. Outside of two or three players, not much is expected from the draft-riddled civilian upperclass ranks.

Among the chief left-overs are Backs Allen Richards, Bill Abromitis, and Dick McCown. Abromitis, a navy trainee, is the hefty young man who led the Lions to victory over Pitt in the 1943 after having played fullback for the Panthers earlier in the season.

Only linemen left after transfers took 25 athletes from the campus are Chuck Klausung and Frank Martenis. The latter is a promising tackle, while Klausung saw action last year as both center and guard.

Two civilians also will be back to boost varsity prospects as the new season gets underway. The two, Tailback Charley Stapel and Tackle Marino Marchi, played last fall as freshmen. Stapel, who was injured early in the season, underwent an operation in an effort to end his knee worries and has high hopes of playing through the entire schedule.

The schedule follows: Sept. 30, Muhlenberg, home; Oct. 7, Navy, away; Oct. 14, Bucknell, home; Oct. 21, Colgate, away; Oct. 28, West Virginia, home; Nov. 4, Syracuse, away; Nov. 11, Temple, away; Nov. 18, Maryland, home; Nov. 25, Pittsburgh, away.

## Track Team Berths Open To Students

All navy-marine trainees and regular students interested in trying out for the varsity track team should report to the New Beaver Field any afternoon after 4 o'clock, Coach George Harvey stated today.

The Nittany Lion cinder squad lost five men from the spring semester team and there are a number of openings for students who prove themselves capable in holding down varsity positions.

Some of the candidates who came out to practice on Monday were freshmen who just got out of high school and hold district and state titles.

Members of the squad who are back from last semester are Johnny Dibeler, Ed Bush, Dick McCown, Frank Rainear, Dave Pincus, Floyd Lang, and Paul Smith.

Captain of the team is Johnny Dibeler. Frank Rainear is the lad who scored a triple victory in the Colgate meet. Dave Pincus is the mainstay in the field events.

Coach Harvey said that Bud Long, who was on the team earlier in the year, may come out for track again. The marine was on the golf team after dropping track.

Big holes that have to be filled are the high hurdles and pole vault. Harvey must find someone soon because the next meet is with Cornell July 22.

There are three meets on the summer schedule. They are: July 22, Cornell, home; July 29, Colgate, away; and August 12, Cornell, away.

## Lt. Carlton Likes To Bomb And Paint

Dive bombing and oil painting are two widely divergent pastimes but Lt. Dick Carlton, former Penn State boxer, is doing both—and doing them well—with the Marine Corps in the Marshall Island area.

Writing to friends the former Lion 175-pounder revealed that when he's not dive bombing the remaining Jap-held atolls in the Marshalls, he's devoting his leisure hours to oil painting.

He paints Pacific Island scenes on the surface of cat's eyes which he picks up on the beach. Few of these opalescent gems are larger than a nickel coin, and each painting requires a minimum of three hours.

The 22-year-old dive bomber won both intramural and varsity boxing recognition as an undergraduate at Penn State.

## Navy Honors Former Basketball Luminary

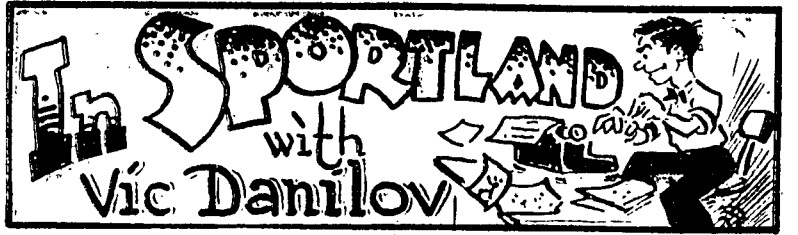
Joe Proksa, who is rated one of the best basketball players produced at Penn State under John Lawther, is making good in the Navy.

His fellow-bluejackets at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station voted him honor man of the company upon his completion of recruit training. He was accorded this rating because of his "military aptitude and progress."

## 'Dean' Burrell Forecasts Great Football Period

Now 74 and retired, A. P. "Dean" Burrell anticipates another great era of football at Penn State in the postwar period.

Burrell, who retired in 1941 after 20 years as athletic stockroom manager, still lives near the campus and helps out in emergencies. Repairs of football equipment has long his specialty.



## Unbeaten Nelmen Lose

Two unbeaten records came to an abrupt end recently when the University of Pennsylvania defeated Penn State's tennis team at Philadelphia in the last match on the spring schedule.

Walt Stenger and Ed Meyer, the undefeated netmen, each had their win streaks terminated in close matches. Stenger's seven wins this year plus two last year gave him a string of nine consecutive victories. Meyer swept the six matches in which he had competed this spring previous to the Penn contest.

## Athletes Save Two Lives

A veteran of the Guadalcanal campaign and an ex-paratrooper, both marine trainees and Penn State athletes, were credited today with saving the lives of two young women who went beyond their depth in nearby Black Moshannon dam.

Wilbert Greene and Dorsie Booker were sunning themselves when they heard cries for help. They plunged into the water and within a few minutes pulled the women to safety.

Greene, who was in the thick of the Guadalcanal fighting, and Booker, a marine paratrooper before his assignment to the Penn State V-12 unit, had qualified only 2 weeks before for their senior life saving rating. Greene was a heavyweight on Leo Houck's boxing team last winter, while Booker was on the lacrosse squad this spring.

## Mike Wardrop Graduates

After three successive years of collegiate baseball, Mike Wardrop has turned in this uniform. The lanky twirler received his degree in civil engineering in June and now awaits his call to the armed forces.

Wardrop compiled a highly commendable record while pitching for the Nittany Lions. This year he was unbeaten in five starts. Wardrop boasts a collegiate mark of 11 wins in 13 appearances during his three years at Penn State.

## Penn State in Review

The 1944 golf season marked the 23rd in a row for Coach Bob Rutherford at Penn State . . . Ed Czekaj and John Misiewicz, football ends last season, were among the V-12 trainees who shipped out last week . . . Big Joe Golembeske, varsity hurler who graduated in June, is looking forward to a medical career . . . Hugo Bexdek, one-time major league baseball manager and former Penn State football coach, now operates a poultry farm near Philadelphia.

. . . Mike Sweeney, unbeaten 175-pound boxer during the past year, is now getting his marine boot training at Parris Island. . . Al Richards, hard-hitting first baseman on the baseball team, was the only athlete during the 1943-44 season to gain a varsity berth on Penn State's three major sports squads—football, basketball, and baseball . . . Remzi Gurcay, veteran soccer player from Turkey, completed his college studies last semester . . . Raymond H. Smith, at present the Deputy State Secretary of Commerce in Pennsylvania, served for a number of years as graduate manager of athletics at the College . . . Varsity coaches Joe Bedenk, John Lawther, and Nick Thiel have undertaken the job of painting their own homes this summer.

Sgt. Gerald "Peany" Gates, former captain and star outfielder of the College baseball team, is the new "sit-up champion" of Foster Field, Tex. He completed 650 consecutive sit-ups over a 36-minute period . . . Johnny Dibeler, 1944 track captain, has been voted the outstanding man in the graduating class of the School of Physical Education and Athletics. Vivian Martin was the winner in the woman's division . . . Tennis Coach Ray Dickson has Ed Meyer, Bob Tuttle, and Ed Perry back for the final match with Colgate this month . . . Ensign Billy Soose, former Penn State and professional middleweight champion, may box as a heavyweight after the war.

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