

Baseball Tryouts Draw 45 Hopefuls

With the weather holding clear and warm for a few days, Coach Joe Bedenk has 45 baseballers out on the diamond going through early season drills in preparation for a tough 16 game schedule.

This year, according to the coach, prospects for a good season are better than last. Unfortunately, this is also true for most of State's opponents. Nearly all teams this year will have reinforcements from returning veterans.

Coach Bedenk predicts that Villanova, with a discharge strengthened squad, will be one of State's tougher foes. And so will Navy, who will field practically the same team as last year.

Returning to campus and baseball this season are four men who won varsity letters on earlier teams—Chuck MacFarland, first baseman on 1942's team; Gene Sutherland, third baseman the same year; Ken Yount and Jack Weber, outfield and first base in '41.

Yount and Weber are now trying out as pitchers to help relieve Bedenk's acute shortage of hurlers. All of last season's first string pitchers have been drafted or graduated.

Experienced players from last year's Lion nine are: Danny Hopkins, shortstop; Bud Stetler and Joe Tepsic, outfielders; Andy DeLorenzo, second base; and catchers Les Jacobs and Don Herb.

New and promising three in the outfield are Tom Folan, Bill Davas, and Joe Leith.

With these experienced players as a nucleus, Coach Bedenk looks forward to a brighter season on the diamond this season.

The scheduled games are:

- April 19, Lafayette, home; 27, Villanova, home.
- May 4, Navy, away; 8, Bucknell, home; 11, Pittsburgh, away; 15, Muhlenberg, home; 18, Pittsburgh, home; 22, West Virginia, home; 24, Colgate, home; 31, Colgate, away.
- June 1, Colgate, away; 5, Washington and Jefferson, home; 7, Syracuse, home; 8, Syracuse, home; 12, University of Pennsylvania, away.

Something new may soon be added to the trophy room at Penn State. George Slobodian of Philadelphia, former Lion baseball star and an amateur sculptor, has moulded head likenesses of Joe Bedenk, baseball coach, and Leo Houck, boxing coach.

Gridmen Card Nine Games

Fordham University and the University of Miami are the newcomers to the nine-game Penn State football schedule announced today for the 1946 season. Neil M. Fleming, graduate manager of athletics, said the Miami game at Miami November 29 will close the season.

Both the Miami game and the Syracuse clash at Syracuse October 12 will be played under the lights. Penn State has played only one night game previously, walloping NYU by a 42-0 score at the Polo Grounds in 1941. Neither Miami nor Fordham has ever met the Lions on the gridiron before.

The schedule:

- October 5, Bucknell; 12, Syracuse (night), away; 19, Michigan State; 26, Colgate, away.
- November 2, Fordham; 9, Temple; 16, U. S. Naval Academy, away; 23, Pitt, away; 29, Miami (night), away.

Athletic Board Names New Boxing Managers

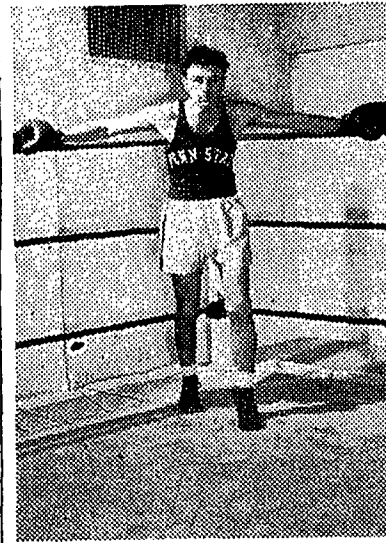
Ant Goldberg's appointment as head boxing manager was announced by Coach Leo Houck at a meeting of the coaches and Neil Fleming, graduate manager of athletics, early this week.

Newly established posts of associate managers were filled by Vern Condon and Fred Ewertz. First assistants will be Bernard Asher, Rubin Mogul, and William Schreyer.

Named as alternates were Charles Mebus and Alfred Rosen.

The boxing squad and managers will be invited to attend a banquet in the Corner Room at 6 p. m. Wednesday. Movies of the Wisconsin bout are tentatively planned.

Meet The Champ



John Benglian

Benglian Wins 127-Pound Title

Johnny Benglian, 127-pound Lion boxer, pounded out two victories to become the seventh featherweight champion in Penn State's boxing history during the 24th annual Eastern Intercollegiate Boxing Association championship at West Point last Saturday.

Top-seeded Army regained the honors it held in 1944 by placing four individual titleholders to capture the Edward J. Neil Memorial Trophy. Final team scores were Army, 20; Virginia, 16; Coast Guard, 11; Syracuse, 9; and Penn State, 8.

"Joltin'" Johnny, a southpaw battler with a right jab and a hand left which he holds cocked, out-classed two foes in copping the title. Walter Bowe, Syracuse feather, fell before the Lion in a semi-final clash, while George Cross, Virginia's best, who had conquered Army's Felices in the semi-finals, bowed to Benglian in the title meeting.

"I'm very glad I won," Benglian said after his victory. "It was only under the guidance of a grand coach, Leo Houck, that I attained the perfection in collegiate boxing which ultimately led to the winning of the 127-pound crown."

The other champions are: Donald Cummings, Virginia, 120; Clarence Tarnell, Coast Guard, 135; Stephen Conner, Army, 145; Amos Jordan, Army, 155; John Castle, Army, 165; Harry Ball, Army, 175; and Milton Parlow, Virginia, heavyweight.

Stickmen's Ten-game Schedule Back to Pre-War Standards

Nittany Lion lacrosse men will play ten games this spring, announced graduate manager of athletics Neil M. Fleming this week. The full schedule will open the post-war lacrosse season with five home contests and two weekends of games in two days with Loyola and Navy in Maryland and Syracuse and Cornell in New York.

The stickmen added to their schedule four teams whom they didn't play last year. Hobart will play on New Beaver Field in a Tuesday game while Rutgers and Johns Hopkins will be on the home field in May. The Loyola and Syracuse games will be away and again two games are scheduled with Cornell.

Spring semester practice has begun and Coach Nick Thiel and assistant Paul Ameal are hoping to start full field scrimmages to round a starting combination into shape for the opening game with Army on Saturday April 13.

All ex-service men that entered the College this semester and are interested in trying out for the team should report to 221 Recreation Hall any afternoon after 3:30.

The schedule follows:

- April 13, Army, home; 26, Loyola, at Baltimore; 27, Navy, away; 30, Hobart, home.
- May 4, Rutgers, home; 11, Johns Hopkins, home; 19, Swarthmore, away; 25, Cornell, away.
- June 8, Cornell, home.

Runners Map 1946 Season

Fielding a track squad in intercollegiate competition for the first time since 1942, Penn State will engage in five dual meets this season. The squad will also be entered in the Penn Relays and in the IC-4A Meet at the U. S. Naval Academy.

Coach Chick Werner, in viewing the imposing schedule, looks forward to much hard work and diligent practice so that the Nittany Lions might be ably represented. Candidates have been working out indoors for several weeks and, with the advent of warm weather, outdoor drills will be held.

"The first call for outdoor track candidates is now being made," Coach Werner said yesterday. "All positions on the team are wide open and capable performers are needed."

Men interested in track are asked to report to Coach Werner or Assistant Coach Bob Grieve at Recreation Hall.

Student managers are also needed at this time. Candidates should report to Manager Dick Lose any weekday after 3 p. m. at Rec Hall. The season's schedule follows:

- April 26-27, Penn Relays, at Philadelphia.
- May 4, Maryland, at home; 11, Colgate, at home; 18, Ohio State, away; 25, IC-4A Meet, at Annapolis.
- June 5, Michigan State, away; 8, Colgate, away.

Nittany Den Heads IMA

Nittany Den continues to lead the IMA bowling league with a perfect record of sixteen wins and no losses. In Wednesday's competition, high singles score of 177 was racked up by Palmer, and the three game high of 475 was made by Barrett.

The standings:

	W.	L.
Nittany Den	16	0
Sharpshooters	8	8
Hustlers	8	8
Nittany Co-op	8	8
Fletchers	6	10
Penn Haven	2	14

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Lion Coaches Compile Envious Records

For the years just ahead, years in which college sports are expected to achieve a new aura of distinction, Penn State's destinies are in experienced hands.

Three members of the coaching staff have served the Nittany Lions 20 years or more, seven others have been on hand from 10 to 16 years, while only six of the normal peacetime complement of 16 look back on less than ten years of athletic masterminding.

The oldest member of the staff, both in years and in period of service, is Bob Ruthenford, Sr., who inaugurated golf when he came to the campus from New Britain, Conn., in 1922. Just a step behind Ruthenford in the elder statesman group is Leo Houck, one-time pro and head coach of boxing for the last 24 years.

Bill Jeffrey, whose phenomenal record in soccer is widely known, and Charlie Speidel, who'll return to the wrestling helm next year after four years of Navy service, both came to the campus in 1926. Jeffrey's career is uninterrupted, whereas Attorney Paul Campbell took charge of wrestling while Speidel went to war.

Bob Higgins, head football coach for the last 16 years, and Joe Bedenk, baseball coach for a like number of years, occupy a middle niche in the Nittany Lion hierarchy. Higgins is surrounded by an all-alumni staff of five in football, while Bedenk leans on Leo Houck for assistance in baseball.

Coaches with ten years or more of service behind them are Chick Werner, track and cross-country coach since 1934, and also a wartime absentee; Bob Galbraith,

swimming coach since 1936; Nick Thiel, lacrosse coach for 11 years; and John Lawther, who has just completed his tenth season as basketball mentor.

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