

Nittany Nine Opens Season With Olmstead

Loaded with power at the plate but still weak in pitching, Coach Joe Bedenk's 1946 edition of the varsity baseball team will receive its first real test of the season tomorrow afternoon when it faces the Olmstead Field Flyers in an exhibition game at Middletown.

When the "Ump" cries "Play Ball!" Ken Yount will take the mound for the Bedenkmen for the first time in his college career. An outfielder when he played for State in '43, Yount has been switched to the pitching staff this season and has developed into Coach Bedenk's choice as starting pitcher.

Battery-mate for Yount will be big Orient "Ogie" Martella. Martella, who was a first string pitcher as well as a varsity boxer before the war, will give the Lions added power at the plate.

Bedenk was uncertain as to his starting outfield when contacted last night. Joe Tepsic, who also doubles at football, will start in left field. Either Harold Hackman or Pete Berletic will draw the centerfield assignment while the choice for right field will be either Fred Bell or Joe Leith.

Experienced Infield

The infield lineup is set. Chuck McFarland will be at first, the position he played before the war. Ray "Whitey" Kurowski back from '44 has drawn the second base berth. Dan "Hoppy" Hopkins, back from last year, will play shortstop. Rounding out the in-

field will be Gene Sutherland at third.

Four other pitchers in addition to Yount will make the Middletown trip. They are Don Miller, Jack Weber, Hal Wausat and Jack Boykin.

Stetler Out for Season

Elwood Stetler, returning center fielder from last year's team, and one of the best prospects this year, was lost to the team for the season when he broke his ankle.

One of the top teams in the Harrisburg Baseball League, the Olmstead Flyers boast several professional players and will afford Bedenk a chance to see his regulars under fire before the first game of the intercollegiate season begins. State opens with Lafayette here April 12.

IMA Softball

... teams that wish to join the Independent league should notify Alex Kotch, 2210, before Saturday, April 6.

Trackmen Run Time Trials

Penn State's "unknown quantity" track squad will be put to the test for the first time this season at New Beaver Field, 3 p.m., tomorrow, when time trials will be held.

Track performers who have shown the most promise of wearing the Blue and White in meets this season are: sprints, George Policastro, Bob Kreitzer, Francis Deuschle, and Fred Kretzer; low hurdles, Fred DeLauter, Al Spinner, Dick Dottermush, and George Cleveland; high hurdles, Earl Brown, Chuck Maier, Harold Gundell, and Frank Cowley; 440-yard run, Bill Shuman, John Gray, and Don Harris.

880-yard run, Jack Stephenson, Warren Steubing, and Rufus Williams; mile run, Harold Dixon, Mitchell Williams, Bob Auman, and George Rhoad; two-mile run, John McCall, Dick Gray, and Bob Keagy; broad jump, Chuck Willing, Charlie Krug, Jim Sykes, and Earl Brown.

Pole vault, Willing, George Willig, and Brown; high jump, Sykes, Bill Reynolds, Jim Holtzinger, and Brown; shot put, Krug, Danny Pearson, and Mike Garbinski; discus, Pearson, Garbinski, and Bill Turner; and javelin, Gino Taccalozzi, Wally Chambers, Charles Gibas, and Larry Gerwig.

Penn State opens the 1946 track season on April 26 when they compete in the annual Penn Relays at Franklin Field, Philadelphia.

Ridenour Enters NAAU Tourney

Charlie Ridenour, three-time Eastern Intercollegiate wrestling champ in the 121 and 128-pound classes, will attempt to regain another title he held in 1943 when he competes in the 128-pound division of the NAAU championships at New York today and tomorrow.

Charlie was the last to enter the Nationals from a College wrestling squad in his senior year. However, as he is already a graduate of the College, he is being sponsored by the New York A. C. in the present tourney.

Also set to make the trip and compete in the Nationals was Bob Morgan, Lion heavyweight in 1943, and also a graduate of the College, but Morgan injured his shoulder early this week and will be unable to enter the tourney.

Bill Jeffrey

... soccer coach, asks anyone interested in a bit of Spring booting to report to the soccer practice field on the golf course any afternoon after four.



Six Ag Teams Enter League

Six clubs of Ag students have so far entered teams in the Ag-Student Council's softball league. They are: Block and Bridle, Dairy Science, F.F.A., Forestry Society, Hort. Club, and 4-H Club.

Any Ag. Hill organization is eligible to enter a team. The \$50 entrance fee will cover cost of the winner's trophy.

Players with highest fielding and batting averages will be picked for the All-Star team to play the Ag. faculty at the council picnic June 1.

Thiel Leads Lacrossemen In 12th Season

By JERRY TRUMPER

"Experience is essential to become a good lacrosse player," says State's stick mentor, Glenn N. Thiel, who started to play the "old Indian game" on an organized team when he was only nine.

"To be an outstanding lacrosse man you have to be a good stickhandler, and that takes years of play," asserts Nick who made All-Americans out of inexperienced Penn State stickmen.

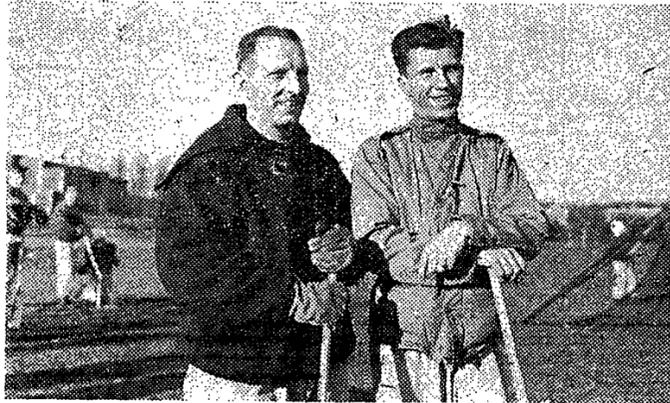
Prospects Better

"The prospects of the coming season are much better than they have been for the past two years. However, the schedule this spring is much more ambitious than any we have played since the war began," stated Nick when asked how the team would look against the opposition on the ten game schedule.

Coach Thiel's playing experience was highlighted when at Syracuse High School the lacrosse team remained undefeated in five years of interscholastic competition. Syracuse High School was then the outstanding lacrosse school in the country.

Thiel went to college in his home town at the University of Syracuse and made the freshman lacrosse team. Playing varsity ball for the next three years he was named on the lacrosse All-American team. After graduating from college he remained at Syracuse as assistant lacrosse coach in the spring of 1934.

In the fall of 1934 Nick came to Penn State to become head lacrosse coach. He was coach of



Coaches Thiel and Ameal

the freshman basketball team in the pre-war years of freshmen athletics and has been in charge of all required physical education for men students at the College for the past 10 years.

Receives Award

The coach is regarded as one of the most important men in lacrosse today and was honored by the U. S. Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association when he received the award for the person that has done the most for lacrosse for the year 1945.

For the past two years he has been President of the U. S. Lacrosse Coaches' association, an affiliated organization of the USICLA. Nick publishes a newsletter for the Lacrosse Association

six times during the active season.

Paul Ameal, graduating senior, has been assisting Coach Thiel these past two seasons. Paul is an ex-Marine from Detroit and a member of the Marine unit at the College in 1943. He was on the ice hockey team and played on the lacrosse team while at the College.



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