

## Baseball Season Two Weeks Away Forty Candidates Battle For Varsity Diamond Posts

Coach Joe Bedenk and the 40 members of the Nittany Lion baseball team are awaiting the last of the snow on the New Beaver field diamond.

Loaded with holdovers from last year's team, Bedenk is waiting for the sun to come out and dry the diamond for the first outside drill.

The team has been working out since early February at Rec Hall in preparation for the season opener against Penn at Philadelphia April 5.

### OPENER WITH PENN

A three-game road trip which includes games at Lexington, Va. with V.M.I. and Washington and Lee will see the Lions open their schedule against Penn with less than two weeks' batting practice.

First home game at New Beaver field is with Dickinson on April 12. The field has been improved this season with the installation of concrete dug-outs.

The permanent stands planned for the field have not arrived and will not be installed before next season.

### YOUNT AND GEHRETT

Bedenk's two starting pitchers last year, Ken Yount and Bob Gehrett, are working out daily and will receive assistance in mound duties this year from Don Miller, Art Bohard, and George Earnshaw as well as a host of other prospects.

The Lions won ten games last year while losing only one. Gehrett and Yount were on the mound for all contests.

A complete infield also returns from last year's team. Chuck MacFarland at first, Ray "Whitey" Kurowski, second base, Dan "Hoppy" Hopkins, shortstop, and Gene Sutherland at third will



COACH JOE BEDENK

form a combination that will be hard for any rookie to crack.

Ogie Martella will be missing behind the plate this year but Bedenk has Don Herb and Will Tease from the 1945 squad.

### OUTFIELD A WORRY

The outfield positions proved to be Bedenk's biggest worry last year. Veterans fighting for the pasture-tending roles this year include Fred Bell, Ken Hosterman, Bud Davis and Elwood Stetler.

None of the outfielders will be chosen until the first game.

Eddie Sebastianelli, another pre-war veteran will give the Lions additional power at the plate.

Leo Houck will join the team later this month as assistant coach.

## Lacrossemen Continue Practice For Opener Against Blue Devils

Hoping to offset the loss of four regulars from last year's lacrosse team, Coach Nick Thiel is whipping his squad of 55 men into shape for the southern road trip which opens the season.

### UNAVAILABLE

Not available this season are John Nolan, Merv Snyder, Cliff Sullivan and Howdy Taylor. Snyder and Taylor are in the service, Nolan will not return to College until the Fall, and Sullivan is ineligible.

Fighting it out for goalie on this year's team are Bill Hollenbach and Jack Neoda. Hollenbach started in the nets in 1945.

John Fenley, John Hayes, Pete Johnston, Bronco Kosanovich, John Pfirman, Irv Smith and Dean Kissell are all in the running for starting spots on defense.

### LOCOTOS AT CENTER

Captain George Locotos will probably hold down the center post at midfield with Art Tenhula moving up from defense to one of the remaining spots.

Others competing for midfield

### Correction

A recent Collegian listed the NROTC rifle team as undefeated. Although the Navy sharpshooters went undefeated two weeks ago as they downed Missouri, Nebraska and New Mexico in postal matches, their record for the season is 13-9.

NROTC pistol team record is now 9-6 as it scored victories over Northwestern, Oklahoma and the NROTC staff.

positions are Walt Stevens, Rog Nestor, John McCleary, John Watkins and Gene Graebner.

Without the services of Taylor and Sullivan, Coach Thiel has only Ken Kerwin from last year's attack trio.

Ernie Baer and John Schobinger, reserve goalie from last season, are currently being used on attack with Harry Fisher and Red Cramer also in the running.

## Intramural Sports

### Badminton

Intramural badminton opened play Monday at Rec Hall with the following results:

Dave See defeated Dan Pearson, George Strohm over Jack Krusen, John Schrader over Norm Marlin, Bob Troxell over Bob Bossler, Bill Dingfelder over Bill Christy, Jerry Markowitz over George Earnshaw, Ed Sulkowski over Dick Webber, Les Strickler over O'Hora, and G. Pringle over Jack Tarbox.

Forfeit wins were posted by Stan Jacobs over Frank Mattern, Bob Stabley over Jerry Cooper, John McCreary over Walt Funk, Don Hill over Bud Thomas, Jack Seitchik over Frank Franco, M. Lorenzo over Fred Nicholas, Marie Claster over H. James, Bruce Parke over G. Klime, and Don Shaner over Bob Miller.

### Volleyball

Intramural volleyball scores for games played Monday were Theta Xi over Tau Kappa Epsilon "D," 15-13, 9-13, and 15-11; Sigma Chi over Phi Epsilon Pi, 15-10, 11-15, and 15-11.

Sigma Phi Alpha over Alpha Phi Delta "B," forfeit, and Phi Gamma Delta "B" over Phi Sigma Kappa "B," forfeit.

Theta Chi "B" beat Acacia "B," 15-13 and 15-9; Beta Sigma Rho "B" took a forfeit from Sigma Nu "B"; Kappa Delta Rho "C" downed Triangle, 15-6 and 15-12.

Pi Kappa Alpha whipped Phi Delta Theta "C," 15-6, 13-15, and 15-3; and Penn Haven dropped its second to Lazy Six, 15-11, 12-15, and 15-10.

### Handball

Flights 11 and 12 of the intramural handball series were played off last Thursday night at Rec Hall.

Flight 11 scores were John Zagoudis over Robert Fore, 21-3 and 21-1; William Quay over Donald Maize, forfeit; Louis Eble over Wilbur Schnopp, forfeit; and Paul Corbiero over Richard Owen, 13-21, 21-14, and 21-13.

Flight 12 scores were Burton Reisman over George Weil, forfeit; Robert Henry over Curtin Roop, 21-7 and 21-8; Albert Stein over J. Wilson, forfeit; and Harry Felder over William Echelmeyer, 21-18 and 21-15.

Harold Wausat tripped Bob Arnold, 21-8, 21-4, Monday night as intramural handball completed its first round. Other results were: Frank Mank over Larry Gerwig,

forfeit; Tim Petroff over Dick Charles, forfeit; Bob Bossler over Don Lederer, forfeit; John Misiewicz over Bob Foote, forfeit; Dick Berk over Gene Sutherland, 21-4, 21-18; Bruce Parker over Don Miller, forfeit; John Dellolacano over Bob Wickham, forfeit.

### Wrestling

Floyd Lang wrestled a 5-5 referee's decision from Joe Colone and DU's husky Lyle Koenig whipped Glenn Yeagley as intramural wrestling entered its third round last night at Rec Hall. Last night's summaries:

121-pound: Billy Knauft threw Wilbur King and Ted Holly threw Vincent Beck.

129-pound: Herbert Wright threw Battista Soster, Charles Moser, decided Robert Auman, 5-2, and Bruce Blauch over Al MacDonald, forfeit.

135-pound: Reggie Kimble decided R. Smith, 5-3; Schultz threw Tom Hill, and Dick Willis decided Bill Beetem, 3-0.

145-pound: W. Brinker threw Coldren, Weil threw Tschersfinger and Paul Orner threw Dick McKibben.

155-pound: Horace Kurtz threw Lew Markel, Sam Firstone decided Bob Lohse, 2-0; Hollanbach decided Strathmeyer, 5-0, and McConnell threw R. Henry.

165-pound: G. Royce over Whitey Von Neida, forfeit; George Chap-

### Hawthorne To Make Trip To National Boxing Meet

Glenn Hawthorne, EIBA 130-pound champ, will appear in the National Collegiate Boxing tourney at Madison, Wis., next week, Coach Houck said last night.

Hawthorne had previously decided to pass by the tournament to concentrate on his studies. Also making the trip will be captain Jackie Tighe, EIBA 165-pound champ, Battista Soster, 135 pounds, and Jim Cassidy, 145 pounds.

The annual boxing banquet will be held at the Hotel State College, 6 p. m. tomorrow.

## 47 Candidates Report for Grid Spring Practice

Penn State's first post-war spring football practice began with 47 candidates reporting to Coach Bob Higgins.

The gridgers, including 30 holdovers from last year's squad, are going through preliminary physical conditioning on New Beaver field every afternoon.

Three practice games are contemplated before spring practice ends April 26, but plans have not yet been completed for these contests.

The entire squad will not be completely assembled until next fall when the Lion coaching staff expects approximately 25 men to report from the various teacher's colleges where they played during their freshman year.

All men interested in trying out for the squad should report to the dispensary for a physical examination and then see Oscar Buchenhorst in the athletic supply room in the water tower.

man threw C. Horn, and Frank Mattern threw Bob Eldridge.

175-pound: Bill Dingfelder over Karl Spaeth, forfeit; Dan Pearson decided R. Little, 7-5, and Larry Joe decided Gauthey, 6-0.

Unlimited: Steve Suhey threw Frenchy LaFleur and Bronco Kosanovich threw Beerbower.

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