

In Two Games . . .

Bedenkmen Meet Mountaineers

Joe Bedenk's Nittany Lion baseball team, with the first victory of the season in the records, will meet the West Virginia Mountaineer nine in two games at New Beaver Field Friday and Saturday.

With the let-up in the cold weather that plagued the ball and bat boys all Spring, Bedenk has the team going through daily workouts.

The Mountaineers will bring a better-than-average team to the Lions' lair for the two game series, according to reports from West Virginia.

LIONS IMPROVING

With one victory in three games, the Lions are a rapidly improving team as they settle down from the "jitters" that prevailed during the disastrous southern road trip that saw losses to VMI and Washington and Lee, according to Bedenk.

Bedenk added that a tough schedule faces the team this year with most of the opposition boasting veteran and freshman stars. Penn State will be hampered by the loss of its freshmen to the "farm schools."

NEW STAR

One new star that is leading the attack at the plate for the Lions is Don "Junior" Stark, a pitcher that Bedenk converted to the left-field post vacated last summer by Joe Tepic.

A left-handed hitter, Stark turned in a perfect day against Dickinson when he batted in seven runs with two singles, two triples, and a home run in five trips to the plate.

Stark, who attended Rice Institute, Texas, as a Navy V-12 trainee, is a sophomore at Penn State, and is playing his first season of college baseball. He's 5 feet, 8 inches tall.

FORMER PITCHER

Last summer, upon his discharge from the service, Stark played for the American Legion team at Plains, Pa., but was used mainly as a pitcher. Bedenk turned him loose in the outfield because of his hitting ability.

"He has a great pair of wrists," Bedenk says, "and he hits the ball far for a little fellow. It goes without saying, of course, that he also has a great pair of eyes."

Stark is hitting the ball at a .643 clip for the first three games. "Junior" hits the ball hard, mostly to leftfield, and has a home run, three triples, and a double out of 14 trips to the plate.

AVERAGES

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Gehrett	2	3	3	2	.666
Stark	3	14	6	9	.643
Benyish	3	9	2	3	.333
Holler	2	3	2	1	.333
Davis	2	3	1	1	.333
Yount	2	4	2	1	.250
MacFarland	3	13	0	3	.231
Sebastianelli	3	6	3	1	.166
Urion	3	10	2	1	.100
Sutherland	3	12	1	1	.083

Jack Stevenson, Navy veteran of Lebanon, is still having foot trouble. A broken bone in his foot kept him out of track last Spring, and now he has come down with a broken bone in the other foot. He's a half-miler.

Trackmen Look Good As Werner Holds Time Trials

In the first of two time-trials before the Penn Relays, the Lion cinder squad was "unexpectedly good," coach Chick Werner said yesterday.

Among the outdoor season's early surprises were the promising performances turned by newcomers Johnny Bates, two-miler, and Fred Lennox, a half-miler.

BATES A SOPH

Bates, a sophomore prospect, hung up a 10:38 two-mile time to take that trial, while Lennox, a first-year man, pounded hom in the half-mile in 2:02.

Werner is still not sure of his starters in the quarter-mile, but admits prospects aren't bad with Cliff St. Clair, Rufe Williams, Dick McCown, Jack Forman, and another promising sophomore, Jack Hissey, all trying out.

WILLING VAULTS

In the pole vault trial, Chuck Willing, who suffered muscle trouble most of last year, reached 12:6, which Coach Werner says is his peak vault. Milt Stemler, a freshman before the war, cleared 12 feet on his second day out, and George Williges's 11:6 leap is the best he's ever done.

In the mile time-trial, Karver, Stone and Ashenfelter finished in a dead heat at 4:34.

The broad jump is still an unknown quantity, with Bill Reynolds, Charley Krug and Dan Pearson working out. In the high jump it will probably be Reynolds and Krug.

LANG PLEASES

In the javelin trial, Tubby Lang's heave of 182.1 feet was as good, Coach Werner proclaimed, as any to be found in time-trials throughout the country. In com-

Runs Mile



GERRY KARVER

menting on Dave Pincus's 139-foot discus throw, the Lion mentor said that the same thing held true.

The 100, 220 and the hurdle events are as yet not settled, according to Werner. Jimmy Robinson and Don Harris will probably be in the dashes, with the possibility of dropping a quarter-miler into the 220. Steed, Brown, Gundell and Merges are currently holding the edge in the hurdles.

Intramural Sports

Badminton

Jerry Merkwowitz of Phi Sigma Delta downed Ed Sulkowski of Sigma Nu 15-4 and 15-4, and Clarence Herr of Pi Kappa Alpha spanked Alpha Sigma Phi Bob Stabley 15-12, 5-15, and 15-14 as the intramural badminton play-offs moved into round two Monday night.

Phi Sigma Kappa's Bob Arnold notched his second win of the play-offs by subduing John Schrader of Sigma Phi Alpha 15-9 and 15-11, and Len Johnston of Phi Sigma Kappa took a 15-1 and 15-4 victory from G. Pringle of Alpha Gamma Rho.

Ray Fink of Phi Sigma Delta and Gene Sutherland of Beta Theta Pi also registered their second triumphs of the championship series. Fink whipped Sigma Nu John Steimer 15-7 and 15-14, and Bob Bacher of Kappa Sigma bowed before Sutherland by 15-5 and 15-10 counts.

All Trueax of Alpha Sigma Phi walloped John McKean of Phi Gamma Delta 15-9 and 15-5, while Fred Bernbaum of Phi Sigma Delta toppled Delta Upsilon Gerry Smith 15-10, 7-15, and 15-4.

Handball

Fred Annessi and Ross Manley teamed up to down Bill and Jim Simpson by 21-3 and 21-0 counts as the intramural handball doubles tournament got under way at Rec

Hall Monday night.

The Charles Kune, and Ken Hostenman duo swatted its way to a 21-2, 20-22, and 21-0 victory over Frank Huron and Ed Blaine, while Jim Ewing and Ed Taggart joined forces to vanquish Lawrence and Norton-Pontnoff 21-11 and 21-10.

Handballers Red Moore and C. McFarland sank Bill Reese and Orion Silverman 21-4 and 21-7, and the John Jaffurs and Clyde Bell combo registered 21-8 and 21-9 wins over George Mocre and Ivan Thompson.

Yount, Gehrett on Mound

Ken Yount and Bob Gehrett, both top-flight baseball pitchers a year ago, will be available for mound duty at Penn State again this season. Art Bohard, southpaw and wartime hurler, also will be

Newman Club Softball

Intramural softball got off a fast start this week as teams in two leagues sponsored by the Newman Club began playing the spring schedule. There are six teams in each league.

Curt Stone, Penn State's IC-4A cross country and two-mile champion, has two immediate objectives. He wants to compete in the 1948 Olympics, and he also wants to pursue a career in journalism.

One Player Added, One Out as . . .

Netters Ready For Openers

The name of Dick Clarkson was injected into the starting team list of net coach Sherman Fogg, as the court squad advanced into its final practice stages prior to departing for weekend skirmishes with Georgetown and Maryland at Washington, D. C., and College Park, Md., respectively.

Clarkson, number two man on the 1941 frosh outfit, showed up late for practice, but since his initial appearance Saturday has demonstrated the skill to warrant a playing berth from Coach Fogg.

HOLTZINGER OUT

Lanky Joe Holtzinger, holdover from the 1944 varsity, has been permanently placed on the shelf following the recurrence of a foot injury suffered in the army.

A growth on Joe's first metatarsal bone is the disability which will prevent his competing for the Blue and White this year.

Early-season records of Georgetown and Maryland have exhibited little cause for fear. Georgetown, 9-0 victim of Colgate, scored its only win over a weak St. Joseph's team, 5-4.

In its only match thus far, the Maryland six was whitewashed by Princeton, 9-0. The Old Liners, coached by Doyle Royal, who sparked the 1942 Maryland aggregation at the number one post, have met weather handicaps, according to releases from the College Park institution.

TENTATIVE STARTERS

Although fifteen or more racket wielders are daily cavorting over the varsity clay courts under the eyes of Coaches Sherm Fogg and Jack Knode, the six starters have pretty well been ascertained.

Eight players will compose the traveling group, with the six most certain to see action being Walt Stenger at the lead spot, Dick Greenawalt, Herb Beckhard, Dick Clarkson, Bob Tuttle and Frank Pessolano.

In addition, two from among

Ray Fink, Dell Heit, Lyle Johnston and Dan Moses will probably be selected to fill in.

Assistant coach Knode announced plans yesterday for the formation of a junior varsity squad. Arrangements have been begun for scheduling matches with Penn State Centers, adjacent prep schools and high schools.

IM Entries

Entries for spring intramural competition in softball, golf, soccer, golf putting, and tennis doubles must be turned in at the intramural office in Rec Hall by five o'clock Friday afternoon, it was announced yesterday by the intramural office.

Number of men allowed on each team and entrance fees are as follows:

- SOFTBALL—Ten men, entrance fee, \$1.00.
- GOLF—Six men (team), entrance fee, \$1.00.
- SOCCER—Five men, entrance fee, \$1.00.
- GOLF PUTTING—Up to six individuals from each fraternity or independent group, entrance fee, \$.25 per man.
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