

Lions Face West Virginia Twice In Search For 2nd, 3rd Victories

Joe Bedenk's Nittany Lion baseballers will be trying for their second and third victories of the season when they meet the West Virginia Mountaineers on the New Beaver Field diamond today and tomorrow.

Game time for today's game is 4 p.m. while tomorrow's game will get under way at 2:30 p.m.

AA Books will be needed for admittance to each game. General admission tickets will be on sale at the gate at \$1 including tax, according to Harold R. Gilbert, assistant graduate manager of athletics.

Bedenk has chosen "Rapid Robert" Gehrett, veteran fast-ball hurler, to take the mound for the Lions in today's game. Gehrett was one of two regular pitchers used last year and lost a one-run game to Washington and Lee in his only starting assignment this season.

Bill Benyish, who has been playing at right field, will probably start as pitcher tomorrow if Ken Yount's back injury is not healed by game time. Yount was winning pitcher in last week's 19-3 whitewash of Dickinson.

Only chance in the infield will be Ray "Whitey" Kurovski at second base in place of Eddie Sebastianelli. Kurovski is a veteran from last year's once-defeated team.

Chuck MacFarland will occupy his first base position with Captain Gene Sutherland at third. Either Harold Hackman or Pete Berletic at shortstop.

The catching assignments will depend on the pitchers, Bedenk stated. George McWilliams and Don Herb will probably alternate behind the plate.

In the outfield positions, the coach will choose from Don Stark, Bob Urion, Bill Benyish, Ken Hosterman, and Bill Davis for his three starters.

The Mountaineers annually turn out one of the top diamond teams in this area but are untested against top competition this year. Last year's Lions nosed out West Virginia by one run at New Beaver field.

Lion fans will be watching Don "Junior" Stark, new Lion left-fielder, who is currently leading the Lions at the plate with a .643 average. Stark hit a home run, two triples and two singles in five official times at bat against Dickinson last Saturday.

Ed Holler, who suffered two broken ribs while blocking the plate against VMI will probably still be on the sidelines for the two West Virginia games.

At First Base



CHUCK MAC FARLAND

Weekend Sports

TODAY

Baseball—Penn State vs. West Virginia; New Beaver Field, 4 p.m.

Tennis—Penn State at Georgetown.

Golf—Penn State at Georgetown.

TOMORROW

Lacrosse—Penn State vs. Loyola; New Beaver Field, 2 p.m.

Baseball—Penn State vs. West Virginia; New Beaver Field, 2:30 p.m.

Tennis—Penn State at Maryland.

Golf—Penn State at Georgetown.

Coach Speidel to Give Optional Mat Instruction To Wrestling Aspirants

An optional wrestling practice will be conducted Tuesdays and Thursdays during April and May, according to Coach Charlie Speidel.

Practice is optional and is not intended to draw athletes from any sports in season, said the Lion mat mentor.

Sessions will be tutored by Speidel from 4 to 5:30 p. m. on Tuesday and Thursdays and will allow the beginner to get acquainted with the sport.

Intramural Sports

Handball

Ivan Thompson and George Moore blasted out a 21-0 and 21-4 victory over Bill Reece and Orion Silverman to capture their second victory in Independent League II of the intramural handball doubles tournament at Rec Hall Wednesday night.

League I entries Fred Annessi and Ross Manley whipped Larry and Norton Portnoff 20-21, 21-1, and 21-17, while Jim Ewing and Ed Taggart were topping the Charles Kunes and Ken Hosterman duo by a 21-8 and 21-12 count.

Red Moore and Chuck McFarland were victims of the Moriarta-Cook combo by 21-13 and 21-8 scores, and Frank Huron and Ed Blalle cost Jim and Bill Simpson their second league defeat 21-20 and 21-17.

In a Fraternity League I game played Tuesday afternoon, John Riggs and John Piron of Sigma Phi Sigma downed Sigma Phi Epsilons Don Varga and Bill Douglas 12-8 and 12-4.

Badminton

Ray Fink of Phi Sigma Delta and Gene Sutherland of Beta Theta Pi emerged victorious from the semi-final round of the intramural badminton championship playoffs at Rec Hall Wednesday night.

After dropping the first tilt of the three game series to fraternity brother Jerry Markovitz by a 9-15 score Fink roared back to capture the next two matches 15-7 and 15-5.

Sutherland had little trouble in downing Len Johnston of Phi Sigma Kappa as he swept to 15-6 and 15-5 victories over the Phi Sig athlete.

IM Entries

Attention, fraternity and independent men: Entries for intramural softball, golf, soccer, golf putting, and tennis doubles must be turned in to the intramural office in Rec Hall by five o'clock this afternoon.

Gridders Seeking Scrimmage Foe

Attempts are being made to schedule a practice scrimmage football game for Saturday afternoon, but none of the invited colleges have signified acceptance as yet, coach Bob Higgins said yesterday.

Stenger Named Captain As...

Net Team Launches Season Against Hoyas, Maryland

Walt Stegner as appointed captain of the 1947 Lion tennis team as Coach Sherm Fogg's charges departed today for Washington and the season's inaugural against Georgetown in the nation's capital.

Number one man on the '43 and '44 Nittany tennis squads, Stegner will again be at the top position for the weekend matches. In addition to the Georgetown encounter, the Blue and White will meet Maryland Saturday at College Park.

BECKHARD AT TWO

Behind Stegner, Coach Fogg has emplaced Herb Beckhard in the number two niche. Dick Greenawalt will hold down number three, while Bob Tuttle, Dick Clarkson, and Frank Pessolano will vie in the three remaining berths.

Stegner will combine with Clarkson to form the top doubles outfit; number two spot will be handled by Beckhard and Green-

awalt, with the final twosome assigned to Ray Fink and Dave Miller.

Georgetown has a .500 record to date with a win over St. Joseph's and a loss to Colgate, their only two matches. Maryland was smothered 9-0 by Princeton in an early season tilt.

MARYLAND STAR

Leading player for Maryland is Washington's Eddi Miller, 15th ranking man in the District of Columbia. Back on the net squad following four years in the service, Miller promises trouble for Stegner.

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