

# Between the Lions

By Ed Watson

Lion lacrosse fans will have their last chance until May 23 to see Coach Nick Thiel's undefeated stickmen in action tomorrow afternoon.

Cornell's lacrossers furnish the opposition in tomorrow's contest, which will be played on New Beaver Field at 2 o'clock.

The Thielmen will be seeking their fourth straight victory, after successively whipping Drexel, Penn and Hobart.

Lacrosse is a rapidly expanding game in the United States. Eight new lacrosse organizations in the middle-West and South have extended the sport to close to 40 member colleges. Its popularity is evidenced by its spread from the Atlantic seaboard—its stronghold, to points in the South and mid-West.

### NOT SO ROUGH

The stick game is still trying to live down its old reputation for roughness, but since the perfection of headgears and masks, statistics refute the roughness charge, according to the United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse Association.

Lacrosse is being played in many major colleges as a spring sport. Included in this list are such institutions as Colgate, Cornell, Duke, Dartmouth, Harvard, Johns Hopkins, Loyola, Maryland, Penn State, Penn, Princeton, Rutgers, Syracuse, Army, Navy, Virginia and Yale. In addition, many smaller schools have inaugurated the Indian game as a major sport.

Penn State is probably one of the only colleges in the nation playing lacrosse that has a squad of 70-odd men who never played the sport before entering college. This year, however, Coach Thiel has an exception in Eddie Belfield a sophomore, who played the game at Swarthmore High School.

### LACROSSE MENTOR

Coach Thiel began his "tour of duty" as lacrosse mentor at State in 1934, after playing at Syracuse in 1931, 1932 and 1933, and winning all-American recognition the latter two years. Each year, "Nick" brings the Lions into recognition as an Eastern lacrosse power despite working with inexperienced players.

To make things more difficult, the Nittany lacrosse schedule always contains several teams that are annually among the leaders in the country.

Army and Navy, two of this season's opponents, are considered among the "Big Five" of lacrosse. Also included are such sturdy stick combinations as Johns Hopkins, Princeton and Maryland. In 1947, Hopkins copped the National collegiate crown, while the West Point Cadets took runner-up honors.

For the first time in the history of the sport at State, a jayvee aggregation has been organized. The Lion cubs are scheduled to play Kenyon College, Oberlin and the Penn State Center at Swarthmore.

### BRIGHT OUTLOOK

The introduction of the game at the Swarthmore Center gives Thiel a bright outlook for next year. Approximately ninety per cent of the male students at the Center are planning to come to the College next year, and the year of experience they gain there will make them exceptional candidates for the 1949 varsity.

Jarrin' John Nolan, co-captain of the Cotton Bowl pigskinners and second team lacrosse all-American in 1946; Tom Smith, and Jollin' John Finley were the gridders on the starting combination. Nolan heads the Lion lacrossers in scoring with 10 goals.

# Intramurals

## Volleyball

Sigma Nu-A and DU-A won the right to meet in the IM volleyball finals when they registered lopsided victories over Kappa Sigma and Sigma Chi-A respectively Wednesday night.

Sigma Nu, leaders in the fight for IM athletic honors, had little trouble downing the Kappa Sigs in the first game 15-4. In the second game the Kappa Sigs fought hard to force the match into three games but succumbed to the steady Sigma Nu attack 15-13.

DU-A ran up a landslide score against Sigma Chi, winning both games by identical 15-4 scores.

## Badminton

As the intramural badminton championship loomed closer, only four of the starting 61 contestants remained in the elimination contest.

Jerome Markowitz, Phi Sigma Delta, took his two games by a large margin as he outpointed Charles Sowash, Lambda Chi Alpha, 15-10, 15-4.

In other games, Jim Worley, Sigma Nu, outlasted Harold Howland and Chi Phi, 15-12, 15-5, and Dan Pearson, DU, topped Dick Hoover, Theta Xi, 15-3, 15-10.

## Names Fail to Please

Names are essential to an athlete but two College runners have an antipathy for their surnames. In the cinder department, Isaac Rowland Evans prefers to be known as just plain Ike for obvious reasons.

On the infield, Alvin Reed Pratt chooses to be known by his middle name, Reed, when listed in the program, and unless you can run faster than 175 feet in a few seconds with a pointed javelin behind you, it's best to carry out his choosing.

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# Bedenkmen Battle Hoyas In First Foreign Contest

Embarking on its first road trip of the year, the high-flying, undefeated Lion nine will invade Washington, D. C., tomorrow, to open a two-game series with Georgetown University at the latter's field.

Bob Gehrett, seeking his fifth consecutive win and third of the 1948 season, will be on the hill for the Blue and White in today's meeting.

Fireballer Sy Miller, who won his first start of the season against Pitt Saturday, is tentatively slated to handle the pitching chores in Saturday's single contest.

Coach Joe Bedenk and 20 members of the traveling squad left State College at 6 o'clock last night. The first game with their Capital City foes is scheduled for 4 o'clock this afternoon.

### CHEERING NEWS

Cheering news was the announcement that pitcher Bill Hill, struck on the wrist in batting drill last Thursday, will make the trip. It was originally feared that Hill might have suffered a broken hand, but a later X-ray revealed only a bad bruise.

Believing in the adage "never change a winner," Bedenk will start the same team against the Hoyas that has won four straight games, amassing 48 runs in 32 innings.

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### AMERICAN LEAGUE

Yesterday's Results  
Philadelphia 5, Boston 3  
Detroit 3, Chicago 2

Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
Phila.	3	0	1.000	New York	1	2	.333
Detroit	3	0	1.000	St. Louis	0	1	.000
Cleveland	1	0	1.000	Boston	0	3	.000
Wash'tn	2	1	.667	Chicago	0	3	.000

### Today's Games

Cleveland at Detroit  
Washington at Philadelphia  
Boston at New York  
Chicago, St. Louis (not scheduled)

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

Yesterday's Results  
Brooklyn 6, New York 3  
Cincinnati 4, St. Louis 3  
Pittsburgh 3, Chicago 0  
Boston 10, Philadelphia 4

Team	W	L	Pct.	Team	W	L	Pct.
Phila.	2	1	.667	Cincinnati	2	2	.500
St. Louis	2	1	.667	New York	1	2	.333
Brooklyn	2	1	.667	Boston	1	2	.333
Pittsb'gh	2	2	.500	Chicago	1	2	.333

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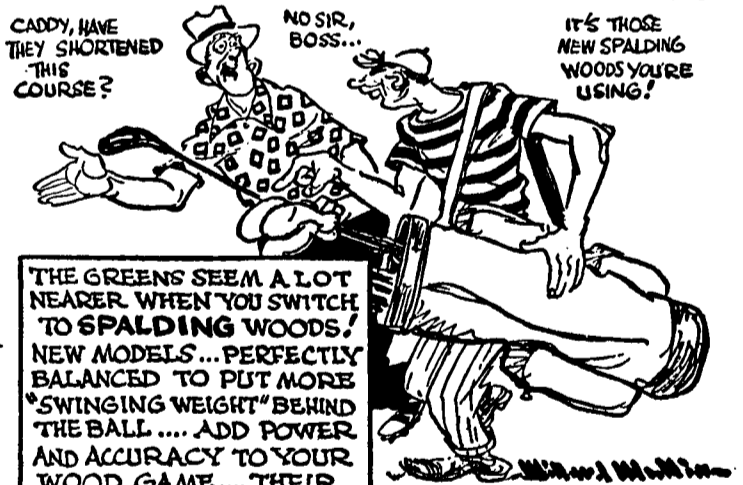
New York at Boston  
Philadelphia at Brooklyn  
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati  
St. Louis at Chicago

### Missing Track

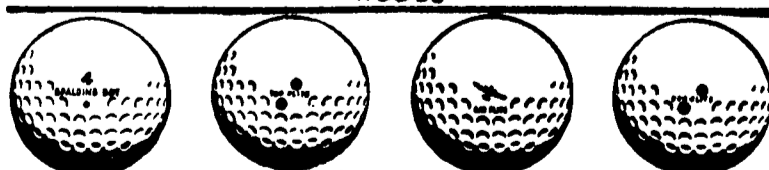
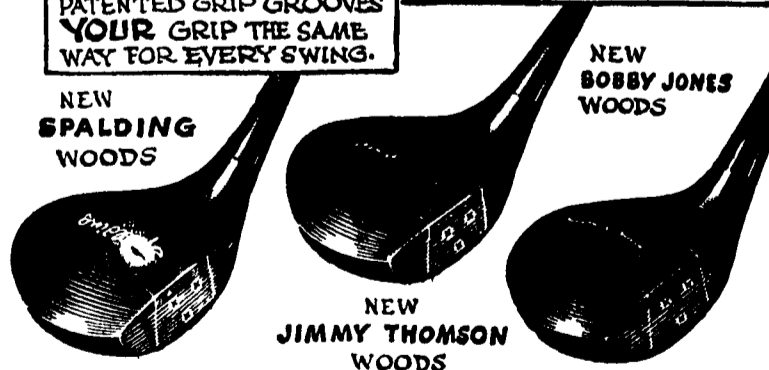
Someone stole part of the College track, or so it appeared, after the recent rains. When the runners came out to practice, a gaping hole appeared in the east side of the New Beaver Field track.

The missing stretch of cinders was replaced by the ground keeper, but the culprit, rain undermining the track, is still at large.

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