

Dust on the Diamond

By Red Roth

This is the portrait of a pitcher. The subject?— righthander Bob Gehrett, ace of the Lion pitching staff, and captain of the team. Gehrett is a familiar sight to College baseball fans who follow the team faithfully. This is his third year of varsity ball under Coach Joe Bedenk, and prior to that he pitched freshman ball for one season back in 1941.

Over this four year stretch the tall righthander has won 15 ball games while dropping only 3 for a percentage of .833.

A native of Lewistown, Bob began his baseball career for the Lions back in 1941 as a freshman. That year he pitched in three contests and emerged with a record of two victories and one defeat.

War interrupted both his scholastic and baseball career from the fall of 1942 until March of 1946.

Bob stayed away from the diamond sport for a short while after his return from the army because he feared that a shrapnel wound which left several bone chips in his elbow had ended his playing career.

Love of the game and the urgings of Ken Yount, star of last year's team, and Bedenk, drew him back into baseball togs late in March of 1946, however. He finished the season that year with a spotless record, five wins and no defeats. It dispelled all fears that he was through as a pitcher.

Gehrett, although he's a big man, isn't a fast ball pitcher who likes to powder them past the hitters. He depends chiefly on control and a pretty good curve to carry him past the rough spots.

All summer he's been developing a new pitch, a knuckler similar to the one used by Dutch Leonard of the Phils. The first

time he really used the pitch was on Wednesday against Duquesne University in a game which the Lions won 4-1.

Gehrett himself doesn't know what's going to happen when the ball leaves his hand.

"Usually it drops," he said, "but sometimes it turns into an upshoot, inshoot, or what have you. I haven't the slightest idea when I throw it what the ball will do."

Although Bob loves the game, he isn't planning on a major league career. He has a job in his chosen field, chemical engineering, waiting for him when he graduates, and only a very attractive offer could make him leave it.

"My greatest thrill in college baseball," Gehrett answered in reply to a query, "was being elected captain of this year's Lion baseball team."

'Golfers Need Luck'—Coach

"We'll need a little luck to make a good showing this year," replied Coach Rutherford when asked about the Blue and White's chances in the Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Association finals at Atlantic City tomorrow.

"As you probably know, Georgetown is our first opponent and, although we have beaten them twice, scores can be misleading. The two games we played with them were close all the way, and the fact that we played on our own links helped us a lot."

NOT PESSIMISTIC

But even so, Coach Rutherford isn't too pessimistic. "The team is stronger now than when we played our first game with Georgetown. So with just a little luck, we'll have a good chance to finish near the top. Of course, every man will have to be on his toes, because a little misplay can mean the difference between a win and a loss."

Whether the golf mentor is superstitious is not known, but he plans no changes in the winning combination that teed off at Pittsburgh last weekend. Captain Don Hart, Jerry Smith, Alan Hack, Tom Smith, Jim Noble and Joe Boyle represented the College at the EIGA semi-finals at Pittsburgh.

Lion Nine Faces Villanova Away

Opening their third invasion of foreign soil, the Lion diamondmen face Villanova this afternoon at the Wildcat's field.

Cy Miller is slated to open on the hill for the Blue and White in an attempt to stretch the home team's embryo winning streak to three in a row.

Opposing the Lion ace will probably be righthander Ben Donohue, veteran of the Villanova mound staff, or Bob Green, who had a perfect 3-0 record last season, his first year on the squad.

Perennially a power in Eastern baseball circles, this year's Wildcat team is no exception. Coach Phillip (Lefty) Weinert

star in his younger days, playing major league ball for two clubs, the Chicago White Sox and the New York Yankees.

Curiously enough, both teams were coached by Joe McCarthy, currently heading the Boston club of the American circuit.

Last season the Villanovans had a season record of 13 wins against only 5 losses. One of these defeats was a 9-8 loss to the Nittany nine at New Beaver Field.

Following today's contest the Lions move on to Annapolis for a clash with the Naval academy tomorrow afternoon.

Tomorrow's contest promises to give the Lions their stiffest opposition of the current baseball year.

NAVY LEADS

At present Navy is sitting atop the Eastern Intercollegiate Baseball League, undefeated in circuit competition.

Bedenk's choice to start tomorrow's game is a toss-up, but there is a possibility he may send Captain Bob Gehrett, number-one man of the staff, against the Middies to gain this important win.

If he works tomorrow, he will be going against the Midshipmen with only three days rest. Wednesday afternoon he hurled a five-hitter to lead the Blue and White baseballers to a 4-1 win over Duquesne University.

PENN STATE	VILLANOVA
Solomon, 2b	Aigeldiner, ss
Hackman, ss	Kline, 2b
Stark, lf	Litwa, cf
Potaklan, cf	Price, 1b
Wertz, 1b	Blong, rf
Kac, rf	Raiken, lf
Hogan, 2b	O'Malley, c
Holler, c	D'Ambrosio, 2b
Miller, p	Donohoe or Green, p



Cy Miller

has a well-balanced club composed mainly of sophomores, but with enough veterans to steady the youngsters.

LITWA STARS

Outstanding among the holdovers is outfielder Al Litwa, rated one of the hardest hitting ball hawks in recent Villanova history.

The husky fly-chaser specializes in extra-base clouts. So far this year he has enjoyed a banner season, one of his best days being at the expense of Williams College. In that contest Litwa clubbed a homer, a double and single to drive in three tallies and scored two himself.

Another regular back from last year's team is third baseman Norm Kline. Kline is also noted as one of the hardest of sorts, and has slapped out two round trippers this year.

Four of the top rookies on the Mainliners squad are outfielders Mike Donaghy and Charley Comerford, and infielders Pete D'Ambrosio and Larry Aigeldiner.

MAJOR LEAGUER

Phil Weinert, coach of the Villanova squad, was a baseball

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WMAJ

Stickmen Battle Army Squad In West Point Tilt Tomorrow

The Lion lacrosse team journeys to Hudson river territory for a game with a highly regarded Army stick combination tomorrow afternoon.

Coach Nick Thiel will send the Blue and White lacrosse men after their sixth victory, and the Nittanyites will be seeking to end their two-game losing streak.

The West Point ten rolled up a record of 10 wins and two losses last year, and have won 5 while dropping two this season. The Cadet losses were inflicted by Johns Hopkins, defending National champion, and the Mt. Washington Lacrosse Club, National Open titlists.

However, Army lacrosse stock soared to a new high last week when the Cadets thrashed previously unbeaten Maryland by a 10-1 count. The Cadet ten, which is coached by Morris Touchstone,

is captained by John McEnery, an outstanding defenseman.

The Nittany stickmen hope to break into the win column after losing contests to Navy and Syracuse. The Army clash will be the last away game for State, for Colgate invades the Lions' lair next Saturday.

The starting lineup for the Thielmen will probably be the same as that which started the Syracuse game, but John Finley may replace George Locotos at a midfield spot.

The probable lineups:

PENN STATE	ARMY	Rust
Hollenbach	G	McEnery
Szadziewiez	D	Gerometta
Kissell	D	Lange
Smith	D	Allen
Nolan	M	Hartinger
Baer	M	Ford
Locotos or Finley	M	Marley
Lorenz	A	Bradley
Helfield	A	Egbert
Thomas	A	

Intramurals Golf

Narrowing the field to eight men, the intramural golf putting tournament moved into the third round of play.

In the second round, Bill Shade, DU, defeated Paul Holder, Phi Kappa Psi; John Swigart, Phi Sigma Kappa, eliminated Don Clem, Sigma Nu; George Kuzman, Theta Kappa Phi, won over Bob Lindy, Phi Epsilon Pi; Bob Rittmaster, Phi Epsilon Pi, set down Bob Stirling, Delta Tau Delta.

Bert Agnew, Sigma Phi Epsilon, eliminated Bill Brown, Sigma Nu; Bob Meinken, Phi Kappa Psi, won over John Roy, Phi Sigma Kappa; George Schautz, DU, defeated Jim Kjellman, Sigma Chi; Willard Agnew, Sigma Pi Epsilon, won over Reginald Kimble, Phi Kappa Psi.

Horseshoes

In horseshoe pitching eliminations, eight fraternities advanced to the semi-finals this week.

Winning houses are Delta Upsilon, Acacia, Kappa Delta Rho, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Phi Kappa, Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Zeta, and Triangle.

Soccer

Intramural soccer eliminations will go into the quarter-final round next Tuesday when eight teams vie for the fraternity championship.

In Tuesday night's contests, Phi Epsilon Pi scored the largest number of points in the tourney thus far when they swamped Sigma Phi Sigma, 4-0. In other games, Chi Phi blanked Sigma Phi Alpha and ZBT blanked Theta Xi by identical 1-0 counts.

PiKA won the fourth contest of the evening by downing SPE, 2-0.

Major League Results

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
Yesterday's Results			
Only games scheduled			
Standings			
Team	W L Pct.	Team	W L Pct.
Phila.	12 5 .706	Wash'tn	8 9 .471
Cleveland	11 5 .688	St. Louis	6 7 .462
New York	12 6 .667	Detroit	8 12 .400
Boston	9 10 .474	Chicago	3 13 .188
Today's Games			
St. Louis at Detroit			
Washington at Boston			
Philadelphia at New York			
Only games scheduled			
NATIONAL LEAGUE			
Yesterday's Results			
Only games scheduled			
Standings			
Team	W L Pct.	Team	W L Pct.
St. Louis	10 6 .625	Phila.	11 10 .524
New York	11 7 .611	Boston	9 10 .474
Pittsburgh	10 8 .556	Chicago	7 11 .389
Brooklyn	10 9 .526	Cincinnati	7 15 .318
Today's Games			
Boston at Brooklyn			
Pittsburgh at St. Louis			
Cincinnati at Chicago			
Only games scheduled			

News Briefs

Clover Club Picnic

The annual Clover Club picnic for College agronomists will be held at Whipple's Dam Sunday afternoon. A softball game between the students and faculty will be staged at 4 o'clock.

WSSF Dance

The Newman Club and Phi Kappa fraternity will sponsor a benefit dance for World Student Service Fund at the Phi Kappa house on Sunday, May 16. No admission will be charged, but donations to WSSF will be accepted. Music will continue from 7 to 11 p.m.

IEd Head Attends

S. Lewis Land, head of the department of industrial education, is attending the North Atlantic Regional Conference on industrial education in New York City this week.

The United States Office of Education calls meetings of this type annually to co-ordinate new methods of industrial training among supervisors, their assistants and teacher trainers.

Ag-Home Ec Picnic

The annual Ag Hill-Home Economics picnic will be held in Hort Woods from 1 to 5 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. In case of rain it will be held in the Stock Pavilion. Tickets will be sold at the picnic grounds.

Glee Club

Members of the Glee Club attending the Dedication Service at Boalsburg will assemble in front of the Corner Room at 1:30 p.m. Sunday. Transportation will be provided. Attendance of everyone is requested.

LSA Party

The Lutheran Student Association will hold a surprise party at the Grace Lutheran Church 7:30 o'clock tonight. The evening will end with a wiener roast at Fairmont Park.

Delta Sigma Pi

All members of the last pledge class of Delta Sigma Pi, commerce honorary, are asked to pick up their shields at Student Union today.

Hillel Foundation

Special services will be conducted at the Hillel Foundation at 8 o'clock tonight in conjunction with the establishment of the Jewish State in Palestine.

New Catalog

The 1948-49 catalogs are now available in 109 Old Main, William S. Hoffman, dean of admissions, said recently.

Forty Mothers Attend

More than 40 persons attended the Mother's Day demonstrations and buffet luncheon served by home economics students at the College on Saturday morning.