

Baseball, Lacrosse Replace Winter Sports in Spotlight

Weatherman Holding Baseball Team At Bay

By GEORGE GLAZER

Everything is satisfactory on the diamond front except the weather, according to coach Joe Bedenk, who started his twentieth season at the helm of the Nittany nine last month.

And what college coach wouldn't be satisfied if he were in the position that Bedenk is in.

From the team that went to the finals of the District 2 NCAA series, Bedenk finds himself left with first baseman-captain Dick Wertz, infielders Gene Solomon and Joe Tocci.

OUTFIELD INTACT

Last season's outfield of Stan Lagonosky, Hen Albright, Owen Dougherty and Bill Ondick remains intact while catchers Clarence Buss and Jack Kurty are already handling the pitchers.

Of the mound staff, Bill Bair alone is out at practice now. Al Tkac, the other veteran flinger, is away practice teaching for eight weeks.

The outlook for mound replacements seems good to the veteran mentor. Four sophomores, Bill Everson, Joe Ruyack, Bill Hopper and Cliff Hock have impressed as have soph catchers Dutch Brong and John Vogt.

At present, 50 to 60 candidates make up the bulk of the practice sessions under the east stands of Beaver Field. Working with the aspirants are the veterans of last year's team and some earlybird infielders and outfielders.

SQUAD OF 40

Plans now call for carrying a squad of 40 and a road squad of 20.

With one section of the schedule calling for five games in six days, Bedenk is interested in seeing how Lagonosky and Dougherty look on the mound.

Grid to Diamond



JOE BEDENK

"Those two," said Bedenk, "have the prime requisite for a good pitcher. A fast ball that really is fast. We can teach them to throw curves if we have to, but there is no real substitute for speed in an inexperienced pitcher."

Section Ten Wins League I, TKE Sur eof Tie

Section 10, last year's independent basketball champion, knocked off its sixth straight win Tuesday night and its sixteenth in a row over a two season span to clinch honors in League I. The defending champions whalloped Matilda Chi, 41-14, in the league winning contest.

The Jayvees helped the Section 10 cause by upsetting runner-up Altoona, 30-26, while the Brickettes won their first game of the season, 18-10, over Beaver House in the same league.

HOT RACE

The hot race for honors in League J continued as the Architects and Nittany Co-op each registered victory number five to remain deadlocked for the league lead. Nittany Co-op took a forfeit game from the Royals while the Architects edged the Bullets, 23-19. In the other League J contest, the Whiz Kids put the skids to the 'Shrimps' title drive by whipping them, 22-16.

In League H, the Comets assured themselves of at least a tie for the top spot by winning a forfeit game from the Musketeers. The Tigers and Lodgers also took forfeit wins from X.M.-S.T.C. and Ritz A.C., respectively.

FRATERNITY PLAY

Tau Kappa Epsilon racked up its seventh straight win Monday night and cinched at least a tie for the top spot in League F. The TKE's took an easy 30-4 decision from Delta Theta Sigma.

Phi Kappa Sigma lost any chance of catching the TKE's when Alpha Phi Delta surprised with a 20-18 upset.

The other League F contest saw Chi Phi chalk up its third win by downing Omega Psi Phi, 19-10.

SIGMA PI WINS

Sigma Pi closed out its season by winning a forfeit game from Zeta Beta Tau and assured itself of a tie in League A. Alpha Chi Sigma, the only team which has a chance to catch Sigma Pi, stayed in the running by knocking off Alpha Zeta, 23-16. Kappa Sigma smashed Delta Chi's hopes of staying in the race by upsetting it, 14-9.

Beta Sigma Rho continued in front of League C as it marked up victory number five at the expense of Phi Sigma Kappa, 26-7. Sigma Alpha Epsilon stayed within striking distance of the leaders by smashing Pi Lambda Phi, 31-14, while Phi Delta Theta registered its fourth win, a 27-11 affair over Acacia.

The records:

	W	L	T	For	Pts.
Homer Barr	13	0	0	28	0
Mike Rubino	5	1	0	21	3
Jim Maurey	14	2	0	21	5
Don Maurey	5	1	0	19	3
Bill Santel	5	4	1	14	8
Cec Irvin	4	4	0	13	6
John Reese	7	2	1	12	6
Dean Harbold	2	1	1	10	7
Jack Dreibelbis	5	0	0	3	0
Art Silverman	1	0	0	3	0
Jack Waters	0	1	0	0	3

Thiel 'Youth Movement' Unearths Top Material

By MARV KRASNANSKY

After a week of practice amid sporadic snow flurries, five of Nick Thiel's "youth movement" sophomores have so impressed the veteran lacrosse coach as to be assured of plenty of action when the season opens on April 14.

Although it is too early in the season to start picking starters, the performance of sophomores Tony Eagle, Harold Asplundh, Harold Wolfman, Jim Reed, and Vance Scout during the first week of drills is enough to convince Thiel that they have what he is looking for. Eagle, a midfielder, Reed, an attack man, and Scout, defense, won all-state freshman honors last year at Penn State centers. Wolfman, 118-pound mighty-mite, plays attack, while Asplundh is at midfield.

REED IMPRESSIVE

Reed has been impressive at the close attack position, while Wolfman, a good stick handler, has shown promise at the right hand home berth. The two sophomores have been working smoothly with co-captain Ed Blefield, left hand home. Steve Meisel, up from the jay-vees, has also looked good in the crease position, while Ed Herring and Jack Cook have been playing on the right side and Dick Bailey and Don Watkins have seen action on the left.

Thiel faces his biggest job in picking nine men necessary to fill the rugged three deep midfield assignments. Eagle and Asplundh have eased his worries a bit. Together with seniors co-cap-

tain Bob Louis, Jack Long, Burt Raymond, and Larry Atkinson, and juniors Tom Overdorf, Paul Raffensperger, Jack Wilcox, Bill Forrest, Jay Stone and Bill Hickey they give Thiel a big field from which to pick.

DEFENCEMEN

Don Copelin and Joe Drazenovich, seniors, will be hard to displace from their positions on the defense. Milo Kasonovich and Bob Rodli are two others who have held their own thus far.

"We're going to be green," Thiel admits, "but the only way they'll learn is by letting them play."

State Riflemen To Meet Lehigh In Shoulder-To-Shoulder Match

Penn State's rifle team will meet Lehigh University this Saturday at Lehigh in its first shoulder-to-shoulder match of the season.

With a record of 11 wins and 8 losses in telegraphic competition, the riflers are pointing for this match and for the next one at Maryland March 18. The N.C.A.A. sectional rifle competition will be held April 1.

Latest results on telegraphic matches are for the week ending Feb. 18. Penn State shot a 1393, a score which gave them wins over Rutgers and Cincinnati. The Lions were beaten however, by Virginia Polytechnic Institute, West Virginia and Georgetown.

High scorers in the firing the week of Feb. 18 were:

John Hepfer	280
Clarke Young	280
John Stoudt	279
Nelson Bevard	277
Samuel Carnahan	277

Total 1393

Each of the 23 varsity rifle team members fires three times a week; on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. On one of these days, usually on Saturday, each

team member will indicate before firing that his score will count in this week's matches.

On Saturday the five best scores are totaled and this figure is sent to each of the schools with which Penn State is competing that week. The other schools send their high-five total to State, and the best score wins.

The rifle team will face top-notch opposition in its telegraphic matches this week. Lawrence Institute of Technology, Illinois Institute of Technology, Queens College and the University of Dayton, Penn State's opponents, are expected to turn in high scores.

Homer Barr --- Still On Top

Homer Barr, with 13 straight dual-meet wins to his credit, leads Penn State's wrestlers in points scored this season with 28. The blond Nittany heavy has won five bouts by fall and one by decision, and is the lone Lion regular who still owns a clean slate.

Tied for runner-up honors are Mike Rubino, 175-pounder, and Captain Jim Maurey. Rubino and Maurey have each tallied 21 points this season by virtue of three falls and two decisions. The only difference is in the loss col-

umn where Rubino lost one by decision, while Maurey was the victim of a fall. Maurey has won 14 and lost 2 in three years of competition.

Following closely behind is Jim's younger brother Don, who has won five and lost 1. Don has racked up 19 points via two falls and three decisions.

Trailing behind Don Maurey are Bill Santel, Cec Irvin, Johnny Reese, Dean Harbold, Jack Dreibelbis, Art Silverman and Jack Waters.

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