

# State Nine Opens Card Against W. Maryland

Penn State's baseball team opens its season this afternoon at 4 p.m. against the terrors from Western Maryland. The game marks the start of the 20th season for Coach Joe Bedenk at the helm of the Nittany Lions.

Seven of State's probable starting nine are veterans of last year's team which finished with a record 19 and 6, including 3 out of 5 in the District 2 NCAA playoffs.

Starting outfielders for Bedenk's 1950 diamond version appear to be Hen Albright in leftfield, Owen Dougherty in right and Bill Ondick in center, all veterans.

There is a chance that sophomore Bill Hopper will replace Ondick in center field with Will Hall in right and Stan Lagonosky in left. These switches will depend on the Maryland pitching selections.

The infield will have Captain Dick Wertz at first, Joe Tocci or Gene Solomon at second, Carman Troisi or Paul Mowry at shortstop and Chris Tonnerly or Harry Little at third.

Veterans Jack Kurty and Clarence Buss will divide duty behind the bat and the pitching chores will fall to Al Tkac, Bill Bair and Dalton Rumberger, all righthanders.

### ONLY THREE INNINGS

Coach Bedenk stated that he will probably pull his pitchers after three innings, no matter how good they are going. He gave insufficient outdoor practice as the reason.

Tkac missed most of the early practice sessions while he was practice teaching, while the weather has been everything but the best for Bair, Rumberger and the rest of the squad.

According to the College weather station, game time will find it colder, partly cloudy and accompanied by a 15 mile-an-hour wind—just enough to make high fly balls do tricks before they make up their mind to come down.

The Western Maryland squad of 22 men will arrive in State College at 12 and lunch at 12:15.

In the Terror's only game to date, they defeated Rensaleer Polytech 9-6.

### Probable Starting Lineups

Penn State	Pos.	Western Maryland	Pos.
Albright	lf	Kaufman	1b
Tocci	2b	Phillips	2b
Tonnerly	3b	Dodd	ss
Kurty	c	Tereshinky	3b
Wertz	1b	Gianelli	lf
Ondick	cf	Douglas	cf
Dougherty	rf	Shook	rf
Troisi	ss	Spencer	c
Tkac	p	Shovers	p
Rumberger	p		
Bair	p		

## Nittany Grid Squad Prepares For Bucknell Practice Game

Penn State's 1950 gridiron hopefuls resumed Spring practice yesterday afternoon in preparation for a scrimmage game at Bucknell Saturday afternoon.

The squad broke camp a week ago Monday following a scrimmage with St. Francis College of Loretto, Pa. Although the scrimmage lasted an hour and three quarters, a steady rain fell during the entire session, preventing the Lions from displaying their full wares.

Despite the rain and mud, the Lions managed to outscore St. Francis, three touchdowns to none. Backs Earl Mundell, Chan Johnson, and Len Shephard were responsible for the Penn State touchdowns.

### MUNDELL SCORES ON PUNT

Mundell, the watch-charm wingback, grabbed a punt and raced 60 yards for a touchdown before the Frankies knew what was up. Johnson, who started at the wingback post, tallied on a 45-yard end run, while Shephard, a starter at fullback, bucked over from the two-yard line.

Quarterback John Podrasky and tailback Tony Orsini teamed with Johnson and Shephard to form the starting backfield for State, while Art Betts and John Smidansky started at the end posts.

The coaching situation remained unchanged over the Spring vacation with Johnny Michelosen, coach of the Pitt Steelers, announcing that he does not want the Penn State job. Michelosen was contacted by Carl P. Schott, dean of the School of Physical Education and athletics.

Out of action with a bad knee was Vince O'Bara, State's number two tailback last year. It is not known whether O'Bara will be ready for Bucknell Saturday.

Phil Benedetti and Bud Wolfram, varsity lacrosse men, are Penn State's proof of the old adage "big things come in little packages." Both wrestled in the 128-pound class of the IM tournament.

### IM Handball

Entries for intramural handball doubles and badminton must be turned in to the Intramural office by 5 p.m. Thursday said Gene Bischoff, I.M. director.

Fraternalties may enter two men in badminton and one team in handball doubles while independent registration is unlimited. The entrance fee is 50c for a handball team and 25c per man for badminton.

## Lion Lacrossemen Open Season at Baltimore

The Nittany lacrosse team opens its 1950 campaign Friday afternoon at Baltimore at Loyola University. On Saturday afternoon, the Lions will take on the flashy stickmen from the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Coach Nick Thiel's men have had four days of good practice under their belts since their practice victory over the Annapolis Lacrosse Club before vacation.

The practices have been devoted to attack and defensive maneuvers and climaxed with some much needed scrimmages.

The Nittany stickmen will be out to avenge last year's defeats at the hands of Loyola and Navy. A victory over Navy would be especially sweet since a Penn State lacrosse team has never won a contest from the Midshipman. Last year Navy defeated the Lions, 19-7, while Loyola had to come from behind to cop a 6-4 decision.

### LOYOLA WINS FIRST

In its season opener, Loyola gave strong Maryland a rough time before going down to a 9-5 defeat. But the Lions expect trouble from the strong attack of the Loyolans and Barry, their potential all-American goalie.

Navy, co-national champs last year, will field a strong team despite the loss of All-Americans Dick Seth and Lee Chambers. The midshipmen opened their season against Washington College with a 10-5 victory and in their second

### Soccer Practice

Spring soccer practice will start tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock on the golf course field. All new students interested in playing varsity soccer should report to Coach Bill Jeffery at the field at that time.

outing, white washed Harvard, 15-0.

Nittany assistant coaches John McHugh and Ernie Baer commented on the improved play of the Lions since their practice victory over the Annapolis Lacrosse Club. "The team work has improved and they've become more conscious of working their plays," said Baer.

The squad will leave for Baltimore Friday morning. Twenty-three men will make the trip.

Coach Nick Thiel's 1949 lacrosse team, winning five games while dropping four, won the mythical state lacrosse championship last season.

## Track Coach In Search of 'Hidden Talent'

Track Coach Chick Werner has issued a call for all men interested in track to contact him at Rec Hall this week.

The Nittany mentor pointed out that there is talent in the College that has not yet shown up because of the fear that the team is too strong for them to make. But he pointed out that such is not the case and that the Blue and White tracksters are sorely in need of new men in every event.

Sophomores are especially urged to come out, he said. Any students with past experience and the desire to learn is welcomed and should contact him or Assistant Coach Norm Gordon at Rec Hall this week.

Werner stressed the fact that it is not too late to come out for the team.

"In fact," he added, "now is the ideal time and anyone willing to learn, regardless of past experience, should at least come up to Rec Hall and talk things over with us as soon as possible."

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