

Stickmen Host Hobart College

By ERNIE MOORE

The 1950 version of the Penn State lacrosse team will go after the ninety-ninth lacrosse victory in the 38-year history of the game at Penn State when it takes on Hobart College tomorrow afternoon.

The contest is scheduled for 2:30 o'clock on the golf course field.

Starting the season only three wins away from the century mark, the squad has been able to add only one victory to the count while dropping five games.

The squad could add a little sparkle to a not-so-hot season and notch a spot in Penn State's lacrosse history by reaching or passing the century mark.

With the rough part of the season by the boards, chances are pretty good that the Thielmen can reach the coveted mark despite there being only three games left on the schedule—two of these away from home.

Hobart First Hurdle

Hobart furnishes the first hurdle tomorrow afternoon. Last year the Lions edged the Statesmen in a nip and tuck battle, 13-12. But the losers have dropped only four men while State has only four returning lettermen.

This season Hobart has won five games while dropping three. The Statesmen hold victories over the Onondaga Indians, Ithaca, Cortland Teachers, Ohio State and Kenyon, losing to Cornell, Dartmouth and Syracuse.

Coach "Babe" Kraus' squad is paced by attackman Bob Demuth who as a sophomore last season led the individual scorers with 35 points. Joe Kraus, son of the coach, Gordon Satterley and Captain-elect Jack Hartney all received All-American honorable mention last year.

Weather Hurts

With the weather playing havoc with practice sessions, the Nittanians have been able to get only two good practices in since their 23-12 loss to Virginia last Saturday.

Coach Nick Thiel has been experimenting with the squad hoping to insert more scoring power into the lineup. The big change was the switching of sophomore Bud Wolfram from attack to a midfield position and inserting Ned Herring into the attack. Herring has been improving right along and has finally earned himself a spot in the starting lineup.

Thiel has also formed a new second midfield combination around Jack Long, Larry Atkinson and Paul Raffensperger to spell Co-Captain Bob Louis, Jack Wilcox and Wolfram.

The other starting positions will have Jim Reed and Co-Captain Eddie Belfield teaming with

Switches To Midfield . . .



Photo by Ken Carter
Bud Wolfram

Herring on the attack; John Hagerman, Joe Drazenovich and Vance Scout at defense; and little Phil Benedetti at the goal tending spot.

From The Crease . . . the rivalry with Hobart began in 1914, Penn State's first year at the game. Hobart holds the edge in the series having won seven, losing five and tying one . . . The Statesmen's mentor "Babe" Kraus is in his twenty-fourth year as head lacrosse coach at the school which is believed to be the longest consecutive lacrosse coaching record of any tutor at any one school.

Soph Bats Cleanup Slot for State; Clouts Some Long, Long Balls

By DAVE COLTON

Although Penn State lost the second baseball game of the year to Rutgers University, spectators at the game may remember it for a long time, for they saw one of the longest home runs ever hit at New Beaver Field. This prodigious clout was hit by Bill Hopper, sophomore centerfielder, and carried approximately 410 feet, over the centerfield fence.

Hopper, who is currently batting clean-up for the College, has been hitting hard and proving himself as good as his previous record indicated. Last year at California Teachers he divided his time between pitching and the outfield, batted .391, and hit three homers.

The husky outfielder lives in Crafton, Pa., and played four years of varsity baseball at Crafton High School. During his junior year he was named to the Hearst All-Stars and played at Forbes Field, Pittsburgh. After the game he was selected to the United States All-Stars, and played in the Polo Grounds against the New York stars.

Hopper also had several other opportunities to play in Forbes Field. His senior year in high school he performed for a WPIAL team which played against the Pittsburgh All-Stars, and he pitched against Sharon High School in a championship game at the big league ball park.

Saw Better Pitching

The best league he has played in is the Greater Pittsburgh League, where he plays in the summer. College pitching has not been as good as the pitching in that league so far, he said, but he expects it to improve as the season progresses. Hopper thinks State has a better team than the record indicates, and should have a successful season.

Hopper believes making the varsity team his first year at State has been his biggest thrill in baseball. "I think Joe Bedenk is a good coach, and Dick Wertz, our first baseman, is tops," he said. Bill also has high praise for Al Tkac, number one pitcher for the team.

During the summer he works out with the Pirates, who are his favorite team. Hopper is a commerce and finance major, belongs to Beta Theta Pi fraternity, and is a member of Druids, sophomore honorary. Of course, being a Pir-

Rookie Breaks In With Bang . . .



ate fan, Ralph Kiner is his favorite yet, but one thing is certain, and player. Hopper doesn't have any that is he will be playing ball specific post-graduation plans, somewhere.

Fraternity Track To Finish Monday

Unfavorable weather cancelled the scheduled fraternity track finals last night, so the 100, and 440 yard dashes, and the 880 yard relay events will be held Monday night on Beaver Field track.

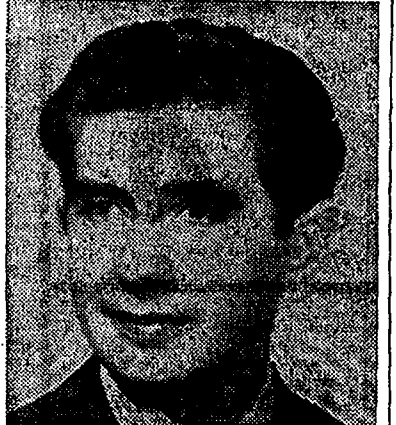
All three events will have top-flight competition and the fight for positions will be more difficult than in the semi-finals.

Alpha Phi Alpha's quartet of Chan Johnson, Earle Mundell, Don Carroll, and Jim Gillespie, set a new intramural record of 1:36.6 in the 880 relay Tuesday night. Since competition should bring out the best in these four-somes, another new IM mark may be established Monday.

Eight men are competing in the 440 yard dash, since three persons tied for sixth place. Once again, the IM record is endangered. Three of the finalists came close to the 51.4 record in the trial heats. Herb Taft, Delta Tau Delta, Dave Timothy, Delta Tau Delta, and Owen Dougherty, Kappa Delta Rho, and Horner, Theta Chi, will be the men to watch in the 440. Chan Johnson, Alpha Phi Alpha, finished third in his trial heat, but still qualified for tonight's finals. John Doppe, Alpha Zeta, Robert Cramer, Sigma Pi, and Carl Stone, Sigma Chi, are in the finals also.

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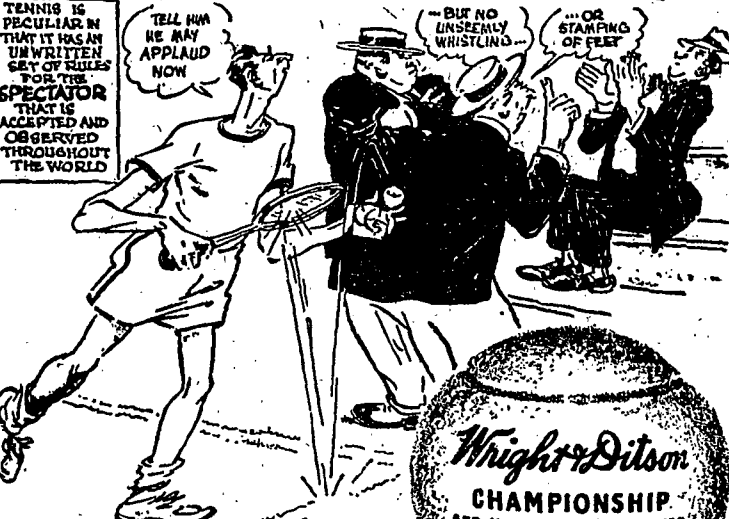
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