

Helpful Weatherman—So Far—Aids Lions Prep For '51 Baseball Opener

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This is the first of a series of pre-season articles concerning the 1951 Penn State baseball squad. These articles will attempt to give "spring training" notes and a position by position prospectus of Coach Joe Bedenk's diamond strength. Coach Joe Bedenk, who is starting his twenty-first campaign at the helm of the Nittany baseball squad, has a lot to be thankful for this season—as far as the weather is concerned, at least.



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DOWN THE "T" ZONE—Henny Albright, veteran Penn State outfielder, sharpens his batting eye on the "tee" under the stands at Beaver field. Coach Joe Bedenk's charges are getting set for their season's opener with Western Maryland, April 7.

Last year at this time there was at least two inches of snow on the Beaver field diamond, and on the first day of spring, Old Main Winter shed four more inches of his snow coat.

Season Opener Close

So far this season, Bedenk's charges have been out on the field almost every day, and with Penn State's opener with Western Maryland only a little more than three weeks away, the Lion tutor realizes that every day of warm weather will aid his green pitching staff loosen their arms for the twenty-one game grind ahead.

Among the veterans Bedenk is counting on this year from the 1950 nine who captured 15 out of 21 tilts, are Captain Bill Ondick in the outfield; Owen Dougherty, pitcher-outfielder, Henry Albright, outfielder; Stan Laganosky, outfielder; Chris Tonnerly, outfielder; Bill Hopper, outfielder; Carmen Troisi, shortstop, Harry Little, third-base, Clarence Buss, catcher, and the only returning starting pitcher, Bill Bair.

Dougherty On Mound

From the looks of things, Coach Bedenk will have many a gray hair contending with first base, second base, and the ever-present hurling problems. Owen Dougherty has been working out in this latter capacity along with Bair, and Dick Christensen, a sophomore newcomer. Bair had a perfect 5-0 record in 1950.

Of late, Bedenk has been experimenting with some of his veteran outfielders at the initial sack to make up for the heavy loss of last year's captain first-sacker, Dick Wertz. Wertz led the regulars in hitting with a lusty .356 average.

Bill Leonard, varsity footballer, John Vogt, and Bill Hirsch have been working well behind the plate along with Buss, while the remaining infield and outfield slots are still to be filled by the bulk of candidates.

Penn State 1951 Schedule

- April 7—Western Maryland—home
- 13—Georgetown—home
- 14—Georgetown—home
- 19—Ithaca—home
- 21—Gettysburg—home
- 27—Rutgers—New Brunswick
- 28—Lafayette—Easton
- May 1—Dickinson—home
- 5—West Virginia—(two games) Morgantown
- 8—Navy—Annapolis
- 11—Colgate—Hamilton
- 12—Syracuse—(two games) Syracuse
- 16—Villanova—home
- 19—Pitt—home
- 22—Bucknell—Lewisburg
- 25—Penn—Philadelphia
- 26—Temple—Philadelphia
- 29—Bucknell—home

arik, Lambda Chi Alpha, beat Arthur Betts, Phi Delta Theta, 21-20, 21-18.

Ralff Cops H-Ball Sectional Crown

In intramural handball action Monday night Rudolph Ralff won the Section "A" championship in the independent league when he beat Daniel Farrell by a score of 21-2, 21-2. He will meet Ross Keith, winner of Section "B", for the independent title this Thursday.

In the fraternity division, five contests were completed between the individual flight winners. Owen Dougherty, Kappa Delta Rho, beat Robert Ward, Theta Kappa Phi, 21-20, 21-17; Edward Hoover, Phi Delta Theta, beat Clarence Buss, Tau Kappa Epsilon, 21-17, 21-8; Arthur Oberg, Pi Kappa Alpha, beat John Wylie, Phi Kappa Sigma, 21-3, 21-9; Fred Levin, Phi Sigma Delta, beat Allan Pancerev, Phi Kappa Psi, 21-4, 9-21, 21-20; Robert Kol-

PIAA Hoop Competition Sends Classy Dist. 7, 11 Teams Into Action

HARRISBURG, March 13 (AP)—The Class A titles of Districts 7 and 11, two of the largest districts in the State, will be decided tonight in the PIAA basketball eliminations.

A close battle is expected in District 11 when the Allentown high Canaries defend their Class A title against the surprising St. Clair Saints, winners of the North Schuylkill loop. The Saints beat a favored Mahoney City quintet, 60-58, last week, while the Canaries turned back Palmerton, 74-55.

The Farrell Steelers, beaten only twice this season, will be out for the District 7 title they missed out on last year when they lost to Homestead. Opposing the Steelers will be the polished Monessen Greyhounds, coached by Frank Janosik.

The winner of the District 7 finals meets Somerset's Eagles, District 5 champions, Saturday night in the Western Inter-Districts. The Allentown-St. Clair survivor enters the eastern Inter-District competition Saturday night at the Penn Palestra against the District 11 champion.

The Class B district title is also at stake tonight as McAdoo opposes Luzerne at Hazleton. Three Class C regional contests are also on tap for the night. Mt. Joy, District 3, opposes Coplay. District 11, at Slatington while Waymart, District 12, meets Pringle, District 2, at Wyoming in the East. Coudersport, District 9, takes on Fredonia, District 10, at Brookville.

The other Western team, Southmont of District 6, draws a bye into the western finals on Saturday while working at resort hotels.

SPE Eliminates Phi Deltas, Creates 'D' Cage Play-Off

Sigma Phi Epsilon eliminated Phi Delta Theta from contention in fraternity basketball league D Monday night by posting a 26-10 victory. By winning, SPE tied Beta Sigma Rho for first place, and the play-off between these two fives will decide the league D championship.

Another important contest saw Phi Kappa Psi top Sigma Chi, 22-17, and deadlock Alpha Phi Alpha for the top spot in league F.

In league D, Alpha Sigma Phi turned back Zeta Beta Tau, 25-7, and Delta Tau Delta downed Theta Kappa Phi, 15-6. In league C, Sigma Alpha Mu lost to Phi Gamma Delta, 16-13, Triangle defeated Acacia, 14-12, and Sigma Nu whipped Delta Chi, 26-15.

KDR Wins

Kappa Delta Rho edged Kappa Sigma, 20-18, in league F, and Tau Phi Delta won by forfeit from Alpha Epsilon Pi.

The Night Hawks walloped Simmons Hall, 48-9, in independent league D. League E: the Collegians beat the Hawks, 22-9, and the Dogs won by forfeit from the Flunkies. League F: DIR swamped the Warriors, 39-14, and the Crusaders lost to the Phils, 12-9. League G: the Draft Dodgers triumphed over the Screwballs, 14-13, and Englert's 22 points led the Oilers to a 39-10 victory over Ath Hall. The Hesians of league F bested the Hamilton B's, 16-7.

Conference Group To Weigh TV Ban

NEW YORK, March 13—(AP)—The Eastern Collegiate Athletic conference, embracing 91 institutions, is meeting today to discuss television, eligibility and other problems.

The group is expected to express itself on the NCAA decision in Dallas to ban live television of football games for one year on an experimental basis.

Another problem to come up is whether to make freshmen eligible for the duration of the present emergency.

Asa Bushnell, commissioner of the ECAC, said he expected some action on outside athletic competition during vacation periods.

Basketball play in the Catskill summer resorts drew criticism in the recent widespread basketball scandal. Some of the players in-

DAVEY O'BRIEN

THREW 33 COMPLETED PASSES IN ONE GAME WHEN WITH THE PHILADELPHIA EAGLES IN 1940.

QUIZ CORNER

WHAT BASEBALL PLAYER NEVER WON A BATTING CHAMPIONSHIP YET HT 58 HOME RUNS IN THE 1938 AL SEASON?

ANSWER: BILL HOFT, OSHKOSH, WIS., YOUNGSTER WHO SIGNED A DETROIT CONTRACT LAST SUMMER, PITCHED A PREP GAME AGAINST HARTFORD HIGH AND STRUCK OUT EVERY ONE OF THE 27 BATTERS TO FACE HIM!

ANSWER: TONY LAVELLI SCORED 1964 POINTS IN 97 CONTESTS—AN AVERAGE OF BETTER THAN 20 PER GAME!

The CITRUS Dope

By BOB SCHOELLKOPF

The combined hitting of Boston Brave outfielder Willard Marshall and the tight pitching of Max Surkont, Dick Donovan, and Jimmy Wilson handed the National league champion Philadelphia Phillies their first exhibition game defeat, 5-3, yesterday at Brandon, Fla.

Marshall, whose season-long batting slump hurt the Braves' pennant hopes last year, pounded two doubles and a single for a perfect day at the plate.

The Phils got two runs in the first inning off Surkont on a walk, a triple by Del Ennis and an error and didn't score again until the ninth when they combined a brace of singles with an infield out.



Del Ennis Ted Wilks

The Brooklyn Dodgers overcame an eight-run lead to edge the Philadelphia Athletics, 11-10, in an exhibition game at West Palm Beach, Fla.

Rookie Rocky Bridges smacked a three-run homer in the seventh inning to provide the winning margin.

Rex Barney, one of the Dodger pitching problems, started for the Bums, but after walking seven, making a wild pitch, and hitting a batter was relieved by Clem Labine. He got only two men out.

The Boston Red Sox exploded for eight runs in two innings to trample the Detroit Tigers, 11-4, in a pre-season exhibition game at Sarasota, Fla.

It was Boston's first victory in three spring exhibitions.

The Red Sox mixed ten base hits with nine bases on balls for their runs. Rookies Jim Piersall and Fred Hatfield each slammed doubles with the bases full against the second of three Tiger pitchers, Teddy Gray.

Despite two windblown home runs by the Cincinnati Reds, the St. Louis Cardinals sent the Rhinelanders down to their second straight exhibition baseball defeat, 7-3, yesterday at Tampa, Fla.

Rookie Don Richmond, who topped the International league last year in hitting, led the Cardinal attack by cracking a two-run homer.

Grady Hatton and Ted Kluszewski both hit wind-guided fourmashers for the Reds. Ted Wilks, who hurled the first three frames for the Cards, was the winning pitcher.

Eddie Stanky will be in the lineup for the first time this year when the New York Giants meet the Philadelphia Phillies in Clearwater today. The veteran second baseman missed his club's first two exhibition games because of a flu attack.

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NCAA Compels Basketball Draw

NEW YORK, March 13 (AP)—The draw was completed today for the National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball tournament, opening next week with most of the nation's ranking teams on the firing line.

Seven of the top ten teams in the final associated press poll and 11 of the first 20 are in the field of 16 which will begin play at Raleigh, N.C., and New York March 20 and at Kansas City March 21.

The final placement of the six "at large" teams added to the ten major conference champions was made in a pre-noon trans-continental telephone conference of scattered tournament committee members.

Eastern Tournament
March 20, at New York—Columbia (22-0) Ivy league champion, vs Illinois (19-3), Big Ten; St. John's (23-3) vs Connecticut (22-3).

March 20, at Raleigh, N.C.—Kentucky (27-2), Southeastern, vs Louisville (19-6); North Carolina State (28-4), Southern vs Villanova (24-5).

All Games At Kansas City
March 21—Kansas State (21-3), Big Seven, vs Arizona (24-4), Border; Brigham Young (24-7), Skyline Six, vs San Jose (18-11).

March 22—Oklahoma A. and M. (27-4), Missouri Valley, vs Montana State (22-12); Washington (22-5), vs either Texas A. and M. (15-11) or Texas (13-11).

Kentucky, No. 1 team in the country in the Associated Press poll, probably will go into the tournament a strong favorite.

Out of the estimated 2000 veterans enrolled in the spring semester of '46, only 59 withdrew before the completion of the term. Of these, 29 left College for hospitalization in connection with war injuries, 20 left for various reasons, none of which was poor scholarship, and only ten departed for academic failures.