

# Hard-Hitting, Steady Catching Corps Shapes Up As '51 Lion Strong Point

By LOWELL KELLER

Today the Daily Collegian's 1951 baseball prospectus looks at Coach Joe Bedenk's catching situation. This is the second in a series of articles pertaining to the coming Nittany diamond campaign.

If pre-season diamond workouts on Beaver field are any criterion of judging baseball talent, then any coach would be more than satisfied to have as fine an array of catching prospects as the 1951 Nittany nine offers.

Penn State's backstopping corps is led by veteran Clarence "Bussy" Buss, now in his third year with the varsity. An all-around



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**A RIGHT-STEADY STICKER.** John "Guss" Vogt is boomed as one of Penn State's outstanding catching prospects for the 1951 season. A solidly-built individual, Vogt propels a long ball and has been especially singled out for his ability to deliver at the plate.

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athlete at Watson town high school — baseball, soccer and basketball — Buss' main stock in trade is a constant line of chatter on the diamond which goes a long way in calming his battery mates.

Still, in 1949 the squat receiver rapped out a .357 average. He did not see too much action last spring.

### Leonard High Up

The number two backstop post could fall into the capable hands of Bill Leonard, who did his pre-college hitting for State College high school. Leonard also played football and basketball for the Little Lions. Bedenk freely admits that Leonard has probably the strongest throwing-arm among the catching candidates.

Emporium high school prepped John "Gus" Vogt for the Nittany baseball squad. Vogt, a junior, packs a long wallop in his six-foot frame. He will no doubt stick as Bedenk's third-stringer. Vogt also possesses a strong throwing-arm and a great knack for steadying his pitcher.

### Hirsch A Fine Prospect

Still another fine prospect is Bill Hirsch out of Drexel Hill, near Philadelphia. Bedenk has a lot of regard for this sophomore receiver and believes he will get the experience this year to be one of '52's aces.

More praise from pilot Bedenk goes to Gene Harding who is aiding greatly in smoothing the rough edges off his crew of young hurlers.

Tomorrow: the pitching staff

### Tennis Candidates

Varsity tennis candidates are asked to meet with Coach Sherm Fogg in 217 Willard hall at 5 p.m. today.

## V-Ball, H-Ball Entries Due Mon.

The deadlines for intramural volleyball and handball doubles entries has been set by Dutch Sykes, assistant IM director, for Monday afternoon at 4:30. Entry can be made in the Rec Hall intramural office.

Both independent and fraternity tournaments will be scheduled and will permit two teams from each organization.

If two teams are entered from one organization in volleyball, one must be designated as the "A" team and the other as the "B" team. A roster of ten names should be submitted with each entry.

The volleyball teams will be divided into leagues and the competition will be of the round-robin type; the individual league winners then competing against each other.

In handball separate tournaments are scheduled for both fraternity and independent entries. Entry fees for handball are 50 cents each and for volleyball \$1 per team.

There were 138 different matches in the recent two-day Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling association championships held in Rec hall.

## Oberg, Hoover Finalists In IM Frat Handball

Arthur Oberg, Pi Kappa Alpha, and Edward Hoover, Phi Delta Theta, advanced to the finals of the intramural handball tournament last night by winning their semi-final matches at Rec Hall.

Oberg, last year's intramural champ, beat Leonard Bartek, Sigma Phi Epsilon, in a hard fought first game by a score of 21-10. By making use of a powerful serve, he managed to keep in front of his opponent all during the game. In the second contest, Bartek tired near the end and Oberg easily won 21-5.

Hoover won his match from David Bischoff, Sigma Nu, in two straight contests also. In a closely contested first game, he pulled ahead and managed to win 21-11. He took the second game by a 21-5 score.

The four semi-finalists had gained their positions by scoring wins in matches played Tuesday night. In these games Bischoff beat Owen Dougherty, Kappa Delta Rho, 21-5, 15-21, 21-8; Hoover beat Philip Benedetti, Delta Upsilon, 10-21, 21-4, 21-15; Oberg beat Fred Levin, Phi Sigma Delta, 21-11, 21-9; and Bartek beat Robert Kolarik, Lambda Chi Alpha, 21-12, 21-10.

## Lamie Joins AP 1st Team All-Pennsylvania Quintet

Lou Lamie, Penn State's 1950-'51 hoop captain, yesterday was named by the Associated Press to its first-string All-Pennsylvania collegiate basketball team.

Only Temple's All-American

## J. Maurey Gets SCHS Mat Job

Jim Maurey, captain of last year's Nittany Lion wrestling team, was named varsity wrestling coach at the State College high school. He replaces Lind Yerg, under whom he served as assistant this past year.

Maurey carries an enviable record into his new position to help him in his work. At the College he lost only two dual bouts in three years, was Eastern runner-up at 145-pounds in 1948, and was first in 1950 at that weight. He was injured in mid-season of his junior year and did not compete.

In his freshman year at Lock Haven State Teachers college he captured the 155-pound State Teachers college title and the 145-pound Cleveland Interstate Tournament championship.

At Clearfield in his high school days, Maurey also won numerous titles and state-wide recognition.

Bill Mlkvy and Larry Hennessey, of Villanova, were able to garner more points in the 1951 AP selections than the 6-foot-2, 180-pound Arnold, Pa. "hesitation shot" proponent. No other Penn State players were selected for either second team or honorable mention posts.

Lamie received 69 votes for first-team honors. Mlkvy, AP All-American, received 93 points, while Hennessey earned 75.

Strung out behind Lamie in order of selections are Ernie Beck, Penn (66); George Davidson, Lafayette, (63); Carl Pachacha, Duquesne, (60); Andy Mestrovic, Wash-Jeff, (51); Al Murawski, Lebanon Valley, (51); Mike Bellich, Pitt, (48) and Pat King, Westminster, (39).

Only last week the Nittany Lion pivot star—praised by former Penn State basketball Coach John Lawther as the most accurate shot he has seen here since 1936—was named to the tri-state area second team.

This past winter Lamie broke both the Penn State one and three-year scoring marks.

### Conference Proposed

HARRISBURG, March 12 (AP)—Pennsylvania's State Teachers colleges agreed today to recommend formation of a Teachers College Athletic conference for all major sports.

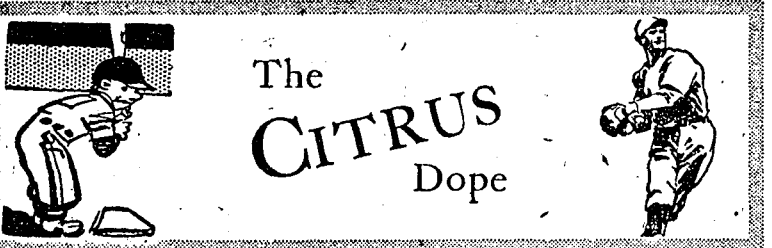
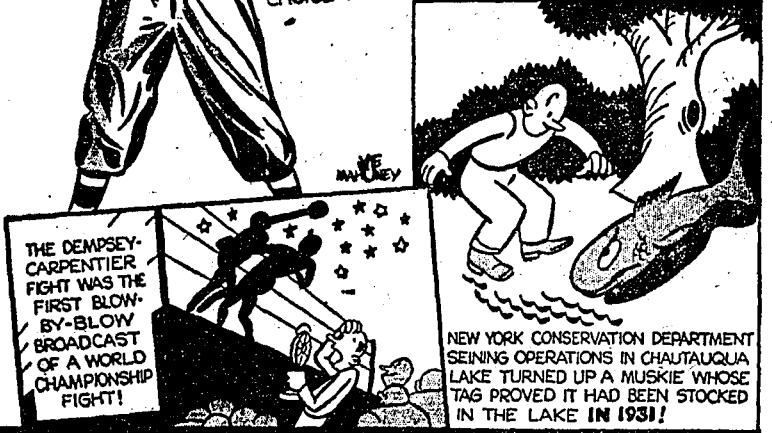
The move, taken by representatives of 13 of the state's 14 teachers colleges, culminates two years of planning and efforts by many of the state-owned institutions.

Freshman basketball Coach Joe Tocci is a former standout Penn State basketball and baseball player. Tocci played guard for the basketball team and second base for the baseball team. He was co-captain of the quintet last year.

## SPORTSCOPE By JOE MAHONEY

# Walt Dropo

THE BALL PLAYER WHO HAS BEEN UP AND DOWN SO MUCH HE'S LOST COUNT, BUT WHO IS NOW BANGING THEM OFF THE FENCE FOR THE RED SOX, WAS A BASKETBALL STAR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT AND WAS SUCH A GOOD FOOTBALL PLAYER THAT THE CHICAGO BEARS SELECTED HIM AS THEIR EIGHTH DRAFT CHOICE IN 1947.



By JOE BREU

Home runs by Eddie Waitkus and Richie Ashburn gave the Philadelphia Phillies a 7 to 6 win over the New York Giants at Clearwater yesterday.

Both came in the sixth inning and erased a four run Giant lead.

Waitkus hit his with the sacks loaded and Ashburn followed immediately with his blast. The Giants had scored six runs in the third inning off southpaw Ken Johnson after the Whiz Kids had taken a 2 to 0 lead in the bottom of the second. Jocko Thompson was the winner.

Russ Meyer hurled the last three innings for the Phils and held the one run lead. Sheldon Jones and Jim Hearn pitched well for the New Yorkers.

Walks spelled victory for two other teams in the grapefruit league. Seven walks in the eighth inning gave Detroit's Tigers a 10 to 8 verdict over the St. Louis Cards, and three free passes were the margin of victory for the Boston Red Sox over the Boston Braves.

Until that eighth inning the Cards had things pretty much their own way. But their pitching suddenly fell apart at the seams and the Tigers walked off with the game. Rookie Larry Ciaffone of the Cardinals led his mates



Richie Ashburn

to a big lead with a bases loaded homer and two singles in four trips to the plate.

The three walks that doomed the Braves were among 21 issued by the hurlers of both teams. They came in the bottom of the tenth inning to force in a run and hand the Red Sox the game, 9 to 8. Norman Roy was on the mound for the Braves at the time.

Walt Dropo, Red Sox, and Walker Cooper, Braves, clouted home runs. First baseman Earl Torgeson of the Braves had four hits. Ted Williams had two doubles for the Sox, one into left field.

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