

'ON THE BALL'



By RAY KOEHLER Sports Editor

Ex-Big Leaguers Head College 9's

One of Coach Joe Bedenk's pet peeves is the mistaken idea of the American populace in general and organized professional baseball in particular that the average college diamond mentor is a gent of not too great an amount of grey matter behind the ears.

As a point of refutation the veteran Penn State baseball tactician, now starting his 21st season here, cites the following list of former major league stars who

are now serving as head baseball coaches for college teams.

A few of the better know ex-Big Leaguers are . . . Jack Coombs (Athletics) at Duke; Ethan Allen (New York Giants) Yale; Ray Fisher (Cincinnati) Michigan; Andy Coackley (New York Giants) Columbia; Jack Barry (Athletics) Holy Cross; Bib Falk (White Sox) Texas; Dick Siebert (Athletics) Minnesota, George Case (Senators), Rutgers.

Vick Sorrell (Detroit) North Carolina State; Larry Gardner (Red Sox) Vermont; Fred Lindstrom (Giants) Northwestern; Danny MacFayden (Red Sox) Bowdoin; Walter Roettger (Pittsburgh) Illinois; Max Bishop (Athletics) U. S. Naval Academy; Johnny Vergez (Giants) St. Mary's College; Charlie Gelbert (Cardinals) Lafayette; and William McCarthy (Phillies), New York University.

During the days when Whitey Von Neida, ex Penn State basketball star, was playing with the pro St. Louis Bombers in the National Basketball Association it was frequently rumored that the reason he decided to drop his Nittany basketball activities was that he could not see eye-to-eye with Coach John Lawther's possession ball tactics.

Now a playing coach of the Lancaster Red Roses in the Eastern Professional League, Whitey officially put the quietus on the rumor.

"There's absolutely nothing to that," the angular court whizzard answered conclusively. "I've always considered Lawther and his techniques as among the finest in the business. The reason I left was that I was offered such a wonderful proposition by the Eastern League that I couldn't refuse it."

Versatile Lowell (Red) Keller, Daily Collegian baseball writer, swears to the following incident on a recent pre-induction physical exam trip to New Cumberland.

Arriving in New Cumberland the marquee on the first movie-house they came to advertised, "At War With The Army," and "Manhunt." In Lemoyne another double-feature theatre was showing, "Operation Pacific," and "Halls of Montezuma."

D. Maurey, 2nd Mat Champ In Family

By JAKE HIGHTON

I should have come as no surprise that Donald Lee Maurey won the EIWA 137-lb. championship for Penn State.

After all, it runs in the family. Brother Jim Maurey, Lion captain last season, was Eastern champ at 145 and frosh brother Jerry has shown strong indications that he will fall heir to a title or two in his wrestling years ahead at State College.

But for those who discount the hereditary theory, there is the undeniable fact that Don is a "money" wrestler—a guy who is always tough when a champion's gold medal is the prize.

For instance, Syracuse's Bob Bury decided Don in the regular season 8-3. But when the Eastern Intercollegiate came, Don trimmed Bury in the semifinals then went on to decision Columbia's Bob Hartman, who had won 13 straight, to take the crown.

Don came to State from the home of wrestling champions—Clearfield high school. There he grappled four years for the varsity and only lost five bouts.

Biggest Thrill

Among all the red-letter days in his career, none means more to Don than one shared with his brothers. In 1947 the National Junior AAU championships were held in Pittsburgh. At the end of the festivities the Maureys had cornered the market—Jerry the winner at 112, Don at 118 and Jim at 145.

In action Don is a fast, clever wrestler. He is especially adept at the takedown. From that point Don delights in immediately slipping his bewildered foe into a near pin.

Quick Pins: Don is a phys. ed. major . . . an articulate, intelligent chap, he's a Druid and a Delta Upsilon . . . one year of eligibility left.

'51 Midfield Prospects Bright—Thiel; Can Make, Break Lacrosse Squad

By ERNIE MOORE

This is the second in a series of articles on Penn State's lacrosse team. Today the Collegian looks at the prospects for the Lions' midfield positions.

If Coach Nick Thiel's midfield performs as well as it looks on paper, Penn State's lacrosse team can look for a better than average season.

The midfield positions are as a pitcher and a catcher in baseball—the hub of the wheel. A midfielder must do double duty. He must be a defense man and at the same time help on the attack with the scoring duties. The potential of the midfield can make or break a team.

As things now look, the Lions' midfield this year will make them a team to be reckoned with. Thiel will, without doubt, miss Bob Louis, last year's co-captain and top scorer. A good dodger and accurate shot, Louis' scoring punch saved the Lions' from a disastrous season last year. Filling Louis' shoes will be no easy job.

Deep In Reserves

From the standpoint of experience, the Lion midfield is deeper in manpower than at any other position.

Jack Wilcox, Paul Raffensperger, Bud Wolfram, Al Fulton, and Tony Eagle are returning lettermen who will bolster Thiel's middle line.

As things stand now, the Lions' starting midfield combination will consist of Wilcox, Fulton, and Wolfram. Eagle will combine with Raffensperger and probably Bob Konns in the second combine.

Since the midfield is in on most of the action it is the most substituted position. Therefore, the players must be staggered somewhat to give the two combinations balance.

Juniors Make Bids

Several good juniors are also making bids for the first two midfield combinations. John Yohman, up from the jayvees, is rugged and a good shot, while John Espenshade, also a former jayvee and a good shot, will provide Thiel with depth.

Looking to the future, Thiel has his eye on some promising sophomores. He terms Bob Pawloski, Roy Tuiman, Wayne Hoc-



BUD WOLFRAM, a little man who wields a big stick when it comes to lacrosse, will be one of Coach Nick Thiel's midfielders when the Lions open against Western Maryland, April 13. Wolfram started out last season on the close attack, but was switched to the midfield by Thiel to add more scoring power to the lineup.

N.D. To Play Detroit U. First Time Since '27

SOUTH BEND, Ind., April 2 (AP)—The University of Notre Dame will play the football team of another Catholic school next fall for the first time in 24 years.

The Irish will meet the University of Detroit Friday night, Oct. 5, in a feature of Detroit's 250th birthday celebration.

Notre Dame's last Catholic opponent also was Detroit, which it defeated 20-0 in 1927.

kersmith, and Carl Trautmann as "comers."

Pawloski, Tuiman, and Trautmann played for Swarthmore center last season while Hockersmith played defense at Harrisburg center.

Weather Helps Grid Workouts

Penn State's football team entered its fourth day of practice yesterday afternoon and with the help of Old Man Weather was able to run through drills on the Beaver field drill area.

Coach Rip Engle is schooling the grid candidates in the fundamentals of the wing-T and keeping open an ever alert eye for replacements for the men who will be lost through graduation.

Not only will Engle have to replace last year's quarterback Vince O'Bara but he will also have to find men to fill the shoes of Owen Dougherty, captain and wingback; Tony Orsini, the Lions' top scorer; Big John Smidansky, the Lions' ace pass catcher; and Ken Bunn, offensive center, to name just a few.



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