

Replacement Sought For Belfield At Attack

By ERNIE MOORE

This is the third and final in a series of articles on Penn State's lacrosse team. Today the Daily Collegian throws the spotlight on the attack positions.

With Coach Nick Thiel's ace playmaker, Eddie Belfield, lost through graduation, the Lion mentor must find another man to set up his crease man and midfielders if the Nittanies are to have the scoring power to carry them to a successful season this year.

Just two lettermen return to bolster Thiel's close attack. Jim Reed is the only regular on last year's squad who will appear at the attack for the Lions this spring. Ned Herring got in enough time to earn a letter, but didn't break into the starting lineup until Bud Wolfram was switched to the midfield.

Reed, a junior, is a good scorer and will play the crease for the Thielmen this season.

Herring Or Walker

The job of filling the shoes of the departed Belfield will fall to either Herring or Doak Walker. Herring, working at the right-hand home position, works good around the crease with Reed, and the two could develop into a good scoring combination.

Walker, who played on the Lion jayvee squad last season, will play the left-hand home position on the first squad. A good dodger and passer, Walker can control the ball better than Belfield could, but is not as accurate in his passes, Thiel believes. The Lion coach sees him developing with game experience.

The number four man in the attack is Dick Rostmeyer, a sophomore from Baltimore, the hot bed of United States lacrosse. Before coming to State, Rostmeyer was a goalie and had never played in the field. Thiel switched him over to the attack this year. A good stickhandler, he is coming along fast and is pushing Herring for a first-string position.

Henderson Surprises

Running in the fifth spot is diminutive Bernard Henderson who stands about 5 feet 6 inches. Henderson, a good dodger, has been a surprise to Thiel and his assistants. Behind Henderson, Thiel is converting men from other positions and building for the future.

"It should be a pretty good attack," said Thiel. But he pointed out the absence of the scoring combination of Bob Louis and Benfield.



JIM REED, Coach Nick Thiel's only regular first-string-attackman returning from last year's squad, will be counted on to take up some of the slack left by the graduation of Eddie Belfield. Reed is the Nittany Lions' crease man.

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beat out, either Cleveland or Boston.

Detroit made its run for the money last year and at the end of the season was a dead-tired club. The reason was a weak bench. This trouble has not been remedied and added to it is a pitching staff that has seen better days.

The Tigers will be out of serious contention by mid-August but will finish well above the other four teams.

As for the remaining four clubs, they will spend the summer getting a worm's eye view of the flag chase.

The positions from which they will do their looking are as follows: Washington in fifth, Philadelphia in sixth, St. Louis in seventh, and Chicago in eighth.

Tomorrow: The National League

Dougherty Likely To Pitch Sat.

By LOWELL KELLER

Owen Dougherty, 1950's varsity football captain and regular right-fielder on Joe Bedenk's Lion baseball squad last spring, will

probably be the number one choice to toe the rubber when the State diamondmen meet Western Maryland at New Beaver Field this Saturday.

Dougherty was shifted to mound work this year when Coach Bedenk found himself short of capable twirlers. The strong-winged southpaw is a certainty to be a rich pay-off to Bedenk's gamble if he can master his one nemesis—control. Dougherty depends on a blazing fast ball and a sharp-breaking hook for his cross-fire deliveries.

Starting Backstop

State College's Bill Leonard appears to be the best bet for the starting backstop role, since he has been throwing better than

Gus Vogt, another capable receiver. Both men have been hitting equally well.

Clarence Buss, 1950's varsity catcher, will be unable to compete Saturday since he has been overseas three weeks with the touring varsity soccer team. Harry Little, third-baseman, falls in the same category as Buss, and he also will not be able to play. The soccer squad will return tomorrow night.

Bair Conditioning Arm

Bill Bair, the only veteran moundsman, has been pitching a great deal of batting practice this past week in order to get his sore arm in condition for a starting role in the not-too-distant future.

Although Bair claims his arm feels fine after each daily workout, it is known that he still cannot toss with the zing he had in his deliveries last spring.

The starting array in the infield will be Stan Laganosky, a transplanted outfielder like Dougherty, at first base, Paul Mowry, a Scranton sandlot product at shortstop, and Chris Tonery, still another outer-gardener, at third base. The only position that still remains a bit doubtful is the second base spot where Bill Mihalich seems to hold a slight edge over footballer, Jim Pollard.

The outfield will be the same as for the past two weeks in practice sessions. The starting trio will consist of Henny Albright in left, rookie Sil Cerchie in center, and Bill Hopper in right.

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