

# State-Hoya Nines Play Twin Bill

## Rain Halts Georgetown Game; 2 Slated Today

By LOWELL KELLER

The Penn State and Georgetown baseball squads will attempt to best the elements this afternoon when they meet in a double-header, the opening game scheduled for 1 p.m. Yesterday's game was halted after two-thirds of an inning because of rain.

Owen Dougherty, who started the abbreviated contest, will be on the hill again in the first encounter. His mound opponent will be left-hander Hugh Murphy.

Yesterday's scheduled contest began with a steady drizzle falling, and it was finally halted with the ball-strike count at 3 and 2 on third hitter, Steve Korfonta. Dougherty retired the lead-off batter, Bob Walls on a grounder to Bill Mihalich at second base, and then got Bill Wolfer to fly out deep in center field to Sil Cerchie.

### 7-1 Record

The Hoyas, coached by former major leaguer Joe Judge, brought an extremely well-rounded nine into town. They have a benchful of capable reserves, and their pitching corps includes six 1950 veterans. Their season log so far this year is 7-1. They won seven in a row before Penn won a 7-6 decision from them last Wednesday.

### Doubleheader Line-ups

PENN STATE	GEORGETOWN
Albright, R	Walls, 2b
Little, 3b	Wolfer, 3b
Cerchie, cf	Korfonta, rf
Hopper, rf	Hardiman, cf
Laganosky, 1b	Hughes, lf
Mowry, ss	Diebold, 1b
Mihalich, 2b	Fisher and
Buss and Leonard, c	Hogan, c
Dougherty and	Simon, ss
Christiansen, p	Murphy and
	McNabb, p

Coach Joe Bedenk may plan to use two or three relief hurlers in the twin-bill tomorrow, especially if the Lion squad builds up a big lead, or if the conditions are reversed by the Georgetowners. For this relief work, Bedenk will bank on control twirlers Jim Kelz, Tom Campbell, and Bill Everson.

### Shifts Infield

During practice sessions this week, Bedenk has been shifting his infield around, attempting to come up with a harder-hitting combination. Center-fielder Cerchie was tried at shortstop, with Bob Schoellkopf replacing him in center, but as yet, Cerchie has not built up enough confidence to start a game in that position.

## Mickey Mantle, Yankee Rookie, Classified 4-F

MIAMI, Okla., April 13 (AP)—Rookie baseball star Mickey Mantle of the New York Yankees can go back to his promising diamond career. He is physically unqualified for army service.

Mantle's draft board disclosed today his much ballyhooed army physical at Tulsa last Wednesday found him "not acceptable" for induction.

The board said it was forbidden to disclose the defect which disqualified him, but there is scant doubt it was the left leg bone infection which let him retain his original 4-F classification.

At his home in nearby Commerce, the 19-year-old batting sensation expressed relief that his status has been clarified.

State Selective Service Director, Col. Clive Murray, badgered by numerous inquiries about the lad's 4-F rating, ordered him to the army examining center. There, said Murray, was the only place to learn definitely whether Mantle was acceptable to the army.

"I don't know how I feel about it," said the shy, taciturn Mickey. "It is kind of a relief to know one way or another."

Vic Raschi, the Yankees ace, was once a star pitcher for William and Mary.

## 'Sports Trailer' Gives Red Sox Another Chance

By WHITNEY MARTIN  
AP Sports Columnist

NEW YORK, April 13 (AP)—We'll give the Red Sox one more chance.

The Boston club has let us down hard so often our springs are sagging, and we vowed "never again" after the 1950 season. So here we are right back where we started, picking them to win the American league pennant in 1951.

Briefly, here's how we view the American league race this year: —Red Sox; 2—Yankees; 3—Indians; 4—Tigers; 5—Senators; 6—White Sox; 7—Browns; 8—Athletics.

Half of the teams we have seen as they tried to sandpaper the rough edges in their Florida camps. The other half we know only by hearsay, a fact which should qualify us as an authority on them, as what you don't know doesn't hurt you, as they say.

Anyway, here are the teams as we see them:

### RED SOX

**Awesome power at the plate plus added pitching strength.** We think the addition of the fiery Lou Boudreau will help keep the boys on their toes. How much the loss of Birdie Tebbets will hurt them is problematical. All and all, they seem to have what it takes this year, wherein in recent years they have had everything but what it takes.

### YANKEES

Class, plus the confidence which comes with being practically perennial champions. How far Joe DiMaggio can go at top speed, and whether Phil Rizzuto can stand up are questions. Allie Reynolds loss, at least for a time, won't help them. Mickey Mantle, excused by the army, could be a big help, but after all he's only a freshman.

### INDIANS

**Rate as the real dark horse.** Plenty of long-ball power, adequate defense and some excellent pitching due from Bob Lemon, Bob Feller, and Early Wynn. Al Lopez, the new manager, is rated an astute baseball man. Club appears definitely first division.

### TIGERS

Finished only three games out of first place last year, but have not looked good to date. Skipper Red Rolfe oozes pessimism from every pore, bemoaning particularly the catching. Pitching last year's strong point, now a question, and the loss of Art Houtteman quite a blow. Lack adequate reserve strength.

### Lamie Claims 2 Marks

Lou Lamie, Arnold, now owns two all-time basketball scoring records at Penn State. The 1951 captain became the first Penn State player to top 300 points in a single season by scoring 319 in 22 games; and this effort gave him a three-year high of 666. The latter mark is nearly 100 points more than the best previous effort for three years.

## State Trackmen Have Time Trials This Afternoon

By JAKE HIGHTON

Nittany cinderman get their first, and as far as individuals are concerned, their most important test of the spring when time trials will be run off in all track and field events at 2:30 this afternoon on Beaver field.

Time trials, about the most "butterfly" producing word in track, are the toughest because the athletes must compete against teammates rather than a less-liked opponent. A guy is all alone making the team on what he can do, not on how well he knows the coach.

### Major Tuneup

With their unfortunately skimpy schedule, today's trials will have to serve as one of the major tuneups for the Penn Relays two weeks away.

Coach Chick Werner got some low-blow news when he learned that his number one pole vaulter, Ron Coder, is ineligible.

On the more encouraging side of the field events, Vic Fritt's foot, which was badly hobbled for the latter half of the indoor season, is fit again. Thus State is assured of a one-two punch in the high jump with IC-4A champ, Jim Herb, also in form.

### Herb Rated Third

In the National Indoor Rankings for the 1951 season, Herb was rated third in the high jump to take down the only place won by present day Nittanians.

Three standouts of the last several years period, Horace Ashenfelter, Curt Stone, and Jim Gehrdes continue to do themselves and Penn State credit.

Among the two milers, Stoney was rated third and the eldest Ash distance man was fourth behind top-ranked Fred Wilt.

Timber-topper Gehrdes was listed second behind Harrison Dillard in the 120-high hurdles. Gehrdes has beaten Dillard on occasions but the ex-Baldwin-Wallace stick skimmer is the only one in the nation to consistently beat Penn State hurdle recordholding Gehrdes.



## The CITRUS Dope

By JAKE HIGHTON

Major League exhibition baseball yesterday saw most clubs playing in city series as they approach the Monday starting gate for the 1951 chase for the championship buntings.

Philadelphia's occupants of the American League basement, the Athletics, ignored the clippings of the Senior Circuit champs and their ace moundsmen Roberts and Konstanty to tag the Phillies with a 7-2 loss.

In the opener of the Philly city series in Shibe Park, the A's pride and joy, Sam Chapman belted a home run with one on in the fifth (his third successive in three games) to spark a four run uprising. Robin Roberts was victim of the assault.

Dyke's charges touched reliever Jim Konstanty for their sixth and seventh markers. Tiny Bobby Shantz and Hank Wyse yielded the Phils eight hits including homers by Willie Jones and Del Ennis.

Up to their old trick of out-weighting poor pitching with tremendous hitting power, the Boston Red Sox exploded with five runs in the ninth to trip their city neighbors, the Braves, 12-8, in the Hub intra-city series.

En route to the victory, the Thumper Ted Williams homered off the Brave's Bickford in the first inning with one aboard.

Mel Parnell and Chuck Stobbs (Sid Gordon reached him for a homer) were hit hard by the National leaguers.

Pee Wee Reese poked a three-

## Lacrosse Team Seeks Revenge At Navy Today

By TOM SAYLOR

Coach Nick Thiel's Penn State lacrosse team will do battle with Navy this afternoon at Annapolis as the Lions play the second game of their road trip.

Yesterday, the Lions engaged a weak Western Maryland club.

## Lion Tennismen Prep For Opener Against Bucknell

By JOHN SHEPPARD

"Rain, rain go away, Sherm Fogg's tennismen want to play."

This proverb sums up the whole situation for Fogg, whose netmen have been constantly hindered by the adverse weather conditions we have been incurring lately.

With but eight short days remaining before the Penn Staters open their season against the Bisons of Bucknell next Friday at Lewisburg, the Lions have had very little opportunity to reach tip-top form during their very limited pre-season workouts.

### Experienced Squad

Captained by their prolific scoring demon, Owen "Sonny" Landon, the State netmen will field an experienced squad, including eight returning lettermen, five of which performed on last year's formidable aggregation that won 8, dropped 3, and tied 1.

### Veterans

Dick Wieland, Bill Aiken, ineligible last season, Ed Davis, Bill Wood, and Landon will form the basis for this year's net combine. Stan Myers and Bill Wood, who were used intermittently last season, complete the list of experienced racket performers from the 1950 team who will be vieing for starting berths on the '51 club.

Against the Middies today, State will seek revenge for a 9-6 drubbing it received at Annapolis last year. Even though the Lions played their best lacrosse of the year against the Midshipmen, it was to no avail as the Middle team rallied in the final quarter to win, 9-6.

Dick Rostmyer scored three goals to lead the Lion lacrosse team to an easy 17-0 romp over Western Maryland in the season's opener at Westminster yesterday afternoon.

Benedetti Sparkles' The Lions had one consolation in that contest, however, as Phil Benedetti gave a terrific goal tending exposition. The Midshipmen will undoubtedly vouch for that statement. Benedetti, captain of the State lacrosse team this year, is a likely candidate for All-American honors this year.

Whereas State has a potential All-American in Benedetti this year, the Middies had one last year in fast, rugged Phil Ryan, who also acted as football captain. Ryan was a first team defenseman selection.

Could Surprise The Lions could, however, pull a surprise in John Wilcox, a letterman and a senior from Media, Pa. In last season's match, Wilcox caught Navy unaware as he poured three goals into the Navy nets to pace the State attack.

The Lion fortunes, then, could very well depend on Benedetti and Wilcox. Benedetti's main task will be to stop as many shots as possible and, a point many lacrosse observers fail to realize, to control the ball. Wilcox's job will be to score as much and as often as possible. Lately, the Lion midfielder has looked like a real pro in scoring as his four goals in last Saturday's scrimmage will testify.

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