

Temperature Stick May Become Standard Equipment For Anglers

A temperature stick apparently is destined to become standard equipment for trout fishermen.

George Harvey, the fishing expert who successfully introduced a course in fly tying and fly casting at the Pennsylvania State College, is authority for the statement that an angler will save himself a lot of time and trouble if he determines water temperature before casting his line into a trout stream.

"But don't," he warns, "rest your case on the temperature reading at the edge of the stream. Drop your thermometer into the riffles and let it sink to a point just above the bottom of the stream bed."

Under 40 Degrees—Live Bait
The Professor, as he is widely known within the fraternity, suggests, for example, that it is utter nonsense to fish a stream with anything but live bait when the temperature reading is under 40 degrees.

"Fish are logy in cold water, don't feed very actively, and artificial lures a wide berth," says Harvey.

On the other hand, the Penn State instructor believes the best temperature for fishing a dry fly is somewhere between 55 and 67 degrees, whereas a wet fly is attractive to trout at 50 degrees and up. He's careful to point out, however, that the temperature of surface water can be misleading at times because of the presence of underwater springs or the inflow of cold water from "feeder runs."

General Rules

Harvey, aware that there are exceptions to every rule, still contends that under ordinary circumstances these general rules can be successfully followed:

- (1) When water temperature rises above 70 degrees, dry fly fishing for brook trout is very poor; when it goes above 75 degrees—"well, you might as well quit fishing."
- (2) When water temperature rises above 75 degrees, dry fly fishing for brown and rainbow trout is similarly poor; when it goes above 80 degrees, it's no good with any kind of lure.

In warning anglers that water (Continued on Page Eleven)

They Never Get Away



RECENTLY THE Nittany mountain area's No. 1 devotee of the rod and reel, George Harvey, celebrated his 34th consecutive year of matching his skill against the wiles of this area's water denizens. A fisherman at the age of five, Harvey was once described by John Alden Knight, widely-known fishing authority, as the "greatest trout fisherman I ever met."

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Dougherty's Arm Holds Mound Key

Owen Dougherty, a converted outfielder, may hold the key to Penn State's pitching problems this season. The Dunmore south-paw, captain of the 1950 football team, currently looms as the No. 1 hurler on Coach Joe Bedenk's staff. Pitching, a perennial problem in college baseball, became even more complicated this spring when Bill Bair, of Williamsport, who was slated for the No. 1 spot, came up with a sore arm.

In the absence of Bair, Sophomore Dick Christensen, of Warren, has stepped into the No. 2 job, although hard pressed for the assignment by Joe Ruyak, of Pottstown, Jim Kelz, of Honesdale, Bill Everson, of Philadelphia, and Tom Campbell, of Pottsville.

"Pitching, as usual, is a headache," the veteran Bedenk moans, "but with better weather, some of these boys may come through."

First player signed by the newly-organized Erie Sailors of the Middle-Atlantic League was Dick Wertz, of Newport, captain and first baseman of the 1950 Penn State baseball team. Wertz, who was graduated in mid-year, posted a perfect 3.00 scholastic average in his last semester on campus.

Tennismen Prep For Bucknell; 'Mother Nature' Inflicts Setback

With only four days remaining before the 1951 tennis squad makes its debut, the Nittany matmen have already suffered their first setback, having fallen victims to a few adverse tricks of "Mother Nature."

Handicapped by the elements, the Lion racquetmen have had little practice during their 3-week pre-season conditioning sessions, thus dimming their hopes before their opener against Bucknell on Friday afternoon at Lewisburg.

Despite these factors, Coach Sherm Fogg only needs to view his veteran star-studded lineup to utter signs of relief.

Landon No. 1
Cavorting at the No. 1 post for the Nittanians in the singles will be one of the most feared racquet-wielders in the East, in the person of Captain Owen "Sonny" Landon.

Dick Wieland seems to have clinched the No. 2 position.

No. 3 and 4 slot performers have not been selected as yet, however, Bill Aiken and Ed Davis are the experienced hopefuls who will be battling for the higher post.

Bill Wood will patrol as the No. 5 man, while sophomore sensation Bill Forrey, or the 1939 monogrammer, Gus Bigott, will get the call as the No. 6 man.

Promising Newcomer
Forrey, who matriculated at Swathmore state teachers college, has been tabbed as the most promising new prospect by the genial Lion net mentor.

The doubles combinations seem to hold the key to the outcome of the current campaign.

The duo will be composed of Landon, and Wieland, Aiken and (Continued on Page Eleven)

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