

Column What You Want



By DAVE COLTON

Although it's comparatively early in the season it's no secret that Coach Joe Bedenk and his Nittany diamondmen will have an uphill battle to gain a berth in the NCAA District II playoffs.

Princeton and Georgetown are currently tied for the district lead, but one will be deposed when the two teams clash Saturday.

Rutgers, striving to repeat as collegiate champion, dropped in the standings after weekend defeats by Penn State and Lehigh. Both Georgetown and Princeton have won ten games and lost two. Rutgers now has an 8-5 record, and is almost out of contention for district honors.

Other contenders for the title are Hofstra with a 10-3 record for the campaign, and Seton Hall which has won six of eight contests. In a list of high ranking teams recently released by Everett D. Barnes of Colgate, chairman of the election committee, no upstate New York or Pennsylvania teams were considered since most of the teams have not played enough to rate consideration. Lafayette, who defeated the Lions Saturday, was listed as a possibility along with Colgate, who State will play at Hamilton, N.Y., May 11.

Barnes' committee selects the team to represent the district in the eight-team College World Series at Omaha, Neb., June 13-17. The winning team seldom has more than three or four losses and since Bedenk's stickmen have already suffered two defeats the future doesn't look too rosy. Besides the Colgate game, the Nittanians play doubleheaders with West Virginia and Syracuse, and also encounter powerful Navy and always dangerous Pitt.

Bad weather, ineligibility, and injuries have hampered the

Nittany nine this season. Besides the usually late start which State baseball teams get because of the cold weather, the monsoon season has not helped the diamondmen's batting eyes. Bedenk's charges have played only five games, while some of their opponents have completed as many as ten or 12 games. This extra conditioning and practice can mean much towards a championship.

Two of Bedenk's key players, third baseman, Harry Little, and catcher Clarence Buss missed several important weeks of training while on the soccer team's trip to Iran. Against Ithaca, these fine fielders committed five errors, an oddity itself. Chris Tonery, veteran infielder, broke his ankle in the opening game and will be out for the season. Prior to the Western Maryland game Carmen Troisi, smooth fielding shortstop, was ruled ineligible because of a grade deficiency and last week Tom Campbell, sophomore pitcher, met the same fate. Bedenk was counting on the right-handed Campbell for relief work.

While the loss to Lafayette really hurt the Lions, their victory over Rutgers, last year's champions, shows that the team has potentialities. The pitching was good on the weekend trip, and if the team can begin to hit in the clutch it should make it tough for any team.

Deadline Set For Intramural Track Entries

Intramural track championships will be run this year on May 22, 23, and 24, but all entries must be in Dutch Sykes' IM office in Rec Hall by Tuesday, May 8.

Fraternity and independent athletic chairmen, should concentrate on and take special note of the physical examination procedure which is a requirement for participation.

Physicals

Field event participants require no physical but all men entered in the running events must be examined.

Upon filing entry into the IM office, a specific date for individual examination will be assigned over the two week period between May 8th and 21st.

Maximum Of Eight

Each team is allowed a maximum of eight physical exams.

Events to be run this year are: 100-yard dash, 440-yard run, the 880 relay (each man 220), the high jump, broad jump, and the 16 pound shot put.

Each organization may only enter two men in each event but just one relay team is allowed. Independents may enter as a team or compete unattached.

Individuals are permitted to enter only two of the three running events but in addition may compete in all the field events.

Entry fee is \$1.00 per team or for independents, 25 cents for unattached individuals.

Eleven Advance In Badminton

Eleven men advanced to round-two play in the intramural badminton tournament in games played Monday night at Rec Hall.

In games played Joseph Anthony, Sigma Chi, won by forfeit from Bob Houseworth, Triangle; Richard Phillips, Sigma Phi Alpha, beat Kurt Herman, Phi Sigma Delta, 15-8, 15-5; Dick Seidel, Pi Kappa Phi, beat James Reed, Sigma Pi, 15-7, 15-5.

Jack Pickett, Phi Delta Theta, beat William Fike, Delta Theta Sigma, 15-9, 15-10; Broz Ray, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, beat Mike Miller, Kappa Sigma, 15-1; 15-4; Carl Schrock, Alpha Chi Rho, beat Mike Rubino, Alpha Phi Delta, 15-1, 15-1.

Art Oberg, Pi Kappa Alpha, advanced by forfeit when no opponent was chosen, John Condit, Delta Sigma Phi, beat Peter Longmire, Alpha Sigma Phi, 15-2, 15-1; Dave Bischoff, Sigma Nu, beat Tom Shreffler, Acacia, 15-4, 15-12; John Wylie, Phi Kappa Sigma, beat Howard Wolfson, Zeta Beta Tau, 15-1, 15-2; and Phil Benedetti, Delta Upsilon, beat John Bernard, Phi Sigma Kappa, 15-6, 15-10.

Netmen Seek 5th Win Against Bucknell Today

With four consecutive triumphs under its belt, Penn State's tennis squad will be pointing for win number four this afternoon on the varsity courts when it opposes a surprisingly-strong Bucknell team.

Match time is 3:30.

Although the Foggmen took the measure of the Bisons (6-3) earlier in the season, anything is apt to happen, and probably will.

Coach Sherm Fogg summed it up very nicely yesterday when he said, "When you're on top, everybody is gunning for you." Fogg also added, "Bucknell would rather throttle us, more than any other team on its card."

Bisons Triumph

Last Friday afternoon, the Bucknellians scuttled a highly-touted Pitt aggregation, 6-3, while State barely eked out a 5-4 conquest over the Panthers.

Since its a good policy to stick with a winner, until otherwise proven wrong, we'll stick with the Nittanians in this one.

The starting lineup as announced by Coach Fogg should see Captain Owen Landon, No. 1 man for State, matching his skill against Paul Renney.

Dick Wieland, Fogg's No. 2 selection, will tangle with the Bison's captain, Gray Rogers.

Bill Aiken is pitted against Bucknell's Bill Reitz in the third singles set.

Davis No. 4

In the fourth singles event, State's Ed Davis will wield his racquet with Nick Fchloeder as his opposition, and Bill Wood takes on Jim Hess in the fifth fracas.

The only change in the starting role will be in the final

singles tussle. The 1939 veteran, Gus Bigott, will not participate in the singles, however, he will toy in doubles. The Venezuelan product is currently suffering from a "tennis elbow" ailment. This athletic disorder, Coach Fogg said, is similar to a sore-armed pitchers' troubles in baseball. According to him, "Usually, it won't heal overnight."

Captain Landon and Wieland will oppose Rogers and Fchloeder in the first doubles matches of the afternoon. Aiken and Davis will form the No. 2 duet for State, while Wood and Bigott are slated to play in the third fray for the Lions.

"LADY IN THE DARK"

May 10, 11 and 12

Thielmen Seek Third Win; Meet Syracuse Saturday

Coach Nick Thiel will face his Alma Mater when the Penn State lacrosse team takes the field against Syracuse this Saturday on the State golf course.

Thiel, a former lacrosse All-American at Syracuse in 1933, will be out to win this contest at all costs—not only because he played with the Orange, but also because of the unmerciful trouncing the Lions received at Syracuse last year. Syracuse really taught Penn State a lesson in the art of lacrosse as they dumped State, 17-3.

Syracuse Sixth

Last year, Syracuse was ranked sixth in the national rankings. The only teams to top the New Yorkers in the standings were John Hopkins, national champions, Princeton, Maryland, Army, and Yale. Syracuse had a ranking of 93.0.

This ranking was verified by the fact that the upstaters were defeated but twice in 17 contests last year. Virginia administered one of these with a 13-7 pasting while Army brushed them aside in the other, 18-12.

Two Advantages

However, the Lions will have two distinct advantages when Saturday's match rolls around.

First, they will have the advantage of playing on their home field, and second, they will be facing a reasonably inexperienced team.

The New Yorkers lost 15 men via graduation, which includes All-American midfielder Bill Fuller. Fuller also played in the traditional North-South contest and chipped in two goals for the victorious North squad.

Another problem for the Upstate champions will be to find a capable replacement for Fuller's sidekick at midfield, George Cody. Cody, like Fuller, was an All-American. Whereas Fuller was a first team choice, Cody was named to the third team.

Penn State, on the other hand, fields a team which is spearheaded by seven lettermen.



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