

Between the Lions

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It won't be long until the baseball season gets underway at the College, and Coach Joe Bedenk will be hoping for a little less rain than last year when the local monsoon season practically washed his boys out of an NCAA playoff berth.

The Lions played only 13 of their scheduled 21 games, and finished with a commendable 10-3 record. If they hadn't been rained out of some of their important games, the Lions might have gotten the NCAA bid. As it was, Princeton was selected after the Nittanians received serious consideration.

Prospects for a better season appear bright, despite the graduation of four regulars and the number one pitcher. Gone are Clarence Buss, hustling catcher, Stan Laganosky, the team's number two batsman, Harry Little, steady third sacker, and Henry Albright, a fine defensive outfielder.

But possibly the toughest of all to replace will be Owen Dougherty, who was almost a one-man mound staff last spring. "Doc" finished with a 6-0 mark and was named to the District 2 All-Star nine.

Big Bill Hopper, slugging outfielder and captain this year, is counted upon to carry much of the offensive burden. This will be his third season as an outer pasture regular. Last year he batted over .400 and made the second All-District team.

Other returning regulars will be Bill Mihalich at second, Paul Mowry, shortstop, and Sil Cerchie, centerfielder. Mihalich is one of the smoothest fielding players we've seen perform on Beaver Field. Mowry improved swiftly last spring, but may have a rough time getting the starting nod. Cerchie is potentially one of the finest State players in many years. He has a strong arm, is fast, and should improve at the plate this season.

The outfield should be exceptionally strong with Hopper and Cerchie in two positions and veterans Bob Schoellkopf and Chris Tonnerly to fill the vacated leftfield spot. Tonnerly played short last year until he broke his ankle. Schoellkopf, a left handed batsman, was the club's ace pinchhitter.

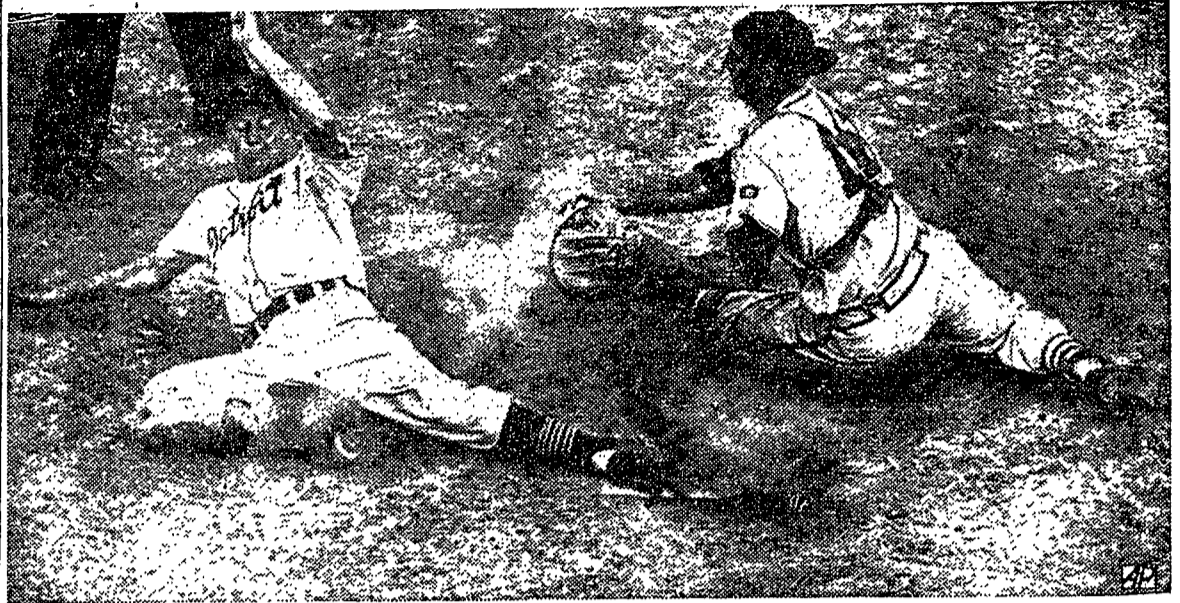
Although "Bussy" left a large pair of spikes to be filled, the catching should be above-average. Bill Leonard, defensive footballer, and number two backstop last season, will probably be the starter this spring. Gus Vogt, and Bill Hirsch, two other returnees, are available for reserve positions.

First and third bases will probably be filled by newcomers, as will part of the pitching staff. Bill Everson, Dick Christensen, Jack Krumrine, and Dick Kelz, are returning hurlers.

The schedule lists 19 games for the Nittanians with nine at home. The diamondmen open April 11 in Washington, D.C., against American U., then play Georgetown in a doubleheader the next day. Next comes an extended home stand with seven consecutive Beaver Field games, including a doubleheader with West Virginia. After six away games, the Lions return home for games with Temple and Colgate, then finish on the road at Bucknell.



Tiger Evades Card Catcher to Score



AL FEDEROFF, Detroit Tigers infielder, slides around St. Louis Cards catcher Del Rice to score from third base on Vic Wertz' roller to pitcher Ed Yuhas in the sixth inning at

Lakeland, Fla. Rice has the ball in hand after taking throw from Yuhas but too late to tag the runner.

12 Fraternities Post 1st IM V-Ball Wins

The fraternity section of the intramural volleyball tournament opened Tuesday night with 12 "A" teams posting victories.

After dropping the first game, 15-3, Theta Kappa Phi came back to sweep the last two games, 15-3, 15-1, to defeat Zeta Beta Tau. Phi Kappa Psi also dropped the first game, only to come back strong in the final games and defeat Alpha Chi Rho, 7-15, 15-1, 15-4.

Beta Sigma Rho needed only two games to dispose of Tau Phi Delta, 15-13 and 15-9. Alpha Tau Omega had an easy time with Acacia, winning 15-0, 15-6 games. Phi Kappa took the measure of Tau Kappa Epsilon, 15-10, 15-4.

Theta Xi lost the first game, 15-7, to Alpha Phi Delta but rallied in the second and third games for 15-6, 15-2 victories. Triangle posted its first win at the expense of Sigma Phi Sigma, 15-4, 15-8. Sigma Nu downed Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 15-8, 15-3. Lambda Chi Alpha defeated Pi Lambda Phi, 15-2, 15-11.

Alpha Zeta scored its first win with 15-9, 15-6 victories over Chi Phi. Alpha Sigma Phi upended Theta Chi, 15-7, 15-5. Beta Theta Pi was pushed to the limit before turning back Delta Chi, 17-15, 13-15, 15-1.

were 3.6 and 3.5 for the two trials, although he was clocked in 3.3 by two of the five timers in his second trial.

The Cadets also took second place on the flying rings when Jack Kleberg, EIGA king, finished one point behind Jack Miles, Florida State, who scored a 274.

Another Eastern champion, Corky Sebbo, Syracuse's sensational freshman tumbler, also "missed the boat" by one point.

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'Break' on Sidehorse Cost Cronstedt Place

By TOM SAYLOR

A combination of unaccustomed high altitude and a break in the sidehorse event caused Penn State's one-man gymnastic team, Jan Cronstedt, to go unplaced in the all-around event in the NCAA gymnastic tourney at Boulder, Colo., last weekend.

The thin atmosphere left Cronstedt feeling tired and as a result the Lion freshman did not qualify for the finals in the flying rings and long horse jump.

As it was, the freshman caused some head-nodding with his performances on the parallel bars, horizontal bars and in the calisthenics. These events, in addition to the sidehorse, flying rings and long horse jump, made up the all-around event. The calisthenics and long horse, however, did not count in the individual championships.

On the h-bar, Cronstedt tied Paul Goodale, California, for fourth place with 262 points. Two USC gymnasts, Charles Simms and John Beckner, finished one-two in the event with scores of

281 and 271, respectively.

On the parallel bars, Cronstedt tied Al Quartarano, Navy, for third place with a 261.

Cronstedt's 14 points—6½ on the h-bar and 7½ on the parallel bar—gave State a ninth place. Florida State won with 89½, USC was second with 75, Illinois third with 60½ and Army, EIGA titlist, fourth with 57½.

Army's pair of expert rope-climbers, John Ballantyne and John Claybrook, grabbed top honors in that event. Claybrook won while Ballantyne tied for second. Claybrook's official clockings

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