

Penn State Nine Preps For American U. Opener

By JIM PETERS

With approximately seven weeks of practice already completed, Penn State's baseball team heads into its final phases of spring training in preparation for the opening game with American University at Washington April 11.

Coach Joe Bedenk has been concentrating especially on his pitchers with the hope of finding a dependable starter to offset the loss of Owen Dougherty, last year's District 2 All-Star selection with a 6-0 record. Also absent from last season's hillmen are Bill Brown and Bill Bair.

Bedenk is optimistic over the team's chances with the good showing this spring of veteran pitchers Bill Everson, Jack Krumrine, and Dick Christensen. Dick Kelz, who had injured his back last summer while working, has just begun to throw, and his effectiveness will be determined in the near future.

Buss Gone
New names on the mound crew roster are griddler Keith Vesling, John Moore, Jerry Troy, Tom Campbell, and Dave Lesser.

Behind the plate, Bedenk has Bill Leonard, Gus Vogt, and Bill Hirsch returning to make up for the loss of Clarence Buss, last year's regular receiver. Matt Yanosich, of football fame, is a hot contender for catching duty for the Lions.

Captain Bill Hopper, a 429 hitter last season, heads a veteran group of outfielders that includes Sil Cerchie, Bob Schoellkopf, and Chris Tonery. Tonery broke his ankle in the first game of 1951 and didn't return to the Nittany line-up.

Battle for 1st Base
Bill Mihalich will hold down the second base chores while Paul Mowry will see heavy duty at shortstop. Mowry has not had practice yet as he is student teaching and will not return until Tuesday.

Newcomers Mike Hunchar and Alex Shaikay will battle for the first base position vacated by the graduation of Stan Laganosky. Huber Kline is being counted on by Bedenk as a successor to Harry Little at third base.

Pitt Loses Three Football Players

PITTSBURGH, March 27—(AP)—The University of Pittsburgh's football team was sadly depleted today when three players got orders to report for Navy duty at Bainbridge, Md., June 24.

They are end George Glagola of German Township and center Gabe Gembaroski, Donora, both juniors and sophomore halfback Lou Cimaroli of Bridgeville.

Two other players are awaiting a call. They are senior guard Joe Schmidt, captain-elect from Pittsburgh, and senior guard Tony Romantino of Donora. All are members of the Naval Air Reserve.

Glowing Record

Penn State's team champions in the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association now number 11, its individual champions 62.

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Olympic Cage Trials Begin

NEW YORK, March 27—(AP)—The lineup was set today for the Olympic basketball trials, and the No. 1 question was: Who's going to keep record-shattering Clyde Lovellette and his Kansas teammates out of Helsinki?

From their impressive sweep to the NCAA championship at Seattle, the Kansans now move to Kansas City where they make their opening Olympic bid Saturday night against the small college champions, Southwest Missouri State of Springfield.

Here's the lineup of opening games Saturday night in Kansas City and New York's Madison Square Garden (all times Eastern Standard):

In New York—
7:45 p.m.—Peoria Caterpillars (AAU winner) vs U.S. Air Force (AAU No. 3).

9:30 p.m.—LaSalle (NIT winner) vs St. John's (NCAA runner-up).

In Kansas City—
9 p.m.—Phillips Oilers (AAU runnerup) vs Hollywood Fibber McGee and Molly (AAU No. 4).

10:45 p.m.—Kansas (NCAA winner) vs SW Missouri (NAIB winner).

12 More V-Ball Teams Grab Initial Victories

The intramural volleyball tournament went into its second night Tuesday with six fraternity A teams and six B teams scoring their first wins.

In the A section of the fraternity tourney Phi Kappa Tau, Phi Delta Theta, Pi Kappa Alpha, Phi Gamma Delta, Kappa Delta Rho, and Delta Tau Delta posted wins.

Phi Kappa Tau downed Sigma Phi Alpha in straight games, 15-2, 15-4. Phi Delta Theta disposed of Phi Sigma Delta, 15-0, 15-11. After dropping the first game, 15-12, to Delta Upsilon, Pi Kappa Alpha came back in the last two games to win, 17-15 and 15-7.

Phi Gamma Delta defeated Delta Sigma Phi, 15-7, 15-11. KDR had an easy time in turning back Delta Theta Sigma, 15-1, 15-2. In the other A game, Delta Tau Delta won a forfeit from Phi Epsilon Pi.

In the B section of the tourney, Alpha Epsilon Pi took straight games from Alpha Chi Rho, 15-9, 15-9. Delta Upsilon took the measure of Tau Phi Delta, 15-1, 15-8. Phi Kappa Sigma put up a good fight in the second game but lost to Beta Sigma Rho in straight games, 15-0, 16-14.

Phi Kappa Psi outlasted Lambda Chi Alpha, 15-10, 18-16. Tau Kappa Epsilon defeated Delta Sigma Phi, 15-11, 15-5. Theta Kappa Phi upended Alpha Chi Sigma, 15-13, 15-10.

Sawyer --

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er Steve Ridsik for being 15 minutes late one night last week.

The fine was the first imposed by the usually mild mannered Sawyer since he took over the managership from Ben Chapman in mid-summer of 1949. He has been known to read the riot act on a few occasions and tighten up on club rules, but Jones will be the first player to pay in cash.

It was unofficially reported that the fine was the largest levied in a big league training camp since Miller Huggins tagged the late Babe Ruth with a \$500 assessment in the 1920's. Fines in spring camps are a big league rarity.

Lone NCAA Champ

Only Penn State wrestler ever to win an NCAA crown was Howard "Red" Johnston, 165-pound titlist in 1935.

Coatesville and Farrell Ready For PIAA Championship Game

HARRISBURG, March 27—(AP)—Coatesville, a team that was almost counted out of its own league race two months ago, goes after the PIAA Class A basketball title Saturday against the pre-season favorite.

Farrell's defending western champions had been tabbed all season as the best choice to win Pennsylvania's top high school cage crown. They lived up to expectations by compiling a 28-1 record.

However, Coatesville lost the first-half Ches-Mont league title to Pottstown and then lost a 54-41 decision to Bethlehem the same week. But 29-year-old coach Walt Funk fired up his raiders to win

14 in a row and reach the state championship game.

Farrell won the western title last night, 55-54, over Pittsburgh Westinghouse in a game that was decided on a single foul shot. Coatesville won a thriller from Catasauqua, 61-53, in the last four minutes.

Meanwhile in Class B circles, Kutztown will meet Avalon tomorrow night at Allentown's Rockne Hall for the State Class B championship.

Avalon's Panthers, coached by Harry Dennison, were established as slight favorites on the basis of their only unbeaten record in PIAA rank.

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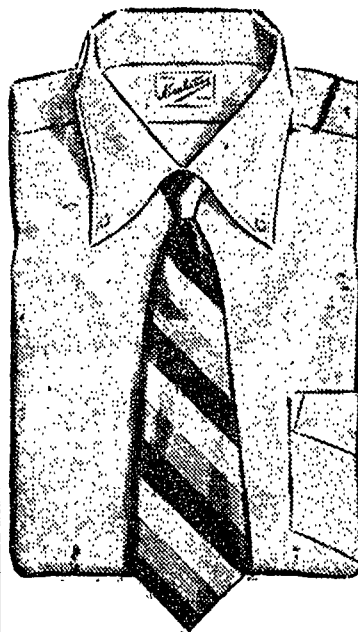
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