

Newcomers Strengthen Baseball Team's Outlook

Strengthened by the addition of some new players, Penn State's baseball team appears to be well fortified for its tough 19-game schedule which opens with American University at Washington April 11.

Although Coach Joe Bedenk lost the services of his ace pitcher, Owen Dougherty, through graduation, he apparently has a more rounded staff this spring. Bill Everson, who sported a 2-1 record last season, returns along with Jack Krumrine (1-0), and Dick Christensen. Also, Bedenk has a group of impressive newcomers headed by Keith Vesling and John Moore. Other new hurlers who figure in Bedenk's plans are Jerry Troy, Tom Campbell, Dave Lesser, and Walt Nemish.

No Outfield Worries
Bill Leonard will probably be the Lions' number one receiver, filling the vacancy left by Clarence Buss, a .317 hitter last year. Leonard will have plenty of help from Gus Vogt, Matt Yanosich, and Bill Hirsch.

Bedenk will have no worries about his outfield as he has four veterans returning to the outer pastures in Captain Bill Hopper (.429), Sil Cerchie (.229), Chris Toney (.666), and Bob Schoellkopf (.333). Toney worked out yesterday at third base and could be used there if needed.

Hopper, the team's top hitting regular last season, will once again be counted on to take care of the slugging department for the Nittanians. He included seven doubles and a home run in his 18 hits in 1951.

Bill Mihalich (.333), a good ballplayer and smooth in the field, returns to the Lions for

heavy duty at second base. Mihalich is perhaps further ahead of the other players at bat. He has been meeting the ball well, and sending one line drive after another from his bat in practice.

Paul Mowry (282) has not returned from his practice teaching assignment, and may have a tough job winning his last year's short-stop position from newcomer Ronnie Weidenhammer, Penn State's freshman cage star. Weidenhammer is fast, agile, and hustles consistently, but did not join the team until late due to the basketball team's participation in the NCAA tournament.

Kline at Third
First base is lacking an experienced performer. Mike Hunchar and Alex Shalkey are new men who will vie for the position.

Harry Little, who hit .260 for State last season, is gone, but Huber Kline is expected to fill in at third base. Kline is a dependable fielder, but his hitting may fail, in which case he could be replaced by Toney.

Penn State's 1952 schedule:
April 11, at American U.; 12, at Georgetown (DH); 16, Western Maryland; 19, West Virginia (DH); 22, Bucknell; 26, Lafayette; 29, Gettysburg.
May 2, Rutgers; 5, at Villanova; 6, at Navy; 9, at Pittsburgh; 10, at Pittsburgh; 16, at Dickinson; 17, at Pennsylvania; 21, Temple; 24, Colgate; 27, at Bucknell.

Wettstone Sees Olympic Tryouts as 'Greatest Ever'

With more entries coming in every day, Gene Wettstone, secretary of the men's Olympic gymnastic committee, is looking to the forthcoming NAAU championships and Olympic tryouts as "the greatest ever."

The two-day gymnastic event will take place in Rec Hall, April 25-26.

Already the Lion gym coach has received entries from some of the country's top gymnasts and he believes that over 200 performers will enter the tryouts before the entry deadline, April 11.

The first entry to come in was that of George Wikler who will represent the United States Coast Guard. Wikler, formerly of the Los Angeles Athletic Club, was AAU rings champion in 1950.

The first woman to enter the two-day event is Mrs. Marie Hoes-

ly of Monroe, Wisconsin. Mrs. Hoesly just missed making the 1948 Olympic team. Last year she placed fifth in the AAU women's all-around competition.

Wettstone has received three entries so far from representatives of the Swiss Gymnastics Society of Union City, N.Y. Two of these were from members of the 1948 Olympic team, Vincent D'Autorio and Dorothy Dalton.

Smith, Flanagan Seek Title Shot

WASHINGTON, April 1—(P)—Two nationally rated boxers with impressive winning streaks clash tomorrow night in a bout that may give the winner a crack at the featherweight title this summer.

Gene Smith, a hard-punching Washingtonian, will be gunning for his 30th straight win when he meets smooth-working Glen Flanagan of St. Paul in a 10 round indoor bout (Uline Arena). The bout will be telecast (CBS) at 10 p.m.

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Grid Offense Again Centers on Winged-T

By JAKE HIGHTON

With spring football drills in the eighth of a scheduled 20-day session, Penn State's gridders have begun scrimmages using the winged-T formation which the Lions again will feature this fall as they have in Coach Rip Engle's past two seasons.

Coming to State two years ago, Rip scrapped the Lions' conventional single-wing formation in favor of the winged-T. In his two Nittany seasons State has won 10, lost seven and tied one.

Rip said yesterday that he felt the Lion players were "gradually adjusting" to the winged-T which he brought to Penn State from Brown University. While head coach at Brown in 1948-49, Rip's teams won 15 and lost three.

Combines Power, Speed
Engle, one of the original exponents of the winged-T, explains the formation as merely the modern T-trend variation of the short punt formation. The difference between the two is that the man who plays the tailback position in the short punt has simply moved up to play the standard T's quarterback position up under the center.

With his winged-T, Engle can get the power up the middle of the short punt and at the same time take advantage of the T-formation's quick-opening speed.

Vacation to Interrupt Drills
"Bo" McMillan, former Engle coach who just died, brought Indiana a Big Ten championship in 1945 using a similar type of winged-T formation.

The Lions will interrupt their spring drills after this week and will resume practice following the Easter vacation. Spring practices will end somewhere around the 29th of April.

Nearly 100 candidates have reported for the team. With this number, Engle has been using four separate scrimmage squads with frequent substitutions for each.

Brooklyn Tops Reds

TAMPA, Fla., April 1 (AP)—Brooklyn belted Ken Raffensberger early and often today to end Cincinnati's six-game winning streak, 7-3.

Led by Carl Furillo and rookie outfielder Dick Williams, who had three hits each, the Grapefruit League leaders piled up 17 hits as the veteran southpaw was rocked for 13 in six frames.

Hemus Paces Cards To Win Over Tigers

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., April 1 (AP)—Pitcher Cliff Chambers went seven innings today as the St. Louis Cardinals scored their sixth exhibition shutout, blanking the Detroit Tigers 5-0.

It was the longest stint thus far this year for a Redbird hurler. The victory enabled St. Louis to end the Florida phase of spring training with a record of 12 triumphs, nine defeats and one tie.

Solly Hemus, batting .500 with 15 hits in 30 trips, led the Cardinals' 8-hit attack.

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