

Between the Lions

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While most students are home enjoying Easter vacation next week Coach Joe Bedenk's baseball men will be opening their '52 season down south in Washington, D.C. The team plays American U. Friday and then opposes Georgetown in a doubleheader Saturday afternoon.

If the Lions get favorable weather this spring they should be set for quite a year. Bedenk has a situation somewhat similar to that of wrestling Coach Speidel, since several of last year's regulars are having a tough time making the team.

The Nittanymen will be especially strong at shortstop. Last year's regular, Paul Mowry, has not practiced with the squad yet as he is student teaching. When he does return, Mowry will have a difficult task dispelling Carmen Troisi, who was ineligible last season. Another possibility is Ron Weidenhammer, freshman basketball standout from Kutztown, who has been impressive in pre-season drills.

Huby Kline, who has advanced from the freshman ranks, has the hot corner assignment now, but Bedenk may make a shift to insert more power in his lineup. Bedenk could do one of two things: move one of his shortstops to third, or move Cris Tonery in from left field. Tonery started at third last year, but broke his ankle in the opening game.

If the capable Lion mentor makes the latter shift, it would give his nine a more experienced team. He could insert Bob Schoellkopf, a reserve last year, into left. Teamed with Sil Cerchie in center, and hard-hitting Bill Hopper in right, this would present a formidable array of sluggers.

Catching may be Bedenk's biggest problem. The team has depth and quantity but not quality. Bill Leonard, Gus Vogt, Matt Yanosich, and Bill Hirsch are capable, but none is outstanding. Leonard, who will probably wind up as the number one backstop, has been bothered by a lame arm. None of the foursome can match the all-around throwing and hitting ability of Clarence Buss, last year's catcher, but of course that's asking a lot.

The baseball squad lists six athletes who have starred in other sports. Catchers Matt Yanosich and Bill Leonard and hurler Keith Vesling are members of the football team; Ron Weidenhammer and first-sacker Jim Blocker performed for Elmer Gross' basketball team, and Jack Krumrine is one of the soccer team's goalies.

Pitching Bright Spot On Cincinnati Club

WILMINGTON, N. C., April 4—(AP)—Lack of speed and punch to back up the pitching of Ewell Blackwell, Herm Wehmeier and Ken Raffensberger leaves the Cincinnati Reds among the also-rans in the National League picture.

Pitching is the one bright spot on the club that figures no better than its sixth place finish of last year.

Manager Luke Sewell believes he bolstered his catching by adding Andy Seminick and picked up a little extra base power in Dick Sisler. He counts on a revival by first baseman Ted Kluszewski, whose '51 slump mystified the entire league.

"I figure we have more power in the outfield with Sisler and Hank Edwards," said Sewell. "Our catching definitely is better, our pitching about the same and our infield no worse than last year."

The infield has been a prime problem for Sewell, particularly after second baseman Connie Ryan went to Philadelphia in the Seminick deal. Sewell did an overhaul job during spring training, converting third baseman Grady Hatton into a second baseman.

"Bobby Adams is one of the best third basemen in the league and Hatton can do a job for us at second. If Kluszewski continues his foot spring work our infield will be all right."

Roy McMillan, a fine glove man who hit .211 in 85 games last year as a rookie, will be the shortstop if he can hit. If McMil-

lan fails completely at the plate, Virgil Stallcup can reclaim the job.

Johnny Wyrostek is sure of his right field job and Joe Adcock appears to have beaten off Sisler's challenge for the regular left field work.

Filling center field has been one of Sewell's worries for three years. With Lloyd Merriman in service, he has to do it all over again. Wally Post, a .308 hitter at Buffalo with speed and a fine arm, is battling with Bob Borowski, ex-Cub, for the job.

Arnelle Honored By Opponents

Jesse Arnelle, Penn State's great freshman center, was the only unanimous choice on Gettysburg's all-opponent basketball team.

Other players selected to the Bullets' opponent five were Howie Landa, Lebanon Valley; Dick Dunn, F&M; Dick Rudolph, Muhlenberg; and Joe Gallagher, Bucknell.

Arnelle has also been named to the all-opponent teams of Colgate, Pitt, and Syracuse.

Intramural Wrestling Champions



—Photo by Rosenberg

HERE ARE the IM wrestling champions for 1952 (left to right). Bob Smith, Beta Theta Pi, heavyweight; Jim McGinnis, independent, heavyweight; Bill Souleret, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 175 pounds; Paul Heitzenrater, independent, 175 pounds; Dick Green, independent, 165 pounds; Bob Decker, Delta Upsilon, 155 pounds; Tom Lozaw, independent, 155 pounds; George

Watson, Sigma Phi Sigma, 145 pounds; Ed Navasky, independent, 145 pounds; Tom Smith, Delta Upsilon, 135 pounds; Dick Headlee, Chi Phi, 128 pounds; and Charles Schutte, Phi Delta Theta, 121 pounds. Fraternity 165 pound champ Bob Gower of Alpha Tau Omega was not present when the photo was taken.

Sports Trail . . .

AP Scribe Notes Big League Teams

TAMPA, Fla., April 4—(AP)—Wherein Florida tourist Whitney Martin brings together a few impressions of major league teams he has observed hereabouts:

St. Louis Cardinals—Peppy, alert, experienced, and Stan Musial. A couple of young pitchers must come through, as well as Steve Bilko. Could take it all for Eddie Stanky if everything clicked.

Brooklyn Dodgers—The same, minus Don Newcombe, only a year older. Everyone says they should do it every year, but they don't. Must take up pitching slack left by Newcombe's departure, and think of last year's failure as only a bad dream. This has to be the year, or the Bums will be bums.

Boston Braves—A hazy picture. Could be a surprise team under energetic Tommy Holmes, but have had hole at second base and not too much depth in pitching. Holmes will keep 'em hustling, and don't be surprised if he rushes into action himself if things aren't going right.

Philadelphia Phillies—Penitent and resentful. Best conditioned club down here, and have only baseball on their minds. Curt Simmons' early return and Jim Konstanty's form reversal could put them very much in the race. Excellent defensive club.

Cincinnati Reds—Good pitching, as usual, and some added power, but rather slow foot. Bench not overcrowded with good reserves. Put down 20 vic-

tories for Ewell Blackwell who looks and feels better than ever.

New York Yankees—Look like the best club, or best two clubs in this precinct. Casey Stengel probably could split squad into two teams and have two pennant contenders. His bench is so loaded with talent it sways in the middle. Two men—Phil Rizzuto and Yogi Berra—key to success, however. If one of them should be out for a prolonged spell it might spell trouble.

Washington Senators—If Bucky Harris loses a man he'll have to play eight men or get out there himself. His first string isn't too bad. However, despite the shortcomings, he figures he can win about a dozen more games than he did last year.

5 Records Broken In Texas Relays

AUSTIN, Tex., April 4—(AP)—Five records were hung up today in the first session of the huge Texas Relays as big Darrow Hooper of Texas A&M pitched the shot 54 feet 7 3/4 inches and Charles Thomas, the Texas Flier, came within an eye-lash of the world's record in the 200 meters.

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