

2 Nittany Teams Play Today

Lehigh to Face Bedenk's No. 1 Hurler-Vesling

By DICK McDOWELL
Strong-armed Keith Vesling goes to the hill today in an effort to get Coach Joe Bedenk his first win of the 1953 baseball season. The Lions face Lehigh on the Beaver Field diamond at 3:30.

Vesling, a big right-hander who turned in seven wins last season against three losses, has been very fast this spring and is expected to be Bedenk's pitching mainstay this season. Bedenk will have Garland Gingerich, another righty, ready to relieve.

Bedenk will have speedy Chuck Russo in the leadoff spot in his batting order. The hustling second baseman has looked sharp in the field this spring and has been hitting well. In the number two spot will be shortstop Ron Weidenhammer. A right hand batter, he was used as a utility man last season. Hard-hitting Tom Werner gets the nod as the number three man. He'll be patrolling left field.

Kline Batting Sixth
Captain Sil Cerchie, one of three seniors in the lineup, will be batting cleanup for the Lions. Last year, the burly centerfielder batted .294 and drove in 21 runs. He will be followed by catcher Bill Leonard. The big backstop hit .315 for the Nittanians last season and collected 14 RBIs. Leonard is also a senior.

Bedenk has placed hard-hitting third baseman, Hubie Kline, in the number six spot. A .347 hitter in the 1952 campaign, Kline has been belting the ball hard in pre-season practice. Following Kline comes southpaw hitting Bob Schoellkopf, a pinch hitter last season, and the only other senior on the club. He'll be in right field.

Another lefty, Don Shank, is slated to be at the first base position. Shank is untried in varsity competition, but can powder the long ball. Pitcher Keith Vesling will round out the lineup. Vesling is regarded as a good hitting pitcher.

Gold Is Possible Starter
There is a possibility that Kline may be switched from third base to first, and that Burt Gold, a newcomer from Swarthmore, will be inserted at the hot corner. Pat Kennedy, a righthander, could also see some action at the initial sack.

Lehigh is a newcomer on the Penn State schedule this season. Not much is known about the club, except that it shut out Swarthmore earlier this week, 2-0, and boasts a 2-1 record thus far.

Tomorrow the Lions take on Villanova at Beaver Field with sophomore Larry Bayer doing the hurling honors. Bedenk will have his other ace righthander, Jack Krumrine, ready to relieve in that one.

The Lions will probably face lefthander Don Sommers, top man on the Wildcat mound staff. The flashy southpaw beat the Lions during the regular season last year, and then faced them in relief—without much success—in the district playoffs. The Bedenkmen won the game, and a chance to play in the NCAA championships at Omaha, Neb.

Baseball-Minded

Out of football for the first time in 35 years, Joe Bedenk is looking forward to his 23rd baseball campaign at Penn State.



THE LION battery for today's ball game between Coach Joe Bedenk's tossers and Lehigh is big righthanded pitcher Keith Vesling (left) and catcher Bill Leonard. Both are veterans from last year's ball club, which finished third in the college World Series at Omaha, Neb. After today's tussel, the Lions' '53 lidlifter, the Nittanians will play host to Villanova tomorrow.



V-Ball Champs Upset By KDR

After losing the first of three games, Kappa Delta Rho rebounded to defeat last year's intramural fraternity volleyball champs, Phi Delta Theta-A, Wednesday night in Rec Hall.

KDR was on the short end of a 15-9 score in the initial game, but upset Phi Delta Theta's-A team, 15-3 in the next encounter. In volleyball the team that wins two out of three games is declared the winner. With the set squared at one a piece, KDR managed to squeeze out the clincher, 15-13.

Pi Kappa Alpha-A also had to bounce back after losing the first contest to Delta Tau Delta-A, 15-9. Pi Kappa Alpha copped the last two games, 15-10 and 15-5. Triangle's-A team found the going easier with the A squad from Sigma Phi Epsilon, winning, 15-6 and 15-1.

Beta Theta Pi-A was edged in the first encounter by Alpha Chi Sigma, 17-15, but rallied to cop the next two, 15-9 and 15-4. Delta Chi handed Delta Upsilon two straight losses, 15-5 and 15-6.

Alpha Chi Rho-A had little trouble disposing of the A team from Tau Phi Delta. In the first game Alpha Chi Rho swept to an easy 15-2 victory and took the second, 15-6. Tau Kappa Epsilon-A and Phi Gamma Delta-A battled right down to the wire before the former walked off with the win. The scores were, 15-8, 14-16 and 15-12.

Alpha Epsilon Pi-A tripped Kappa Sigma-A, 15-10, and 15-9. Alpha Sigma Phi-A defeated Theta Chi's A squad in two successive matches, 15-5 and 15-13.

Phi Epsilon Pi-A won over Alpha Gamma Rho-A in two games. The Phi Ep crew won the lidlifter, 15-5. AGR tallied seven points in a losing cause in the clincher.

Pi Kappa Phi-A won by forfeit from Phi Kappa Alpha and Alpha Zeta won by the same means from Sigma Phi Sigma.

Penn State gridders Bill Leonard and Keith Vesling constitute Joe Bedenk's No. 1 baseball battery.

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Brownies Sell Park To St. Louis Cardinals

ST. LOUIS, April 9 (AP) — The St. Louis Browns today sold one of their biggest assets, Sportsman's Park, to their National League rivals, the St. Louis Cardinals. It will now be known as Budweiser Stadium.

Purchase price of the 30,808-seat ball park was \$809,000. It is the first big money deal made by the Cardinals since they were bought by the wealthy Anheuser-Busch Brewery interest last February.

August A. Busch, new president of the Cardinals, said in announcing the deal that the Browns have signed a five-year lease for use of Sportsman's Park under Cardinal ownership at an annual rental price of \$175,000.

Sax Is Family Man

Ollie Sax, Penn State track sensation, is married and father of a four-month-old daughter. His wife, the former Lolita Robinson of Clarks Summit, also is a student at the College. Both are sophomores.



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Stickmen Oppose Swarthmore Today, Meet Navy Tomorrow

By BOB DUNN

When Penn State's lacrosse men open their season this afternoon at Swarthmore College, they will be smack up against probably the best father and son combination in collegiate lacrosse.

The tilt at the suburban Philadelphia campus is the first of a two-game weekend trip with the Lions encountering the Naval Academy at Annapolis tomorrow. The Garnet is coached by Avery Blake, Sr., who is recognized as one of the top mentors in the East. As if this weren't enough, his son, Avery Blake, Jr. was named to the 1952 All-America lacrosse team at midfield position.

Blake, Jr., nicknamed "Bunky," tallied a total of 36 goals in college competition last year and another 38 in club matches. He can score equally well with a left or right hand shot and has what Lion Coach Nick Thiel calls a "quick stick" in flipping the pel- past opponents.

Good Supporting Cast
Swarthmore has all but one member back from last year's squad which had an 8-3 record, with the only losses coming to Army, Loyola of Baltimore (by one point) and Dartmouth. They opened their season on Wednesday by outscoring Washington College, 14-7, as Blake tallied four goals.

The Garnet also boasts a good supporting cast. Attackman Orville Wright, who received honorable All-America mention, ranked second in the nation in assists last season, with a total of 84 in college and club matches.

On the Nittany side, Coach Thiel's only last minute lineup change is at close attack, with George Bickelhaupt replacing Dick Klein.

Starting Lineup
"We'll probably have rough sledging on this trip," Thiel said. "Swarthmore is fast and tricky, and they use a zone defense which is very tough to crack—and then there's Blake." "We have a pretty tight defense of our own," he added, "and although we're a little vulnerable to long shots, if we can tighten up around the goal, we'll cause trouble."

The probable starting lineup for the Nittanians will have Captain Wayne Hockersmith, Dave Arnold, and Bob Pawloski, at midfield, Dick Rostmeyer, Tom Goldsworthy, and either Klein or Bickelhaupt, on attack, and Dick Schaefer, Jim Dean and Jim Hay on defense, with Bill McCollough at goal.

Sports Briefs

Pirates Win, 10-5

PITTSBURGH, April 9 (AP)—Home runs by Ralph Kiner, Cal Abrams and Danny O'Connell paced the National League Pittsburgh Pirates to a 10-5 victory over the champion New York Yankees of the American League in Pittsburgh's first exhibition game of the year.

Murry Dickson got credit for the win although he left the mound after giving up nine hits in four innings. Vic Raschi was charged with the loss.

Phils Blank A's

PORTSMOUTH, Va., April 9 (AP)—Robin Roberts limited the Philadelphia Athletics to five hits today as the Philadelphia Phillies blanked their intra-city rivals, 4-0, in an exhibition game.

Roberts struck out seven. Bobby Shantz, the star lefthander of the A's, opened against Roberts and allowed two hits, one run and struckout seven in his five inning trick. Lefty Alex Kellner relieved Shantz in the sixth and promptly was belted for three runs.

'Schnoz' Near Death

OAKLAND, Calif., April 9 (AP) Big Ernie Lombardi, the good-natured "Schnoz" whose career as a major league catcher ran the gamut from batting terror to World Series goat, lay near death today after slashing his throat with a razor blade.

Two emergency blood transfusions kept alive the 45-year-old husky liquor store owner who slit his throat last night at his sister's home and then pleaded "Let me die" to his wife, Berice, when she found him bleeding profusely on a bed.

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