

Sport SPOTLIGHT

By **DICK McDOWELL**
Assistant Sports Editor



PREDICTION: Casey Stengel and his New York Yankees will win their fifth straight World Championship when they meet the Brooklyn Dodgers in the World Series next week.

The Bombers have been given the edge in the odds but many feel that nothing will stop the Dodgers this year. In fact a two dollar bet in Flatbush right now would probably pay a hundred-fold. The clan from across the river just refuses to believe that its "Bums" can be beaten. And small wonder. The Flock dropped only 17 games at Ebbets Field this season so Brooklynites have become accustomed to seeing a winning ball club.

However, we feel a little different in this corner. On paper the two teams are almost evenly matched, but, no matter what the odds, the Bombers are still the best clutch team in baseball. Stengel has a well balanced club, with the required spirit, and plenty of ability.

Position-for-position the Dodgers hold a slight edge—until it comes at pitching—a decided advantage for the Champs here. Roy Campanella is having a great year all around, but Yogi Berra is running a very close second. At first base it's the Dodgers again. Gil Hodges has made a gigantic comeback from last season's series letdown. However, Joe Collins and Don Bollweg are still plenty dangerous. We'll give the Yanks the nod at second. Both Junior Gilliam and Billy Martin are fine fielders and evenly matched at the plate, but Martin has a fiery competitive spirit that has made him a champion.

Phil Rizzuto and Pee Wee Reese are the spark plugs of both clubs. We'll have to call it a draw, adding that we think they are the best two shortstops in baseball today. At third base the Brooks' Billy Cox gets the nod, although he and Gil MacDougal are essentially different type ball players. Cox has a definite edge in the fielding department and owns a slightly higher batting average. However, MacDougal is a home run threat.

Both outfields are terrific. Duke Snyder, Jackie Robinson and Carl Furrillo pack a cannon-load of speed and power. But the Professor's trio—Gene Woodling, Mickey Mantle, and Hank Bauer—compose plenty of baseball muscle. There isn't a weak fielder on either club here, and all six can hit the long ball.

In the pitching department the Yankees move into the lead. With hurlers like Allie Reynolds, Ed Lopat, Ed Ford, John Sain, Bob Kuzava, Jim McDonald, Bill Miller, and rookie Steve Kralcy at his finger tips, 'Ol Case gains a decided advantage in a relatively short series such as the championship classic is. However Charlie Dressen, the Dodger mastermind, can call on some fair country hurlers himself. Carl Erskine, Clem Labine, Billy Loes, and Joe Black form the nucleus of a first-rate staff. Not quite enough, however, to match the Yankees.

Stengel has one more point of strength in his favor, however. His bench is loaded. First of all, there's Johnny Mize, still one of the most dangerous hitters in baseball. The "Big Cat" came off the Yankee bench often as a pinch hitter this season and pounded opposing pitchers at a .600-plus clip. The return of Capt. Gerry Coleman from the Marines along with Andy Carey gives Casey added defensive strength in a pinch. Don Bollweg can step in at first base where he proved himself this season, and Irv Noren is a flashy outfielder who hits in the clutch.

This will be the 46th World Series. There have been many great ones, including last season, when these same clubs met. There have been many thrills, and many letdowns.

This series could be the greatest of them all. Two great ball clubs will clash at Ebbets Field Saturday for the Baseball Championship of the World. We think Casey and his Bombers will overthrow the law of averages which is pushing so strongly against them and win number five.

Back When . . . '36 Harriers Smothered Engineers

If you had been at the Saucon Valley Country Club near Bethlehem on Oct. 17, 1936 you might have been a little bewildered.

Why? Well, how would you feel if you saw seven young men in short trunks running around side by side with their hands linked? You might suspect that they were running from someone, maybe the police. Your suspicions and imagination might have been heightened when you noticed that they all wore cards with numbers on them.

But, if you had gone over to the crowd of men who stood around two men who held a string stretched between them, you might have had some of your questions answered.

If you had asked who the seven men were, you would have learned that they were Lions. You would also have learned that there were some other men chasing them, and that they were Engineers. Makes sense, doesn't it? Engineers chasing Lions!

However, if you had inquired a little bit more you would have learned that the Engineers were from Lehigh University and that the Lions hailed from Penn State. You would have been informed that the string was the finish line for the cross-country race, and that the seven Lions had just swept to a victory over the Engineers, 15-40.

Someone would have told you that the seven men were Howard Downey, Captain, Pete Olexy, Charley Clark, Herb Hazard, Len Henderson, Charley Pierce and Bert Aikman.

You undoubtedly would have heard someone extoll the winning time of 29:03 for the wet and sloppy five-and-a-quarter-mile course. A Lehigh roofer would surely have told you that a Lehigh freshman named Elmer had paced the entire race as he finished with a time of 28:00. He would also have bemoaned the fact that Elmer's time did not count since he had not officially been entered in the competition.

Seeing may be believing, but it may also be bewildering.

Slide Club Hears Navy Cruise Talk

"A Navy Cruise in the Caribbean," an illustrated talk, was presented to 75 persons at the State College Color Slide Club meeting Monday night by Capt. R. H. Groff, commandant of the Department of Naval Science.

Winners in the club's slide contest are Harrison H. Arnold, Robert S. Beese, Barbara Bundy, Donald Emmerson, George Johnson and Michael Lynch. Viktor H. Lowenfeld, professor of art education, judged the photographs.

Lion Line Stalwarts



JESSE ARNELLE, left, and **Rosey Grier** are two linemen who are expected to be key men in the Penn State lineup as the Lions tackle Wisconsin tomorrow in the season opener. Arnelle, a slick pass catching end has been given some mention in pre-season All-American mention. Grier is a 230 pound tackle who is included in the list of the East's best.

'Bums' to Face Reynolds

NEW YORK, Sept. 24 (AP)—It now looks as if Allie Reynolds will hurl the World Series opener for the New York Yankees next Wednesday with Eddie Lopat facing the Brooklyn Dodgers in the second game.

Yankee manager Casey Stengel refused to be pinned down today on his first game starter except to say that Reynolds and Lopat would pitch the first two games. He did not say in what order, though.

Stengel declared he still had not decided on his third game pitcher but indicated the choice lies between righthander Vic Raschi and southpaw Eddie Ford.

Either Raschi or Ford will work against the Boston Red Sox on Saturday. Whichever gets the nod for that game most likely will be the No. 3 starter. The other probably will pitch the fourth game.

Stengel, gunning for his fifth consecutive world title, expressed his satisfaction with the pitching of both Reynolds and Lopat in their last outings. Each worked seven innings and was credited with a victory over the Philadelphia Athletics.

Reynolds fanned 11 and allowed only two hits and no runs Tuesday night. Lopat scattered eight hits and permitted one run yesterday but proved he had fully recovered from a foot injury suffered a week ago.

"Reynolds never looked better," enthused Stengel. "As for Lopat, he, too, showed he was ready for Brooklyn."

SUNRISE TRAILER COURT

Overlooking Bellefonte
SPACE AVAILABLE
★Water ★Sewage ★Power
Phone Bellefonte 4791 or
Write Joe Butler, RD 1, Benner
Pike, Bellefonte

Faculty Club To Hear Coach

Sever Toretti, associate professor of physical education, will address the Faculty Luncheon Club at noon Monday at the State College Hotel.

Toretti, a member of the football coaching staff, will speak on "How to Watch a Football Game."

Weekly club meetings are open to the faculty. Programs will be planned to acquaint faculty members with College activities.

Penn State's pre-season football roster, now under the 50 mark and still dwindling, is the smallest of four since Rip Engle took command in 1950.

The POW-WOW

Open Daily 9 a.m.

Opposite the Post Office!

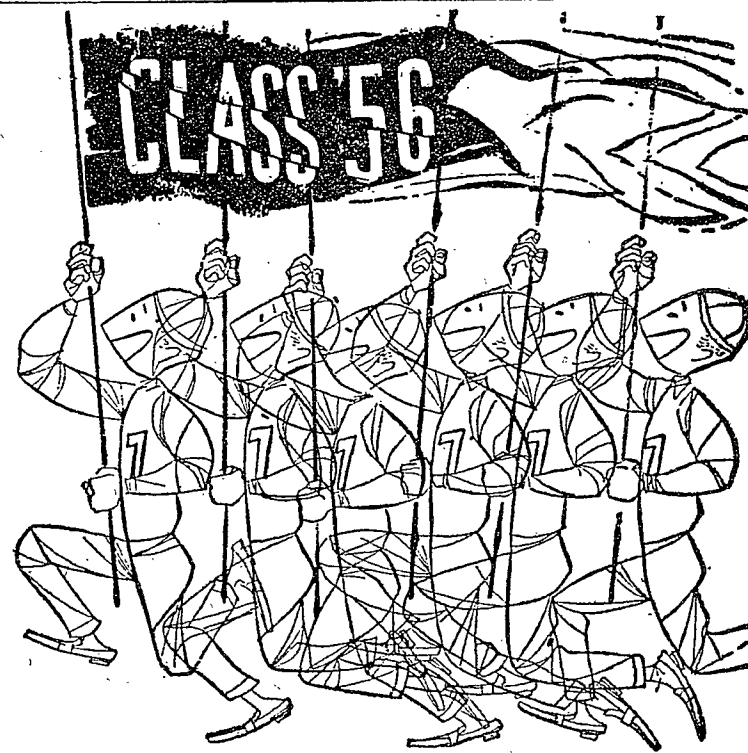
AMERICAN LEGION BALLROOM TYRONE PA.

Presents AMERICA'S FAVORITE COLLEGE BAND

CHARLIE SPIVAK and HIS ORCHESTRA

3 NIGHTS THURS. - FRI. - SAT. SEPT. 24 - 25 - 26

Reservations at LEVINE BROTHER CLOTHING ALLEN ST. - STATE COLLEGE



When you pause... make it count... have a Coke



BOTTLED UNDER AUTHORITY OF THE COCA-COLA COMPANY BY COCA-COLA BOTTLING COMPANY OF ALTOONA "Coke" is a registered trade-mark. © 1953, THE COCA-COLA COMPANY