

# Bedenk Possesses Veteran Infield

By HERM WEISKOPF

The question of "Who's on first?" is no problem this season to Joe Bedenk, Lion baseball coach. In fact, apparently there is not any real trouble anywhere in the infield.

With his regulars returning to handle the base positions, Bedenk seemingly has little to worry about.

Last year's regular first baseman, Pat Kennedy, is getting set for another campaign at that position. The 6' 2", 185-pound junior clubbed the ball at a .273 pace last year. He also did a good defensive job.

In 66 trips to the plate, he collected 18 hits, including one double, three triples, and one home run. Kennedy ranked third on the team with ten runs batted in.

Probably the biggest change in this season's lineup will be the shifting of Ron Weidenhammer, last year's regular shortstop, to centerfield, and putting Francis Bowman at short.

Bowman is a 5' 10" 170 pounder from Williamsport and is highly regarded by Bedenk. He is a former GI and is only a sophomore. Bowman is rated a good fielder and bats and throws from the right side.

### Russo Probably at 2d

Last year's batting champ, second baseman Charlie Russo, is slated to take care of the other half of the doubleplay combination. The smooth fielding, sharp hitting junior, led the Nittany hit parade in 1953 with a .342 average.

Russo also led the Lions in three other departments—runs scored (22), total hits (26), and doubles (seven). He tied for honors by picking up 20 bases on balls. Russo slammed one home run and in the fielding department posted a fine .955 percentage. He took part in six of the nine doubleplays executed last year by the Nittany nine.

Hubie Kline is slated to take care of third base. The 6' 1", 175-pounder is one of two men who have won two baseball letters. The other is pitcher Keith Vesling.

### Slumped Last Year

Last season, Kline slumped to a .188 average after capturing the hitting crown the previous year. In 69 times at bat, Kline picked up 13 hits. He tied Tom Werner for runner-up honors in doubles with five. Kline collected one triple and batted in 17 runs, the same number as Weidenhammer.

Russo and Bowman give the Lions a fine double play combination, and Kennedy and Kline round out what appears to be a topnotch infield. Bedenk said he rated his infield highly and added that it was much better than most college infields.

On paper the infield is a good combination of hitters and fielders. Russo will probably be the leadoff hitter again this season. Bowman and Kennedy are slated to bat third and fifth, and Kline seventh.

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# Kois, 'Pappy' ... Finish Boxing Careers in NCAAs

By ROY WILLIAMS

Two Nittany boxers—Captain Adam Kois and lightweight Harry Papacharalambous—will end their collegiate ring careers next weekend when they enter the National Collegiate Athletic Association tourney at Recreation Hall. Papacharalambous will be the Lions' 125-pound entry, while Kois will climb through the ropes in the 178-pound class.

Winning comes as hard for the 23-year-old boxer as spelling his name comes for others. In 13 outings, the ex-marine, whose friends call him "Pap" for short, has won only three bouts. Before joining the service in 1950, Pappy won 1, lost 4, and drew 1. During the current campaign he has carded a 2-4-1 record as he preps for his first—and last—National tournament.

"It's one of those things," Lion Coach Eddie Sulkowski says. "The kid always gives a good account of himself, and several times he has deserved a better fate."

But Pappy's teammate at the other end of the weight scale, Ko is, has been keeping up his usual winning pace. Two-time Eastern 178-pound champ and runner-up last year to the National crown, Ko is netted a 4-2-1 record as the Lions' captain.

Kois, who has no plans to enter the professional boxing ring after his graduation and a hitch in the Air Force, first got his start in his high school's intramural program. "I did a little coaching during my junior and senior years at German Township High," Ko is remarked.

When asked about his opinion for Penn State's chances in the Nationals, Ko is said:

"I think we'll be stronger than most expect us to be; if we get a few breaks which didn't go our

way during the season, we may give Wisconsin and Idaho State College some trouble.

"In my own weight class, naturally Ray Zale will be entered for Wisconsin's defending 178-pound champ, but I'm more concerned what the West Coast will enter. Zale and I have met four times. Three of those times he won two and we drew one, but they were bouts that were fought in the West. My only win was here in the East.

"Pappy has been having plenty of close decisions called on him. He has been doing better, and maybe with some luck could be right up there."

**SHORT JABS:** Papacharalambous has been married for three years... father of two girls... hails from White Mills (Pa.)... member of Delta Upsilon... his parents chopped off a couple of syllables from their name when it got too cumbersome. Ko is also has been married for three

years and is the father of two girls, one 21 months and another four weeks... Captain in Air Force advanced ROTC... animal husbandry major... member of Delta Upsilon.

### IM Wrestling Corrections

The Daily Collegian erroneously reported yesterday that Bob Powell and Roy Tait lost in the independent intramural wrestling finals. Both wrestlers, however, won their matches. Powell pinned Dave Jones at 3:05 to capture the 135-pound crown and Tait decided Bill Hess, 6-4, in the unlimited championship match.

### Football Managers

Freshman candidates for second assistant football manager may sign up at the Athletic office in Old Main, Coach Rip Engle announced yesterday.

### Bulletin

**CHICAGO, April 2 (AP)—**Tireless Bobo Olson saved his world middleweight title in a rousing battle with courageous welter champ Kid Gavilan tonight by winning the votes of the referee and one judge for a 15-round decision. The other judge scored this blistering "fight of the year" a dead-even struggle.

The near capacity crowd roared in delight as the Cuban Kid matched Olson in a toe to toe slugging bee through the final seconds of the stirring nationally-televised bout between two solid workmen.

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