

# Vesling Named to Pitch Baseball Opener

## Stickmen Face Twice-Beaten Kenyon Today

### Twin-Bill To Launch Campaign

By HERM WEISKOPF

Today is opening day for the Penn State baseball team. Coach Joe Bedenk's squad will face the West Virginia Mountaineers in a doubleheader on the Beaver Field diamond. The first game will start at 1 p.m.

The first contest is slated to go nine innings and the second seven.

Keith Vesling, who posted a 9-2 record last season, will handle the mound duties for the Lions in the opener and Garland Gingerich will pitch the nightcap. However, if Vesling is unable to go the route Gingerich will take over.

In the event that Vesling and Gingerich are both used in the opener, either Dave Lucas or Wendell Larimer will get the call in the second contest.

#### Mountaineers 3-0

Steve Harrik's Mountaineers have won their first three games this spring. Although the Hillbillies were hit hard by graduation they still possess some fine talent.

Penn State and West Virginia first met in baseball combat in 1904 and during the half century since then the Lions have won 25 of 35 games. Last season the two teams split a doubleheader at Morgantown, the Lions winning the first game in 12 innings, 5-4, and dropping the second, 3-0.

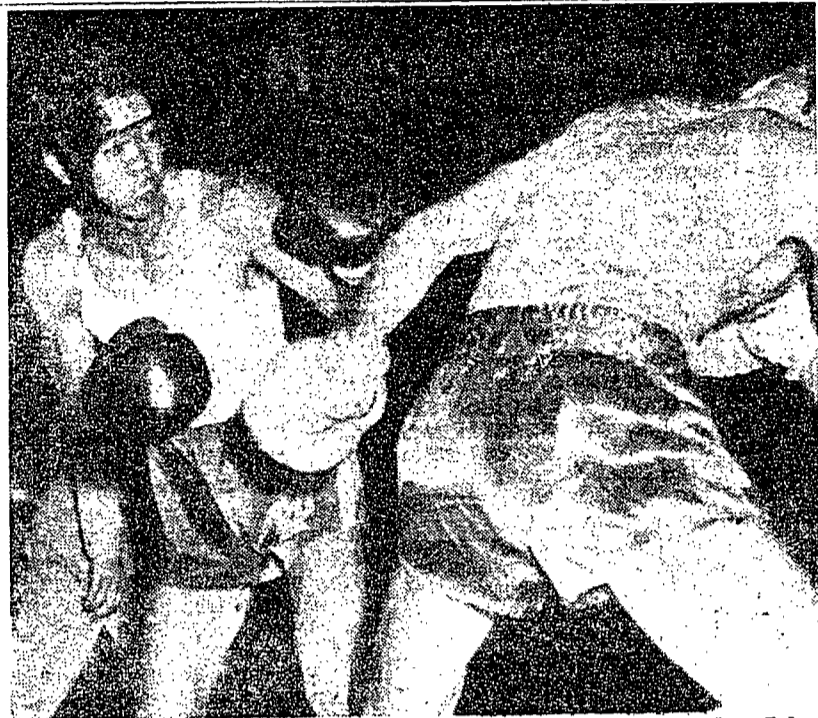
Gingerich posted four wins and three losses last season and led the mound corps with a 1.49 earned run average. Vesling had a 1.83 earned run average for 98 1/2 innings of pitching.

#### Three Good Catchers

George Ettenger will be behind the plate in the first game and either Art Cusick or Phil Saunders will do the catching in the second contest. All three are fine receivers and should fill the gap left by the graduation of Bill Leonard, last year's No. 1 catcher.

The only change from last year's infield will be at shortstop where Francis Bowman will replace Ron Weidenhammer. Bedenk has decided to use Weidenhammer in centerfield this season. Other infielders will be Pat Kennedy at first, Charlie Russo at second, and Hubie Kline at third.

The Penn State lineup for the first game: Russo, 2b; Weidenhammer, cf; Bowman, ss; Werner, rf; Kennedy, 1b; Ettenger, c; Kline, 3b; Bradley, lf; Vesling, p.



HAWAII'S Cyril Okamoto watches a left jab thrown by John Stiglets of Louisiana State which falls short of the mark in their 132-pound match in last night's NCAA boxing action at Rec Hall. Stiglets went on to defeat the Hawaiian, 3-0, to move into the finals tonight.

## Thinclads Open At Ohio Relays

A strong Penn State track and field team opens its 1954 season next Saturday against a field of 10 midwestern colleges in the annual Ohio Relays, at Columbus, Ohio. The Lions will face such formidable entries as Illinois, Purdue, Michigan, Michigan State, Wisconsin, Ohio State, Wayne, Michigan Normal, and Ohio Wesleyan.

A strong possibility also looms that Pitt, Miami, Notre Dame, and Indiana, will get into the act. The four schools are scheduled to meet in dual competition that day but may move the date ahead in order to participate in the meet.

Lion Coach Chick Werner has indicated that he will enter 14 men in the event. The Lions will go through time trials this afternoon and there is a possibility that Werner may add four more participants to the Penn State entry list.

Werner will enter men in the pole vault, shot put, discus throw, broad jump, 120-yard high hurdles, 100-yard dash, one mile run, and 1 1/2 mile run.

In the relays, the Nittanies will be after honors in the distance medley, 880 yard, and one mile relay.

In the field events, Werner will have Captain Dan Lorch gunning for the pole vault win, Rosey Grier

and Chuck Blockson in the weights, and Ron Johnson in the broad jump.

Ten experienced runners with equal abilities will be entered in the running events. Ollie Sax, Dave Leatham, Art Pollard, Skip Slocum, Bob Matz, Bruce Austin, Don Austin, Red Hollen, and Doug Moorhead will all see action on the cinders.

Werner did not indicate who would be running in the various events. That will probably come following the time trials this afternoon.

The Ohio test is actually a tune-up for the giant Penn Relays, scheduled for April 23-24 in Philadelphia. Following that the dual meet season will open. Navy, Pitt, and Michigan State all will appear at Beaver Field. The thinclads finish the season in New York City with Manhattan and finally, the ICAAAA championship.

### Willie Pep Retired By Athletic Group

NEW YORK, April 9 (AP)—Willie Pep of Hartford, Conn., former featherweight champion, was retired from boxing today in New York State as the result of an examination by State Athletic Commission physicians.

Pep was stopped in 1:53 of the second round by Lulu Perez at Madison Square Garden Feb. 26. The referee halted the fight on the automatic 3-knockdown rule and Pep was suspended after the bout.

### Lion Party to Elect Officers Tomorrow

Lion Party Steering committee will elect clique and vice clique chairmen at 2 p.m. tomorrow in 317 Willard.

This will be the first election of clique officers since the enactment of an amendment to the Lion Party constitution providing that clique officers be elected by the steering committee.

### To Exhibit Writings

A collection of books, poems, and other writings by alumni, former students, and faculty will be exhibited at the University Library from Monday until the end of the month.

## Beaver Field is Site Of Lacrosse Game

By EARL KOHNFELDER

The Penn State lacrosse season opens today at Beaver Field when coach Nick Thiel's Lions meet the Kenyon College Lords in a game to begin at 2 p.m.

The visitors from Gambier, Ohio have two games already under their belt and in each case they were defeated. The Lords opened their season with a 12-6 loss to Washington College and followed with a 12-5 loss to Pennsylvania.

Kenyon College, coached by William Stiles, are Mid-Western Champions. Last year the Lords won eight games while dropping only one, 15-6 to Washington College. The defeat did not affect their Mid-West title chances, however. To gain the crown, the Lords had to beat Oberlin and Ohio State University each twice, and Denison once.

Stiles is in the process of shuffling his players in and out of the line-up until he comes up with a winning combination. One boy who is sure to see plenty of action, though, is Toookie Cole. Cole, leading scorer for the Lords last season, has registered four goals to date in two games. He earned a position on the Midwest All-Star first team as a result of the fine play he turned in during last season. He averaged three goals a game.

The Lords are strong on the attack and defense, but lack needed experience at the mid-field. Jack Gammon is the only seasoned player among the five who are expected to see mid-field action. George Thomas and Dick Evans will join Gammon on the tentative starting mid-field line. Bob King and Al McCormick are certain to play, too. The Lords lost a mid-field star by graduation when Bruce Pennington left them last June.

Cole, senior Fred Papsin, and Jim Wallace will form the attack with Al Spievack listed as fourth man. Seniors Butch Aulenback and Joe Culp join Phil Bently in making up the defensive line. Bob First will fit into the defensive picture also.

Stiles will have Rockie Nelson at goal. Three promising freshmen will no doubt see action

against the Lions. A brother act, Dick and Bob Anderson are up-and-coming midfielders, while Curt Riessler is scheduled for duty on defense.

The Kenyon attack, featuring leading scorer Cole, is considered strong, although the loss of Vink Guandolo by graduation was sorely felt by Stiles.

Lion coach Nick Thiel, meanwhile, is sticking with the line-up given earlier in the week. George Bicklehaupt will replace Dave Arnold, injured captain, who is expected to return to action at the beginning of May.

Today's meeting is the first for the two schools. For the past several years the games have been played on the golf course, but today they will return to Beaver Field.

Following are the starting line-ups. While Penn State's may be regarded as definite, Kenyon's line-up is a tentative one.

KENYON	Pos.	PENN STATE
Nelson	goal	Bell
Evans	midfield	Bicklehaupt
Thomas	midfield	Hamel
Gammon	midfield	Fulton
Papsin	attack	Youtz
Cole	attack	Klein
Wallace	attack	Reed
Bently	defense	Hay
Aulenback	defense	Horikawa
Culp	defense	Weidner

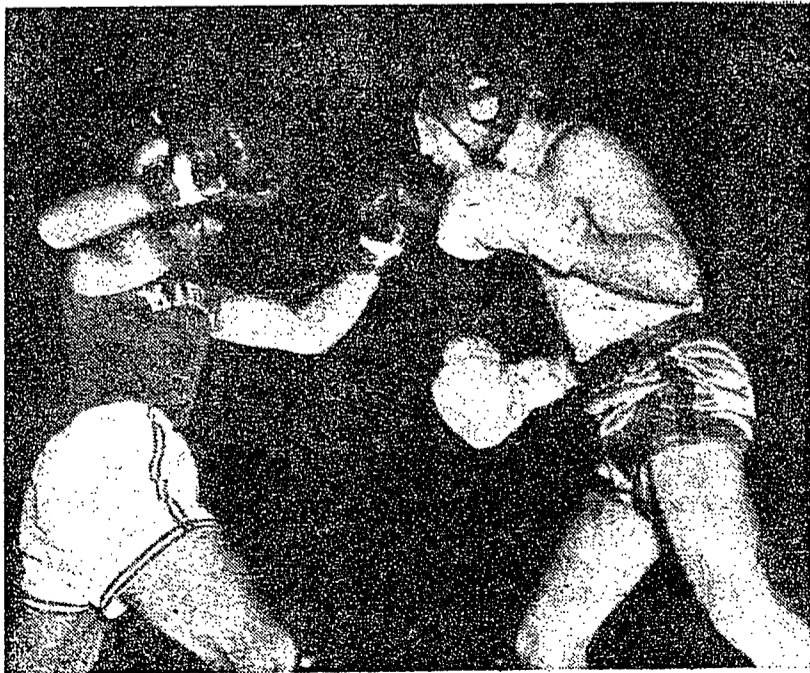
### Wettstone Will Speak

Gymnastics Coach Gene Wettstone will discuss Olympic plans for 1956 before Phi Epsilon Kappa, physical education honorary, at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

### ROTC Group to Paint

The pledge class of Scabbard and Blade, Reserve Officers Training Corps honorary, today will paint bleachers at the Little League Ball Park on Route 45.

## Left to the Head



VINCE PALUMBO, Maryland 132 pounder, is about to connect with a left hook to the head of Jose Rodriguez of San Jose State. The fight was one of the top fights of the night in the final fights in Rec Hall last night. Palumbo decisioned Rodriguez, 3-0.

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