

# 2 Additions Bolster Trackmen's Card

**By HOY WILLIAMS**  
Two additions to the 1955 schedule for Penn State's Centennial outdoor track season have sprinkled the Lions' coming card with the possibility of being the best in the history of the Nittany sport. The additions were announced yesterday.

Head track coach Chick Werner said yesterday that the Drake Relays in Los Angeles, Calif., on April 29-30, and the Coliseum Relay in Los Angeles, Calif., on May 20 have been added to the Lions' four-meet card.

The insertion of the coliseum race necessitated shifting the date of the Pitt meet at Pittsburgh from May 20 to May 18. The Drake Relays set for April 29-30 will fall on the same day that the Lions had originally been scheduled to travel to Philadelphia for the Penn Relays. Werner said, however, that the Lions will have men entered in both meets.

Werner, who recently returned from an armed services track clinic in Japan, said that the schedule changes had been in the planning stage for some time and had been completed after a day of long distance telephoning.

The Lions, who have been practicing for four weeks in preparation for their season opener at Annapolis April 16, in a triangular meet with Navy and Penn will have a busy season ahead of them. Seven of the nine encounters will be on the road and will take the Lions from one end of the country to the other including a stop in the Midwest.

Although the Lions will have only two home meets, Werner is enthusiastic about the triangular meet between Navy, Michigan, and Penn State set for May 7 on Nittany cinders. The meet, which already has the indications of possibly drawing one of the largest local crowds for a track meet, was given added importance by Michigan's victory over Stanford at Palo Alto over the weekend.

Werner said yesterday that he had been counting on a good schedule for the Centennial year and had gotten it. "We have the schedule that we've been counting on for the past couple of years," he said, "and now we have to produce a team that is worthy of it."

Here's the revamped 1955 card: Navy-Penn, April 16, at Annapolis; Ohio State Relays, April 23, at Columbus; Penn Relays, Philadelphia, and Drake Relays, Des Moines, April 29-30; Michigan-Navy, May 7, at home; Boston University, May 14, at home; Pitt, May 18, at Pitt; Coliseum Relays, Los Angeles, May 20; and the IC4A championships in New York, May 27-28.

# Stickmen to Open 3-Game Road Trip

**By FRAN FANUCCI**

Embarking on the roughest schedule in its history, Penn State's lacrosse team opens the 1955 season against Adelphi College Thursday in the first of three away games to be played over Easter vacation.

The 26 man squad will leave Rec Hall at 1 p.m. Wednesday by bus. They will stay at Hofstra College for the entire road trip.

Following the Adelphi contest, Coach Nick Thiel's stickmen will face New Hampshire and then Hofstra. The New Hampshire game will be the second game of a doubleheader, with the first game pitting Army against Hofstra.

### Will Play at Hofstra

The Lions will play two games at Hofstra's field and the Adelphi contest in Garden City, N.Y.

Trying to counter for the lack of experience in the midfield, Thiel will employ a new riding zone defense in an effort to hold the ball and make the opponents play the Nittanies' type game.

The defensive lineup will consist of Herb Horikawa, Bob Bullock, and Evert Weidner. The three men, Thiel said, are very fast, adept passers and good stick handlers. They give us the most aggressive defensive team in a number of years, he said.

### Hamel Leads Offense

Leading the offensive pack will be Bob Hamel, who was runnerup in scoring in 1954 to all-America Jim Fulton. Thiel said that Hamel could possibly be the greatest player he has ever coached. He added that Hamel has the ability and team spirit that Fulton had, but said that he lacks the experience. Jim Hay and Frank Locotos round out the mid-field.

On the attack will be Ron Youtz, who supposedly has the hardest shot on the team, George Bicklehaupt, and possibly Dick Klein or Joe Erwin.

Kent Chestnut, a sophomore, will also see action on the attack.

Thiel said that the team's overall shooting and passing has improved, and said that captain Don Bell has improved considerably in the last week of practice.

Steve Friedman, who dislocated his shoulder in practice, will be in top shape for the Adelphi game, Thiel said.

# DeMarco, Basilio Title Fight Set

**NEW YORK, April 4 (AP)**—Newly crowned welterweight champion Tony DeMarco of Boston will defend his title against top-ranking challenger Carmen Basilio in the Syracuse, N.Y., Memorial Auditorium June 10.

The 15-round bout will be broadcast and telecast over NBC with Syracuse blacked out of the TV. Rochester, Binghamton and Utica, nearby upstate cities, probably will be blacked out of the telecast, too, said Harry Markson, managing director of the International Boxing Club. The IBC will co-promote the scrap with Syracuse promoter Norm Rothchild.

DeMarco won the crown last Friday night by stopping Johnny Saxton in the 14th round in the Boston Garden.

"Band Day," a fixture of the Penn State football season, will be held on Nov. 5 in 1955.

# Lion Nine Prepares For April 13 Opener

Little observance of the forthcoming Easter vacation will be made by the 1955 Penn State baseball team.

With a strong-as-ever 21-game Centennial card awaiting the Lion nine, Joe Bedenk will put his charges through daily paces the remainder of the week and next Monday and Tuesday in preparation for the April 13, Western Maryland opener at Beaver Field.

Little has been provided as to what the Nittanies can expect in their initial foe, other than that the Green Terrors dropped a 10-4 decision last week to Randolph Macon.

Charmed with good weather the past few days, Bedenk has had a good opportunity to decide who will start in at least seven positions when he opens his 25th year as head baseball mentor.

Only pitching and catching still remain question marks. But a deficit in either of these positions alone would be enough to lower any team's chances of a good season, so Bedenk still has a major headache on hand.

**Three Mound Hopefuls**  
On the mound juniors Stan Larimer and Lynn Harbold and sophomore Ed Drapcho lead a list of 10 pitching hopefuls. Bedenk will probably call on one of these three for opening-day mound duties.

Behind the plate Phil Saunders, Norm Van Ord, and Wally Mraz all are shooting for a starting berth. Bedenk must decide between the three, but as yet has given no indication as to who will get the nod.

Whoever the Nittany mentor decides on to compose the battery, they'll be backed up by seven front-runners who own quite a bit of experience, better than average fielding ability, and hitting

power in several spots.

Captain Charlie Russo, Pat Kennedy, Guy Tirabassi, and Ron Weidenhammer seem to have the four infield posts pretty well wrapped up. Three of the four are at least two-year Lion diamond veterans, and newcomer Tirabassi has greatly impressed Bedenk at shortstop.

Kennedy and Russo will be spending their third seasons at first and second, and Weidenhammer will be seeing his third year in the infield and his first at third base. The Lion senior was at shortstop during his freshman and sophomore campaigns, and moved to center field last year.

**Outfield Problem in Hand**  
The outfield, pretty much of a problem when pre-season practice got under way, is at the present just about set. Rex Bradley seems to have left field under control for the third consecutive year, and sophomores Jim Lockerman and Sam Valentine have caught Bedenk's eye at center and right.

However, juniors Bob McMullen and Merl Gerds and sophomore Ken Mally are still pressing for a berth patrolling the outer pastures.

# On the Exhibition Circuit

### Bums Top Braves, 10-8

**NASHVILLE, Tenn., April 4 (AP)**—Ed Mathews drove three home runs out of Sulphur Dell today and also connected for a single but the Milwaukee Braves came out second best in a 10-8 slugging match with the Brooklyn Dodgers. Brooklyn's victory evened the spring series at four victories each.

### Zernial Hits 5th Homer

**COLUMBIA, S.C., April 4 (AP)**—Big Gus Zernial smashed out his fifth home run in as many days today to lead the Kansas City Athletics to a 7 to 1 win over Columbia of the South Atlantic League.

### Indians Trip Giants

**MONTGOMERY, Ala., April 4 (AP)**—Home runs by Wally Westlake and Vic Wertz powered the Cleveland Indians to a 9-5 victory over the New York Giants today, giving the American Leaguers a lead of eight games to seven over the world champions in the exhibition series this spring.

### Pirates Defeat Orioles

**BRUNSWICK, Ga., April 4 (AP)**—The Pittsburgh Pirates, collecting all their runs in two big innings, defeated the Baltimore Orioles 9-8 in a homer-laden exhibition baseball game today.

### Tigers Shatter Atlanta

**ATLANTA, Ga., April 4 (AP)**—The Detroit Tigers defeated the Atlanta Crackers 13-4 today in a game played in the Federal Penitentiary here.



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