

From This Angle...

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DIAMOND DUST AT BEAVER FIELD

The gentlemen charged with the responsibility of running the right field scoreboard at the Beaver Field baseball diamond must have been pulling hair Wednesday afternoon, unless of course, they had an adding machine handy.

Joe Bedenk's Lions, opening what has indications of being a prosperous spring season, waltzed 26 runs across the plate in the tidflitter while three of Bedenk's pitchers held Western Maryland to a measly three.

The Lions, pounding out 17 hits in their 1955 debut, got off to a shaky start, but before they were retired in their half of the first frame, they had the situation well in hand and then trudged through the marathon with ease.

Seven Western Maryland errors marred the contest considerably, but despite the sloppy, sub-par opposition, the Lions gave chilled home fans a pretty good picture of future baseball this spring.

As was expected, Bedenk has an extra fine defensive infield in third baseman Ron Weidenhammer, shortstop Cookie Tirabassi, second baseman Charlie Russo, and first baseman Pat Kennedy. Weidenhammer, Russo, and Kennedy can be placed in the "experienced veteran" category by collegiate standards. The trio has been together for three seasons and both Russo and Weidenhammer are in their fourth year. Tirabassi, a sophomore shows lustre already. He moves with ease in all directions and has a fine arm. His three hits Wednesday indicated, too, that he will be an important man at the plate.

The other three have proved themselves in the field in the past and Bedenk has no worries there. Weidenhammer, who has moved from shortstop to center field in the past two seasons, is a smooth fit at third base. He has quick hands and a good fielding sense. A punch hitter, he spansks the ball when it counts.

Russo is right at home at second base, a spot he's held for three seasons. He's a sure fielder and quick, smooth operator on the double play.

Kennedy is big but still plenty agile around the initial sack where he has found a home for the second season in succession. But he shines brightest with a bat in his hands. Last season he posted a .340 batting average, belted one home run, and collected 16 RBIs. Wednesday he crashed two round trippers to drive across five tallies.

Bedenk has only one veteran in the outfield—Rex Bradley—but has two extra fine newcomers in Sam Valentine and Jim Lockerman. Bradley is a slick, speedy leftfielder who can go either direction. Both Lockerman and Valentine, who don football gear in the fall, are plenty sound in the field and at the plate. Both have speed to go with their size and possess good arms.

Bedenk's two biggest problems at the outset of the season fell in the pitching and catching departments. However, Phil Saunders, a junior, looked good in his debut although he is reportedly weak in his throwing.

On the mound, the Lions (at least against Western Maryland) appear to be in fair shape. Stan Larimer, after a rocky first inning, settled down to pitch fine baseball. He, Ed Drapcho, and Stan Szymanski, held the Terrors to only six hits. Drapcho struck out four during the four innings he worked.

Those three hurlers appear to be Bedenk's main hope, although several sophomores could move into a starting berth as the season develops.

It's hard to classify any team by watching it play one game, but Bedenk's club showed signs of being a good, solid unit Wednesday. The Lions will be sure in the field, (spectacular in some instances), powerful at the plate, they'll run both offensively and defensively, and should win a good share of their 21 remaining contests.

The standard ifs remain. Pitching and catching are an absolute must and there is real hope that both will come through.

Should those problems be solved, 1955 could be another banner year for the Old Master Bedenk who is fielding his 26th Penn State team.

IM Entry Deadline Set For Tennis, Soccer, Golf

Entries for the intramural tennis doubles, soccer teams, and golf teams are due in the intramural office, Rec Hall, by 4:30 p.m. next Friday. Play for tennis and golf will begin April 27.

In the tennis doubles tournament, an organization may enter one team. Independent students need not belong to any organization to enter the tournament. The tourney will be played on a single elimination basis, with opponents arranging the time of the matches. Official tennis rules will govern play, with a match consisting of the best of three sets.

A 50 cent entry fee will be charged for each team. Each organization may enter one golf team consisting of five players. The golf tourney will be on a single elimination basis.

Intramural golfers must pay the green fee or buy a golf ticket. Opposing team members will arrange the time of the matches, with each opposing team member playing 18 holes. One point will be scored by the winner of each individual match, and the team scoring three or more points will win the match. An entry fee of \$1 will be charged for each team.

A soccer team will also consist of five starting players. Each player must wear gym shoes. Games will be played on the soccer practice area on the golf course, with games starting at 6:15 p.m. Each game will be played in halves of 10 minutes. Regular soccer rules, with slight modifications, will govern play. An entry fee of \$1 per team will be charged. Organizations are allowed to enter one team.

Nittany Track Lineup Set For Opener With Navy

By ROY WILLIAMS

Coach Chick Werner and his 1955 outdoor track squad will leave at noon today by bus for Annapolis, where they will inaugurate the Centennial card that will keep them busy until May 28. The Lions visit Navy, which will also host Penn in the triangular season-opener.

Werner named a 20-man squad that will represent the Lions' in the 15 events. The Lions are expected to maintain the bulk of their strength in the 100- and 220-yard dashes, the mile relay, the shot and discus, and the low and high hurdles.

In the 100- and 220-yard dash junior Art Pollard and sophomore Harry Mitchell will get the call. Pollard equalled one record and set another Penn State mark last year, and then went on to place second in the indoor dash events in the 1955 IC4A races.



Charlie Blockson
Enters Discus, Shotput

Soccer Managers

Candidates for assistant managerial posts in soccer are asked to sign up today at the Athletic Association office, 249 Rec Hall.

Baseball—

(Continued from page six) hitter in the seventh, pitched far better than the score indicated and should prove a boon to the transplanted Philadelphia A's. Sonny Dixon yielded the final two runs in the eighth.

The A's lone run came in the seventh on Jim Finigan's leadoff triple and Bill Renna's infield out.

Cubs Cop 3rd Straight

CINCINNATI, April 14 (AP)—The Chicago Cubs won their third straight game of the National League season today, defeating the Cincinnati Redlegs, 6 to 4, in 10 innings in a contest that wound up in a battle of home runs.

The Bruins won that circuit blow duel, 3 to 1, with Ransom Jackson, always a bad man against Cincinnati, providing the homer that clinched the verdict.

Howard First Negro To Play for Yankees

BOSTON, April 14 (AP)—Elston Howard, playing leftfield, became the first Negro ever to appear in a major league baseball game in a New York Yankee uniform today during the contest with the Boston Red Sox.

Howard replaced Irv Noren who was banished by Umpire Bill McKinley in the sixth inning. Howard started the seventh and singled in a run in his first turn at bat in the eighth. He was later doubled off second base when Boston's Ellis Kinder speared Ed Robinson's line drive.

Boston won the game 8-4.

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Pollard streaked to a 9.6 sec. in the century race last year tying times set by three former Lion runners. In the 220 he scraped the Lion books to pen in a mark of 20.5 sec.

In the 440 event junior Bruce Austin and Dave Leatham, a senior, have been named for the Lions. A three-man combination, including Skip Slocum and Al Terrill—both seniors—plus Bob Matz, a 6-1 junior from Upper Darby, will enter the 880.

Two juniors—Doug Moorhead and Jim Pastorius—and sophomore Paul Roberts will run the mile and seniors Ted Garret and John Chillrud and Roberts will enter the two-mile grind.

Grier, Blockson in Weights
In the shot, discus, and javelin the Lions' hopes will rest on footballers Rosey Grier, co-captain, Charley Blockson, and Herb Hollowell. Grier, who finished first in the shot put in the indoor IC4A's this year, and Blockson have formed a valuable one-two punch in the past. Last year Grier set a Penn State mark in the shot put with a 55' 8 1/2" heave.

Blockson and Grier will handle the shot put detail and will also move into the discus-throwing department, with Hollowell set to add the third throw. In the past Blockson's specialty has been the discus, but he also has hit 50 feet with the 16-pound shot. Grier and Hollowell will team up to throw the javelin.

Perry Leads Hurdles

In the hurdling departments Rod Perry, Bill Youkers, and Gary Seybert will get the call. Perry a 6-1, 181-pound sophomore from Coatesville will run both the high and low hurdling events.

This year in the IC4A's indoor hurdles Perry finished second. In the Philadelphia Inquirer Games last January he streaked over the boards in the 50-yard high hurdles in six seconds to tie a world mark and defeat Harrison Dillard, Olympic sprinting champ.

Bill Youkers placed third behind Perry in the hurdles this year when the Lions finished third with 18 points in the indoor IC4A run.

Hollowell Enters Four

Hollowell, a sophomore, who will be juggled in and out of the javelin, discus, and broad jump, will also work the high jump chores with Perry. He made his first impression by finishing fourth in the IC4A's this year.

Werner did not name his choices to make up the quartet for the Lions' mile relay entry. He said the four-man squad would be named on the spot at the meet, but would probably include sprinters and one-half and quarter milers.

After the Navy-Penn dual meet the Lions will travel to Columbus and the Ohio State Relays, and then the Penn Relays and Drake Relays on April 29-30 before returning home for a two-meet home stand with Navy and Michigan in a triangular meet May 7 and Boston University May 18.

Major League Standings

By The Associated Press
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 3
Chicago 6, Cincinnati 4
Brooklyn 10, New York 8
St. Louis 2, Milwaukee 7

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chicago	3	0	1.000	
Brooklyn	2	0	1.000	3/4
Philadelphia	2	0	1.000	1 1/2
Milwaukee	1	1	.500	1 1/2
St. Louis	1	1	.500	1 1/2
Pittsburgh	0	2	.000	2 1/2
New York	0	2	.000	2 1/2
Cincinnati	0	3	.000	3

Today's Games
Brooklyn at New York—Loes (12-8) vs. Gomes (17-9).

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh—Moyer (0-0) vs. Bowman (0-0).

Only games scheduled.
AMERICAN LEAGUE
Chicago 7, Kansas City 1
Boston 8, New York 4
Cleveland 5, Detroit 3
Baltimore at Washington, postponed

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	2	0	1.000	
Cleveland	2	0	1.000	
New York	1	1	.500	1
Chicago	1	1	.500	1
Washington	1	1	.500	1 1/2
Kansas City	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Detroit	1	2	.333	1 1/2
Baltimore	0	2	.000	2

Today's Games
Cleveland at Detroit—Score (0-0) vs. Lary (0-0).
New York at Boston—Turley (14-16) vs. Brewer (10-9).
Only games scheduled.

Football Absentees

Only major absentees from spring football practice at Penn State other than Lenny Moore, an academic casualty, are sophomores Sam Valentine and Jim Lockerman. Valentine, former all-State schoolboy guard, and Lockerman, fullback aspirant, are among the top candidates for outfield positions on the baseball team.

STATE NOW

Bing Crosby Grace Kelly William Holden

"THE COUNTRY GIRL"

—Featuretime—
1:30, 3:25, 5:30, 7:35, 9:45

Today's WARNER theatres

Doors OPEN 1:15 p.m.

Jeff Hunter - Debra Paget
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