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DIAMOND DUST AT BEAVER FIELD

The gentlemen charged with the responsibility of running the mile relay, the shot and discus, and the low and high hurdles. right field scoreboard at the Beaver Field baseball diamond must have been pulling hair Wednesday afternoon, unless of course, they thed an adding machine handy.

Joe Bedenk's Lions, opening what has indications of being a osperous spring season, waltzed 26 runs across the plate in the idlifter 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 pest 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 spanks 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 RBI's. Wednesday he crashed two round trippers to drive across five tallies.

Bedenk has only one veteran in the outfield-Rex Bradleybut 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 hitter in the seventh, pitched far Szymanski, held the Terrors to only six hits. Drapcho struck out four during the four innings he worked. 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.



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

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.

Pollard streaked to a 9.6 sec. in the century race last year tying ters and one-half and quarter times set by three former Lion milers.

runners. In the 220 he scraped the After the Navy-Penn dual meet Lion books to pen in a mark of the Lions will travel to Columbus and the Ohio State Relays, and 20.5 sec.

In the 440 event junior Bruce then the Penn Relays and Drake Austin and Dave Leathem, a sen-ior, have been named for the home stand with Navy and Mich-Lions. A three-man combination, home stand with Navy and Mich-including S k i p Slocum and Al igan in a triangular meet May 7 Terrill — both schiors — plus Bob and Boston University May 18.

Matz, a 6-1 junior from Upper Durby, will enter the 880.

Two juniors- Doug Moorhead and Jim Pastorius—and sopho-more 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 shotput with a 55' 8¼" 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.

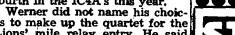
Perry Leads Hurdlers

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 be-hind Perry in the hurdles this year when the Lions finished third with 18 points in the indoor IC4A run.

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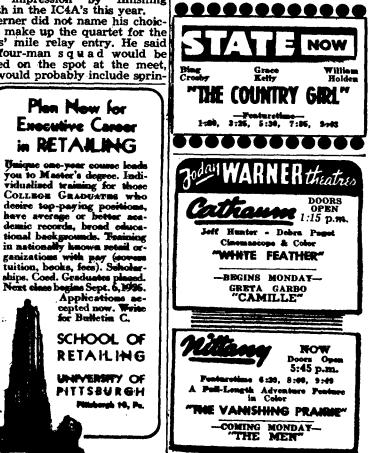
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Brewer (10-9). Only games scheduled.

Football Absentees

Only major absentees from spring football practice at Penn State other than Lenny Moore, an academic casualty, are sopho-mores Sam Valentine and Jim 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 there with Borry He made his team.



Baseball

Rec Hall.

Soccer Managers

(Continued from page six) transplanted Philadelphia Á's. Sonny Dixon yielded the final two runs in the eighth.

Charlie Blockson

Enters Discus, Shotput

Candidates for assistant man

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asked to sign up foday at the

Athletic Association office, 249

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 es to make up the quartet for the League season today, defeating Lions' mile relay entry. He said

st and there is real hope that both will come through. Should those problems be solved, 1955 could be another banner 10 innings in a contest that wound named on the spot at the meet, year for the Old Master Bedenk who is fielding his 26th Penn up in a battle o home runs. but would probably include sprin-State team.

IM Entry Deadline Set For Tennis, Soccer, Golf

For Tennis, Soccer, Golf Intramural ten-is doubles, soccer teams, and golf tams 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 termined of the socred by the winner of each is doubles, soccer teams, and golf tams 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 termined of the socred by the winner of each is doubles, socred by the winner of each be scored by the winner of each with each opposing team members will be scored by the winner of each with each opposing team member playing 18 holes. One point will be scored by the winner of each who was banished by Impire Bill

In the tennis doubles tourna- individual match, and the team who was banished by Umpire Bill nent, an organization may enter scoring three or more points will McKinley in the sixth inning. ne team. Independent students win the match. An entry fee of Howard started the seventh and leed not belong to any organiza- \$1 will be charged for each team. singled in a run in his first turn ion to enter the tournament. The A soccer team will also consist ourney will be played on a sin-le elimination basis, with oppo-player must wear gym shoes. ents arranging the time of the Games will be played on the socnatches. Official tennis rules will cer practice area on the golf overn play, with a match con-isting of the best of three sets. 50 cent entry fee will be hadged for each team. Regular soccer rules, with slight Each organization may enter modifications, will govern play. me golf team consisting of five An entry fee of \$1 per team will layers. The golf tourney will be m on a single elimination basis. lowed to enter one team.

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

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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