

Drapcho Mound Choice In Penn Game Today

Baseball Coach Joe Bedenk is apparently convinced that for the Lions to continue on their winning ways he will have to throw Ed Drapcho into pitch at every possible opportunity. Bedenk has named Drapcho as his starting pitcher in today's ball game with the University of Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, the third pitching assignment in seven days for the tiny lefthander.

Drapcho has not allowed an earned run to cross the plate in the 23 innings he has pitched this year, which should be considered remarkable because of the teams the Lions have faced.

Drapcho has faced perennial powerhouse Lafayette and allowed them only three hits, and has five-hitted the powerful West Virginia Mountaineers, besides hurling four scoreless innings against Gettysburg in a relief role.

If Drapcho gets into trouble against Penn Bedenk has righthander Stan Larimer, who although being the Lions' second ranking pitcher, is just as effective as a relief hurler.

The rest of the lineup continues to remain intact with the exception of the rightfield spot. Bedenk may start Dave Watkins in right if Penn starts a lefthander, but if a righthander draws the starting assignment then John McMullen will be the number one man.

Don Stickler, who has been hitting at a hot pace the past few games, will catch; lanky Gary Miller will play first, Lou Schneider will be at second, Guy Tirabassi will play shortstop, and Steve Baidy will cover third base.

In the outfield, besides McMullen or Watkins, Bedenk has his captain, Bob McMullen, in leftfield and Jim Lockerman in center. McMullen pulled out of his slump against West Virginia, banging two doubles in the opener.

The Lions return home tonight. They will leave for West Point Tuesday for a game Wednesday with Army.

Lions Face Penn Court Jinx Today

The Penn State tennis team will be seeking to overcome a losing streak of fourteen games to the University of Pennsylvania today at the latter's home courts at Philadelphia. The Lion squad has never beaten the Quakers since the series between the two began in 1911.

Last year the hosts downed the Nittanies, 8-1. The Quakers, this year, have played only one match. Owing to inclement weather they have had to postpone their first two matches and have been hampered by many of the same obstacles that the Lions have sought to overcome—cold weather and lack of practice.

The Penn team will have only two of the same men that faced the Lions last year in today's lineup, having lost the rest of their varsity via graduation. Ray Moock and Ben Brown will be the two 1955 winners going for Penn today.

The Lion squad will offer no radical change in their lineup. Coach Fogg stated that the team being fielded is the best he has to offer, that he is waiting for them to click, and that, aside from advancing Al Williams up to the singles list, there will be no changes.

The Lions have had to do without some much needed practice in the past week due to the weather. Coach Fogg said he hoped the team would show more persistence in its playing against Penn than they did when facing Maryland last Saturday.

After the match in Philadelphia the Nittany team will meet Colgate at Hamilton, New York, Friday before the next home contest against Bucknell on May 1.

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Pat Kinney and Doug Caldwell will be in the outfield with a third yet to be named from among the late choices of Egli.

Freshman Nine In Home Debut

Penn State's practice-lacking freshman baseball team swings into initial action today on the Beaver Field diamond under the watchful eye of coach John Egli. The opponent is Kiski Prep and game time is 2:30.

Limited to four practice sessions by inclement weather, Egli will get a better line on the team today when he will attempt to insert into the line-up most of the nineteen boys scheduled to dress.

Nineteen uniforms were handed out with Egli expecting to add a few more to stock a thin outfield. Egli has seen enough of the team, however, to pour lavish praise on Cal Emery and Marlin Stover, former teammates at Centre Hall High School.

Both are big lefthanders and, according to Egli, can be counted on to either pitch or play first base. Egli, who was particularly impressed with Emery's show at the plate, has nominated the hefty southpaw to start on the mound.

Egli will relieve Emery with Stover and possibly give Wayne Breisch and Winston Sandler a chance to show their wares. Tom Swierczewski will be the first to don the mask.

Tom Botlock and Carmen Palmiero will share first base duty. Don Meyer will probably start at second while Robert Hoover and John Yeosock will open up

Lion Trackmen Bid for Titles In Ohio State Relays Today

Twelve Penn State trackmen make their bids for individual and relay team championships this afternoon in the star-studded Ohio State Relays at Columbus, Ohio.

Captain Art Pollard and hurdler Rod Perry spearhead the Nittany hopes in the relays while Doug Moorhead and freshman Ed Moran carry the bulk of the load in the individual distance events. Charlie Blockson and John Tullar are the lone Lion entries in the weight competition.

Pollard, Perry, Jim Norton, and Bruce Austin are slated for the 440 and 880 relays. Pollard, Austin, and Norton are also entered in the 300-yard dash.

Perry, Gary Seybert, Dick Winston, and either Ogier Norris or Bob Findley will comprise the Nittany shuttle hurdles relay en-

try. Perry and Winston also are entered in the 120-yard high hurdles, with Winston slated to handle the broad jumping chores.

Moorhead is entered in the individual mile and 1½-mile run with Moran running in the mile and 1000-yard competition.

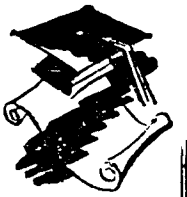
Blockson and Tullar will do the Lion shot and discus throwing while Norris enters the pole vault and Findley the high jump.

Michigan and Michigan State are expected to be among the strongest entries in the relays with Pittsburgh and Notre Dame running in contention.

The individual events are loaded with such top name stars as Harrison Dillard in the hurdles, Arnie Sowell in the 1000 and 600-yard runs, and Dave Owens in the shot put.

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