

Lions Meet Pitt, Buckeyes

7 Trackmen Enter Final Home Meet

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Seven Penn State trackmen will make their final home appearance at 1:30 this afternoon when the Lion runners host Pittsburgh and Ohio State at Beaver Field.

Captain Art Pollard, Bruce Austin, Charlie Blockson, Doug Moorhead, Charlie Aungst, Dave Bronstein, and Ralph Snyder, bring to a close their collegiate track careers in what, according to Coach Chick Werner, is the biggest home attraction on the Lion schedule. An eighth senior, Gery Seybert, will not compete in the meet due to an injury in his left leg.

Pollard, a Lion standout in his three years of varsity competition, will again run in his two specialties—the 100- and 220-yard dashes. He holds the Penn State record in the 220 in :20.5 and is co-holder of the 100 mark with a :09.6 time.

Undecided in 100

Pollard's partner in the 100 depends on the strategy employed by Pitt coach, Karl Olson. Should Olson choose to run his star Arnie Sowell in the mile, Werner will use Dean Rossi in the sprint. If Sowell runs the 440, however, Jim Norton will enter the 100 with Rossi moving to the 440.

Austin will join the Lion captain in the 220, besides running in the 440 where he will be the Lions' top threat to Sowell. Austin set a new Penn State mark in the 440 two weeks ago against the Quantico Mariner in :48.4.

4 Lions in Weights

Blockson will carry the Nittany burden in both the shot and discus while Aungst will throw only the discus. Sophomore John Tular will be the Lions' number two entry in both weight events with Frank Urban making his varsity debut in the shot and discus.

Penn State hopes received a boost when it was announced that hurdler Rod Perry would enter the meet. Perry is slated for a 120-yard high hurdles assignment and will run the 220 lows if he feels fit.

Dick Winston will be the second Lion entry in the hurdles with Ogier Norris and Bob Findley standing by in case Perry is unable to compete in the lows.

Moorhead to Run Mile

Moorhead and Don Woodrow are the only two Lions entered in the mile run with Barry Mowry, making his first start since the Navy meet early in the season, joining them in the two-mile event.

Juniors Ron Lewis and Dave Nash will be the two Lion standard bearers in the 880-yard run



CAPTAIN ART POLLARD (top right), Bruce Austin (lower left), and Charlie Blockson (lower right), bring the curtain down on their track careers against Pitt and Ohio State today.

—another of Sowell's top events.

Werner named five men to enter the high jump, the Lions' weakest event. Norris, Findley, Ralph Snyder—also making his first start of the year—Alex Milligan, and possibly Perry, are slated for the high jumping chores.

Winston Tops Broad Jumpers

In the broad jump, the Lion mentor selected Winston, Milligan, and Bronstein as his entries. Winston developed into the top broad jumper on the squad after Herb Hollowell was injured in the Quantico Relays.

Norris will be the lone Nittany entry in the pole vault while Werner remained undecided as to his mile relay quartet, preferring to wait and see how the meet develops.

An interesting sidelight on the meet is that all three coaches—Werner, Olson, and Ohio State's Larry Snyder—had a hand in the 1952 Olympics at Helsinki while Werner and Snyder conducted track and field schools in Japan for the past two years.

Lion Yearlings Host Pittsburgh

The Lion frosh track squad host the Pitt yearlings in its final meet of the season today at Beaver Field. The meet will be run simultaneously with the varsity encounter.

Ed Moran, frosh sensation all season, will lead the Lions in quest of their first win of the season. Moran will enter the mile and two-mile runs, forsaking his usual middle distance chores.

Dick Duswalt will be the number one man in the pole vault, shot put and high jump. He will also enter the javelin and 100-yard dash.

Fred Kerr and Clem Schoenebeck—two standouts from the frosh cross country team—join Moran in the distance runs while Bob Manning and Chet Cotton round out the 100-yard dash entries.

Pitt Hosts Nittanies In Twin-Bill Today

Baseball Coach Joe Bedenk, sticking to the age-old adage of "never change a winning combination," will use his aces of the mound staff—Ed Drapcho and Stan Larimer—and will start the same lineup he has used all season when the Lions meet arch-rival Pittsburgh this afternoon at Pitt.

Bedenk has been successful in 14 out of 16 games with his stationary lineup. Behind the plate will be Don Stickler, Gary Miller will be at first, Lou Schneider will cover second, Guy Tirabassi will be at shortstop, with Steve Baidy at third, captain Bob McMullen in left, Jim Lockerman in center, and Jack McMullen in right.

The Lions, eyeing a District Two play-off berth, will be seeking their 10th and 11th consecutive wins and 15th and 16th of the year.

Drapcho, the probable starter in the opener, is after win number seven while Larimer is after his fifth. Larimer will start the seven-inning nightcap.

May Have Best Record

If the Lions sweep the twin-bill today and beat Lehigh in the season's finale Wednesday they will emerge with the best Lion baseball record in the past decade. Last year's team won 17 and dropped four in regular season play, but lost the first round playoff game in the District Two eliminations.

The 1952 club, which won the District Two playoffs, was the last Nittany team to advance into the "College World Series" at Omaha, Neb. At the finals the Lions won two and lost two, ending in third place. They had a 17-6 season record that year.

4 Teams to be Picked

The four teams which will be fighting it out for District honors will be picked at the end of the month.

Today's host, Pitt, although strong at the plate is having difficulty finding pitchers and consequently has dropped 12 games while winning only two. It was beaten in its last outing, Wednesday, by Navy, 9-2. The Lions defeated the Middies last Saturday, 4-3, coming up with two runs in the last of the ninth.

Last year the Lions beat Pitt in two games, 20-5 and 6-5, which brought the overall series total to 47 wins for the Lions and 19 wins for Pitt. The two teams first met in 1897, making it one of the longest series in the East.

Drapcho Beat Pitt in '55

Drapcho was the starting pitcher in the second game last year and gave up nine hits, one of the highest amounts garnered off him all year.

Larimer started the first game but was relieved early in the game after the Lions had scored 11 runs in the third inning.

The final game with Lehigh will be played at Bethlehem. Although the game is still four days away the probable starting pitcher is Drapcho.

Tennis Leaders Win; 3 Teams Advance in Golf

Roger Beidler and Dick Kuhn, Theta Delta Chi, continue to pace the fraternity tennis doubles tournament while Dave Bronstein and Chuck Adams lead the independents.

Beidler and Kuhn have advanced to the semifinals of flight 1 by defeating Sam McKibben and Ron Casarella, Phi Kappa Tau, 6-0, 6-2.

Their semi-final opponents will be Don Kauffman and Bill Seccours, Alpha Chi Sigma, or Chris Kuebler and Dave Peters, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

Jim Quinn and Art Moyer, Delta Tau Delta, have also entered the flight 1 semi-finals. The pair outlasted Jim Schry and Tom Fitzpatrick, Phi Delta Theta, 2-6, 11-9, 6-1.

In flight 2, Joe Galiardi and John Bergey, Tau Kappa Epsilon, entered the semi-finals when they stopped Joe Godzik and Allan Krall, Phi Mu Delta, 6-1, 6-1. Four pairings are fighting for the semi-final berth opposite Galiardi and Bergey.

Carl Bull and Fred Thompson, Lambda Chi Alpha, oppose Erv Schimmel and Marv Trimas, Zeta Beta Tau, in the other flight 2 semi-final match.

In the independent tourney, Bronstein and Adams eliminated Ron Walker and Jim Hepler 7-5, 6-2, to enter the Indie finals.

Bob Murray and Dave Ritchie will oppose one of three Indie entries for the other finals berth.

In the golf tourney, Sigma Nu placed in the quarter-finals, Alpha Chi Sigma earned a semi-final position, and Phi Kappa Sigma also entered the semi-final round in sparse action this week.

'Nine' to Lose 3 Men

Penn State stands to lose only three players by graduation from its current baseball team. Outgoing seniors are outfielder Bob McMullen, of Milesburg; second baseman Lou Schneider, of Philadelphia; and pitcher Stan Larimer, of Ebensburg.

Linksmen Meet Lehigh Today

Two new faces will be in the lineup when the Penn State golf team faces the Lehigh University linksmen at 1:30 today on the University greens.

Johnny Felus and Lou Riggs are the lineup changes, replacing Leo Kukkola and Jim Ginsberg. Felus will be making his first start, but Riggs has already played, and won, one match. His victory came at the expense of Syracuse's Stan Okoniewski May 2.

Felus is a sophomore making his first collegiate start while Riggs is a former regular, finding it tough to crack the lineup after a tour of duty in the service.

Today's action is the first dual meet for the Lions since they dumped Syracuse, 7-0, over two weeks ago.

The linksmen will be looking for their seventh victory, against only one loss. Their only defeat, to Georgetown, was avenged

slightly in the Eastern Championships. The Lions finished second and Georgetown fifth.

The Lehigh squad is led by Philipsburg's Dave Bates, who got their only win in last year's 7-1 loss to the Lions. Bates beat Gus Gerhart 6 and 5.

Bates will probably face Nittany captain Jim Mayes in today's match. Bates owns a win over the Lion leader, having beaten him in the Philipsburg Country Club Championship last summer.

The two former teammates at Philipsburg High School have never met in a dual meet while in college, however. Another of their former high school teammates, John Branish, will be in the Lion lineup today.

Besides the two newcomers, Coach Rutherford will present

Jim Mayes, Pat Rielly, Gus Gerhart and John Branish in quest of a fifth straight victory over the Engineers. The Lions have won all four previous matches since the series began in 1951.

Gerhart and Branish also have personal streaks riding in today's encounter. Gerhart will be after his 14th dual meet victory in his last 15 starts, while Branish will be trying to extend an 11-match win streak.

Today's match will be played on a best-ball basis. In this type of play one point is awarded for each individual game, and the match, plus another point to the low scorer on each hole.

Trust Boasts 3 Talents

Aside from wielding a varsity tennis racket and booting for the Lion soccer team, Fred Trust has acquired a reputation as a singer. Sporting a powerful larynx in the tenor pitch, Trust is constantly in demand as a vocalist at gatherings.



Riggs



LEFTHANDED pitching sensation Ed Drapcho and strikeout whiz Stan Larimer were named by Coach Joe Bedenk as the Lion starters in today's doubleheader against Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh. Drapcho will be out for his seventh win and Larimer his fifth.