

Lion Pitchers—Well-Balanced With Depth

# Nittany Pitching Strong; Drapcho Heads Staff

This is the first in a series of articles covering the positions on the Penn State baseball team. Today: the pitchers.

Pitching, usually a major problem for most baseball coaches, is not expected to give Lion baseball mentor Joe Bedenk any serious headaches this coming season.

In fact, Bedenk thinks that this year's staff has more depth than the 1956 contingent which hurled the Lions to a creditable 16-3 regular season record and a berth in the NCAA District Two playoffs. N.Y.U. walloped the Lions, 15-9, in the playoffs.

A look at the present roster will uphold his conviction. The mainstay of the Lion staff will of course be southpaw Ed Drapcho—probably the number one collegiate pitcher in the East.

Drapcho topped the Lion hurlers last year in both the won-loss and earned-run-average columns with a 7-1 record and a remarkable 0.91 ERA. He also was the strikeout leader with 83 and led the squad in innings-pitched with 80 1/2.

What can Bedenk say about his star hurler without repeating himself? He knows the wiry southpaw will be the top man on the club and lets it go at that.

Sophomore Cal Emery, another



Ed Drapcho  
Top Lion Hurler

not centered on the southpaw side of the mound. Junior Ron Smith and senior Lynn Harbold both give the Lions fairly strong righthanded balance.

Bedenk expects Smith, who posted a 3-0 record last year, to be stronger this season than he was last year. He will probably be used in spot starting assignments.

Harbold, who was ineligible last season, pitched mostly in relief during his sophomore year. Lacking a good curve, he pitches to spots and has good control, according to Bedenk's assistant, Chuck Medlar. He too will probably be used in spot starting roles.

Senior Stan Syzmanski could turn into a regular Lion starter if he gains his badly-needed control. According to Medlar, the left-handed Syzmanski is fast and has a good curve, but he is wild. He needs control to start Medlar said.

Southpaw sophomores Dave Simmers and Mel Stover and righthanded sophomore Ron Reise will probably complete Bedenk's hurling staff. Bedenk said that he will probably use them as he sees fit.

Bedenk summed it up when he said: "Our pitching and catching are sound." Medlar added that "they aren't all world beaters, but average college pitchers." You can be certain of this: neither Lion chieftain is losing much sleep over pitching deficiencies.

fast lefthander, is expected to fill the number two role for the Lions this year. "He's a good hard thrower with a good curve," Bedenk said. "I wouldn't be surprised if he'd be the number two pitcher on the team."

But, all of Bedenk's talent is

## IM Champions



John Krall  
Independent Winner

Al Jacks  
Fraternity Champ

# Jacks, Krall Win IM Handball Titles

Al Jacks, Beta Theta Pi, and independent John Krall won the 1957 IM handball championships last night at Recreation Hall.

Jacks lived up to the favorite's role by outplaying Tau Kappa Epsilon's Don Harnett, last year's indie runner-up. The Lion griddler copped both games, 21-16, 21-15, after eliminating Don Snyder of Alpha Zeta, 13-21, 21-13, 21-5, in Monday's semifinals.

Harnett gained the finals by ousting Sigma Chi's Jim Keith, 21-10, 19-21, 21-14, in the semi's. The TKE handballer displayed a variety of effective shots, but failed to score with Jacks' authority.

In the first game Jacks got off to an 8-3 lead, only to have Harnett bounce back to knot the count at 8-8. From there Jacks, slamming well off the sides, went on to win without further trouble.

The Beta ace looked very good off the back wall in the second tilt. Again Harnett came from behind, turning a 12-7 deficit into a 14-12 advantage.

Throughout the match's remainder Jacks utilized his killing ability to win going away.

Krall relied on speed and effective slamming to top Vinkovich for the indie crown. Vinkovich, who reached the semifinals last year, played back wall caroms

## 'S' Club Elects Officers Tonight

The varsity "S" Club will meet at 10 p.m. tonight in Sigma Pi to elect officers for the coming term.

The nominations were drawn in the last meeting of the athletic organization.

Present officers are Paul Roberts, president; Dutch Walz, treasurer and Herb Hollowell, secretary.

Plans for an alumni association is also on the agenda for tonight's meeting.

The club's annual banquet will be held April 3 in the State College Hotel.

smoothly, but could not keep up with Krall's fast pace.

Trailing, 6-2, in the first game, Krall rebounded to even the score, then pulled away to win easily.

## Alpha Sig, Dark Horses Top IM Play

John Carpenter led the Dark Horses to a 4-0 intramural independent bowling League victory over the Timmy's with a 226 single game and 566 three game total Monday night.

In other B bowling, Pollock 12 shutout the Oddballs, 4-0, behind Hembold's 221-557 series. The Nittany 36'ers and the Nittany Glassers battled to a 2-2 stalemate. Carl Cook of the Glassers was high man with a 217-543 total.

Nittany 23 posted a 3-1 victory over the RAR's and were led by Soltis's 181-500 series. The Newman Club, led by Jerry Finn and Marv Cable, tallied a 3-1 win over McKee V.

In the sixth League B match, the Gutter Ballers topped the Atherton Men, 3-1. The Gutter Ballers' Klein was single game man with a 179 score while McIntosh of the Atherton Men captured the three-game title with 484 pins.

League A play saw the Bowlovers defeat the Sleepers, 3-1, when Smith captured the three-game lead with 510 pins for the Bowlovers. Findley paced the Sleepers with a 189 single-game score.

Pollock 9, sparked by Howie Peak's 205 individual game total and Mel Royer's 539 series score, defeated the C. E.'s, 4-0.

The Splits, led by Jack Neifert's 221 one-game mark and Pete Erickson's 550 series tally, downed Jordan 2, 3-1.

Don Costanzo led the Aces to a 4-0 victory over the Holy-Rollers with a 207-532 series. The Aces also captured the single team honors with 837 pins.

Posting a shutout win were the Termites over U.F.O.'s. Cheeka with a 203 total, and Pellnitz's 517 three-game score paced the Termites.

Alpha Sigma Phi sparked an all-fraternity schedule in Monday night's intramural volleyball competition. Ten teams scored victories.

The Alpha Sig netmen racked up a pair of lopsided decisions, 15-1, 15-2, over Phi Gamma Delta.

Tau Phi Delta also won handily, trouncing Triangle, 15-3, 15-7.

Alpha Tau Omega outplayed Phi Kappa Sigma by the same margin.

Delta Sigma Phi copped a 15-11, 15-3 victory over the Sigma Chi sextet.

Alpha Zeta topped Theta Kappa Phi in two tilts, 15-4, 15-9.

Phi Sigma Kappa registered a decision over Delta Theta Sigma with 15-12 and 15-5 victories.

Chi Phi chalked up 15-9 and 15-6 triumphs to down Zeta Beta Tau.

Sigma Phi Alpha grabbed a pair of 15-8 wins in defeating Lambda Chi Alpha.

Phi Kappa Tau beat Sigma Pi by 15-8 and 15-11 counts.

Pi Kappa Phi nosed out Beta Sigma Rho, 16-14, in the first game and then took an easy 15-6 win the second.

A pair of forfeits marred the evening's schedule. Sigma Phi Epsilon got the nod over Phi Kappa Psi, and Phi Sigma Delta won from Delta Tau Delta.

finish with a strong showing in the Nationals. The senior heavyweight didn't go too far in the 1957 Easterns. He was eliminated by the eventual champion, Ron Schirf of Pittsburgh, in his first encounter.

## NCAA Mat--

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Hokes of Michigan State, 5-3, in his first match.

All four of the Lion stars will compete in the same weight divisions that they did in the Eastern show. The rest of the Penn State entries will probably find Earl Poust at 157, George Gray at 167, Les Walters at 177 and Sam Markle at heavyweight.

Poust and Walters were the big surprises at the recent Eastern tournament. The "Cinderella Twins" upset the dope sheet which had placed them among the also-rans in pre-tourney calculations and emerged close to the winners' circle. Poust was third at 157 and Walters second at 177.

Their upset victories throughout the tournament was one of the chief reasons behind the Lion team victory over Pitt.

Gray did not compete in the Eastern tourney but will probably get the nod at 167 in place of Bruce Gilmore, who switched his practice site to Beaver Field where the 1957 Lion football team is in spring drills. Gray, a sophomore, had a 2-3 dual meet record this year.

Markle has had a disappointing season this year, but he hopes to

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## Lambda Chi Cops 3 Bouts--

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Pi's Buddy Hollander and Chi Phi's James Knipe wasted little time with Edward Shaw, Alpha Sigma Phi, to score a fall in 1:36 c the first period.

Delta Upsilon's John Rusnak ended a fast and furious 175-pound encounter by pinning T. J. Mignatti, Beta Theta Pi, with a strong cradle at the 3:02 mark.

In the two heavyweight matches, Jack Calderone, Lambda Chi Alpha, rallied for a predicament and near fall in the final period

to eliminate Bill Frame, Theta Chi, 7-5.

Joseph Bohart, Phi Delta Theta, scored the fastest fall of the evening when he threw Harry Sloat, Alpha Tau Omega, in 1:31 of the first period.

Registering forfeit victories were Herman Tselepis, Theta Delta Chi, over Ralph Cissone, Beta Theta Pi; John Bittinger, Chi Phi, over George Huggler, Sigma Alpha Epsilon; and Joe Bellwoar, Pi Kappa Phi, over Albert Balky, Alpha Sigma Phi.

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