

'Nine' Open Today, Emery to Start; Hess to Lead Stickmen in Home Debut

Throwing somewhat of a surprise into his opening day plans, baseball coach Joe Bedenk named sophomore southpaw Cal Emery as his starting pitcher for the Lion contest with Western Maryland at 3:30 this afternoon on the Beaver Field diamond.

Expected to go with his pitching ace, Ed Drapcho, Bedenk was forced to pull the surprise move because of the poor weather which has handicapped the Lion training schedule the past two weeks.

Realizing that none of his staff is completely ready for competitive action, Bedenk decided to keep the experienced Drapcho on hand should Emery run into trouble rather than to start Drapcho and have inexperience in reserve.

Bedenk said that he would try to use both Emery and Drapcho this afternoon if possible. His decision will be determined by the course of the game, he said.

With the exception of the pitching change, the remainder of Bedenk's lineup will be as he said it would be two weeks ago before the poor weather conditions cut practice sessions to the barest minimum.

Steve Baidy will lead off and play his regular third base position; sophomore Bob Hoover will bat in the number two spot and handle the second base duties; Captain Jim Lockerman will bat third and play centerfield.

Don Stickler will hit in the cleanup slot and catch; John McMullen will bat fifth and play rightfield; Guy Tirabassi will open at short and is expected to bat sixth, although Bedenk said he may change his place in the batting order.

Ron Rainey is slated to start in leftfield and bat seventh; Gary Miller will hit eighth and play first base; Emery will hit in the ninth spot.

There was no information available concerning the Western Maryland club. It is known, however, that its opening game was also cancelled last week because of poor weather.

The Lions had their first batting practice in the past seven workouts yesterday, thanks to the weather break. However, infield conditions would not permit Bedenk to hold any infield practice. Bedenk said that the field will be in playable condition if the weather holds its present pattern.

Asked how he felt about opening under such circumstances, Bedenk retorted: "I don't feel very well. You can't get a team ready playing catch."

The Lion stickmen will make a second attempt at opening the spring sports season at 2 p.m. today on Beaver Field against Loyola College.

Although Mother Nature will have the final say, as she did last Saturday, an aggressive 30-year-old coach named Earnie Baer is determined to play the game under any conditions short of a snowstorm.

Loyola pulled an upset last year in Baltimore and Baer is taking no chances that they will ruin his coaching debut today.

He will counter the works of the Greyhound's All-American candidate Mickey McFadden (12) with an All-American attackman of his own—Bill Hess.

The shifty little McFadden is joined by lanky Chuck Franklin and either Hugh Coyle or Jack Armstrong on the attack. But behind that frontline, coach Charlie Wenzel has little of anything but fast, spirited and inexperienced underclassmen. But Loyola is in the heart of lacrosse country and is capable of coming up with many surprises.

On the other hand, Lion coach Baer is long on experience and team balance.

With junior Hess on the attack will be two Lion seniors—captain Lou Girard and the other extreme in size, big Tom Seaman.

At the midfield posts, Baer has a wealth of material and intends to use at least two equally-balanced trios there. The competitors will be John Steinmuller, Glenn Fiscus, Fred Donahoe, Kent Chestnut, Jeff Bostock, John Behne and Moke Beattie.

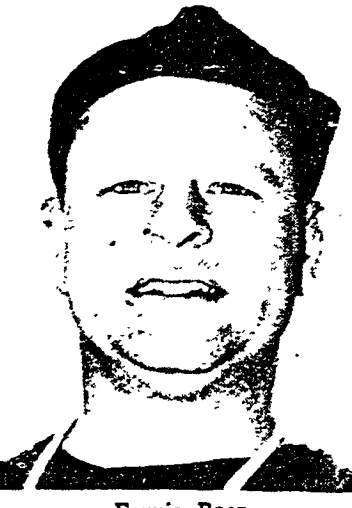
Heading the defense will be three-year veteran Jamie Houck in the goal and defensemen Ray Tuleya, Don Sanders and Harry Brown.

Besides the attack trio, Loyola will have John Kirby, Ray Rossi, Jim Vaeth, and Larry Samilton, at midfield, Bill Hooper, Bob Winz and Mike Spigelmire on the defense with goalie Moreland Lysher.

Penn State beat Syracuse, 5-4, in the first lacrosse game ever to be played under lights at Syracuse in 1930.



Cal Emery
Opening-day pitcher



Earnie Baer
First-game coach

Ike May Toss First Ball
WASHINGTON, April 9 (AP)—President Eisenhower quite likely will be on hand to toss out the first baseball when the Washington Senators open the American League season against the Baltimore Orioles here next Monday.

Dark Horses Cop IM Bowling Win

Lou Klukosky's 210 game and a 3-1 triumph over the Gutter Ballers; the Nittany 36 quintet win three of four points from the Horses to a 4-0 win over RAR in an independent League "B" bowling tilt Monday night at Recreation Hall.

Other "B" circuit contests saw the Nittany Glassers shut out Nittany 23; Pollock 12 cop a 3-1 victory over Timmy's; Oddballs score the McKee Five top Atherton, 3-1.

"A" results: Don Costanzo (223-572) was the Aces' top kegler in a whitewash win over Pollock 9; the McKee Five top Atherton, 3-1.

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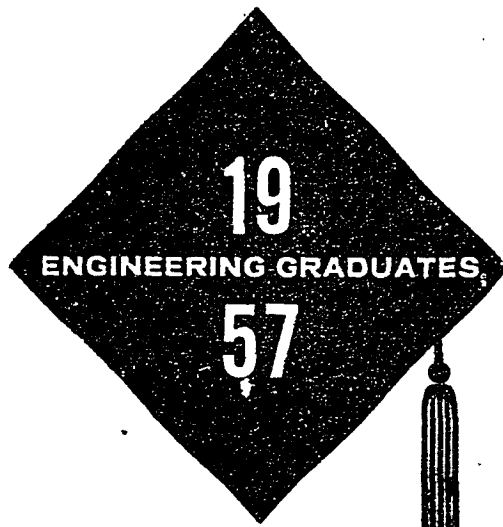
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