

# Bedenk Looks to Penn As Better Strength Test

Coach Joe Bedenk is hoping to get a better idea of his team's strength when the Lion baseballers meet Pennsylvania University 2:30 tomorrow afternoon on the Beaver Field diamond.

Bedenk was the first to admit that the Lions 15-1 runaway over Western Maryland Wednesday afternoon could not be considered a true indication of the club's strength.

Western Maryland was never in the ballgame after the second inning—the Lion stampede was on and there was no stopping it. However, Penn should be a closer ball game and Bedenk expects to learn a little more about his club.

Looking back on the romp, Bedenk said that his pitching looked very good, but that his hitting and defense were still weak. However, he said this could be expected since the poor weather conditions the past two weeks cut practice sessions to almost nothing.

In the defense department, the Lions committed four errors—all in the infield. Bedenk said that this could be caused by the lack of infield practice in the past two weeks.

The brief infield practice before the start of the game was the first such workout for the Lions in two weeks. Bedenk said the defense still needed improving.

At bat, the Lions pounded two Western Maryland pitchers for 10 hits, but pitcher Cal Emery was the only Nittany to get two hits. Limited batting practice—once in the past two weeks—was probably the cause of this Bedenk said.

Looking at the situation realistically, Bedenk said that his pitching would have to hold up until the hitting and defense round themselves into condition. He said that, taking everything into consideration, the Lion performance Wednesday was just about as he expected it to be—fair, but in need of improvement.

**BASEBALL BITS:** Western Maryland strategy turned to the unorthodox in the third inning. With the score 6-0 in favor of the Lions and two of its runners on base with none out, Catcher Ev Reeser attempted to move the runners up by a sacrifice bunt. This caused Assistant Coach Chuck Medlar to bellow: "Now I've seen everything."

# Stickmen Prepare For Big Test—Navy

Coach Ernie Baer was well pleased with the overall performance of his lacrosse men in Wednesday's 13-9 opening game victory over Loyola College.

But the first-year coach put his squad through a tough last-day practice yesterday in preparation for the season's most important game—Navy. The stickmen take on the powerful Middies tomorrow afternoon with only one game of experience.

Even if the Lions lose, Baer will find out whether his stickmen can hurdle their other three big stumbling blocks—Hofstra, Maryland and Syracuse.

With their first home game of the season against Dickinson snowed out last Saturday, Baer and Company have a long list of traveling assignments on the schedule before they play on Beaver Field again.

Two of those important stumbling blocks after the Navy encounter will be played in the toughest grind of all—a four-game travelogue over Easter vacation. It's Easter in New York for the most part, but the stickmen will be too busy playing Hofstra on Thursday, Long Island Lacrosse Club on Friday and Adelphi on Saturday to enjoy the "vacation."

After Easter Day, they will board a bus for College Park, Md. and a meeting with the University of Maryland Terrapins.

But Baer isn't thinking that far ahead, he's got enough to deal with in Annapolis tomorrow afternoon.

The amiable coach, although pleased with the defensive clearing and execution of the offensive scoring patterns, rated his overall defensive work as "only fair."

"They made too many basic lacrosse mistakes," Baer explained last night. "We're not going to get away with careless mistakes against a well-drilled squad like Navy."

Bill Hess naturally stood out in the eyes of Baer. But he plans on using Hess more as a decoy since the opposition will be double-teaming the All American candidate. Of course Baer is still devising new plays to setup scores for his accurate star.

"Jim Houck played a good game in the goals, too," commented Baer. "They only scored eight goals against him, and three of those were flukes."

## Lion Cagers Choose Rainey, Baidy as 1957-58 Co-Captains

Ron Rainey and Steve Baidy announcement, said: "They're both good boys, I know they'll do a good job." Egli also commended Leisher for his work during the past season.

Both Rainey and Baidy were starters on last year's varsity after spending a year in reserve duty. They succeeded Bob Leisher who graduates in June.

Rainey, the team's high scorer with an average of 15 points per game, was chosen on the Pennsylvania basketball second team by the Associated Press. Coach John Egli, in making the



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