

# Pitching, Weather Problems In Lion-Penn Contest Today

By VINCE CAROCCI  
Pitching and the idiotic University Park weather seem to loom as Coach Joe Bedenk's two biggest problems when he sends his Lion nine against Penn at 2:30 this afternoon at Beaver Field.

The pitching problem was an unexpected one—the weather was not. Bedenk had originally planned to use his ace lefthander, Ed Drapcho, against the Quakers, but Drapcho injured a muscle in his ribs during his short mound assignment against Western Maryland Wednesday.

Although he practiced both yesterday and Thursday, he could not throw with full motion. Bedenk said that he wouldn't be sure about using Drapcho until shortly before game time.

Should Drapcho be unable to handle the job, Bedenk said he would probably call on his number two lefty, Cal Emery. Emery was impressive in his varsity de-

but, allowing the Western Maryland club only three hits and one run in his five-inning winning performance.

Righthanded veteran Lynn Harbold is still another possibility for the starting role, but Emery seems to have the nod at the moment.

The rest of Bedenk's lineup will be the same: Steve Baidy will play third; Bob Hoover will be at second. Jim Lockerman will open at centerfield and Don Stickler will catch.

John McMullen will start in right, Guy Tirabassi will play shortstop, either Ron Rainey or Dave Watkins will be in left—Rainey against a righthanded pitcher, Watkins against a lefty—and Gary Miller will cover first base. The Lion pitcher will bat ninth.

In Penn, the Lions will be facing a fairly good-hitting club. The Quakers slammed 13 hits in their opening-day 14-8 loss to Temple Wednesday.

The Penn lineup will look

something like this: Mel Seki, 2b; Rich Ross, ss; Ron Glazer, 1b; Jim Yocum, lf; Gordy Achilles, 3b; Bern Rohrbacher, c; either Dick Schafer or Steve Schuck, rf; Streeter Stuart, cf; and the pitcher, who Coach Jack McCloskey did not name as yet.

Achilles was the big Penn hitter in the loss to the Owls with four hits, including a home run, in five trips. Ross also hit a homer for one of his two hits.

Seki, Glazer and Yocum also had two hits apiece for the Quakers—a good indication of the potential Penn batting strength.

Despite the plans of both coaches, it looks as though "Old Man Weather" will once again have the final say concerning the playing of the contest.

Weather forecasts for today raised the possibility of more snow. However, knowing nothing can be definite about the University weather, Bedenk said every effort will be made to play the game.

This week's improvement in the weather, however slight, has considerably brightened golf coach Joe Boyle's outlook for his team's triangular match with Penn and Villanova today on the University links.

Three days ago, Boyle parried questions with, "No quotes today; I'll comment after Saturday." Yesterday he reported, "They look good right now."

"They" are Pat Rielly, Johnny Boyanowski, Captain John Branish, Bill Davidson, John Felus, Bob Bainbridge and Leo Kukkola. These golfers, in the above order, will tee off against the Quaker and Wildcat linksmen.

This engagement is decided solely on total score, the team with the least number of strokes gaining the decision.

The Lions will attempt to duplicate their performance of last season when they fired a total of 515 strokes for a 73.5 average to record a decisive win over the

Penn and Villanova golfers. Rielly, Boyle's choice for the leadoff spot, begins his second season on the Penn State varsity. A four-year veteran of the Sharon High links, the 6-1 junior was runner-up in the 1953 WPIAL tournament.

In his junior season at Sharon, Rielly fired a 69 in the tourney to tie the mark set by Arnold Palmer, current Texas open champ and second-leading money-winner on the professional circuit.

Davidson, a sophomore, was named to the starting seven Wednesday. A former Carlisle Country Club champ, he finished third in the PIAA tournament in 1954. The same year he captured the Harrisburg District 4-Ball crown.

Bainbridge, also a sophomore, defended his starting post in a challenge match against Bob Myerson Thursday. An Erie Academy High star, he was runner-up in 1953's PIAA competition.

# Stickmen Out to Break Losing Streak

By MATT PODBESEK  
A 27-game losing streak hangs in the balance today when Earnie Baer's Lion lacrossemen take on Navy at Annapolis, Md.

The Middies have always managed to dominate the Lions, but this year could be the turning point since Baer has one of the best-balanced lacrosse teams in Lion history:

High-scoring junior, Bill Hess, and goalie Jim Houck, a three-year vet, add good experience to the offense and defense along with attackman Lou Girard, who had three goals in Wednesday's opener with Loyola, and midfielder John Steinmuller. Both Girard and Steinmuller are four-year veterans.

"From reports I have, I don't think Navy has one of their tougher teams," Baer said, "nor the toughest team we'll meet this

year." In a scrimmage with Loyola, the Middies had a tough time beating the greyhounds, according to Navy coach Charlie Wenzel. The Lions beat Loyola, 13-9.

Navy is hurting this year from the loss of one of the best athletes in their history—All America football and lacrosse star, Ron Beagle. And this is the year that the Lions have the high-scoring All-America, Hess, in their lineup for the Navy match.

Hess got a good jump on his own Penn State scoring record of 41 goals in Wednesday's opener, when he flipped in four in the first period, and a fifth in the second period.

Girard also jumped off on the right scoring foot in the opener. The plucky captain scored 16 goals last year, but picked up 3 in the first of a 14-game schedule.

Baer plans on using the same lineup as he did in the Loyola

game. On the attack he will use Girard, Hess, Tom Seeman and midfielders Mike Beattie, John Behne, Kent Chestnut, Fred Donahoe, Glenn Fiscus, and Steinmuller.

Heading the defense will be goalie Houck, and defensemen Ray Tuleya, Harry Brown and Paul Felton.

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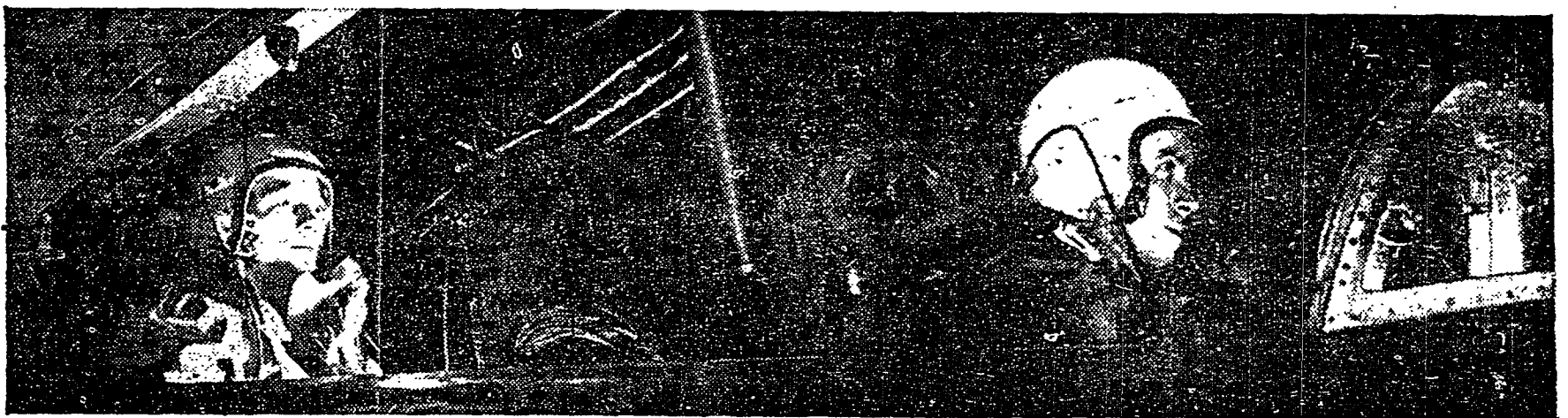


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