

A Glance at . . . SPORTS

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LION BASEBALL—A BIG WINNER

Joe Bedenk has a knack for developing winning baseball teams here at Penn State—this year seems to be no exception as his Lion club has a spotless 7-0 record to date and a 3:30 game on tap with Villanova this afternoon.

Under Bedenk's able leadership during the past 27 and 1/2 seasons, the Lion "nine" has posted a 306-129 record with three ties—not bad in any baseball circle, major, minor or college.

Bedenk commanded his clubs to an NCAA, District Two, playoff berth five times since 1949 and, if this year's team continues its present trend, he should be in line for another post-season bid.

Bedenk, an ardent supporter of going with his best as long as possible—especially in the pitching department—, continues to follow the age-old policy again this year. Thus far, his two best pitchers, southpaws Ed Drapcho and Cal Emery, have shared the seven starting assignments—the record speaks for the results.

However, Bedenk realizes that he won't be able to rotate Drapcho and Emery for the full season. But, he'll come to that bridge when he is forced to cross it.

Two good pitchers can carry a club through a successful season and possibly into the NCAA finals. But, when the big, blue chips are up for grabs, a team needs at least three—four would be even better—pitchers to come home the big winner.

Although he hasn't used his other hurlers, with the exception of righthander Lynn Harbold, Bedenk is on the lookout for the other starter or two he needs to make his team into the strong championship contenders it can be. Harbold, Ron Smith, Ron Riese or Dave Simmers could give Bedenk his added pitching punch. They'll get the chance to prove themselves before the season ends.

In other departments, Bedenk seems to have the steady, although not exceptional, talent needed for a contending college ball club.

The infield with Steve Baidy at third, Guy Tirabassi at short, Bob Hoover at second and Gary Miller at first gives the Lions a steady, if not solid, defensive unit. Hoover's work at the keystone sack has been outstanding defensively, although he has not yet reached expectations at bat.

Captain Jim Lockerman, Jack McMullen and either Ron Rainey or Dave Watkins give Bedenk a solid outfield, both offensively and defensively.

Bedenk, following the Casey-Stengel pattern (or is it the other way around), rotates the righthanded-hitting Watkins and the lefthanded-hitting Rainey according to the opposition's pitching.

In Don Stickler, Bedenk has one of the best collegiate catchers in the East. Stickler handles pitchers like a veteran for the most part and, although plagued by batting troubles thus far, can do a creditable job at the plate. Walt Krauser gives Bedenk a dependable relief catcher.

An integral, but, for the most part, silent component of the Lion squad is Bedenk's man Friday, his assistant, Chuck Medlar. Bedenk is the first to tell of Medlar's value to his club—"I couldn't do without him," he said earlier in the year.

That's the story in the Lion baseball machine this season. Put all the component parts together and you get a solid manufacturer of winning games.

Robinson Set for Fullmer

CHICAGO, April 30 (AP)—Sugar Ray Robinson will try to win the world middleweight title for the fourth time tomorrow night when he meets champion Gene Fullmer in a battle of faded ring skill against the brute strength of confident youth.

Fullmer, a 25-year-old mauler from the Utah copper mines, lifted Robinson's crown by a unanimous decision Jan. 2 at New York, flooring the Sugar Man and cutting his left eye.

Robinson's age is almost as hard to nail down as the odds—2-1 on Fullmer. The Ring record books say he will be 37 on Friday but Ray insists he will be 36. In

any event, all his years showed in January when he was man-handled by a crude bullyboy who never will know the skill of a Robinson at his prime

With the exception of Chicago and a 150-mile surrounding area which will be blacked out of the TV picture, the rest of the nation can judge for itself how much Robinson has left. The fight, starting at 9 p.m., EST, will be seen on network, ABC, TV and also will be heard on radio, ABC, including Chicago.

Penn State and Vanderbilt University will meet on the gridiron for the first time in 1957.

Lion 'Nine' Hosts Wildcats Today; Either Drapcho or Emery to Pitch

For the first time since the season opened, Lion baseball Coach Joe Bedenk finds himself in doubt as to his starting pitcher when the Lions meet Villanova this afternoon at Beaver Field.

Game time is set for 3:30 p.m. Bedenk is definite on one point, however: his starter will again be either of his two southpaws, Ed Drapcho or Cal Emery. Both hurlers have shared the seven starting assignments thus far, Emery winning four and Drapcho three.

Bedenk said he would like to pitch Drapcho against the Wildcats, but would have to wait until he gave him a thorough inspection during yesterday's workout before deciding definitely one way or the other.

Drapcho, the backbone of the Lion staff for the past two years, hasn't been pitching as sharply as he had his first two seasons. He is bothered particularly this year by control trouble, a malady he managed to avoid for the most part until now.

The little lefthander received one of the roughest workouts of his career in the second Georgetown game Saturday. Although he came out a 2-1 winner, thanks to a superlative last-inning relief job by Lynn Harbold, he was continually getting behind the hitters.

Only some sharp defensive play by his Lion teammates prevented the Hoyas from scoring earlier than they did.

The rest of Bedenk's lineup



Jim Lockerman and Dave Watkins Starting to Hit Again?

will again be the same as that he has all season: Steve Baidy, 3b; Bob Hoover, 2b; Jim Lockerman, cf; Don Stickler, c; John McMullen, rf; Guy Tirabassi, ss; either Ron Rainey or Dave Watkins, lf; and Gary Miller, 1b.

Lockerman and Hoover both gave indications that they may be breaking out of their season-long batting slumps against the Hoyas. Lockerman, the Lion captain, had four safeties in seven appearances and Hoover hit safe-

ly in three of his six times at the plate.

Lockerman was hitting a mere .158 and Hoover .150 before the doubleheader.

Watkins, hitless in seven trips before the doubleheader, had a four-for-five day in the first game. He was removed for the lefthanded-hitting Rainey in the second.

In looking at today's game, Bedenk said: "Every game's a big game to us." No information was available concerning the Villanova club.

Bedenk realizes that the schedule is starting to play an important role in his plans, but said that he's looking to each game as it comes. Right now he's concerned chiefly with Villanova.

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Davis—OSU's Best

Ohio State track Coach Larry Snyder spoke freely about his star performer Glenn Davis during the Lion-Buckeye dual encounter at Beaver Field Saturday afternoon.

"He's strong, fast and a great competitor," the grey-haired Big Ten mentor said, "and he'd run almost any event I would ask him to."

"Why look at him out there now. He was first in the (100-yard) dash and second in the high hurdles, and he hasn't run the highs since early in the indoor season.

"He'll probably win the broad jump, too, and that is one event he doesn't even practice for," Snyder continued.

"I wouldn't jump any better if I practiced it," Davis said when cornered after his second broad jump attempt. "I just like to hurdle."

The Olympic 400-meter champion made his first leap without

the benefit of a warmup and posted a 21'7 1/2" mark. A few minutes later Davis made his winning jump of 22'6 1/4". He had three more tries to better his mark but declined until someone could better his second jump. No one did.

Davis set a new world record in the 400-meter hurdles last summer at Los Angeles during the United States Olympic trials with a :49.5 time.

"I guess that was one of my biggest thrills," the lanky Ohio State junior said. "Another was the Olympic games."

"I was really nervous there (at Melbourne) and had the usual case of butterflies, but I felt pretty good after winning the hurdles."

He was a little slower in the Olympic games, winning the hurdles with a :50.1 time.

Davis still has a year of collegiate track eligibility left after this season so keep his name in mind—you'll be hearing from him again.



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