

Lion Baseballers Test Mountaineer in Twinbill

By VINCE CAROCCI Sports Editor

The eyes of the NCAA District Two baseball selection committee will most likely be focused on Morgantown, W. Va., among other places, this afternoon when the Lion "nine" takes on the West Virginia Mountaineers in a twinbill.

The committee will meet Monday, May 27, at the New York Athletic Club to make the selections for the District Two playoffs for an entry into the College World Series later in the year.

And Coach Joe Bedenk knows that a twin victory would certainly enhance his club's already strong chances to enter the district competition for the sixth time in nine years.

Bedenk all too well remembers the results of the last trip his team made to Morgantown. In 1955, the Lions played the Mounties in an away doubleheader and returned from the trip on the short end of both scores, 9-3 and 3-1.

Bedenk's two top moundsmen at the time, Stan Larimer and Ed Drapcho, took the losses. Both pitchers reversed the cards last year, however, by posting 8-6, 15-3 wins at Beaver Field.

But, Beaver Field is not Morgantown and Bedenk is placing no faith in the old axiom that history seldom repeats itself. And to add to the already mounting pressure, a 12-game Lion winning streak is riding on the outcome of the doubleheader.

Bedenk is expected to again go with his two best pitchers against the Mounties. Only this time, southpaw Cal Emery replaces the graduated Larimer on the mound.

Emery, 5-0 on the season, will definitely start the first game. Bedenk refused to commit himself on his second-game hurler, saying: "We'll have to see how the first game turns out." He did say, however, that Drapcho, 7-0 for the year, is the likely candidate.

Should the Lions win the first game rather handily, sophomore Ron Riese may get the nomination. However, if the first game is close, no matter which way the score goes, Bedenk will almost certainly go with Drapcho.

According to the Associated Press, the Mounties will counter with righthander Bucky Bolyard, 4-1 for the year, and lefty Tom Cook, 4-2 for the year.

The rest of Bedenk's lineup will be: Steve Baidy, 3b; Bob Hoover, 2b; Captain Jim Lockerman, cf; Don Stickler, c; Jack McMullen (against Bolyard) and Dave Watkins (against Cook), rf; Guy Tirabassi, ss; Ron Rainey, lf; and Gary Miller, 1b.

Bedenk took second baseman

Frosh 'Nine,' Cindermen Face Frostburg, Panthers

While the varsity's away the frosh will play. This somewhat converted saying best describes freshman spring sports this weekend.

The freshman baseball team meets Frostburg State Teacher's College at 1:30 this afternoon on Beaver Field. Norm Gordon's yearling track squad travels to Pitt for a dual meet.

Assistant Coach Bill Speith says his freshman "nine" look in fine shape for the game and if everything goes right, they should cop this one without too much trouble.

Speith is undecided as to who will pitch today, but he has a lot of talent to choose from.

The mound staff consists of Larry Friedman, who held Kiski Prep to one hit in the first game of the season, Fred Wolff, Bob Ritchey, Bob Arner and Bill Benton, who has looked good as a relief pitcher in practice.

Two of Gordon's top runners will be out to crack freshman track records when the yearlings meet Pittsburgh this afternoon

Jack Michel on the trip in case he is forced to switch Hoover to first in place of Miller. Miller is handicapped by an arm injury and Hoover has been working at first in practice in case such a move became a necessity.

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Lanky Dick Engelbrink has his sights set on Ed Moran's mile record of 4:18, set last year at Beaver Field. Engelbrink has run the mile in 4:17.4 in an outdoor relay.

Dick Hambright will attempt to shatter Art Pollard's five-year-old record of 48.9 in the 440-yard dash. Last year in the state high school championships at Beaver Field, Hambright ran the quarter in :48.7.

Sprinter Mel Barnwell and distance man Ron Rush will provide the chief competition for the Panthers. Barnwell upset Villanova's George Sydnor, thrice-conqueror of world's record holder Dave Sime, in an indoor meet last winter.

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Trackmen at Pitt Today--

(Continued from page six) hue and Jay Moody rule the roost, they also have men who will challenge both Perry and Tullar for their undefeated statuses.

Paul Thrash and Bob Russell are Skyscraper U's entries in the hurdles and Wes King is the Panther man in the discus. Thrash,

according to pre-season word from the Steel City, is Pitt's last hurdler, but it has been Russell who has excelled in Pitt's four meets.

In King, Pitt has the school record holder. He set the new mark of 156' 4 1/2" in the discus last week against Notre Dame.

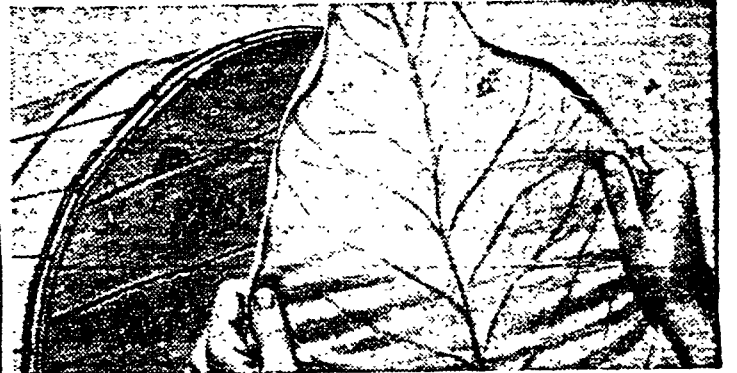


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