

# Baseballers Visit OSU For Three-Game Series

By LOU PRATO

Baseball coach Joe Bedenk will have a chance to solve Penn State's so-called "pitching problem" this weekend when the Lions tangle in a 3-game series with Ohio State at Columbus.

A single game is carded for this afternoon with a twin-bill on tap tomorrow.

For some time now, Penn State fans have been saying that an emergence of another twirling ace (or two) to go along with veteran Cal Emery would be necessary if the Lions are to repeat their outstanding 1957 performance—the best in Penn State history. Last year, you may recall, Bedenk's men posted a 22-2 record, including 21 straight wins, and a second place finish in the NCAA World Series.

And of those 22 victories, 12 were picked up by the now-departed All-American Ed Drapcho and 10 were chalked up by Emery. Bedenk did use three other flingers last year, including junior Dave Simmers and Ron Riese. But Simmers hurled only seven innings and Riese four.

Emery did most of the Lion pitching in the first two games. He flipped four frames in that 26-0 debacle over Western Maryland and then went 8 1/3 innings against Bucknell Tuesday. Riese twirled one inning against the Maryland crew and two-thirds of a frame against Bucknell. He whiffed four of seven men that he has faced, but whether he can handle a starting role remains to be seen.

Larry Bayer, who threw eight innings as a sophomore in 1953, also worked this season, going two innings against Western Maryland. But his starting status is also a question.

Bedenk indicated Wednesday that he would start Riese in today's opener with Emery handling tomorrow's first game and either Bayer or Simmers going in the nightcap. "But of course," the witty Lion mentor added, "I



might have to use all four men in every game."

The rest of the Penn State starting lineup, for today's fray at least, will be the same which opened the first two games. That includes (with current batting average) Gary Miller (.428) at first, Larry Fegley (.375) at second, Ron Hoover (.400) at short, Steve Baidy (.333) at third, Ron Rainey (.545) in left, Joe Moore (.167) in center, Jack McMullen (.500) in

right, and captain and clean-up batter Don Sticker (.333) behind the plate.

The Lions had a relatively easy time in their first two encounters, but it will probably be different this weekend. Ohio State has an official 5-0 record, but actually it has won 14 games and tied one this year. Those other nine wins were compiled while the Buckeyes (Continued on page ten)

# Lion Track Records In Danger Tomorrow

By MACK MCGAUGHAN

Lion track fans can look forward to the possibility of three new school records being set in tomorrow's dual meet with Navy.

The meet will be the first of the year on the Beaver Field cinders and it promises to be a thriller.

Lion middle distance aces Ed Moran and Bill Schwab are favored to take the 880-yard run. The school record—1:53.2—seems doomed in this event.

Both Moran and Schwab are capable of breaking the record and they are expected to push each other all the way.

The Middie's top half-miler is Fred March. March took the first place honors against Pitt with a time of 1:58.1. This, however, is not his best time and he is figured to push the Nittany entries.

The quarter-mile record—:48.4—is another mark that is apt to fall.

Co-Captain Jim Norton and sophomore flash Dick Hambright are the favored entries in this event. March is also Navy's top entry in this event.

Both Norton and Hambright are looking much stronger due to the warmer weather and better practicing conditions, according

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# Golfers, Netmen to Face Tough Foes

The Penn State tennis and golf teams will be meeting some of their toughest opposition of the season tomorrow when they meet the University of Maryland and Army respectively.

The Terrapins of Maryland, Middle Atlantic Coast Conference champs last year, as usual are courting another good team. To date, they are sporting a 4-1 record and have a match with George Washington before entering the Nittany Valley tomorrow.

The Terps beat MIT twice, South Carolina and Clemson before losing their last contest to Virginia.

Lion Coach Sherm Fogg calls Maryland, who beat the Nittanies, 8-1 last spring, "the best team we met last year" and predicts a very tight contest. Western Maryland net mentor Frank Hurt said his neighbors from College Park are not as strong this year as last. The Lions whipped Western Maryland, 7-2, last week-end.

Maryland has lost its number one man from last year, Dave Frieshtat, a junior Davis Cupper, and listed among the top ten juniors in the country. Taking his place is Jackson Yang, who is backed up by last year's number two man, Carl Bucks of Hershey. Yang and Bucks are both seniors.

Completing the Terps' top six are Don Schweitzer, Tom Beall,

Huberto Domenech, and Don Palmer in that order.

The golf situation does not appear any easier for Coach Joe Boyle and his talented links-men. Army, as in most Cadet sports, is reputed to be "tough" at West Point—and that's where this meeting will take place.

Last year, the Lions won easily, 6-1—but that was on the University course. On paper, the Lions appear to have the better squad but as ace Bill Davidson

puts it, "Up there, anything can happen."

This year's Lions are rated among the strongest in University history. With Pat Reilly, Davidson, John Felus and Charlie Decker spearheading a well-balanced attack, the Lions romped to a 7-0 victory over Lehigh in their season opener last weekend.

But Boyle is certainly not over-optimistic. Of this test, he said, "Now we'll see how good we really are."

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