

Bedenk's Lineup Changes Aided Lions in Navy Tilt

By SANDY PADWE

When Lion baseball coach Joe Bedenk sat in the visiting team dorm at the Naval Academy Monday night, and figured out some new lineups, nobody really thought that he would use them.

Because going into the Navy game, the Lions had a record of 8-1 and were on a five game winning streak. So why change the lineup?

Most coaches won't break up a winning combination, but Bedenk isn't superstitious. He wasn't too satisfied with some of the hitters on the team and he decided some more hitting power was needed.

Add this to the fact that Navy had a 9-3 log and was rated as one of the better teams in the East, and you can see why Bedenk made the switches. And what switches they were! Two pitchers in the starting lineup and the regular leftfielder on third base.

Bedenk had always said that pitchers Bill Benton and Tom Durbin were good hitters and he also said that he wouldn't hesitate to use them when the need arose.

So they were in there for the Navy game which the Lions won, 6-3. Benton was on first and Durbin was in leftfield, with leftfielder Dick Landis on third base.

Durbin and Benton came through in sensational style while Landis played a good game at third. Durbin collected three hits in four trips and Benton was 2 for 3.

Durbin, who went into the game hitting 1.000 (6 for 6), got two straight hits to give him eight consecutive hits. Then he grounded out his next time up and his string was ended. But he got another hit to give him a .900 average for the season.

Benton's two hits were the key to the Lion win. Both were triples and led to the last three Lion tallies which turned out to be the winning runs.

Meanwhile Landis played an excellent defensive game at third base, according to the



Tom Durbin ... hitting .900

Lion coaches. He made one stop in the third on a hard hit grounder that had the Navy brass buzzing.

Bedenk plans to use the "new" lineup whenever the Nittanies meet up with a righthanded pitcher. But when Durbin or Benton are pitching things will be changed around again.

The Lion braintrust also got a big surprise from the showing of centerfielder Doug Caldwell. One of the leading hitters on last year's team, Caldwell had been hitting .133 before the Navy game, but he collected a triple and a single to break his slump.

The Lions take their 9-1 record to Hamilton, N.Y., tomorrow where they play Colgate. Then Saturday the Nittanies play a twinbill against the Syracuse Orangemen at Syracuse.

DUGOUT CHATTER—Durbin is leading the Lions in batting with a .900 average but he has only been up 10 times. . . . Bill Benton has a .444 mark in nine at-bats. . . . Larry Fegley is next with .395. . . . The Navy game was played before the head of the Iranian Navy. . . . The Middies have a 9-4 record now. . . . They play Columbia Friday and Pitt Saturday. . . . The next Lion home game will be Wednesday against Lehigh.

Golfers Will Face Best At Easterns

By DICK GOLDBERG

The Nittany Lion linksmen will face the best in the East when they play in the EIGA tournament Saturday at Princeton University.

According to Joe Boyle, the Lion golf coach, the teams that should threaten the most for the title, are defending champ Yale, Penn and Princeton.

"Yale always fields a tough squad and has just about dominated the links in the past ten years," the Lion mentor added.

Penn is given a very good chance to take the Easterns by many experts. So far this year, they have a 12-0 record, beating such powers as Syracuse and Boston College.

They also have an excellent chance to take the individual crown. Don Norbury, their number one man, has gone undefeated this year and is rated extremely high in Eastern circles.

Norbury beat defending champ Bill Davidson, 1 up here on the Nittany links. He shot a 67 and carded four birdies to do this. The Quakers took the Lions by a 5-2 score this season.

Boyle rates Princeton as the dark horse of the tourney. His reason for this is that the home club, in the Easterns, always has had the advantage. In the last two years, the title has been won by the home team. Princeton also has an experienced squad with five lettermen returning.

Other teams that might cause trouble are Boston College and Navy. According to Boyle, they both have well-rounded squads with some experienced players.

Tea Shots—Coach Boyle has been referred to by his players as "Colonel". . . . Boyle received the nickname while at the NCAA tourney. . . . He ordered a reporter out of one of the player's rooms and the newshawk coined the name. . . .

Rados Holds 6 Records

Tony Rados, Penn State quarterback from 1951 to 1953, holds six individual passing records. Among these are yards passing, one year; yards passing, career; and passes completed, one game.

Lawther's Cage Record

Between 1937-1949, John Lawther, as Lion basketball coach, had a 150-93 record.

Thinclads Will Face Second Big 10 Foe

By JOHN BLACK

For the second week in a row a Big 10 track and field team will invade Beaver Field to match times and distances with the Nittany Lions.

Last week the Blue and White spikers handily disposed of the Ohio State Buckeyes and Saturday will face an invasion force from Michigan State.

The Spartans are a complete contrast to last week's visitors for they boast strong middle distance and long distance crews but have relative weaknesses in the sprints and hurdles, plus questionable field events.

Propaganda emanating from East Lansing hints of pessimism, pointing to the fact that Michigan State this winter had a disappointing indoor campaign, failing to notch a win in dual meets or relays.

But the pessimistic outlook seems ill-founded after a look at the outdoor aggregation that knocked off Wisconsin, 72½-59½, in its first test.

Seven returning lettermen form the nucleus for the Michigan State squad and are well dispersed throughout all running events except the dashes and hurdles to give the Spartans experience in each race.

Senior Forddy Kennedy, reigning NCAA cross country champion, and Bob Lake, Big 10 indoor mile champ, pace the Green and White thinclads.

Lake's winning time in the indoor mile was 4:10.9 and in the Wisconsin outdoor meet he ran 4:12.1. Kennedy boasts a personal best of 9:04.3 in the 2-mile.

Brian Castle, Bob Hughes and Jim Carr gave MSU a formidable lineup in the quarter and half-mile.

Castle has recorded a 47 flat in the 440 but was hampered by a leg injury during the recent indoor season. Bob Hughes finished fifth in the Big 10 championships last year and posted a best of 1:52.8 for the 880-yard jaunt. Carr placed fourth in the 600-yard title race.

The Spartans will miss their middle distance star of past campaigns, Willie Atterberry, who for the second straight semester failed to qualify in the classroom. But Tony Smith and Max Weissengruber, two up and coming

prospects who have turned in good performances, provide depth in the middle for the Michigan runners. Smith runs the 880 and mile, while Weissengruber doubles in the 440 and 220-yard runs.

Letterman Jim Horan, the number two runner behind Lake in the mile and Kennedy in the 2-mile, has a fastest time of 9:18 for the longest race.

The Michigan State field events boast a few top individuals but lack depth. Al Neumann, a 19-year old sophomore, heads the weight team with a 51-foot mark in the shot while another soph, Jason Harness, is a triple-threat ace in the broad jump, high jump and hurdles.

Pole vaulter Mike Kleinhans has cleared 13'8" and George Ward holds the best broad jump distance of 23'3½".

The Spartans can put together some crack relay teams, drawing their individual stars from each event. Last year the MSU 1-mile team ran 3:10.8 and the 2-mile team broke the existing world's record with a 7:21.4 clocking but finished a yard behind the winning California quartet.

Michigan State will be under the tutelage of a new head coach, Francis Dittrich, who ascended to the position after the retirement of Karl Schlademan last summer. Dittrich also inherited the cross country coaching reins from Schlademan last fall and his first job there resulted in a sweep of Big 10, IC4-A and NCAA team championships.

Hillman Tops Bucs On 2-Hit Shutout

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Dave Hillman of Chicago shutout the Pittsburgh Pirates 3-0 yesterday on a nifty 2-hitter.

The 31-year-old right-hander walked only one and struck out two in one of the finest performances this season.

Hillman allowed a harmless single to Don Hoak in the first and mowed down the next 15 batters before Hank Foiles blasted a single to lead off the sixth.

MAJOR LEAGUES

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
Milwaukee	12	7	.632	
Cincinnati	12	9	.571	1
San Francisco	12	9	.571	1
Los Angeles	13	11	.542	1½
Chicago	12	11	.522	2
x-Philadelphia	9	10	.474	3
Pittsburgh	9	11	.450	3½
x-St. Louis	5	16	.238	8

x—Play night game

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
x-Cleveland	14	5	.737	
Washington	13	10	.565	3
x-Baltimore	11	9	.550	3½
Chicago	11	10	.524	4
x-Kansas City	11	10	.524	4
Boston	9	10	.474	5
x-New York	8	12	.400	6½
Detroit	5	16	.250	10

x—Play night games

PROBABLE PITCHERS

American League

Boston at Detroit—Delock (3-0) vs. Lary (2-2)

Baltimore at Washington (N)—Wilhelm (3-0) vs. Ramos (3-2)

Only games scheduled

National League

Los Angeles at San Francisco—Williams (0-0) vs. Sanford (4-1)

Chicago at St. Louis (N)—Drabowsky (1-2) vs. McDaniel (1-3)

Philadelphia at Pittsburgh (N)—Owens (1-1) vs. Law (2-1)

Only games scheduled

UNOFFICIAL TEAM AVERAGES

BATTING

	G	AB	R	H	RB	BA
Landis,lf	10	31	12	3	5	.097
Rinker,cf	6	20	5	3	4	.150
Hader,3b	8	26	10	5	4	.192
Fegley,2b	10	38	8	15	16	.395
Hoover,ss	10	40	8	13	9	.325
DeLong,rf	10	38	7	13	5	.342
Beans,c	8	24	4	5	2	.203
Adams,c	4	11	3	3	0	.273
Beighey,1b	9	31	8	6	3	.194
Caldwell,cf	7	18	3	4	3	.222
Kikla,p	4	10	3	2	1	.200
Durbin,p of	3	10	8	9	3	.900
Benton,p,1b	3	9	3	4	3	.444
Riese,p	5	3	0	2	2	.250
Arner,p	3	3	0	0	0	.000

PITCHING

	G	W	L	Pct.	SO	W
Kikla	4	4	0	1.000	30	3
Riese	5	2	0	1.000	22	5
Durbin	2	2	0	1.000	10	5
Benton	2	1	1	.500	5	5
Arner	3	0	0	1.000	8	6

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