

Seek Tenth Win

# Nittany Baseball Team Opposes Colgate Today

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Sporting a seven game winning streak and an overall record of nine wins and one loss, Penn State's baseball team invades New York State for a game with Colgate today.

The Red Raiders have had a good season thus far, winning five and losing two. And today they will be "pointing" for the Lions.

For the Red Raiders are coached by one of the greatest baseball players in Penn State history—Red O'Hora. O'Hora was a player here under the Lions' present coach Joe Bedenk.

In 1936 he led the entire nation in hitting with a .502 average. He also played on the Lions' football and basketball teams.

According to Bedenk, there is nothing that would please O'Hora more than to win over the Nittanians, especially after the 8-1 drubbing his boys took from the Lions a year ago.

O'Hora will send a well-balanced squad into today's game with the Lions. The nucleus of the Colgate team comes from nine returning lettermen and some talented sophomores.

One of these sophomores, Charley Driscoll, is the leading hitter on the Colgate team. The little flyhawk has a .400 batting average this season.

O'Hora has named his leading pitcher, Ed Abel, as Colgate's starter for today's tilt. Abel has racked up three of Colgate's wins this season and hasn't lost.

But Bedenk isn't one to be outdone, and he will send his own unbeaten star—Ed Kikla—to the mound today. Kikla goes into today's game with a 4-0 record and 0.68 ERA.

The rest of Bedenk's lineup will probably be the same as the one which beat Navy Tuesday.

Pitcher-turned-firstbaseman—Bill Benton will be at the gateway, Larry Fegley will be the second sacker, Bob Hoover will be the shortstop, and Dick Landis is slated for duty at third.

Another pitcher, Tom Durbin, will be the leftfielder. Durbin has caused quite a sensation this year with his .900 batting average (9 for 10) and he and Benton were the main factors in the Navy win.

Durbin had three hits against the Middies, while Benton came through with two important triples which led to Penn State's last three runs.

Doug Caldwell, who broke out of his slump against the Middies, will get the nod in centerfield and Zeke DeLong will start in right. Either Harry Beans or John




Larry Freedman ... possible starter

Doug Caldwell ... breaks slump

Adams will be the starting road trip with a doubleheader against Syracuse. The Lion coaches weren't sure of their pitching choices when the team left yesterday, but they did say that Durbin (2-0) would probably start one of the games.

This is Bedenk's "righty" lineup. The Lion coach plans to use a platoon system for the rest of the campaign. When a left hander is pitching against the Lions, he will put Ron Rinker in centerfield, Larry Beighey on first and Mike Hader will go to third with Dick Landis moving back to leftfield.

Tomorrow the Lions finish their



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MYSTERIOUS ACTIVITIES ON BEAVER FIELD

Various things have taken place on the Beaver Field track and in the office of head track coach Chuck Werner recently that may start some gears clicking in the minds of even the most casual Penn State track observer.

The Beaver Field track has been surveyed and checked for accuracy in distance. The curves have been banked. Wind gauges are on the field at every track meet. The timers' watches are sent to the jeweler's to be checked and synchronized before each meet. Experienced, recognized and competent officials handle every meet. And, as if an omen, Coach Werner has already obtained official record application blanks.

What does this all mean? Well, by now it should be quite obvious that local track authorities who are in a position to know, (specifically, coaches Werner and Norm Gordon) will not be too surprised if Beaver Field is the site of a history-making event in the sport of track this spring—the breaking of the 4-minute mile.

Could it be done? Here at Penn State? Only one American has broken the magic 4-minute mark—that elusive, psychologically deterred mark that is the goal of every top miler. Could Penn State track fans witness the second American breaking that mark?

Don Bowden, University of California star, ran a mile in 3 minutes 58.7 seconds at the Stockton Relays in Stockton, California, on June 1, 1957. No American has cracked it since.

The Lions captain, senior Ed Moran came within two seconds of accomplishing the feat when he ran a 4:01.7 mile in the AAU Championships at Berkeley, California, last summer. This stands as the Penn State record.

Beaver Field is far from an ideal location for an assault on the 4-minute mile. The track is average. It doesn't begin to compare with certain foreign tracks in Ireland or Australia or the superb American tracks in California, such as the one on which Moran clocked his school record in the University of California stadium. But Moran has been clipping off some fast times on the home cinders—for example that 4:07.5 in the Ohio State meet last week.

"Earnest Ed" slices off a few seconds each time he runs and it should be just a matter of time and a combination of favorable weather conditions till he reaps his share of cinder glory.

He ran 4:21.2 in his first outdoor mile this year at the Quantico Relays. The next week he crossed the line in 4:19 at Navy. As a member of the record-breaking Nittany 4-mile relay team at the Penn Relays two weeks ago he ran an easy 4:17. Last week with Dick Engelbrink pushing him for three laps he traversed the distance in 4:07.5, his fastest time this spring. And this is still .5 of a second slower than he ran on the boards this winter in Chicago.

One thing Moran seems to need to register a fast time is someone to push him. Pacing himself for four laps and judging his time with minute accuracy is a tough job for a runner, but when he has someone out there in front he can exert just a little more effort to keep up with him. That's why the world of track has been plagued with so many "paced races" since the advent of the 4-minute mile.

Moran may have a good pusher this Saturday in Michigan State's Bob Lake, Big 10 indoor mile champ. But regardless of what type of competition is furnished by the Lions' opposition this spring, Moran will always have one of the best pushers in the business right by his side—Dick Engelbrink.

And don't fall prey to the faulty assumption that Moran is the only Lion who stands a chance of breaking four minutes this year. To sum it up in three words—watch this Engelbrink! "The Eagle" is Penn State's number one 2-miler and won the ICA-A indoor crown in that event in February.

The first 4-minute mile ever run in the United States was on May 5, 1956, in the Los Angeles Coliseum, where Moran will get a chance to run next weekend. The picture of Oregon's Jim Bailey, an Australian, out-kicking the incomparable Ron Delany to the wire in 3:58.6 still remains imprinted in our mind. As a witness to that first sub-4 mile in California three years ago, there is nothing we would like better than to see the feat duplicated at Penn State.

And our advice to any local track fan who doesn't want to take the chance of missing such a history-making feat is to be in that grandstand for every Lion track meet this year.

## Lary Wins 3rd Straight Game As Tigers Beat Red Sox, 3-1

DETROIT (AP)—Frank Lary, scattered eight Boston hits for his third straight victory yesterday, as the Detroit Tigers took the deciding game of a 3-game series 3-1.

The only run off the veteran righthander was unearned. The Detroit infield pulled Lary out of three mild jams in the first four

innings with double plays—all of them started by second baseman Frank Bolling. The first Boston batter up in the ninth, Frank Malzone, singled but was wiped out on Detroit's fourth double play of the afternoon.

Lary bested Ike Delock in a solid pitchers duel decided on a pair of runs in the sixth inning.

## Boyle Thinks Possibilities Dim For Lion Linksmen in EIGA's

While thinking about the Lion linksmen's chances in the Eastern golf tourney, tomorrow, golf coach Joe Boyle's general opinion was that the golfers would not fare as well as they have in the past two years.

The reason Boyle feels this way is that he will not have a team which possesses the same amount of experience and quality that he has had in recent years. Last year he had five two-year lettermen on the squad and he was able to supplement them with two rookie finds.

However, this year the complexion is different. Boyle had only three lettermen returning—



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Bill Davidson, Scott Stultz and Roy Altman. The other four members of the team are inexperienced in EIGA tourney play.

Boyle will send Davidson, Dick Burgoon, Altman, Stultz, Haydn Thomas, John Morton and Ed Kormos to the Easterns. Boyle lists Davidson and Altman as having the best chance to finish well for the Lions.

His reasons are based mainly

on the way the Eastern tourney is conducted. The team championship is decided on Saturday and medal play is used. The top five medal scores for one team are the determinants of the winner.

In individual play, the top sixteen medalists on Saturday are asked to compete for the title. From that time on, match play is used.

Boyle rates Davidson highly because he is the defending tournament champion and has had much experience in the EIGA's. Also, Davidson is a proven medalist and has shown well in match play.

Altman is thought of by Boyle because he has carded consistently good medal scores. He has also proven himself in his match play this year.

As far as the other five players he will send are concerned, Boyle thinks that they are unknown quantities. Burgoon, according to Boyle, has the potential to be one of the finest players in the East. However, he has not measured up as of late.

In the two matches that he has won—Lehigh and Georgetown—he looked like a fine player. In the other ones he didn't have it," Boyle said.

According to Boyle, Stultz is one of the finest clutch players on the team; however he is not the type of linksmen who excels

in medal play.

Thomas and Morton also are fine players, who up to this time, have not proven themselves as medalists. Both of these men have played very good rounds of golf but have scored consistently in the middle seventies which would seem to eliminate them from EIGA competition.

Concerning Kormos, all Boyle had to say was Kormos has not seen enough competition to be able to judge how he will do in the tourney.

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