

Baseball, Track Teams Enter NCAA Championship Meets

Two Penn State sport teams will compete in the National Collegiate Athletic Association championships this weekend.

The Nittany Lion baseball team travels to Omaha, Neb., to enter the College World Series while the Blue and White track team will defend its IC4-A track titles at the NCAA track and field championships at Lincoln, Neb.

Coch J. Bedenk's baseballers left at 7 a.m. today for the 8-team tournament. The Lions meet Connecticut in the opening round game Saturday.

Penn State won the District Two title last weekend when it defeated Ithaca, 7-3, in the final game after having beaten Temple 16-4 in the opening game of the 4-team journey.

Connecticut enters the baseball championships with a record of 20 wins and only one loss as compared to Penn State's 15-4 record. Connecticut won the District One title without entering a playoff as it was selected on the basis of its record.

The Nittany Lion's starting pitcher in the opening game will probably be Ron Riese. Riese, a senior righthander, posted a four-win, one-loss record during the season but was the winning hurler against Ithaca last Friday. His earned run average is 1.50 while in 1958 he posted six wins as against one defeat.

If Riese doesn't start, Bedenk will call upon sophomore flash Ed Kikla, who went unbeaten in eight starts this spring. Kikla garnered the win against Temple but needed help from Riese in the seventh inning.

For relief duty, the Lions will have Bob Arner, Larry Freedman, Tom Durbin and Bill Benton available. Benton and Durbin also serve as infielders and outfielders, respectively.

The winner of the Penn State-Connecticut game will meet the winner of the Western Michigan-Oklahoma State contest Sunday afternoon. The losers of each game will also meet Sunday in the loser's bracket of double elimination tournament.

The Nittany Lion 9-man track and field team will compete Friday and Saturday at Lincoln. The

tracksters will be in quest of their first national crown.

Track coach Chick Werner has yet to name his entrants in the 38th annual event as in most cases more than one Lion runner can serve equally well in the events.

Heading the list of entrants is mile ace Ed Moran, who has run the fastest collegiate mile in the nation (4:31.7). He has also run the half-mile in 1:49.6.

But last weekend Dick Engelbrink served notice he too can do equally well in the mile when he won the Midwest Open AAU one-mile run in 4:06.5.

Other members of the track entry are Bob Brown, co-holder of the 100-yard dash record; Jim Schwab, holder of the javelin throw standard; distance-specialist Fred Kerr; discus-man John Tullar; 440-yard dash man Dick Hambright; half-miler Chick King who set a new AAU record; and hurdler Bob Szezyler.



Ron Riese
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