

Grandstand Views



Spring Training A la Penn State

By Sandy Padwa
Collegian Sports Editor

"McCoy's wind tunnel" is a monstrous building that should be a field house but isn't.

For those of you who don't know, we're referring to the ice-skating rink which is doubling as a "spring training" camp for the Penn State baseball team these days.

Things were really in full swing there yesterday as Joe Bedenk's half-frozen charges went through their paces with the strains of the "Blue Danube Waltz" in the background.

The Lion camp consists of one batting cage about six feet wide and 90-feet long, three pitchers mounds, and three backstops. It's not exactly like St. Petersburg, but it serves its purpose.

"Aw it's not so bad," said Bedenk brushing away the icicle that was forming on his nose, "the music is lovely, just like it would be in the shade of some palm trees down south. There's only one trouble, we like jazz not that slow stuff."

"That's right," chimed in assistant coach Chuck Medlar. "Now that Elvis is out of the Army we're going to get some of his records and really make these guys jump."

Just then a 90-mile-an-hour wind blast roared through the huge hall leaving everyone thoroughly chilled.

"The temperature inside here is 10 degrees below what it is outside, Bedenk muttered through a set of chattering teeth. "If this place were mine I'd put a wall around it."

"This weather has us three weeks behind," he said, suddenly growing serious. "The batting cage will help the hitters and pitchers but we haven't been able to get in any pepper under the stands like we did at Beaver Field in past years."

Then the old smile came back as quickly as it disappeared, and the cagey old coach went into a long dissertation on his pot-bellied stove which was lost when they tore down Beaver Field.

"Yep, the old pig-belly (Bedenk has a different name for everything) went with the stadium. Now we have to go in there to keep warm," he said pointing to the building where the ice skaters converge.

One of Penn State's greatest athletes, Bedenk is in his 30th year as head baseball coach and it's no secret that this could be his best.

The old warhorse has a habit of turning out top teams and last season the Lions finished fourth in the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

Bedenk has lost only three men from that team and some outstanding sophomore prospects are the reasons for the optimistic attitude at the Lion camp.

"Sophomores, we've got millions of them," Bedenk answered



JOE BENDEK
... veteran coach

when asked about his second year men. "Why we have so many players out I don't know where to put them."

"We started with 58 but I cut 10 yesterday. You should have heard those guys when they got cut. Nine of them called me every name in the book, but the tenth one, a little pitcher, came up to me and said, 'don't worry coach I'm not mad.'"

Now 62, Bedenk has more than his share of glorious moments to remember. He was an outstanding football player during his undergraduate days here and made Walter Camp's All-American team in 1923.

He served as assistant football coach under Bob Higgins for many years and took over as head coach in 1949 when Higgins retired. Bedenk gave up his grid job in 1950 to concentrate on baseball.

He's had great teams in recent years and his 1957 squad went undefeated before losing to California in the College world series.

1960 Schedule
Apr. 6, Gettysburg; 9, Syracuse (2); 13, at Villanova; 14, at Pennsylvania; 15, Ithaca; 20, Colgate (2); 23, at Georgetown (2); 27, West Virginia; 29, at Lafayette; 30, at Rutgers; May 4, Bucknell; 7, Maryland; 10, at Bucknell; 11, at Lehigh; 14, Navy; 18, Temple; 21, at Pittsburgh (2); 26, at Delaware.

Eastern Mat--

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Guzik, who lost by a stalling point.

Scordo lost to Pitt's Martin and Bob Hogan from Rutgers but may figure in the scoring. Myer has been a surprise all season at 191. His only loss was to Hall of Pitt.

Syracuse may also be a contender for the team title if their national champion Art Baker comes back to wrestle at 191. Baker has been out all season with a knee injury.

The Orange have a contender in 157-pound Harry Pollak in addition to Baker and Austin.

H-Ball Doubles Entries

All handball doubles entries must be turned in by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, at the intramural office in Rec Hall. The entry fee is 50 cents per team.

Twin Bill Opens NIT Cage Action

By DON WEISS
Associated Press Sports Writer
NEW YORK (AP)—Villanova

plays Detroit and Providence faces Memphis State tonight in a double-header opening the 23rd National Invitation Basketball Tournament at Madison Square Garden.

Defending champion St. Johns, and former champs Bradley, Temple, St. Louis and Holy Cross, also are in the 12-team tourney.

Bradley, fourth-ranked nationally and the only club to beat top-ranked Cincinnati this season, is top seeded and drew a first round bye along with second-seeded Utah State (22-5), third-seeded St. Louis (19-7) and fourth-seeded St. John's (17-7).

The records of the other challengers are 20-6 for Detroit and Dayton, 18-4 for Memphis State, 21-4 for Providence, 20-5 for Holy Cross, 19-5 for Villnova, 19-3 for St. Bonaventure and 17-8 for Temple. Here's the schedule: (times EST)

Tonight—Villanova vs. Detroit 7:15 p.m.; Providence vs. Memphis State 9:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 12 — St. Bonaventure vs. Holy Cross 2:15 p.m.; Utah State vs. Villanova-Detroit winner 4 p.m. (national TV, NBC); Dayton vs. Temple 7:30 p.m.; St. Louis vs. Providence-Memphis State winner 9:15 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15 — Bradley vs. Dayton-Temple winner 7:30 p.m.; St. John's vs. St. Bonaventure-Holy Cross winner 9:15 p.m.

Thursday, March 17 — Semifinals 7:30 p.m. and 9:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 19—third place game 2:15 p.m.; finals 4 p.m. (national TV, NBC).

Barring a major upset, Cincinnati's top-ranking Bearcats and California's defending champions figure to meet in the semifinals of the NCAA basketball championship tournament at San Francisco, March 18. The final is set for March 19.

The way the draw is set, the winner of the east regional at Charlotte, N. C., will meet the survivor of the Midwest regional at Louisville. The victor in the Midwest Regional at Manhattan, Kan., will face the champion of the Far West Regional which is being played at Seattle.

Here is the way the teams stack up for the Friday contest: East Regional at Charlotte, N. C. — West Virginia vs. New York U., and Duke vs. St. Joseph's Pa. Midwest Regional at Louisville — Ohio University vs. Georgia Tech and Western Kentucky vs. Ohio State.

Midwest Regional at Manhattan, Kan. — Depaul vs. Cincinnati and Texas vs. the winner of the Kansas-Kansas State playoff.

Far West Regional at Seattle—California vs. Santa Clara and Utah vs. the winner of the New Mexico State - Oregon game.

Delta Chi, ATO Nab Semi-Final Berths

By DEAN BILLICK

Delta Chi and Alpha Tau Omega will meet in the semi-finals of the intramural swimming tournament tomorrow after both teams advanced by virtue of impressive wins last evening.

Delta Chi stopped stubborn Phi Gamma Delta, 26-15, and ATO whipped Phi Kappa Sigma, 30-10.

On the basis of meet times and scores tomorrow's match should be a real close one. Both squads have set records this year in scoring smashing wins over their opponents.

The outstanding individual performance of the evening was in the diving where Bill Pinder of ATO set this year's record with a sizzling 28.35.

Judging the diving event was Bob Smith, a graduate student of Penn State, now officiating in the Middle Atlantic AAU conference. Commenting on Pinder's performance he said, "Pinder would do real well in any school in the AAU."

A sweep in the diving brought Delta Chi from the short end of a 14-13 score to the lead it needed for its win. Previous to the diving Delta Chi and Phi Gam traded one-two finishes and then split in the 60-yard backstroke.

Rae Seely and Ron Nutter copped first and second honors for Delta Chi in the free style with a mark of 32.7 and Dave Beary and Mike Nace took one-two for Phi Gam in the breast stroke with a 40.8.

Delta Chi's relay team of Don Butcher, Dick Cowling, Rae Seely and Ron Nutter added the finishing touches to the meet as they swept across the finish line in 1:01.9.

ATO did not have such a tough time with Phi Kappa Sigma which took only one event—the 120-yard relay. The relay was the closest match of the meet with the Phi Sig anchor man, Dick Lacey, slapping the finish line one foot ahead of the ATO swimmer.

Carl Tongberg recorded an excellent 39.3 clocking in the breast stroke, while his teammate Dick McCoy swept second place honors. Both Phi Kappa Sig swimmers were disqualified.

IM Wrestling Deadline

Deadline for entering the IM wrestling tournament is 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 15. All entries must be turned in at the intramural office in Rec Hall. Entry fee is 25 cents per man

Rutgers to Play Lion Lax Club In Exhibition

The Penn State Lacrosse Club, consisting mostly of varsity players, meets the Rutgers Lacrosse Club Saturday at New Brunswick, N. J., for their fourth annual box-lacrosse game.

Box-lacrosse is played on a dirt floor completely surrounded by nets. Four men plus a goalie constitute a team instead of the usual ten players.

Rutgers consistently fields one of the top lacrosse teams in the country and Saturday's game provides a good chance for Coach Earnie Bear's weather-hampered stickmen to work out under game conditions.

Bear's stickmen open the regular season, April 2, in Baltimore against Loyola. They play Rutgers here April 30.

Buc Wives Unhappy

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP)—Wives of some Pittsburgh Pirates aren't too happy about the club's decision to ban them from accompanying their husbands on road trips this season.

One of the more outspoken is Mrs. Elroy Face, wife of the ace relief pitcher. She said: "That puts the blame on us I guess they'll keep us away from spring training next."

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