

Lion Nine Plays Gettysburg

Kikla Will Hurl Opener Today at 3:30

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Penn State starts down the long road to Omaha and the college world series this afternoon at 3:30 when Gettysburg comes to Beaver Field for the 1960 baseball opener.

Ranked sixth in the pre-season polls, Joe Bedenk's Nittany Lions will be defending their District II title which carried them to a fourth place finish in the Omaha classic last year.

Bedenk has 12 lettermen back from that team including south-paw Eddie Kikla who will get the starting assignment today.

Kikla, who mixes a blazing fast ball with an effective curve and change-up, had a 9-1 record and a 1.46 ERA in 1959.

The chunky Lion junior will be joined in the starting lineup by captain Dick Landis at third, Bob Hrobak at short, Larry Fegley at second and either Bill Benton or Larry Beighey at first.

Sophomore John Phillips gets the nod in leftfield while another soph, Roger Kochman will start in center. Hard-hitting Zeke DeLong is the choice for right.

The catching assignment hasn't been decided yet and it could be Jim Suplizio or John Adams.

Hrobak, Phillips and Kochman are the only newcomers to the Penn State lineup.

A junior, Hrobak spent the 1959 season learning the shortstop trade from State captain Bob Hoover, who played for Uncle Sam's Pan-American team during the summer.

Phillips was the long ball hitter for the freshmen and Bedenk hopes he can step into that spot with the varsity this year. If not, Bedenk feels Kochman can produce the long ball and with his great speed he'll be a definite asset in the outfield.

Fegley at second, DeLong in right, and Landis at third give Bedenk three-seasoned veterans who rank with the best.

Landis, the leadoff man, doesn't hit for the high average but he always manages to get on base, and once he's on, he's a real pest. One of the fastest



Ed Kikla . . . draws starting assignment

men on the squad, the 5-9 senior loves to steal and his "belly" slides have become a trademark in collegiate baseball circles.

Fegley leaves the impression of a real pro. A strong hitter and smooth fielder, he is best in the clutch and had six doubles and 25 RBI last year.

A prime prospect of the pro scouts, Fegley carried the Lions through the first part of the 1959 campaign before falling into a late slump which brought his average from .400 to .294.

DeLong was State's third best hitter last year with a .368 average and he was the top fielder, going through the whole season without an error.

The first base job depends on Gettysburg's pitcher today. If it's a lefty, Beighey will get the nod, but if not, Benton, a .333 hitter, will start.

Gettysburg carries an 0-2 record into today's game with

the Lions. Coach Bobby Hulton's boys have lost to Lebanon Valley and Villanova.

Hulton will probably go with either Dick Hawkins or Mel Jacobs, his two best pitchers. Hawkins posted a 3-2 mark last season while Jacobs was Gettysburg's most effective reliever.

For power, the Bullets will depend on big Ken Fruchter at first base, Gordie Kissner in left field and George Shalick at third.

Fruchter was one of the leading hitters in college ball last year with a .477 average, four home-runs and 22 RBI. Shalick and Kissner, meanwhile wound up with identical .375 averages.

IM Tennis Doubles

All entries for IM tennis doubles must be turned in at the IM Office at Rec Hall no later than 4:30, Tuesday.

Lions Hope to End Middie LaX Streak

When the Lion lacrosse team meets Navy this afternoon at Annapolis they will be battling a jinx that dates back to 1919. That year the Midshipmen downed Penn State, 13-0, to start a streak that now stands at 29 consecutive wins.

The closest State has come to a victory recently was in 1957 when they dropped a 19-11 verdict. Last season Navy handed the Nittanians the worst drubbing in Penn State lacrosse history, 29-3.

Navy always plays one of the strongest schedules in the nation and the Middies have copped the national championship six times. This year is no different on the banks of the Severn. Coach Bill Bilderback has 16 returning lettermen and as a result Navy has a well-balanced attack with plenty of depth.

All-American midfielder Karl Ripplemeyer leads the Navy offense. Ripplemeyer led the team in scoring last year with 16 goals, and in Navy's 15-2 win over Rutgers Saturday he scored six goals and had four assists. He scored five goals against the Lions last year.

Captain Dick Pariseau, a starting halfback on the football team, is a steady vet and gives Navy a strong one-two punch in midfield. Also returning are lettermen Jack Prudhomme, Don Chinn and Bob Shape. This trio, plus Pariseau and Ripplemeyer, makes the midfield Navy's strongest position.

The Middies also have a strong defense centered around All-Maryland goalie Mickey Reeves. Reeves was a sophomore "find" last year and has developed into a real fine goalie.

Vets Barry Byrne and Henry Chiles will start at attack. The Middies lost Tom Mitchell, another starting attackman, in the Rutgers game when he sprained his ankle.

Lion coach Earnie Baer will use the same lineup that whipped Loyola Saturday with one exception. Senior Hank Schilling will take the place of Jim Kane who injured his knee in the Lions' win over Loyola.

The Lion freshman team will meet the Navy Plebes in the opening test for both clubs. This year the frosh have 12 experienced high school players and according



Jim Irwin . . . Lion goalie

to Coach Bill Hess it is possibly the best balanced freshman team that State has ever had. Both the varsity and freshman games begin at 3:30

Skinner's Homer Ends Pirate Losing Streak

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Bob Skinner's three-run homer in the ninth inning yesterday gave the Pittsburgh Pirates a 7-5 exhibition baseball victory over the Philadelphia Phils.

The 400-foot blast came off Humberto Robinson and ended a battle of home runs. Pittsburgh snapped its losing streak at six games. Bob Clemente hit a three-run homer for the Pirates in the third.

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