

Lion Baseballers to Host Lehigh if Weather Clears

By JOHN MORRIS

About the only time the Penn State baseball team steps on the field is when they play a game.

At least it's beginning to seem that way to Lion coach Joe Bedenk.

"You can't battle the weather," Bedenk said yesterday after the Lions' rain-shortened practice session. "We could give some teams some trouble this year," he continued, "but you just can't practice in this stuff."

The Lions are supposed to host unbeaten Lehigh at 3:30 this afternoon in a Beaver Field game originally scheduled for Tuesday, but first they need a break from the weatherman.

Tom Durbin is Bedenk's choice to face the Engineers if the skies clear.

The bespectacled righthander will be making his first start of the year. He was 3-0 last year while dividing his time between the mound and center field.

Bob Meyer will start for the Engineers, but coach Tony Packer says that he'll "use everyone on the staff if we can win by doing so."

Meyer pitched six innings of hitless ball in Lehigh's opening 12-3 win over Swarthmore and saved the Engineers' 4-3 win over Bucknell with two innings of relief pitching.

Bedenk will go with the same lineup that he used against Villanova.

That means Bob Rodenhaver will start at first base, Bart "Bronco" Brodtkin at second, John



JOE BEDENK

Phillips at short and Don Robinson on third.

The outfield will have Al Gursky in left, Dick Pae in center and team captain Zeke DeLong in right.

DeLong has been bothered by a sore right shoulder after making a long throw in the Lions' opening win over Gettysburg,

but expects to be ready this afternoon.

Don Jonas will be the Nittany catcher. The football halfback was injured in a collision at home plate in the Villanova game, but will be back in the lineup today.

Ed Czekaj, Penn State business manager of athletics, said late last night that the decision on today's game would be made this morning.

Boyle Begins Fifth Season As Golf Coach Tomorrow

By DAVE LEONARD

Joe Boyle begins his fifth season as golf coach when the Lion linksmen travel to Maryland this weekend to meet two of the toughest squads in college circles — Maryland and Navy.

Boyle has compiled a 33-9 dual meet record since moving up to the head position. He served as assistant coach from 1949 through 1956.

Boyle played three years of varsity golf at Penn State in 1946, '47, and '48. The 1947 team was the only Lion squad to ever win the Eastern championship.

Some outstanding players, including Bill Davidson, have developed under Boyle's guidance. Davidson was the Eastern champ in 1958 when he led the Lion linksmen to a perfect 10-0 season.

Looking ahead to the coming season, Boyle says this will be a rebuilding year.

Captain John Morton, Bob Rutherford, and Bob Swahn, are the only returning Lion golfers who saw action last year.

The rest of the squad is untested in varsity competition, but Boyle said that he has a fine

group of sophomores in Rich Gillison, Jack Meredith, Dave Miller, and Denny Moyer.

Morton, a two year letterman, has compiled a 15-5 dual meet record in two seasons of varsity play. The Lion senior was 7-2 as a sophomore, and 8-3 last year.

Rutherford, the only other Lion to earn a letter last year, posted an 8-3 log.

After the opening matches this weekend, the linksmen return home to face West Virginia on Wednesday.

Lions Schedule MSU

Penn State and Michigan State will meet in a home and home football series in 1965-66.

The Spartans will visit University Park Sept. 25, 1965, and the Lions will travel to East Lansing Sept. 24, 1966.

PIAA V-Ball, Rifle Set for Rec Hall

The PIAA volleyball and rifle championships will be decided Saturday in Rec Hall.

Munhall, champion of the Southwest region, will be going after its third straight rifle title. Bradford (Northwest), Stroud-Union (Northeast) and Upper Darby (Southeast) are the other finalists.

Monessen, District 7, will not be back to defend the volleyball crown it won the past two seasons.

Contenders this year are Conestoga (1), William Penn of York (3), Turnpike (4), Homestead (7), Peabody (8), Clearfield (9), Conneaut Valley (10), and Tunkhannock (12).

Golfers Schedule 12

Twelve matches are on tap for Penn State's golf team this season. Coach Joe Boyle's team will open April 14 at Maryland.

Grandstand Views



Syracuse Games Top Spectacles

By Sandy Padwe
Collegian Sports Editor

Glancing Back After Two Years as Sports Editor . . .

There is little hesitation in this corner when it comes to picking the top sports spectacles during the past two years. The two football games with Syracuse stand out far above anything else.

In 1959, both Syracuse and the Lions were undefeated going into their now historic meeting on Beaver Field.

The Orange had a 6-0 record and were ranked third in the nation while the Lions were 7-0 and were ranked seventh.

A record crowd of 32,800 went wild when Sophomore Roger Kochman rambled 17 yards for the first score in the opening period to give State a 6-0 lead.

Apparently Kochman's score brought the mighty Orangemen to life because they snapped back for a 20-8 lead at the outset of the fourth period.

Syracuse made it look so easy up to this point that nobody expected a Penn State comeback.

After Syracuse's final score, "Toe" Yates lifted a booming kick to the Lion goal. Kochman took it there and began weaving through the whole Orange team. He managed to reach midfield where Bud Kohlhaas knocked the last defender into oblivion, enabling the Rocket to complete his 100-yard dash.

Kochman's run stunned the Orangemen, the crowd and the Lions.

They held the Orange deep in Syracuse territory and Yates went back to punt. This time tackle Andy Stynchula, now with the Washington Redskins, hurled the Syracuse defenders.

He managed to block the kick and the ball was rolling free near the 10. Fred Mautino, Syracuse's All-American end, scooped it up but Kohlhaas hit him from behind and jarred the ball loose.

State recovered on the one and you could feel the tension rise. On the next play, fullback Sam Sobczak scored and the Lions were just two points away from a tie, 20-18.

One of those dramatic hushes fell over the crowd as Richie Lucas brought the team out of the huddle for the extra point.

Then came the snap. Lucas pivoted, Kochman took the hand-off and banged into a wall of white jerseys just short of the goal. The rally was over.

When the final whistle blew a few minutes later, nobody left the stadium. Instead everyone stood and applauded the Lions as they walked off the field.

"The standing ovation the fans gave the team after the game was the finest tribute I've ever seen a crowd give a team," a dejected Rip Engle said after the game.

When the wire service polls came out the next week, the Orangemen were the top team in the country. They finished in that spot and were named national champs.

Naturally it was a bitter loss for the Lions and they waited a

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