

Baseballers Seek 5th Win Today

Durbin Gets Starting Nod Vs. Quakers

Jack McCloskey's up and down Penn baseball team had better be up when they meet Joe Bedenk's Lions this afternoon at 2:30 on Beaver Field.

Penn (5-7) has been inconsistent all year, but the Nittanies have suddenly burst into the Eastern baseball spotlight with a 4-1 log.

The Lions haven't played enough games to be ranked with powers like Navy and Villanova, but their reputation is growing.

State will put its three-game winning skein on the line against the Quakers. Bedenk is calling on lefty Tom Durbin to do the pitching.

This will be Durbin's second start of the year. The slim veteran beat Lafayette, 3-2, in a rain-shortened contest two weeks ago.

Bedenk may start Galen Hall instead of Don Jonas behind the plate.

"They're pretty evenly match-



Tom Durbin

ed," Bedenk said yesterday, "but Jonas has a better arm.

"With a good lefthander like Durbin pitching though, the base runners don't get a big jump so the catcher doesn't need quite as strong an arm," Bedenk said.

The rest of the lineup will be the same as the one that rocked Rutgers, 15-2, Wednesday.

Barry Rodenhaver will start at

first base for the Lions with Bart Brodtkin at second, Don Robinson at third and John Phillips at short.

The outfield has Al Gursky in left, Dick Pae in center and Captain Zeke DeLong in right.

DeLong broke out of a long slump with three hits in five trips Wednesday and Gursky and Pae smashed homers to lead the 16-hit onslaught on four Rutgers pitchers.

Penn has one of the best pitching staffs in the East, backed up by a sophomore-studded lineup that shows signs of greatness.

Sophomore third sacker Jeff Sturm is the leading Quaker batsman with a .304 average through the first 12 games.

Second sacker Dave McKinley and shortstop Porter Shreve are Penn's other top hitters. Shreve was the tailback on the Quakers' Ivy League football entry last fall.

Sophomore basketballer Bob Purdy is the regular leftfielder for the visitors. Mike Tate in center and Marty Goldman in right join Purdy in the outfield.

Marty Padersky will probably get the nod from McCloskey to start on the mound for the Quakers. Penn ace Grover Powell isn't slated to see any action, but McCloskey may use him in a pinch.

Powell, the 1960 NCAA strike-out king, had a 6-1 record last year as a sophomore.

Lions Lose Hayes For LaX Tilt Today

By DEAN BILLICK

Earnie Baer has had plenty of problems this year, but the biggest one of all is yet to come—the Lion stickmen meet Syracuse at 10 a.m. on Beaver Field minus the services of their top scorer, Tom Hayes.

Hayes, who has scored 14 goals this year, will not dress for the game because of a bad charley horse.

Baer said Hayes could play but if he got bumped the wrong way he would be out for the season. I'd rather have him play the final four games than take a chance on getting hurt against Syracuse," he said.

Gordon Bennett will replace the Lion star at midfield. Bennett is State's third leading scorer, but has been used on the second midfield so far this year. The Orange starting lineup features seven lettermen plus a strong defensive unit. Dick Finley is the team's leading scorer and a strong All-American possibility. Norm Lemieux and Anton Riess, both lettermen, join Finley at midfield. Pete DeLeeuw, Ted Glowa and Frank Kiernan start at attack. The defense averages 215-lbs with footballer Tom Gilburg (230) the anchor man. Bob Ransdell (205) and Dave Ward (210) are the other two starters.



Gordon Bennett

IM Champ Mastered Hobby

Bob Gross of Phi Epsilon Pi is a perfectionist at his hobby. His hobby happens to be badminton, a sport which demands skill, intelligence, endurance, and above all desire.

Wednesday night at Rec Hall, Gross showed why he is master of IM badminton play by winning his third straight fraternity badminton title over Stu Bischoff of Beta Theta Pi.

But even though he's won the crown three straight years, Gross wasn't always a "master." There's a world of difference between the shrewd competitor that won the title this year and the inexperienced but hustling sophomore who beat Sammy Phaungphakdi two years ago.

In 1959 Gross beat the Thailand champ on almost sheer hustle and determination. It was sweet revenge for him because Phaungphakdi had humiliated him in the fraternity finals, 15-1, 15-2, the previous year.

In his title defense against Bischoff, Gross was making his opponent do the running. It was a smooth, poised Gross this time.

"Experience means a great

deal," the amiable southpaw said yesterday. "Bischoff is a fine player. I just had too much experience for him."

"It was the same thing when I played Phaungphakdi as a freshman. He had the experience and that was the difference," Gross said.

"Gross's secret lies in his court control," said IM Director Dutch Sykes. "He always keeps the other man moving; he plays on a dime."

Gross has another unique distinction along with being the only man to win the IM badminton championship three times. He is only the fourth man in IM history to win three championships in one sport.

The others to accomplish this feat were John Reese of Phi Delta Theta, Steve Hockey of Sigma Nu, and Irvin Shimmel of Zeta Beta Tau.

Reese, now the head wrestling coach at Wilkes College, won

IM boxing titles at 123, 128, and 135 pounds in 1949, 1950, and 1951.

Hockey also won three consecutive boxing crowns. He beat Sam Valentine, former All-American football player, for the heavy-weight title in 1959.

Shimmel won the handball crown in 1954, 1955, and 1956.

Gross' mastery in badminton didn't come by chance. "I started playing badminton when I was a senior in high school," Gross said. "Every day after school my dad and I played at the YMCA. I concentrated on just one thing—beating my dad."

Gross said his philosophy on badminton is to keep his opponent under constant pressure.

"You can't play a defensive game in badminton and win," he said. "The best defense is a good offense."



Bob Gross

Olympic Champ Penn State's only individual gold medal winner in track is Horace Ashenfelter who won the steeplechase at Helsinki in 1952. Barney Ewell was a member of the championship 400-meter relay team at London in 1948.

Miller Elected President Of Varsity 'S' Club

Track veteran Mike Miller is the new president of the Varsity "S" Club. Miller, who runs the mile, 880 and mile relay for Chick Werner's thinclads, replaced teammate Dick Campbell as "S" Club president.

Jim Baker, who plays in the number one position on State's tennis team, was elected vice president.

Tony Wayne was elected secretary and Jay Stormer was elected treasurer.

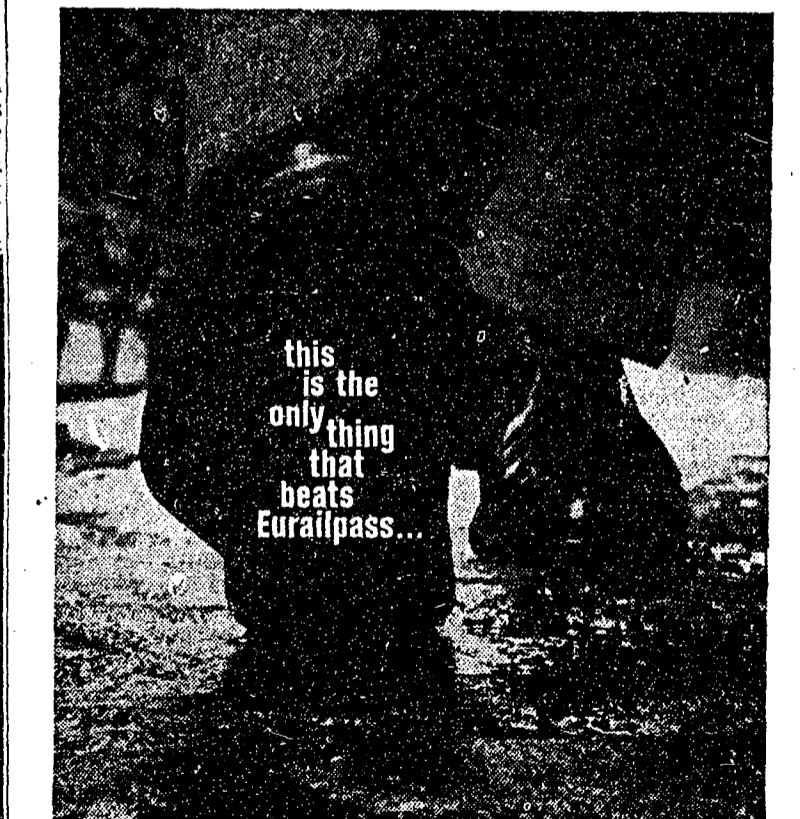
Wayne doubles in track and football and Stormer earned a letter in soccer last fall.

Penn State and Michigan State have contracted for football games in 1965 and 1966. The '65 game will be played at Penn State, the '66 contest at East Lansing.

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