

Off and On



State's Strange Spring Sounds

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Occasionally, when the wind dies down, it is possible to hear a strange noise in the area around the Ice Skating Rink. The sound is amazingly like the one produced when a bat strikes a baseball.

As absurd as it may seem, that time of the baseball season known loosely as "spring training" has started in that man-made wind tunnel, sometimes called the Ice Skating Rink.

Spring it is not, but practice it is for Penn State coach Joe Bedenk, assistant coach Chuck Medlar and the assorted cold-blooded individuals out for the team.

Bedenk and Medlar do most of the suffering. The team managers bring a new batch of baseball aspirants down from Rec Hall every half hour or so and cart the half-frozen remnants of the previous group back to the warmth and security of Medlar's training room.

BUT WHILE THE PLAYERS and managers do all this running around, Bedenk and Medlar must stand in the wind tunnel and direct traffic.

The silver-haired coach, who bears a striking resemblance to one Charles Dillon Stengel, runs players in and out of the two batting cages at a warming clip while Medlar directs operations in the make-shift pitching area.

Another sound as synonymous with Penn State baseball as the crack of the bat can also be heard occasionally in the Lion's training headquarters.

Bedenk's growling voice serves to keep his players alert and aware of the fact that he doesn't miss a thing.

"Choke up on that bat," Bedenk yelled Monday, "you're swinging like it was the Fourth of July." And then in an aside to this reporter, "He was coached by one of my own players. He knows how to swing a bat."



JOB BEDENK

Practice was enlivened somewhat this week by the appearance of a healthy, suntanned John Adams, courtesy of the Florida State League.

Adams, catcher and part-time first baseman for the last three years, has just completed a course at Sommer's Umpiring School in Florida and has landed a job with the Florida league. Nothing could sound much more inviting right about now.

ADAMS WAS GREETED by his former coach and many of his former teammates. As a matter of fact, there seems to be quite an abundance of his former mates around.

There is spunky Bart Brodtkin, the Lions' regular second-sacker last year as a sophomore, who always seems to be asking for "just a few more swings."

Then there is big Marlin Biesecker, a tall, right-handed pitcher of some skill, who would rather hit than pitch.

And then there is third baseman Don Robinson, who would rather play baseball than do almost anything.

Robinson and Brodtkin exemplify the type of baseball player Bedenk wants. Neither is blessed with size, speed or strength but both have that quality which shows when a player runs on and off the field, instead of walking.

BEDENK WILL PROBABLY produce a winning team this season, he usually has in his 31 years as the Lion coach. And with Brodtkin and Robinson in the same infield, the Lions should play exciting baseball.

Brodtkin, Biesecker and Robinson are just three of the front-liners returning from last year's 9-6 squad. Bedenk can also call on Dick Pae, Al Gursky, Don Jonas and team captain John Phillips from last season's starting team.

In addition to Biesecker, pitching coach Medlar has Dave Bergey, Bob Fenton and promising sophomore Walt Bloom available to name a few.

Bergey is student teaching this term, but will probably join the team in time for five days (March 20-25) of practice at Ft. Eustis, Va.

Seward's Showing Boosts Gym Hopes

Greg Weiss' overwhelming victory in the Eastern Intercollegiate Gymnastics League all-around competition at the individual championships at West Point Friday marked the tenth straight year that a Lion gymnast had won the title.

Weiss won the all-around crown three straight years to extend the Nittanies' streak, and it appears that the title will remain in Penn State possession for at least another year.

Junior Tommy Seward was second to the Lion captain at West Point and will probably be favored to cop the crown next season.

SEWARD SCORED 498 points to 535.5 for Weiss. In addition, the stocky junior was second in the free exercise, third on the horizontal bar, fourth on the side horse and eighth on the still rings.

Seward lost only once the whole dual meet season in the free exercise—to Pitt's Earl McConnell. McConnell also edged the Nittany star in the Easterns, 188.5 to 187.5.

Other outstanding performances were turned in by Bud Williams and F. P. Sforza.

Williams, the Lions' second man on the still rings this season,

came through with the best performance of his career in the Easterns.

The blond-haired junior finished second to Weiss on the still rings, 186.5 to 176.5. Senior Larry Yohn broke and finished far down the list.

SFORZA ALSO turned in his best showing of the year, finishing third in the long horse vault. The vault had been a trouble spot for the Nittanies in dual meets, but sophomore Sforza will give the Lions a strong man in the event for two more seasons.

The Nittanies begin practice this week for the NCAA championships to be held in Albuquerque, N.M., March 29-30-31.

John Morris

SCHOLASTIC BASKETBALL

Dist. 2 Class B
Gettysburg 62
Hempfield 44, Annville 62
WPIAL, Class A
Quarter Final
Mount Lebanon 76, Clairton 62

IM Results

BASKETBALL

FRATERNITY

Al. Gam Rho	13-31	16 Al. Tau	0-0	(2-5)	8
Sig. Phi Kp.	1-4	45 Sig. Al. Mu	(1-7)	9	
Acacia	(5-1)	28 Phi Kap. Tr.	(5-8)	22	
Tau K. Ep.	(7-1)	31 Sigma Pi	(5-3)	16	
Phi Del. Tr.	(5-1)	25 Al. Phi. Al.	(7-2)	20	
Phi Sig. Del.	(9-1)	24 Beta Tau	Phi (7-2)	27	

High Score—WILLIAM LAUCH, Tau Kappa Epsilon, 19

INDEPENDENT
FIRST ROUND PLAYOFF
Mercer 36 Lebanon 17

Handball Winners

For the second consecutive year footballers Pete Liske and Steve Popp have copped the independent handball doubles championship.

The pair defeated Don Benner and Bruce Blanning, 21-20, and 21-12, last night in Rec Hall to win the title.

Jay Ends Pact Holdout

TAMPA, Fla. (AP)—Spirits at Cincinnati's spring training camp rose yesterday when the Reds' top pitcher, Joey Jay, ended his holdout.

The 26-year-old right-hander who won 21 games in the Reds' surprising push to the National League pennant last year, signed for the 1962 season for an estimated \$28,000.

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EIWA Tourney

(Continued from page six) coming to Bethel (Sonny) Greenhalgh of Syracuse, 5-4.

At 137 Edwards makes his first tournament appearance. He has rolled to an impressive 8-1-1 record at 147, including a 5-4 win over Pitt's two-time EIWA runner-up, Daryl Kelvington.

PIFER IS NEARLY everyone's choice for a title at 147. Last year the Lion co-captain won the title going away and there doesn't appear to be anyone who can challenge him this season. Pifer's record is 8-2, but both losses came at 167.

Paul Stegner or Chuck Beatty, both 0-1, will probably start at 157 while John Barone, 2-4, should wrestle at 167.

Bill Polacek, who won his first match, 5-0, last week at Rutgers, is scheduled for the 177-pound spot.

Myer, who is the regular 177-pounder, will move-up to 191. The Lion co-captain grappled to an 8-2 chart this year, including a win at 191 and heavyweight.

Pohland, who also was a late starter, has a 5-2 chart and will be State's hope at heavyweight.

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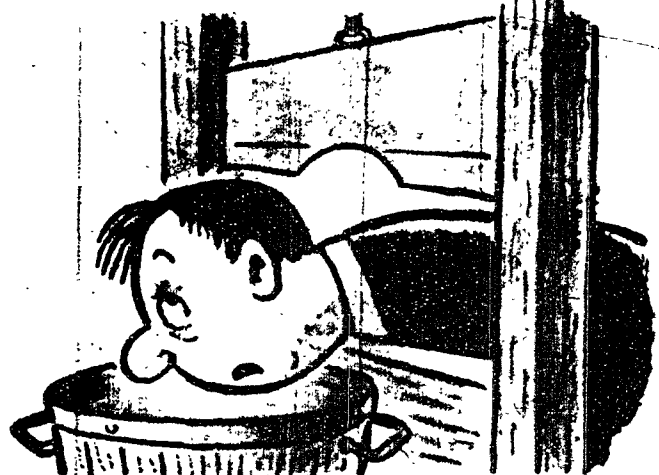
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