

# Mild Weather Gives Lion Nine Chance To Prepare for Opener

By JOHN MORRIS

Penn State baseball coach Joe Bedenk left these mountains in search of warm weather over the just-ended term break, but the Lions have accomplished more in the last three days on Beaver Field than they did in four days at Ft. Eustis, Va.

"It was just too wet down there to get all our work done," Bedenk said yesterday, "but this weather here has really helped us."

"We found out just about what we knew before we went down there," the veteran coach continued. "We could have a very good team—solid all over."

The Lions open their season against Gettysburg on Beaver Field Tuesday and the only weak spot in the lineup may be the mound corps.

MARLIN BIESECKER and Bob Fenton give the Nittanians two strong starters, but then there is a big drop in quality.

The Nittanians started the season with six reliable pitchers, but only Fenton and Biesecker are practicing with the team.

Walt Bloom, a standout for the frosh team last year, and junior Ed Giegucz are on scholastic probation. Tom Shaffer quit the squad to concentrate on his studies and Dave Bergey has diabetes.

Bedenk expects Bergey to join the squad soon, but as of yet the fireballing righthander hasn't thrown a pitch.

State is well-stocked at every other position with competition keen for the starting team.

BEDENK HAS SIX regulars returning from last year's team plus a barrellful of new talent.

Don Jonas returns to handle the bulk of the catching chores



MARLIN BIESECKER

... veteran righthander

while Dick Pae and Al Gursky are back for their regular outfield duties. Captain John Phillips, Bart Brodtkin and Don Robinson were all regular members of the infield last season.

Phillips figures to be the Nittanians' starting shortstop and Brodtkin seems to have the edge on his competitors for the second base job.

But Robinson has run into some stiff resistance from sophomore Fred Light in the battle for the

third base nod. Light is a slick-fielding, line-drive-hitting youngster who rates as one of State's brightest prospects in several years.

Pete Liske is the leading candidate for the first base slot and footballers Dick Anderson and Roger Kochman are battling for the right field job.

Long home runs by Liske, Anderson, Jonas and sophomore Grier Werner highlighted yesterday's three-hour practice session.

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