

Bedenk Has Big Bombers In Outfield; Vet Infield

By JOHN MORRIS

(This is the first of a two-part series on the Penn State baseball team. Today, the infield and outfield.)

Baseball coach Joe Bedenk has been wearing a smile around the practice field lately. And with good reason—this year's version of the Penn State baseball team may be one of the heaviest hitting groups that ever invaded Beaver Field.

Bedenk seems to get a special kick out of watching a baseball fly over the fence, an event that has been happening with shocking regularity in practice thus far.

"A couple of guys that hit the long ball can make the difference between a good team and a champion," Bedenk said. "This year we might have some boys who can hit it."

BEDENK CAN send an imposing array of batting muscle to the plate this year, but the Lions don't appear to be sacrificing fielding for hitting. Nearly all the big hitters in the lineup are also good glovemen.

Four football players roam the outfield for the Lions. The four, all powerful hitters, are Al Gursky, Dick Pae, Dick Anderson and Roger Kochman.

Left fielder Gursky and center fielder Pae are holdovers from last year. Kochman, a regular two years ago, and Anderson are battling for the right field nod.

Three sophomores back up the top four in fine style. Gerry Kozusko, Dave Dobrosielski and Joe Davi are all in the running for the reserve outfield berths.

Bedenk is also using Kochman at first base in an effort to find someone to back up regular first baseman Pete Liske, another member of Rip Engle's football team.

BUT THE WHITE-HAIRED coach doesn't have to worry about finding any replacements at the other infield positions. If anything, the Lions seem to be "suffering" from an overflow of talent.

The regular second baseman, shortstop and third baseman all return from last year's team, but at least two of them are facing challenges from a fine sophomore crop.

Captain John Phillips is far and away the Nittany's outstanding shortstop, but Bart Brodtkin and Don Robinson have been hard-pressed all spring.

Robinson, regular third sacker a year ago, has been switched to second, leaving the hot corner job

Paret Continues Fight for Life

NEW YORK (AP)—Former welterweight champion Benny (Kid) Paret, unconscious for the fifth day and in a moderate coma, occasionally moved his arms yesterday.

The latest bulletin from Roosevelt Hospital, however, reported his condition unchanged.

THE REPORT added that the 25-year-old Cuban does not recognize people.

Paret was knocked out by Emile Griffith in the 12th round of their title bout at Madison Square Garden Saturday night.

Doctors said Paret's condition was critical and that he had only a slight chance to live.

Paret's mother, Mrs. Maxima Crespo, said in Havana yesterday that she hopes to fly to the United States today. She said a flight to Miami is being arranged through the Cuban National Physical Education Institute.

MRS. CRESPO, 56, added she knows no one in Miami. She does not speak English.

Interviewed at the home of a sister, Mrs. Crespo said she believed her son would recover.

"But I have delivered my hopes to the great power of God," she said. "I never wanted him to fight. I don't want him to fight any more."

Dr. Manuel Acosta, Paret's personal physician, talked to hospital authorities and admitted there was only a slight chance that Paret would recover. Two neurologists said that, at best, the fighter's chances were less than 5 in 100.

Rens Give Harris Shot At Pro Ball

By JIM KARL

Gene Harris, the 6-3 senior who kept Penn State's cagers from sinking below .500 this year, may get an opportunity to show the outside world that he can play basketball.

Although Harris had a fine season—scoring 46 points in a single game to break the Philadelphia Palestra record for a visiting performer, making at least three all-opponent teams and leading the Lions in scoring and rebounding—he was left off most of the All-East and All-State teams.

AS MARK DUMARS found out last year and Harris found out this year, playing for a mediocre team that is 150 miles from the nearest big city press just about eliminates any hope of recognition for a job well done.

But Harris' rebounding and scoring efforts of the season past did not go unnoticed by the Pittsburgh Rens of the American Basketball League. The Rens picked the former Pittsburgh high school City League star on the 11th round in the ABL draft.

After receiving feelers from the New York Knickerbockers and St. Louis Hawks of the NBA, Harris was snubbed by that league in the post season draft.

HARRIS PLAYED with a team of college all-stars against the Rens in Pittsburgh's Civic Auditorium Tuesday night, but he had a cold night, hitting on only one of ten field goal attempts.

Harris' performance in the all-star game was similar to his efforts in the last few games of the season. He simply couldn't hit on his long jumper and as Harris himself said, "you've got to have a jump shot to be a big scorer these days."

REGARDLESS OF his late-season troubles, Harris completely dominated Penn State's final statistics. He led the team in scoring for the second straight year with 431 points for an 18.7 average and finished on top in rebounds for the third straight year, grabbing 298 or 13 per game.



Gene Harris



ROGER KOCHMAN

... double duty

to sophomores Fred Light and Grier Werner.

Light is one of the brightest prospects (excuse the pun) the Lions have had in several years, and the hard-hitting Werner isn't far behind.

BRODKIN HAS to contend with Robinson and Dick Mance in the fight for the second base job. Brodtkin held the position last year while Mance was the regular second sacker for the freshmen.

The quiet, balding Phillips is backed up by yet another promising sophomore, Ron Hoch.

Phillips, a 6-3 basketball player, roams the shortstop area like a vacuum cleaner and hits with occasional power.

Cage Officials Quizzed

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—The Texas House Investigating Committee began quizzing state and Southwest Conference officials yesterday on reports of basketball game fixing by some referees.

Abb Curtis, supervisor of Southwest Conference officials, Department of Public Safety officials and conference basketball coaches were at the secret hearing as it began.

Final Basketball Statistics

Record: 12 Wins, 11 Losses

Player	G	FGA	FGM	Pct.	FTA	FTM	Pct.	Rbds.	Pts.	Avg.
Gene Harris	23	400	175	43.7	137	81	59.1	298	431	18.7
John Mitchell	23	329	122	37.1	78	47	60.3	117	291	12.7
Earl Hoffman	20	265	105	39.6	37	23	62.2	133	233	11.6
John Phillips	22	194	64	33.0	41	24	48.5	91	152	6.9
Bob Donato	17	131	35	26.7	40	24	60.0	77	94	5.5
Ulo Kart	12	60	25	41.7	24	11	45.8	68	61	5.1
Chas. Marin	10	29	13	44.8	12	9	75.0	23	35	3.5
Bob Hutchinson	20	43	11	25.6	26	13	50.0	62	35	1.7
Ken Staub	15	35	8	22.9	15	8	53.3	23	24	1.6
Dick Noe	10	19	5	26.3	11	5	45.5	10	15	1.5
Chas. Greskovich	10	16	2	12.5	4	3	75.0	7	7	.7
Ralph Serafin	9	16	3	18.7	0	0	0	16	6	.7
John Barie	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fred Moffitt	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wayne Lundy*	4	66	30	45.5	17	12	70.6	46	72	18.0
Team								143		
Penn State Ttls.	23	1605	598	37.3	442	260	58.8	1114	1456	63.3
Opponents Ttls.	23	1435	578	40.3	507	334	65.9	1105	1490	64.8

*no longer on squad
Key: G—Games; FGA—Field Goals Attempted; FGM—Field Goals Made; FTA—Free Throws Attempted; FTM—Free Throws Made; Rbds.—Rebounds.

Marquette Drops 2 Varsity Cagers

MILWAUKEE (AP)—Three students, including two varsity basketball players, who admitted breaking into a classroom early Monday to steal history examinations questions were dismissed yesterday by Marquette University.

The Very Rev. William Kelley, president of Marquette, said the dismissal action was taken on the basis of evidence submitted to the committee on discipline.

The students are Leonard Jefferson of Selma, Ala., William Johnson of Chicago and Patrick J. Carberry of Chicago, all juniors in the College of Liberal Arts. Jefferson was starting center and Johnson a reserve on the cage squad.

Charges were not pressed against the students who were captured by police officers following the break-in.

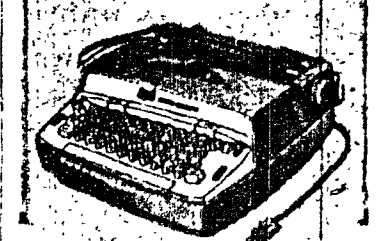
Hawks Sign Duffy

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Bob Duffy of Colgate, an honor student and the nation's No. 9 scorer last season with a 26.6 average—was signed yesterday by the St. Louis Hawks of the National Basketball Association. Duffy was St. Louis' second draft choice.

Soccer Candidates

All varsity soccer candidates are requested to contact coach Ken Hosterman before Tuesday to sign up for two weeks of spring practice.

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