

# Lack of Pitching Depth May Hamper Lion Nine

By JOHN MORRIS

(This is the last of a series on the Penn State baseball team. Today, the pitchers and catchers.)

If coach Joe Bedenk has a problem as he readies his team for its opener against Gettysburg Tuesday, it is a big question mark hovering around the pitching mound.

"Fenton and Biesecker then two days of rain" doesn't rhyme as well as the old "Spahn and Sain" jingle, but it pretty well sums up the depth of the Lions' pitching staff this year.

**GRADUATION**, probation and illness put a serious crimp

in what appeared to be a fine Nittany mound corps before the practice drills started this spring.

Ed Kikla and Tom Durbin, two outstanding lefthanders, have both graduated and righty Dave Bergey is suffering from diabetes and will miss at least part of the campaign.

Holdover Tom Shaffer and fireballing sophomore Walt Bloom appeared cinches to make the staff this year, but both failed to make the grade scholastically.

The Gettysburg assignment will go to either righthander Marlin Biesecker or lefthander Bob Fenton. The man who doesn't start Tuesday will pitch at Lehigh Friday with Tuesday's starter coming back to throw against Villanova on Saturday. Sound like a two-man pitching staff? It almost is.

**BIESECKER POSTED** a 2-2 record last season with a 1.22 earned run average. His record could have been 4-0, but the State infield was pretty leaky on occasion.

Fenton, whose curve ball breaks like an orange rolling off a table, was 1-1 with an 0.94 earned run mark.

Jeff Spanier shapes up as the Nittanians' number three pitcher. The lanky sophomore lacks experience, but pitching coach Chuck Medlar has high hopes for

the righthander's future.

"He could come along and be a real fine pitcher for us," Medlar said. "He needs experience but so do most of these boys."

**JUNIOR DICK STELLMAN** may be the Nittanians' number one reliever. Sophomores Chet Mosier and Dick Noe are also available for spot duty.

Nittany hurling prospects would be brightened considerably by the return of Bergey, but his status is still up in the air. His stocky fastballer was a spot starter for the Lions last year.

The Lions are better off behind the plate, where Don Jonas returns to head the catching corps. Jonas was the Nittanians' regular receiver last season and Bedenk is looking for a good season from his stocky chater guy.

Jonas handles the pitchers well and keeps the whole team relaxed with his impromptu remarks.

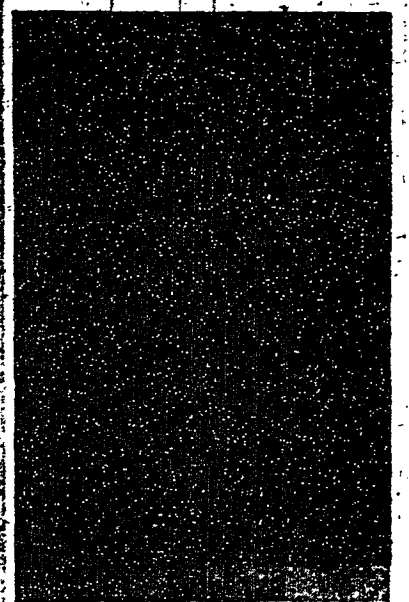
**SOPHOMORE DICK BEE** and senior Bill Paris are the reserve catchers.

Another sophomore, Bill Manke, is still recovering from an operation on a finger of his throwing hand and probably will see limited action this season.

Bee and Manke split the catching duties for the Lion frosh last season. Both are power hitters with strong, accurate arms.



**BOB FENTON**  
... curvballing southpaw



**JEFF SPANIER**



**DON JONAS**

## Shooters Take Third in Easterns

By FRANK QUIGLEY

Penn State's rifle team closed out a highly successful season by copying a third-place finish in the National Rifle Association eastern shootoffs held last weekend at King's Point, N.Y. City College of New York won first place in the 20-team meet.

The Lions, who had a 10-3 record, came close to winning as they fired a 1134 compared to CCNY's 1139 and second place finisher Boston University's 1136.

The Lions entered 4 teams in the tourney with the quartet of Dick Gogolkiewicz, Bill Shaffer, Dick Taylor and Bill Gutteron placing highest. Teams in the match were composed of four

shooters instead of the usual five to accord with NRA rules.

Gutteron and Charles Nagel turned in their best performances of the year to finish second and fifth respectively in the individual competition. Gutteron fired 291 and Nagel 287.

### Phillips Top Receiver

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Jim Phillips of the Los Angeles Rams was the top pass receiver in the National Football League last year, according to official statistics.

The former Auburn star caught 78 passes during the 14-game 1961 season.

## Brown Says Ninowski Will Play

**DETROIT (AP)** — Cleveland Brown Coach Paul Brown held an airport tryout with Jim Ninowski yesterday and predicted that the newly acquired quarterback will be in the starting lineup for Cleveland next fall.

Brown, accompanied by his chief scout, Paul Bixler, conferred for two hours with Ninowski and talked about the quarterback's expressed reluctance to make the switch from the Detroit Lions to Cleveland.

Ninowski said Thursday he wouldn't play for Cleveland because a trade which involved five other players would ruin his off-season business plans.

The three-for three National Football League trade sent Ninowski, a Detroit native, defensive end Bill Glass and back Hopalong Cassidy to the Browns and sent quarterback Milt Plum, back Tommy Watkins and linebacker Dave Lloyd to Detroit.

Ninowski had emerged from yesterday's meeting, saying nothing has changed. But Brown stated flatly: "There is no doubt in my mind that when the time comes next fall Jim Ninowski will be playing football in Cleveland."

"He has always wanted to be a No. 1 quarterback. He will be No. 1 with us and I can tell you he likes that idea."

## Hebert Holds Slim Lead

**WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP)** — Jay Hebert parlayed his ability to play well in the wind with stroke-saving chipping yesterday to shoot a three-under-par 69 and move into a one-shot lead in the \$20,000 Azalea Open Golf Tournament at the halfway mark with a 137 total.

The handsome 39-year-old former Marine lieutenant, playing out of Miami, Fla., led by one stroke over reigning National Open champion Gene Littler, who shot a 68 yesterday.

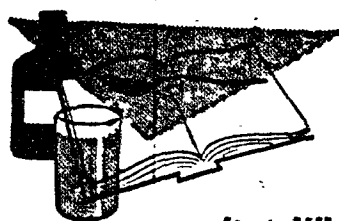
Jim Ferrier, the first-round leader, shot par 72 for a third-place tie at 139 with Dave Marr, whose 68 was the best round of the tournament thus far.

Also very much in contention at 140 were Dave Ragan, Mason Rudolph and Billy Maxwell.

## Town Independent Men

What? A Mixer  
When? Thursday, April 5  
Time? 6:15 to 8:00 P.M.  
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