

LaX Midfield Corps Strongest in Years

By DEAN BILLUCK

Competition, which is at the heart of all good teams, is the byword of the Penn State lacrosse squad this year.

With competition, players are pushed into excelling and the best usually step forth. That is exactly what State coach Dick Pencek is hoping will happen to his slicker as he preps them for the season opener tomorrow afternoon at Loyola.

Pencek has 11 lettermen back from last year's 4-6 team, but the new State coach isn't interested in how many letters a boy has won.

"I'm going to get 10 boys who can work together and if that means benching our best player because he doesn't work with the team, I'll bench him," Pencek said earlier this week. "I think the boys realize now that if they don't produce, they won't be here long."

Giving a run-down on his squad the young coach said he considers the midfield the strongest spot on the team.

THIS YEAR Pencek plans to use three midfields and even has a fourth one ready if needed. In previous seasons, the Lions were lucky to have two midfield combinations.

Heading the midfield corps is Tom Hayes, last year's leading scorer with 26 goals. As a sophomore Hayes won honorable mention All-American honors and was also a first team Penn-Del selection.

Joining Hayes on the first team are co-captain Lou Meier and junior Bill Charron. Meier has been a steady performer for State for the past two years. Charron finished strong last season and has nailed down the berth off his performances so far in practice.

The second midfield has Ron Rosen, Dave Ashley and Lou Paulin, none of whom has much game experience. However, Pencek said the trio has worked well in practice and will give State a strong second unit.

THE THIRD midfield is Pencek's "pride and joy." He calls it his Chinese Bandit crew, pattern-

ing it after the famed third football team of LSU. Sophomores Scott Henderson and John Veach along with junior Ken Staub compose the unit.

Pencek has two lettermen plus an impressive sophomore ready to start at attack. Dick Seelig, a second team Penn-Del selection last year and State's number two scorer, should handle most of the goal scoring.

Along with Seelig, junior Howie Spencer and sophomore John Mizell could give the Lions a high scoring trio. Mizell was ineligible last year as a freshman, but Pencek feels the 5'10" tiger could give State a big boost.

Second team Penn-Del choice Andy Lockhart anchors the defense. The Lion co-captain, who should be in the running for All-American honors this season, teams with senior Jim Stoup and sophomore Dave Flinchbaugh. Senior Dick Swensen should also see plenty of action.

IN THE GOAL another sophomore, Vinnie Tedesco, seems to have the inside track. Tedesco started for the freshmen last year and according to Pencek has developed into a "good goalie."

After tomorrow's game at Loyola the Lions visit Washington & Lee Saturday.



Tom Hayes

26th Masters Starts Today

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Arnold Palmer, bold as a pirate and strong enough to choke a tiger with his bare hands, is a 3-1 favorite to whip a record field in the 26th Masters Golf Tournament starting today.

The relaxed, confident professional from Latrobe, Pa., heads a list of 110 of the world's premier amateur and pro shotmakers who tee off, starting at 9:15 a.m. EST, on the first round of a four-day, 72-hole battle with the Augusta National course.

The field is so large, surpassing by eight the previous record of 102 in 1957, that the organizers found it necessary to break with tradition and send the competitors off on the first two days in threesomes, instead of the customary twosomes.

While wagering is illegal and frowned upon by the Masters sponsors, an Augusta bookmaker put out a line which showed Palmer at 3-1, one of the shortest priced favorites in the tournament's history. Ben Hogan, in his heyday, was seldom better than 6-1.

The defending champion, Gary Player of South Africa, was listed as a 4-1 second choice with Bill Casper Jr., whose phenomenal putting touch has projected him to the top of the year's money-winner list, and Doug Sanders, the man with the hurry-up swing.

Golf Team Opens Monday; Starters Undetermined

By JOE GRATA

Lion golf coach Joe Boyle will have seven linksmen to send against Georgetown in the season opener Monday, but just who the seven will be is still very much in question.

Three of last year's regulars have graduated, leaving Boyle with lettermen Bob Swahn, Jack Meredith, Dave Miller, and Dick Gilson. Their positions as regulars are in jeopardy, however, with an outstanding group of sophomores providing stiff competition for the veterans.

"SOPHOMORES Jim Tabor and Roland Gartner show promise and are two of our strongest competitors for starting positions," Boyle said. "They should help us a great deal this season."

Other sophomore linksmen encouraging Boyle to be optimistic about this season's golfing chances are Dave Liebau, Bill Robinson, and Joe Baidy. Rounding out the roster are juniors Harry Baer and Paul Hummer and sophomore Chuck Greskovich.

This week the golfers have been competing in an intra-squad play-off to determine the starting team.

The Nittany Lion golfers defeated Georgetown, 6-1, last year. State turned in an 8-4 record and finished ninth in the Eastern Intercollegiate Golf Association championships. The three lettermen lost by graduation from the '61 team were rated as "I-2-3" performers by Boyle, now beginning his sixth season with a 41-13 all-time record.

MONDAY'S MATCH will be the first of thirteen for State. The Lions will also enter the EIGA championships May 12-14 at Ithaca, N.Y.

The schedule:

April 9, at Georgetown; 14, Colgate; 21, Pennsylvania; 24, Villanova; 28, Syracuse.
May 1, at West Virginia; 5, Navy; 8, Maryland; 12-14, EIGA Championships, at Ithaca; 15, at Bucknell; 19, Lehigh; 22, at Pittsburgh; 26, at Cornell.

EXHIBITION BASEBALL

Pittsburgh 2, Washington 0
New York (A) 2, Detroit 1
Minnesota 5, Baltimore 0
New York (N) 6, Chicago (A) 4
Kansas City 3, Cincinnati 1
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Pirates Blank Nats, 2-1

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Pitchers Bob Veale, Jack Lamabe and Diomedes Olivo of the Pittsburgh Pirates shut out Washington, 2-0, yesterday, limiting the Senators to two hits.

Bill Mazeroski put the Pirates in front 1-0 with a solo home run off Benny Daniels in the second inning.

Cards Nip Phillies, 7-5

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — The St. Louis Cardinals posted their 16th baseball victory of the spring yesterday with a 7-5 decision over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Ernie Broglio put together his top pitching performance as he held the Phillies to six scattered hits in seven innings.

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