

Big Ten Powers Oppose Thinclads in Ohio Relays

By DENNIS KNECHT

Penn State track coach Chick Werner may be unfamiliar with the Ohio Relays — the team he fields today will be the first Lion squad in the past six years to enter the Columbus meet.

But Werner has a pretty fair idea of what the competition will be like. "It will be a good meet," he said before his 18-man team left for the Ohio State campus Thursday. "Most of the Big Ten schools are entered and there will be plenty of close competition."

THE VETERAN COACH decided to take a bigger squad than the usual 10 or 12 to the Ohio meet to give them more running experience against top competition before hitting the home dual meet schedule which opens at Beaver Field in two weeks. The Lions have been hampered by spring rains in their practice sessions as have many of the other teams entered in today's meet.

Teams that will be competing today include Big Ten powers Michigan, Michigan State, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio State and Purdue, plus independents Miami of Ohio, Pitt and Notre Dame.

THE LIONS have already met three of today's opponents during this year's indoor season. State scored 43½ points to finish second in a triangular meet held at Ann Arbor, Mich. two months ago.

Michigan led the scoring with 88½ points and Purdue was third with 38½. The thinclads also met Ohio State during the winter, losing 81-60 in a dual meet.

TEAM SCORES are not kept in the relay carnival, so each event is a meet in its own. It is also a battle of wits for the coaches as each mentor tries to out-guess the other and put his men in events where his chances of winning are the best.

Michigan's relay teams won the most races last year scoring victories in the 440, 880, two mile and distance medley relays, and is expected to be one of the top teams today.

If the Wolverines stick to the

Lion Frosh 9 Opens Today

By IRA MILLER

It may be just wishful thinking, but Penn State's freshman baseball team may play its opening game today. Weather permitting, the Nittany Cubs meet Altoona Center at 2 p.m. on Beaver Field. The frosh have had just nine days of practice this spring, three of them since last Saturday when the scheduled opener with Behrend Center was washed out.

Nine days of practice isn't much time to develop a baseball team, and Lion coach Bill Spieth views this opener with apprehension, especially since he has a corps of untested hurlers.

"We'll probably use several pitchers to see just what we've got," Spieth said. "We haven't had enough practice to really have a good idea of where we're headed." Spieth indicated that the starting nod would go to either Joel Melville of Saegertown or Jim Bailey of Pleasantville.

The Lion coach named a tentative lineup of Fred Swope, first base; Dave Byrard, second base; Dave Felak, shortstop; John Harvey, third base; Jim Kroeger, leftfield; Paul Rhodes, centerfield; Joe Simoncelli, rightfield; John Gregory, catcher, and Melville or Bailey.

Of the hitters, Spieth rates Swope, Felak and Gregory high. "Swope's been hitting the ball pretty well," he said, "but will it continue? Felak and Gregory have all been hitting hard in practice, but that is only practice."

Although the team now stands as little more than a big question mark, Spieth feels confident that if the Lions lose, it won't be because of a faulty defense. "Defensively, we've looked pretty good so far," he said, "but as I said, you can't really tell what'll happen until the game starts."



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relays again this year, they will only be competing in one event against State. Werner has decided to concentrate his power in the individual events this year and run only the distance medley relay.

Mike Miller will lead off the relay with the 440 leg. Tom Mettrick will follow with the half mile. Steve Moorhead will run the ¾-mile leg, and either Howie Deardorff or Gerry Norman will run the anchor mile.

Norman is also entered in the three mile run, and either he or Deardorff will run the mile. Miller is in the 400-meter hurdle race, and Mettrick will compete

in the 880-yard run. **IF WERNER HAD** any predictions about the meet, he didn't reveal them before leaving for Columbus. "It's too early in the season to predict what any one team will do," he said. "Many of the teams haven't had enough time to work out yet."

Michigan's distance star Ergas Leps is listed among the entrants, along with Purdue's Dave Mills, who holds the American indoor 440 record of 47.2 seconds. Purdue will also have Nate Adams, outstanding dash man, who tied the American indoor record of 7.0 seconds in the 70-yard dash competing unattached as a freshman last year.

Bucs Surge With 'New' Maz

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Bill Mazerowski's newly discovered power of concentration has led to more concentrated power, one of the major factors in the Pittsburgh Pirates' meteoric start this season.

The flashy fielding second baseman, who gained fame with his home run that won the 1960 World Series, has a .367 average in the first-place Pirates' eight-game undefeated streak. Of his 11 hits, six have been for extra bases — three home runs, two triples and one double. He also has eight runs batted in.

"This is my best start in the Majors," Mazerowski said yesterday as the Pirates rested before taking on the New York Mets this weekend. "I feel that I'm waiting for the pitches a lot better instead of hitting off my front foot. I'm not as anxious as I used to be. I concentrate more."

Mazerowski, who hit 265 and had 13 home runs last season, said he changed his batting style during spring training with the assistance of batting coach George

Sisler. He explained what prompted the switch.

"I KNOW I'M a better hitter than 250," he said. "It seems every year I hit around there. I figured that hitting off my front foot must be the reason. I talked it over with Mr. Sisler and we decided to try it. I worked on it all spring. I hit .300 in the exhibition games, and it was the best spring I ever had."

"I feel more power now. The balls I hit are hit a lot harder. I get my whole body in it instead of just my arms. I've still swung early a few times, though. I can feel myself doing it. The next time I just concentrate harder."

Mazerowski takes issue with anyone who says the Pirates are winning because they have been playing the National League's weaker teams—New York, Philadelphia and Chicago. Pittsburgh is two games away from tying the Major League record for consecutive victories at the start of a season.

"We've been playing good enough ball to beat anyone in the league," he said. "We've been getting breaks. In this streak we could beat anybody."

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Penn Provides First Test For Undefeated Golfers

By JOE GRATA

If you see State golf coach Joe Boyle walking around the University golf course passing out cigars, it will be because he's proud—not only that his Lion linksmen are undefeated in two starts, but also that he became a father for the third time yesterday morning.

Mrs. Boyle presented her husband with his third straight (boy, that is) and the coach's golf contingent will be trying for its third win of the season, playing host to University of Pennsylvania today at 1:30.

The starting lineup is tentatively unchanged from last week. Captain Bob Swahn, Dick Gilison, Paul Hummer, and sophomores Jim Tabor, Roland Gartner, Joe Baidy, and Bill Robinson are expected to get the starting nod from Boyle.

SWAHN AND TABOR sport 2-0 records this season. Swahn scored the biggest margin of the meet Saturday when he beat Colgate's Stu Benedict, 7 and 6, to pace State to its 5-2 win. The Lions won their opener at Georgetown, 4-3.

For the first time this season, the Lions will go through their paces in clear weather. In the Georgetown meet, the match was played in a near torrential downpour of rain. Against Colgate, the wind and cold added to the woes of the golfers, who were already having their share of troubles on the soft and mucky turf.

Clear and sunny skies are forecast for the meet with Penn; temperatures are expected to range in the middle 60's.

"We have been playing in mean weather," Boyle said earlier this week. "You can't really expect the boys to play up to their full potential because of this handicap."

Nevertheless, Tabor and Gartner turned in three over par 72 performances against the Big Red. Boyle said that these scores were exceptional for the bitter conditions under which they played. The match with Penn is the second of a four game homestand for State's golfers. Last year the Lions handed Penn a mild upset at Philadelphia, winning 4-3.

BY NO MEANS did the score come easy. The match was tied at 3-3 when Jack Meredith, a returning letterman who hasn't seen any action this year, chipped a 50-foot shot into the cup on the 18th hole to tie his Penn opponent, Art Wolfe, and go into "sudden death" overtime.

It took only two more holes for Meredith to make his move and outshoot the Quaker linksman to give the Nittanians the coveted win. Others winning matches for State who are on the Lion roster this year were Dick Gilison and Dave Miller, both junior lettermen.

Wolfe is the backbone of this year's Penn squad, which was hurt by graduation. Boyle tabs them as



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being exceptionally strong contenders for the past several years, but this year he said they should be weaker because of the loss of veterans.

Today's match should be the first real test for the Lions, since Penn has always been a perennial powerhouse against "backyard rival" State. If the Nittanians pass this hurdle, they will still have to contend with the three toughest opponents — Maryland, Navy, and Syracuse. The Lions will have somewhat of an advantage, however, since they'll be meeting these three opponents on the University course.

Nichols Shoots 69 For Houston Golf Lead

HOUSTON, Tex. (AP) — Bobby Nichols, a young Kentucky star, shot a one-under-par 69 yesterday to take the 36-hole lead in the \$50,000 Houston Golf Classic.

Nichols' 68-69—137 left him one stroke ahead of Jack Nicklaus, Jay Hebert, first-round leader George Knudson and Bruce Crampton. Bunched at 139, two strokes off the pace, were Dan Sikes, Dave Marr, Rex Baxter Jr., and Billy Casper Jr. Tony Lema and Doug Sanders were knotted at even-par 140.



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