

Baseballers Meet Delaware; Villanova Expected To Retain IC4A Title

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The NCAA District 2 selection committee meets in Scranton today to determine whether or not this will be the last day of the season for the Penn State baseball team.



PENN STATE COACH Joe Bedenk (right) gives some last minute instructions to team captain Johnny Phillips. The Lions meet Delaware at Newark this afternoon in their last regularly scheduled game of the season. Phillips, a shortstop, leads the team in hitting.

The Lions (10-2) play Delaware at Newark this afternoon in their last regularly scheduled game, but a shot at a district playoff berth for Joe Bedenk's squad remains a distinct possibility.

The committee headed by Colgate's Red O'Hara, will choose four teams as well as the dates and site of the tourney today.

St. John's (21-1), Ithaca (14-0), Seton Hall (15-4), Penn State and a Middle Atlantic Conference representative are all in the running for the four berths.

IF THE LIONS are chosen as one of the four teams, the tourney may be held on Beaver Field June 1 and 2.

The Lions are riding a four-game winning streak since a 7-1 loss to Navy May 5. Navy is one of the top teams in the district, but the Middies wouldn't accept a playoff bid because it would interfere with their traditional battle with Army.

The Middle Atlantic Conference representative hasn't been chosen yet. Gettysburg won the conference championship, but the conference directors may choose another team, possibly Lafayette.

The district committee will also name an All-Star team this afternoon. Left fielder Roger Kochman and shortstop Johnny Phillips are two Lions being mentioned as All-Star possibilities.

Whether they make the district playoffs or not, the Lions will post their best record since 1959.

STATE SPLIT a season-ending doubleheader with Delaware last year and Bedenk is ready to do everything possible to see that the Lions win this afternoon.

"We're going to start Biesecker (Marlin) at Delaware," the white-haired coach said yesterday, "but

we'll pitch everybody if we have Light, third base; Phillips, shortstop; Dick Anderson, right field; Don Jonas, catcher; Kochman, first base; Al Gursky, left field and Biesecker.

Biesecker (2-0) has been erratic this year after being troubled by infected teeth early in the season. "Marlin has had a funny year," pitching coach Chuck Medlar said yesterday. "He's on one day, but the next time he pitches he can't get anyone out."

The lanky righthander was bombed for three home runs in one-third of an inning in his last outing against Bucknell.

Bedenk will probably use the same lineup that he started in the Lions' narrow 4-3 victory over Temple Tuesday.

CENTER FIELDER Dick Pae will lead off, followed by second baseman Don Robinson; Fred

By DENNIS KNECHT

Penn State will be well represented in the IC4A Championships this weekend with 14 Lion thinclads expected to engage in a close meet with several other good teams—after Villanova finishes scoring, that is.

State, Yale, Harvard, Manhattan, and New York University are expected to wage quite a battle among themselves, but no team is considered strong enough to beat Villanova, the university name which has become synonymous with the IC4A Championships.

However, the Wildcats were unanimously picked to win last year and did it only after a recheck of the scores showed Penn State had been erroneously announced the winner.

"You can never tell what a team is going to do in the IC4A's," Lion coach Chick Werner said. "It has happened before that a team has been favored and then never even placed."



CHICK WERNER

SEVERAL RECORDS are expected to be broken, with the Lions' Gerry Norman favored to do damage to the three-mile mark. Norman, who broke the Coliseum Relays 5,000-meter record by two seconds in placing fifth in Los Angeles last week, was clocked in 13:56 at the three-mile mark. His time was far below the IC4A record of 14:11.8.

Yale's Bob Mack, this year's two-mile IC4A indoor champion, will probably give Norman the most trouble.

Lion coach Chick Werner isn't predicting what his team will do against the fierce IC4A competition.

Budd holds the world mark of 9.2 for the short run, and equalled the 220 record of 20 seconds even, two weeks ago against the Quantico Marines. Drayton's best times are only a tenth of a second slower.

WITH VILLANOVA'S speedsters, Frank Budd and Paul Drayton running, the 100 and 220-yard dash marks of 9.5 and 20.3 are not likely to stand.

MAJOR LEAGUES

AMERICAN LEAGUE					NATIONAL LEAGUE				
Team	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.	Team	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.
New York	22	18	.629	1	a San Francisco	28	18	.608	2 1/2
a-Minnesota	23	16	.606	2	b-St. Louis	23	18	.629	2 1/2
b-Cleveland	21	14	.600	1	c-Los Angeles	25	16	.626	2 1/2
c-Los Angeles	18	16	.529	3 1/2	d-Cincinnati	20	16	.571	5
d-Baltimore	19	17	.528	3 1/2	b-Pittsburgh	18	17	.514	7
b-Chicago	20	18	.526	3 1/2	e-Milwaukee	16	22	.421	10 1/2
d-Detroit	16	17	.485	5	a-Philadelphia	15	21	.417	10 1/2
Kansas City	18	22	.450	6 1/2	d-Houston	15	23	.395	11 1/2
a-Boston	15	22	.405	7	c-New York	12	21	.364	12
e-Washington	9	28	.286	12 1/2	e-Chicago	13	26	.342	13 1/2

a, b, c, d, e—Played night games

Yesterday's Result
New York 15, Kansas City 7

Today's Games
Kansas City, Rakow (4-2) at New York, Daley (1-0)
Minnesota, Bonkowski (3-2) at Boston, Schwall (1-0)
Detroit, Bunning (4-2) at Baltimore, Roberts (0-0) (N)
Los Angeles, Belinsky (6-1) at Washington, Rudolph (1-1) (N)

Today's Games
Philadelphia, Melish (4-0) at San Francisco, Perry (2-1) or Duffalo (0-1)
Chicago, Buhl (2-2) at Milwaukee, Piche (2-0) (N)
Pittsburgh, McBean (4-1) at St. Louis, Simmons (6-1) (N)
Cincinnati, Jay (5-4) at Houston, Witt (0-1) or Giusti (0-3) (N)
New York, Jackson (2-4) or Miller (0-2) at Los Angeles, Podres (3-3) (N)

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