

Baseball opener not a safe bet

By WILL PAKUTKA
Daily Collegian Sports Writer

What's this? You said Randy Gardner and Tai Bablonia would win the gold medal? You wanted DePaul and Kentucky to meet in the NCAA basketball finals? You were all set to vote for John Connally?

Too bad. Wanna try again?

This won't be easy though. You have to guess the date the Penn State baseball team will open its season.

Cheating is allowed.

According to the schedule, the Lions should open up 3 p.m. today at Juniata. But going by Penn State's baseball schedule is like setting your watch by the clocks in Rec Hall.

Last year the Lions, who finished 26-5, had five of their first six games cancelled or postponed due to the weather. And it doesn't look as though the Lions are going to have much better luck this time either. Juniata's field was said to be in bad shape last week and rains this weekend and yesterday didn't help.

"Our chances of playing are slim but we'll just have to wait and see," Penn State coach Chuck Medlar said. "I really can't remember a worse spring here."

Medlar thinks he has the makings of a pretty good team. He can't be sure though since he's never seen his squad on a baseball field.

All but a few practices so far have been in the indoor athletic facility. The rest have been on the Astroturf, but none have been on anything resembling a baseball field.

"Since we started in January, we've been on the

Astroturf four times," Medlar said. "There's no way we can establish a ballclub until we get out on the field."

There were only a few positions that were in doubt before the season. Graduation claimed first baseman and captain Jeff Rumberger and third baseman Joe Urbanovich. But except for those positions, Medlar will have experienced players all around.

But even Frank Goshorn, who will take over at first, has some experience behind him, as does Paul Gallagher, who replaces Urbanovich.

"We lost two good power hitters and now our offense is a question mark," Medlar said.

But that can't be said for the pitching. The Lions should be even stronger in that department with the acquisition of Larry Rubin and Lock Haven transfer Jim Bennett.

They'll be joined by last year's regulars Mark Lambert, Mike Guman, Dave June and two giants, Dave Spamer, 6'7; and Keith Lehman, 6-5, who saw some action last year.

The rest of the Penn State lineup will be the same as last year except for one slight change behind the plate. Terry Brush, who did some catching last year, and Tom Cervino, last year's designated hitter, will share the duties. Last year's regular catcher, Terry Brown, has left school.

Other than that, everything will be the same. The team will be led, once again, by Dave Simononis, who is back for his third season in center field. Simononis will be flanked by Chris McKnight in left field and either Frank Lewski or Terry Rakowsky in right.

The infield should be solid with captain Bob Orwig returning at shortstop and Bill Benner at second base.

Nationals-bound lady fencers win

By TODD LIGHTY
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The women's fencing team shut the door on Barnard College last night with a 12-4 home victory, bringing its regular season to a close.

Both Penn State (16-1) and Barnard (11-5) were thinking ahead to nationals this weekend and thus looked at last night's match as a practice in preparation for the big event.

However, Penn State coach Beth Alphin was not about to take the match too lightly.

"I knew we had a good chance to hold our own," Alphin said. "We didn't want to relax and get caught."

Alphin said that the match was closer than the score indicated.

Barnard freshman Tracy Burton was a factor in the match as she won all three of her bouts.

The scrappy Burton, a member of the Junior Olympic team, had not fenced for four days prior to last night's match. She said she was a little nervous going into the match.

"I felt really good tonight," Burton said. "I am psyched for nationals after tonight."

Although Burton was fencing well, Barnard was still no match for the Lady Lions' team depth and experience.

"Penn State is a stronger

team," Barnard coach Ceynon Brewer said. "Penn State has an equal level of fencers and that is important in team competition. The team that wins has an equal level of fencers."

Lady Lion captain Nancy Anderson, who won one bout and lost two, said the meet was tough in that she did not want to get overconfident going into the competition.

"I was concentrating on not getting nervous," Anderson said. "I was trying to relax and not get uptight. My game was out of proportion."

Keglers win conference tourney

The bowling teams tuned up for the ACC-I Sectional Tournament this weekend by winning the Eastern Pennsylvania-Maryland Interscholastic Bowling Conference Tournament, held Saturday at Gettysburg.

The Lady Lions, defending national champions, won the women's tournament with a pin total of 5,282, easily defeating Temple (4,830) and Gettysburg (4,721). The Lions won the men's tournament, beating conference runner-up Villanova 5,605-5,486.

"When we had to come through, we did," Penn State coach Don Ferrell said. "I'm really pleased with our performance."

The Lady Lions, who finished the season undefeated in dual matches, were led by freshman Audrey Hichar

and junior Liz Baude. Hichar won the singles event with a 605, had the tournament-high single game of 232 and placed second in the all-events with a 917. Baude was third in both the single and the all-events category, rolling a 500 in singles and a 900 in all-events.

The Lions (8-1) were led by Bill Anthony and Dwayne Frey. Anthony was second in the single-game total with a 248, while Frey was second in all-events with a 1,002 total.

If the teams win this weekend at Bel Air, Md., they will receive an automatic berth in the national tournament in April. And Ferrell believes his squads are ready to defend their sectional titles.

"We're bowling at an excellent level of consistency lately," Ferrell said. —By Jeff Schultz

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4. Part of garment
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7. Dutch or monkey's
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9. Kin Follet bestseller
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