

DIAMOND DUST

By WILL SCALES

Norm Duncan is wasting no time or effort in his bid to hoist himself back into his first string job since his release from the college hospital following a case of mumps.

On the day of his exodus, Norm wandered back to the ball diamond to find out whether or not he'd lost his batting eye. He settled his own question by bounding three or four line drives off the right field fence.

Batting slumps have been the nightmare of many a ballplayer. But to Bill Morrison, Spartan second baseman, they're the source of a minimum of worry. Whenever things start to get a little tough for Bill at the plate, he merely reverses his usual right-hand stance and starts taking his cuts from the left side. It works, too!

Quentin Cramer, sophomore outfielder, cleared the fence down at Jackson prison last week and never stopped running until he got all the way home.

No, it wasn't a jail break. You see, Michigan State's baseballers happened to be guests at the Hotel de la Jackson last Saturday in a double header with the inmate aggregation. During one of the games, Quentin took hold of a fast ball and sent it soaring over the left field fence for a rousing four-bagger.

Some of the boys in the dug-out were talking about "Rollin' Bully" Grimes, ex-king of major league spitball pitchers, and recently appointed manager of the Grand Rapids team in the Michigan league.

"Yeah," said George Owen, State's shortstop, "I never saw saw such a guy for arguin' with the umpires. He never stops until he's thrown out of the game."

"It - I, that don't stop 'em," snorted Leo Wolkowicz, "Throw him out and then what happens? The guy sends in a benchwarmer to keep it going."

A pitcher is a catcher on the Bradley Tech ball team. Chuck Pitcher, veteran baseball and football player, will be behind the plate.

Good Security

Sophomores Are Numerous on Present Spartan Diamond Team

By Ed Kitchen

Because there are more sophomores than the proverbial "guys named Joe" on Michigan State's baseball team this season, the Spartans' future for the next two years looks about as good as Mr. Morgenstern's U. S. bonds.

Out of approximately 28 squad members working under the tutelage of Coach John Kobs, 15 are second-year men, and no less than five of the Spartan regulars are sophomores. They're providing the punch in State's batting attack and are proving to be the top defensive cogs afield.

IN SPARKPLUG

Behind the plate in the Spartan starting nine is Leo Wolkowicz, sophomore catcher from Detroit Western. Leo is the real sparkplug of the State nine and several summers of sandlot experience hasn't hurt his catching ability at all. Wolkowicz captained the 1939 freshman team and batted .286 and it appears that Leo will do a lot of backstopping in the next two seasons.

Bill Morrison is the only sophomore in the State infield but the College Point, N. Y., lad is a real find. He can go either way to field a ball with the same ease and lately has been hitting either right or left-handed. Morrison weighs only 150 pounds and is 5 ft. 10 in. tall but hits the ball a long way.

The outfield is an entire sophomore proposition. Willie and Wyman Davis, Bill Fitzsimmons, and Paul Starck are the second-year men who patrol the outer gardens and when none are injured, in a slump, or incapacitated with mumps they do most of the Spartans' heavy hitting.

OTHER MEMBERS

Besides these regulars, Pitchers Joe Skrocki of Saginaw, Don Fleischmann and Bill Billings of Flint, Stu McArthur of Weidman, John Mack of Inkster, and Frank Mekules of Detroit are important members of the sophomore hurling corps. At present an injured knee is keeping Fleischmann, promising right-hander, out.

Other sophomore infielders are Bob Kamrath, Escanaba; Dean Fravel, Buffalo; Harold Mayes,

Port Austin, and Fran Sayres, while Colin Getz, Buffalo outfielder is a likely looking reserve.

Meanwhile the Spartans, all the way from top-hat Kobs to the corps of fresh ball-chasers, are looking ahead to the 1941 Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock on Old College field with Western State Teachers college.

The Broncos hold an edge of 21 victories to 11 in all time rivalry with the Spartans and Saturday's contest will be no less a battle because of the records.

Two Nines Lead Frat Baseballers

Beginning of second round games in the Fraternity baseball league resulted in Kappa Sigma and Alpha Gamma Itho taking temporary leads in their respective blocks with victories over Phi Kappa Tau and Alpha Epsilon Pi. Kappa Sigs, led by Schacht with a triple and a homer, scored 12 runs while Art Yanz was limiting the losers to three runs and four hits. A.G.I. scored 10 runs with the aid of 8 bases on balls and coasted to victory as Smith was limiting the A.E.P. hitters to three safeties.

In Tuesday night's games, Sigma Nu came from behind to beat Hesperian, 2-1, behind the one hit pitching of Al Gaines. A single by Bud MacKitchon drove in the winning runs. Alpha Tau Omega scored eight runs in the second frame to win over Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 8-4. Four walks and hits by Sutherland, Hishop, Nash, and Slade accounted for the winning markers.

The new auditorium at Tulane university has a concrete dome measuring 110 feet in diameter—largest in the United States.

Frimodig Starts 22nd Year as Frosh Baseball Coach; Record Sparkles

By HAL SCHRAM

A week or so ago when Coach Lyman Frimodig took the spikes off the book and the glove out of the closet where it had rested for some eight months, it must have brought back a few memories to State's assistant athletic director and freshman baseball coach.

It was back in the spring of 1919, some 21 years ago, before your correspondent had even seen the light of day, that Coach Frimodig first slipped those spikes on his feet and trotted out on Old College field to greet his first crop of yearling baseball players.

He had just been released from the United States military service in January of that year, and had come back to the banks of the Red Cedar to continue as a coach at the college where he had graduated some six years previous.

WAR FAVORITE

"Frim" had been a great athlete in college, winning letters in about any sport he tackled, and he proved to be a favorite and welcomed addition among his fellow workers.

But since that memorable afternoon back in 1919, Coach Frimodig has sent up to the varsity ranks a majority of State's many great baseball men of the past decade.

Such Spartan diamond stars as Albert Tolles, Charles Griffin, Bernard Kuhn, Don Fleser, Perry

'M' Net Match Advanced

Conflict with marching military men at Tuesday's parade has forced Michigan Michigan State tennis battle to be advanced to Monday afternoon at 3:30, Coach C. D. Ball announced yesterday.

Although giving the Spartans one less day of practice in uncertain weather, the switch will not help the Wolverines either. Michigan's net squad has failed to round into shape mainly due to scant practice and a rather inexperienced squad.

To top it all off Jim Tobin, ace Ann Arbor netman, is on the ailing list with a bad knee and it is doubtful if he will see action for a week or two.

Better estimates of Michigan strength can be made after the Wolves meet Purdue Friday in their first Big Ten fray. In the meantime the State squad will be grabbing every possible chance to use the clay courts, which have just dried out.

Playoffs will be held all week in an attempt to find an authentic basis for awarding leadoff honors to either Chet Olson, Herm Struck or Fred Perkins.

Hurling Features Dormitory Softball

Dorm league proceedings continued last night despite pre-game showers and featured for the most part good pitching.

Max Hamilton's squeeze bunt scoring Powell with the winning run gave Abbot 15 a 3-2 victory over Abbot 12. Beacon twirling for the winners allowed only two hits to beat Horner who allowed four safe blows. Stern gave Abbot 12 a two run lead by blasting out a homer in the first inning with a mate aboard.

Ringleburg of Abbot 14 again pitched and hit his team to victory as they downed Wells F. 7-2. Ringleburg allowed but two hits, and along with teammate Page connected for a home run, his second of the season.

Behind the four hit pitching of "Nobby" Otto, Abbot 16 edged out Wells A in a close contest, 4-3. Vicary homered for the winners while pitcher Eggert hit one for the Wells aggregation.

Home runs by Urquart and Hartz plus the latter's effective two-hit pitching gave Abbot 17 an 8-0 shutout over Abbot 13. Abbot 10 bested Wells D in the evening's slugfest, 9-7. Roberts and Dibble homered for the winners.

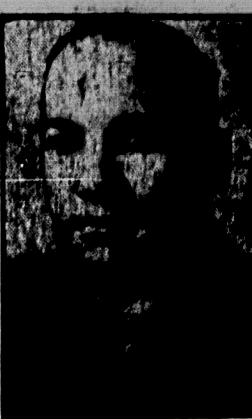
College Teams to Vie in Ping-Pong Tourney

A ping pong tournament, something new and different for this campus, will be staged between the State College club and Mason-Abbot hall this week.

Robert Compton will be the No. 1 man for the dorm, being followed by Stuart F. Branson, Sie Vung Ting, and Frances Longe. Those representing the club will be M. Ashin, A. Williams, Bell, and D. Shindler.

Thursday night, April 25, at 8 the No. 1 and 2 men of each team will play and a week later the other men will play at 7:30 in the evening.

Starts 22nd Year



L. L. FRIMODIG

Promont, Del Zimmerman, John Keck, Milton Leinhardt, Bud Gibbs, and Buzz Bartling, to mention a few, received their initial tutoring as awkward freshmen under the eagle eye of Lyman Frimodig.

In this span of 21 years as the guiding hand behind Michigan State's freshman baseball fortunes, Frimodig coached teams have won 71 contests while losing only 27 and tying two. This is a winning percentage of .710, as good a record as any coach would ever dream of compiling.

In this career, which stretches over 21 seasons, the mentor has had only two losing seasons. In 1925 his charges lost four straight contests while failing to win a game, and in 1936 his squad won two games while dropping four.

PEAK IN 1934

Perhaps the peak of his coaching success came in 1934 when the Spartan yearlings of that year won 7 games while dropping only two. Included in these seven victories were a 28 to 8 and a 23 to 6 victory over Cranbrook school, a team which has never beaten a Spartan squad.

Probably this isn't the greatest coaching record, but it is far from being the worst or even mediocre. So it was no wonder why a missing smile crept over the face of "Frim" as he slipped on the spikes for the 22nd year and slapped the dust off his well worn mitt.

MAJOR LEAGUE SCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Detroit 2, Chicago 1
New York 9, Philadelphia 4
Washington 9, Boston 6
Cleveland 6, St. Louis 4

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago 9, Pittsburgh 4
New York 5, Philadelphia 2
Brooklyn 6, Boston 6
St. Louis at Cincinnati (flood)

Hesperians Victorious in Fraternity Tennis

In the interfraternity tennis league Wednesday night, the Hesperian doubles team of William Cleveland and Bill Morris turned back the Phi Kappa Tau pair of Ted Gennens and Harry Jackson 6-1, 6-1. In the only other match played Bob Friedlund and Aart Kintompselt of Lambda Chi lost to Arthur Wolf and Danny Mabel of Alpha Epsilon Pi 6-4, 6-1. Alpha Tau Omega won by forfeit over FarmHouse.

Low Hit Contests Mark Independent League Play

Tuesday's Independent league games were featured by low hitting close scoring games. The Vets won their first game in defeating the Ajax All Stars 3 to 2, each team hitting safely only twice. The two hits off Davis, the winning pitcher, were made by John Kortenberger and Jack Hummelstein, both hitting singles. The two hits off Clarence Koster, the losing pitcher, was a triple by Edward Wickes and a single by Beck.

The U. P. team defeated the Bakerboro ten in another softball game, 5 to 3. Roger Oberg, the winning pitcher, struck out the last three men who faced him to make his total eight for the evening. He gave up four hits, of which a big share were taken by Jim Nora, who singled twice, and by John Kilgus' home run. The winners were led by Roger Monroe and Ray Savage.

Solid Hits Mark Ag League Wins

Both wild hitting and smooth pitching held sway on the Ag softball front Tuesday as Block and Biddle met Poultry Science and Ag Engineers met Agronomy club.

Poultry Science was bowed under by a sizzling 13-hit attack of the Block and Biddle team. Clifford Payne and Andrew Jackson divided the pitching for the winners allowing the Poultry team but five hits and striking out eight men. Block and Biddle won by the one-sided score of 14 to 5.

On Diamond 2, Agronomy was beating Ag Engineers in a much tighter game, 8 to 6. The winners got 10 hits from the delivery of John Boughman while he struck out three men. William Westrate and Emerson Meyers pitched for Agronomy.

Distance Men Entrain For Penn Relays

Spartan distance runners who have compiled a remarkable record in the past on the eastern seaboard will be Michigan State's relay hopes in the gigantic Penn Relays at Philadelphia Friday and Saturday.

Coach Ralph H. Young will take with him the regular mile team of Warren Anderson, Bill Mansfield, Ed Smith, and Capt. Roy Fehl; while Anderson, high and broad jumper, and John Sealer, who will make his first attempt at the hurdles.

Scales, who only recently came around as a good quarter miler, will also lead off the medley relay, with Miles being the half mile, Anderson in the quarters, and Mansfield closing with the mile.

Considerable attention will be focused on Captain Fehl, who has against the stars of the east. The Spartan sparkplug has been a standout in the mile and one country and gives promise of doing even better at the middle distance.

Assington, who ranks second in the best broad jumper in the middle west, will really come to work out for him in the 240 yard race. At least five entries led by the Penn State duo, Barney Ewell, have hit past the 24 foot mark.

Two fieldmen will represent State at the mid-west relay attraction, the Drake Relays at Des Moines. Pete Haverstick, who has cleared 13 feet 1 inch, will take his big stick to the classic. Barry Ryan, No. 2 broad jumper on the squad, will also show in the west.

"WRECK A-SHO-O-RE!!"

A hurricane was raging on the Florida Keys. The ship Jubilee was in the grip of the deadly reefs. A whole town echoed to the cry, "Wreck a-sho-o-re!!" And aboard was one man destined to play a strange part in the life of Loni Chalborne... Here is a novel meeting with drama and danger and the romance of Loni, whose flashing charm brought to her feet two men from opposite ends of the world. First of six installments this week.

A new novel of wreckers and romance on the Florida Keys

REAP THE WILD WIND

by THOMAS BROWN

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WHAT DOES A PRIZE FIGHTER THINK ABOUT? "I never kissed a pretty girl until I was thirty-two. Wonder what Margie sees in me. Margie won't be at the fight tonight. But Joe—the Brown Bomber—is here. Stabbing me with that left. Getting my brains mowed up..." A drama of a fighter's thoughts in the sweat of battle, "Hello, Joe," by William Fay.

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