

Diamonders Remain 'Unknown Quantity,' Says Captain Dick

Team's Destiny Rests on Seven Vacant Positions

By DICK WRIGHT

After a vigorous one-week practice session on Wilson field, the Washington and Lee varsity baseball nine still remains "an unknown quantity" as far as Captain Dick Smith is concerned. By an unknown quantity the Cap'n has reference to what he terms the "Seven X's," first and second base, right and left field, and three starting pitchers.

The return of Captain Ronnie Thompson to the fold Thursday completed the list of candidates who had not yet reported. Along with Thompson, Bob Gary took his initial workout to swell the total to approximately 40 aspiring candidates. During the week Coach Smith stressed fundamentals of batting and rudimentary work in fielding, while an effort was made to condition the potential Big Blue baseballers.

Starting off with the initial has-sock, Coach Smith is very pleased with last year's frosh star, Bob Cavanna. Cavanna has been pounding the ball well for early season practice, although his fielding and throwing have been erratic. Bob Keim, the only Big Blue ball player who can hit well over the .300 mark, is also working out at first. Should Cavanna prove himself a starter, Keim will be moved back to his usual position in right field.

Probably the biggest surprise that Coach Smith had this week was the appearance of Chet Eccleston at second base. The "key-stone" sack is wide open to some aspiring candidate and at present Eccleston is looking very good. Eccleston is an aspiring manager last season and after failing to make the grade decided to try his luck as a player, and according to Captain Dick he is doing all right. Ray Whitaker is the other possibility for second base while Ronnie Thompson and Bob Gary seem sure bets at shortstop and third base, respectively.

With a veritable host of outfielders on hand, only two candidates have distinguished themselves, George Melville and Eddie Wagg. Melville, according to Coach Smith, "has improved one hundred percent" since the opening practice session. Formerly a track man, Melville is fielding with the best of them, and if his hitting improves should be a starter. Wagg is fielding well but is rather weak with the stick.

Bob Gregerson, Lea Booth, and Dick Smith have shown a great deal of promise during the past week, and all indications point to Smith and Booth handling starting assignments when the campaign opens. Gregerson is back in his usual form, and at present is batting as well as he's pitching.

Southpaw Bob Russel, Jack Fisher, and Harrell Morris are coming around rather slowly, and should develop as valuable relief hurlers. J. C. Snidow is also a potential starter.

Jack Dangler is handling the slants of the twirlers while Mike Watt and Bill Scott are in reserve. Jack Mangan will be on hand next Monday when all football players are expected to report.

Captain Dick Smith will send his charges up against a highly-touted VMI nine Saturday afternoon in the first practice game of the season for the Big Blue baseballers. All practice games with VMI will be held on the day that the football team scrimmages the Keydets, at the field that isn't being used by the gridmen.

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W&L Grapplers Take Virginia AAU Crown

Washington and Lee's four-man wrestling team, composed of Sam Graham, Bud Robb, Tom Fuller, and Barney Farrier, captured the third annual Virginia state AAU championship, and annexed four individual titles Saturday night before several hundred spectators at the Richmond YMCA.

It was the first appearance of the Big Blue grapplers in a state AAU meet, and the four W&L entries went through the five rounds with comparative ease to compile a grand total of 20 points, to add the state crown to their Southern conference championship.

Red-headed Sam Graham opened festivities for the Generals Friday afternoon by decisioning Judson Herrin of Smithfield in the 121-pound class. Graham went through the next three rounds with little trouble, and finally defeated Seay, the Richmond Y 121-pound defending champion on a fall in the final round to win the individual championship and five points for the Generals.

The Big Blue captain-elect, Tom Fuller, was easily the outstanding man of the tournament. Fuller wrestled five times and came through with five victories, all of them on falls. The Generals' captain opened his title-bound string with a victory over Henry Crumpshyer on a fall in 26 seconds, and breezed through three other opponents to win the championship by downing Bob Morgan of the Norfolk Y in three minutes of wrestling in the 136-pound class.

Bud Robb, the frosh co-captain, wasted no time in carrying on the winning ways of his teammates, by gaining three victories and a final split-decision over Archie Smith of Apprentice school after fifteen minutes of wrestling. Robb's victory march was marked by nothing but grueling hard wrestling with two falls and two decisions. This season was Robb's first venture as a wrestler.

The final W&L points came in the 165-pound class when Barney Farrier battled his way to the coveted championship. Farrier opened up by pinning David Shelton of the Roanoke Y in 36 seconds. The Big Blue wrestler won his next three matches and finally climaxed the Blue wrestlers' triumph by winning a unanimous decision over Bob Combs, Richmond Y's defending champion in the 165-pound class.

It was a fitting climax to one of the finest Big Blue wrestling seasons in years. This year was the first time that Coach Archie Mathis had sent a team to Richmond and it certainly proved well worth his while.

Track Candidates

All candidates for spring track will meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the hygiene room. Henry Roediger, track manager, announced yesterday.

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Howard Dobbins, Versatile Athlete, Heads Cage Squad



Howard Wesley Dobbins, regular center on Washington and Lee's basketball team for the past two years, was chosen captain of the 1940-41 Big Blue courtmen at a meeting of the cage monogram men yesterday.

Dobbins, who hails from Louisville, Kentucky, has earned an outstanding name as a versatile athlete during his three years at Washington and Lee. During his freshman year he made numerals in football, basketball, and baseball; being named to the all-state freshman team in both football and basketball. In varsity competition he has been first string end on the Big Blue team and center on the Big Blue grid team and center on the basketball team for two years.

This year Dobbins climaxed a brilliant season, in which he scored 183 points, by being named to a position on the All-State basketball team. His outstanding play at the pivot spot on the Comet five was one of the main factors in the drive which netted Coach Cunningham's cagers the state title.

Dobbins is a member of Alpha Tau Omega social fraternity and a member of the Athletic council.

GENERALLY SPEAKING

With RAY WHITAKER and DICK WRIGHT

Our hats are off to the four-man Big Blue wrestling team that went down to Richmond last week-end and walked off with four individual state championships and the team crown as well. William Seay, the Richmond Y 121-pound champion, said that there was nothing he would like better than to pin a "mink." (Mr. Seay used to wrestle with VMI). Just between us, the red-headed Mink is still walking around with his shirt still the only thing that has touched his shoulders in a month.

Then of course there's the one about Tom Fuller. It seems that in Captain Fuller pinned his opponent Friday night in 26 seconds, said Mr. Fuller to himself: "That does not constitute a workout." So, in wrestling trunks and a sweat-shirt, Tom proceeded to run around the city block a couple of times much to the amazement of thousands. In fact, the local movie palace was just letting out when Tom tore by, and everyone was convinced that it was either a publicity gag or a maniac.

It is interesting to note that Bud Robb had never wrestled in his life until he came to W&L. (Of course street fights don't count.) Robb went through his yearling season without a defeat and tied Sam Graham for the individual trophy. He was chosen

co-captain of the team along with Graham, and then proceeded to cop the state title. It is certainly a compliment to Coach Archie Mathis' ability as a wrestling coach. Nothing more need be said.

Coach Carl Voyles will really be on the spot if his William and Mary football team doesn't romp off with a lot of honors this fall. According to all of the reports coming out of Williamsburg, the Indians really have a world beater, which means that every team in the state will be laying for them as the team to beat. The predicament is very much like that in which Frank Murray found himself when he took over the coaching reins at the University of Virginia several years ago. Probably the only difference, however, is that Virginia came out in the open and quit the Southern conference because of its planned policy of subsidization. Despite all of the ballyhoo, though, reliable sources have it that Voyles has more trick knees and prep school reputations on his squad than he does football players. Furthermore, the outstanding sophomore back in the state next year will not be the Indians' vaunted Stud Johnson, but Richmond's Fortunato or VMI's Muya.

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Track Practice Will Start Next Monday

Smith May Assist Hennemier as Coach

With their veteran coach, Forest Fletcher, not on the field for the first time in many a track season, Washington and Lee's track team will open practice Monday afternoon under the tutelage of Jack Hennemier.

Hennemier, filling in during Fletcher's one-year leave of absence, issued a call today for all candidates to report to Wilson field Monday afternoon.

Fletcher may be able to assist this year with the hurdlers and Riley Smith may coach the field events.

The Big Blue track team will doubtlessly suffer this year from the loss of Flash Harvey, crack half-miler, and Heartsill Ragon, veteran quarter-miler. However, in there to fill the vacancies left by them are Cliff Mueller and Jim McConnell for the half, and Bill Murray and Charles Curl for the quarter mile. Bill Murray is still doubtful of his heel and may not be able to compete. Mike Crocker will probably run the two-mile events.

For the shorter distances, Charles Curl should see action in the 100-yard dash. Russ Browning may be used for the 100 and for the 220. Both Bert Nelson and Jack Mallory should see competition in the short events.

The field events show the greatest shortage of material notwithstanding the presence of Dick Boisseau to put the shot, Tyke Bryant and Herb Friedman on the javelin, and Uriah Coleman on the discus. Charlie Gilbert and George Poote will pole vault for the team.

The hurdles will be run by Bill Whaley and Bill Gwynn. George Melville will handle the low hurdles.

The freshman team will start practice with the varsity.

The squad opens its season with William and Mary April 13. Among the teams that the Big Blue will meet are Duke, VPI, and Richmond.

First Round Intramural Tennis Tournament Slated To Resume Before Holidays

The intramural tennis tournament will swing into action again as soon as the tennis courts and weather are suitable. The tournament is still in the first round of play, with only a few matches having been run off before the Christmas holidays.

The brackets for the matches yet to be played, Cy Twombly stated, will be posted within the next week or so, and play will resume as soon as conditions are favorable. The tournament will be advanced somewhat before the spring holidays.

The tournament is scored on the same basis as handball, with each participant gaining a point for his respective fraternity for every win he turns in after the first round of play.

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Oarsmen Open Practice For Tough Schedule

The Washington and Lee varsity crew will begin practice on the James river near Glasgow the latter part of this week. A new boathouse, financed by crew members, has been constructed there. The eight-oared shell was carried to the new boathouse last Saturday afternoon.

Captain Henry Braun, varsity stroke, announced the scheduling of two races during spring vacation. The Generals will race the Tabor school, winners of the Henley Cup Regatta in England last year and national interscholastic champions, and the Rollins oarsmen will meet Washington and Lee in the second race. Both races will take place at Rollins college, Winter Haven, Fla.

Last year Rollins defeated Washington and Lee at Winter Haven.

Ailing Members Return, Bolster Lacrosse Squad

With the return of three previously ailing veterans, Washington and Lee's lacrosse team, defending champions of the Dixie league, are settling down to serious and extensive practices in preparation for their title grind which begins March 30.

Captain Johnny Alnutt, Ed Boyd, and Paul Gourdon, who were named on the All-Dixie in 1939, have recovered from severe chest colds and are reporting daily for practice. In addition to this, Frank LaMotte, another stickman who was placed on the mythical All-Dixie last year, is fast recuperating from the whooping cough and is expected to be scrimmaging within two weeks.

LaMotte's return to action solves one of Coach Monk Farin's problems.

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Delts Defend Mat Title In Tourney

Three 1939 Champs In I-M Wrestling

Two hundred and forty-two intramural wrestlers are battling it out for the University championship in a four-day grind for the individual and team titles. Delta Tau Delta's powerful entry, defending champs, will rule slight favorites.

Listed in the star-studded entrants are three of last year's individual champions, and six runners-up. Jim Foard, NFU, a winner last season in the 128-lb. class, will be back on hand, as will Herb Van Voast, SAE, 136-pound title holder, and Champion George Melville, DU, in the 155-pound section. All three of these men are favored to retain their titles.

Larry Himes, the 1938 champion, will be back to make another stab at winning the 136-pound division, while such outstanding performers of last year's runner-up group, Ross Hersey, Delt; Tom Brizendine, Phi Delt; Bill Buxton, Kappa Sig; Joe Lykes, Phi Delt; Jim Clark, Delt; and Gene Charness, Delt, are potentialities.

Kelly Litteral was the heavy-weight champion last year, but participation in varsity competition this year has made him ineligible for intramural wrestling.

The Delts won the 1939 mat title with 74 points, although they had only one individual champion. The Non-fraternity union, with 36 points was second, while the DUs were third, scoring 24 points.

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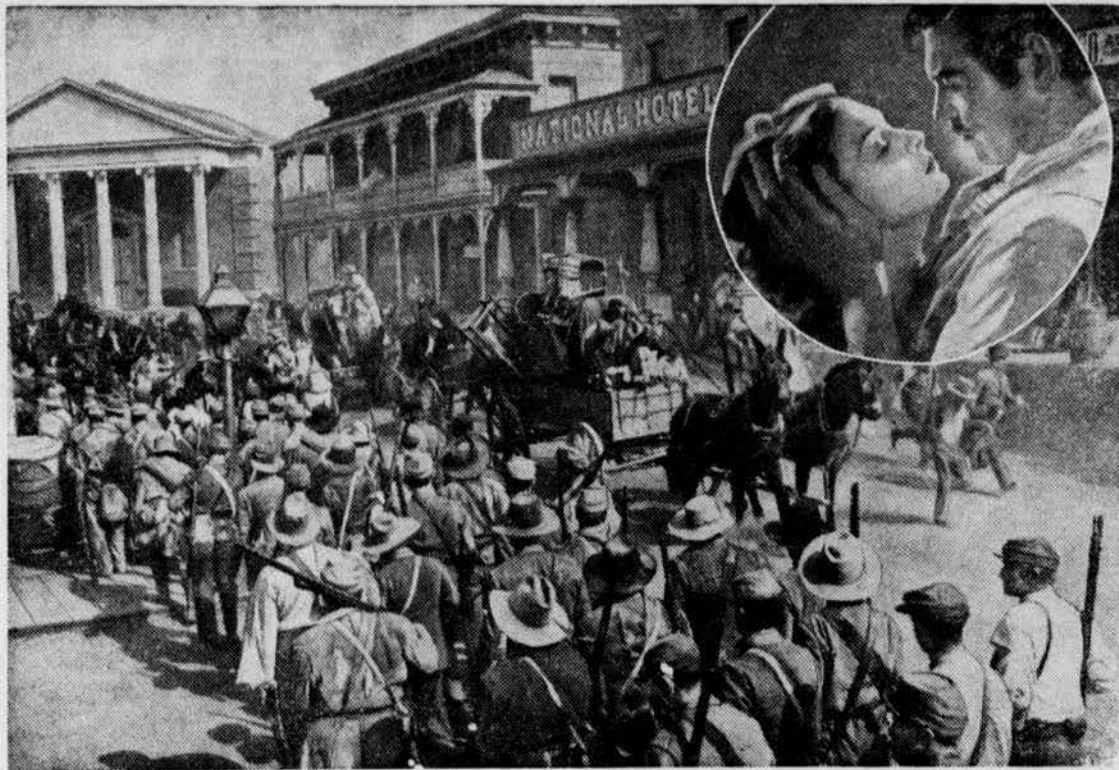


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Taylor Appoints Committees; Seeks Convention's Keynoter

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arms will be Jim Lindsey, head sergeant-at-arms, Kelly Litteral, Howard Dobbins, and Frank Socha.

Dick Boisseau will serve as head door-keeper, while Jack Mangan and Steve Hanasik will assist him. The force of clerks will be made up of New Harman, Les Price, Bob Hobson, Murray Smith, Terry Blandford, and Gil Gardner. Bill Webster, Sam Graham, Warren Stuart, Corneal Myers, Dan Wells, and Ted Lawrence will serve as messengers.

Leo Reinartz will serve as chairman pro-tem to open the convention and will retire as soon as a permanent chairman of the convention is elected. Harry Philippott, director of the University's religious activities, will be the convention's official chaplain.

Outside publicity will be handled by Buddy Hertz and Lea Booth, while Al Fleishman will cover the convention for The Ring-tum Phi.

The convention's official photographers will be Jack Peacock, chief photographer; Sam Ames, Tom Fleming, Bob Fuller, and Bob Dementi. Only these men will be allowed the absolute freedom of the convention floor during the gathering for photographing purposes.

The important credentials committee will divide the student body into delegates from the respective states of the nation and United States dependencies. Each member of the student body will be expected to represent some state, preferably his home state. However, students whose states are over-represented will be apportioned among the under-represented delegations. The apportionment will be announced later.

While definite plans have not yet been formulated, it is expected that classes will be suspended on the two days of the convention. Students, however, will be expected to attend a set number of the convention's sessions, and University roll call will be checked at those sessions.

For the convenience of committee members, chairmen, and anyone desiring information, President Taylor or some other member of the Executive committee will be available every week-day afternoon from 3 to 5:30 in the Executive committee room in the Student Union building.

Pat Warfield Honored By Washington Society

Patrick Warfield, freshman reporter on The Ring-tum Phi, has been extended a bid for outstanding work on the newspaper by the Washington literary society, it was announced today by Dan Lewis, president of the society.

This is the first time that Washington society, one of the oldest campus organizations, has departed from its custom of selecting its members solely for merit in forensic work. According to Lewis, the organization has recently adopted a policy of recognizing students who excel in all lines of literary work.

He will be initiated during the next few weeks with Professor O. W. Riegel and seven members of the Forensic union.

Rassman Named to Head Delta Tau Delta Chapter

Emil Rassmann, Indianapolis, Ind., was elected president of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity in a recent election. Rassmann succeeds George Nielson of Perth Amboy, N. J. Walter Wilkins, Pine Bluff, Ark., succeeded Jack Akin as the new vice-president, and Hugh Ashcraft, Charlotte, N. C., succeeded Gordon von Kalinowski as the new secretary.

Other officers elected were Sonny Heartwell, corresponding secretary; Bobby Boatwright and Dick Spindle, general officers.

Sophomores May Wear Class Rings, EC Rules

The Executive committee last night ruled that any member of the student body can wear a class ring after he has completed his freshman year.

While there has been no definite rule on the subject before this time, it has been understood that only juniors and seniors could wear Washington and Lee rings. Rings for classes of 1940, 1941, and 1942 can be ordered through Lou Plummer, secretary of the student body, or Hamric and Smith, jewelers.

There will be a compulsory meeting of all members of Pi Alpha Nu next Monday night at 7:30 in the Student Union.

Faculty to Require Medical Examination

The executive committee of the faculty at their meeting on Monday passed a new student body rule whereby all freshmen and new students will be required to take a physical examination given by the college physician. The ruling will go into effect at the beginning of next year.

It provides that each student shall take the examination at a specific time. If he should fail to do so, he will be obliged to take a special examination, and will be assessed a fee of \$5.

"This action is taken in the interest of the students themselves since the physical examination is needed both for general purposes and to determine the type of physical education the student can take," said Dr. R. H. Tucker.

C. Harold Lauck Attends Printing Session in N. J.

C. Harold Lauck, superintendent of the Washington and Lee Journalism laboratory press, attended the Printing Section meeting of the New Jersey Vocational Arts association last Saturday in Asbury, New Jersey.

Following the meeting Saturday, Mr. Lauck presided at a meeting of the board of directors of the National Graphic Arts Education guild. Mr. Lauck is president of the guild.

Dixie Leagues Champs Settle Down to Rough Practice Grind

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holt's major problems. An important component of the Generals' stellar midfield combination last season, LaMotte announced several weeks ago that his illness would keep him on the inactive list, greatly dimming the Big Blue's championship hopes. Now, however, the midfield is intact, thus dispensing with the possibility of shifting Bayard Berghaus to the previously vacant midfield position, a move which would seriously weaken the close attack.

At present the close defense chores are being ably handled by Almutt, Paul Gourdon, and Fred Farrar, while the powerful combine of Boyd, LaMotte, and Skippy Henderson will be running midfield within two weeks. Goalie Lat Young is on hand to take up his net duties, and Jack Read, Eddie Haislip, and Carter Refo are veterans returning from last year's close attack.

Bill Cory, Lou Shroyer, and Gordon Long, freshmen with previous experience behind them, are among the numerous yearlings striving for berths on the aggregation, and they are expected to see many minutes of action during the coming campaign.

At this point no additional contests have been scheduled, the season starting on March 30 against Navy B and running until May 23, during which period the Generals will encounter Duke, Virginia, North Carolina, Swarthmore, and the Washington Lacrosse club.

Three Formals, Costume Dance and NFU Informal Feature Week-end Parties

Three formal houseparties, a "Bowery party," and a non-fraternity dance furnished means of diversion for Washington and Lee students remaining in Lexington on Saturday night.

Lambda Chi Alpha entertained with a "Bowery party," with members and their dates attired in appropriate costumes. The VMI "Commanders" furnished the music for dancing. Thirty-five dates were present for the affair.

Members and guests at a party at the Delta Tau Delta house danced to the music of Jack Saunders' orchestra from Roanoke. Twenty-five dates were entertained by the Deltas.

Phi Delta Theta entertained 20 girls at their formal house party. The Jones colored orchestra from Roanoke played for the occasion.

Twenty girls were guests at the Beta Theta Pi house at a formal dance. The newly revamped Southern Collegians played for dancing. Twenty dates were present at the dance given in the Student Union by the NFU. Students and guests danced to popular recordings.

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league scouts: Modest Bob Keim will hit at least .420 for the Washington and Lee baseball team this year, that is, according to Keim. And gentlemen, he must be a whale of a ball player to even evision such a lofty average, but you must remember that it is Keim talking. . . . Opposing pitchers had better not sell the guy short though, because he actually can pound that ball.

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Sports

Delts Favored In Mat Tourney

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the biggest score is awarded ten additional points.

Kappa Alpha, leading the current intramural race, is first in the number of entrants with 34. The Deltas have 29 entered; Phi Deltas and Kappa Sigs, 22; Betas and DUs, 18; Phi Kaps, Phi Psi, and NFU, 15; PiKA, 10; Sigma Nu, Sigma Chi, and Phi Gam, eight; Pi Phi, and ZBT, six; SAE, five; Lambda Chi, three. ATO and PEP are unrepresented.

Would-Be 'Y' Delegates To Meet Friday Night

A meeting for all students interested in attending the YMCA-YWCA conference at Blue Ridge, N. C., the first week in June or the State YMCA conference at Camp Johnson near Roanoke in May will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock in the Student Union.

Refreshments and a social hour will follow the meeting.

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