

Engle's Grid Troubles Pile Up



COACH RIP ENGLE'S four prospects for the punting assignment— (1. to r.) Frank Della Penna, Bill Straub, Bob Hoffman, and Don Bailey. Engle who has been "much concerned" about finding a Ted Kemmerer is putting his four prospects through a punting contest. The only experienced kicker among the players is Don Eyer. He did the kicking chores before Kemmerer was found.

Kicking Replacements Are Major Concern

By SAM PROCOPIO

If one were to listen to Coach Rip Engle's troubles for this season, he would not only be drenched in tears but would end up crying himself. However, Engle and his staff do have one big problem which will make the difference between victory and defeat. That is, finding a punter and extra-point kicker.

Engle said he is "much concerned" about the situation. It was the fine place-kicking of Bill Leonard and the extraordinary punting of Ted Kemmerer that were responsible for many of Penn State's fine showings last season. But neither player is with the squad.

Eyer Experienced

Engle's search for Kemmerer's replacement received a rude setback when Jim Hochberg, a promising sophomore back, suffered a dislocated hip in a defensive drill. Hochberg, who was a good prospect for the punting assignment, will not see any action for at least a month, and possibly two.

At the moment, the Nittany Lion mentor is scrutinizing six prospects; namely, Don Eyer, Tony Rados, Don Bailey, Frank Della Penna, Bob Hoffman, and Bill Straub. Among the six only Eyer has had experience. He did the kicking chores before Rip found his specialist (Kemmerer). Of course, the question arising with Eyer is whether or not he can win a starting position in the backfield.

Foot Still Important

Those Penn Staters who saw the Lions in action last year remember the fine punting exhibition Kemmerer gave.

He was nothing more than a guy who came off the bench and demonstrated that the foot still had a part in football—and what a foot!

Against teams like Nebraska, Michigan State, and Penn he averaged better than 35 yards. Safety-men from those teams made a measly 75 yards on punt returns on his 31 kicks. He thrilled 67,000 spectators in the Penn-Penn State game when he booted the pigskin 52 yards from the line of scrimmage.

Finding a player to split the uprights as well as Leonard will

be even more difficult. "The Toe" kicked two field goals and 18 consecutive points after touchdowns last season.

No kicking candidates have had experience. Engle will be looking forward to some help from Jim Harding, Frank Della Penna, Buddy Rowell, and Jim Garrity. Once again the newly accepted one-platoon rule is a king-size headache. Of the four prospects Rowell is the only one likely to win a first-team berth.

Jones Great Help

Engle has one consolation, however. He still has Dick Jones who held the ball for Leonard's kicks. Leonard's praise for Jones reveals his worth.

"Of course, I can't overlook Dick Jones who holds the kicks for me," Leonard said. "To me the man holding the ball is 90 per cent of kicking. Jones gets the ball down fast and holds the laces forward most of the time which is a great help to me. He also gives me a great deal of confidence."

Series Tickets Sold

NEW YORK, Sept. 15 (AP)—The Brooklyn Dodgers announced today that mail order sale for World Series tickets for the three games at Ebbets Field are all sold out. The New York Yankees are still accepting orders for the first, second, sixth and seventh games.

Beaver Field, home of Penn State football, is an all-steel horse-shoe-type stadium seating 30,000.

Sport SPOTLIGHT

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Should Rip Engle develop a case of ulcers this fall the reason would be obvious. First of all, the Nittany grid boss is faced with a king-sized schedule that would make any coach shudder (with the possible exception of Michigan State's Biggie Munn). And in the face of this nine-game free-for-all the Ripper has to reorganize his squad into a one-platoon outfit and worry about a major injury that may wreck his offense.

With the return of the 60-minute man (courtesy of the NCAA Rules Committee) Rip and his staff are busy searching for 11 "iron men" who will do a good job both offensively and defensively. Of course, there is one item in his favor here. Penn State opponents are being forced to do the same. The new limited substitution ruling the NCAA slapped on unsuspecting coaches last fall has completely changed the college football scene.

But Engle's biggest problem lies in quarterback Tony Rados' ailing knee. The aerial wizard underwent surgery last winter in an effort to correct the chronic ailment. Pained by the ailing limb for an entire season, Rados still hobbled to a new Penn State passing record when he completed 93 aeriels in 186 attempts. The Steelton flinger was the spearhead of the Lion offensive attack which netted seven wins against two losses and one tie.

Looking at the schedule, one glance is all that is needed to see that even with Rados it's going to be a rough fall. Teams like Syracuse, Rutgers, Fordham, and Boston University just can't be considered breathers. And there is no need for an analysis when it comes to Wisconsin, Pitt, Penn, West Virginia, and TCU.

However, we can't help feeling that despite the schedule, and despite the injuries, this could be Engle's best year at the Vale. He is blessed with a host of experienced (16 lettermen) and qualified material—despite the loss of many of his key men via graduation and the Selective Service.

Rip has a fine array of line material at his command. He will have his pick of four top-notch holdover ends. There's Jesse Arnette, a glue-fingered giant who should be great. And either Don Malinak (co-captain with Rados), Jack Sherry, or Jim Garrity will fill the other terminal spot.

Guards Pete Schoderbeck and Sam Green should be back at their regular spots along with tackle Rosey Grier and either Dan DeFalco or Gene Danser. Don Balthaser or sophomore Frank Reich will get the center position. Schoderbeck was a defensive demon last year with his smashing tackles. Grier is a 230-pounder who could stop a tank. With just half as many positions open, however, and a bunch of hungry sophomores pushing them, the vets will have to work plenty hard to hold down their positions.

The backfield looks good too. If Rados' knee fails, Engle can use Bob Hoffman, Norm Paul, or Don Bailey at the signal calling berth. Bailey is the only one of the trio with game experience. He was used sparingly in the halfback slot last year and saw a lot of action as the defensive safetyman.

Rounding out the backfield could be Keith Vesling, a hard-driving wingback last season, and Dick Jones. Sophomores Lenny Moore and Frank Della Penna should give added spark. Moore, a former All-Stater, runs like a deer and tackles and blocks like a gorilla. Mat Yanosich's induction into the service created a problem at fullback. However, sophomore Chuck Blockson may solve that. Blockson weighs 200 pounds and hits the line like a souped-up locomotive. Both Moore and Blockson are sure bets to catch fire for the Lions. Della Penna could also sneak in here.

Too many big ifs, however, have almost nilled Engle's pre-season predictions. This is a season, though, when virtually no one is crystal-balling. The NCAA has left them all with their fingers crossed. There are big question marks in every camp. Good or bad, one thing is certain, it will be an interesting season to watch all the way across the nation.

Saylor Rates '52 Lion Eleven Best in State

Penn State is rated as the top 1952 football team in Pennsylvania and among the nation's leading 25 teams, according to the newly-developed system of Roger B. Saylor, Penn State economist.

Saylor, who is fast gaining a reputation as an outstanding sports statistician, released the major and small college ratings and said "he was thoroughly satisfied with their accuracy."

Pittsburgh, which placed second with its 6-3-0 log, was 26 points behind the Nittany Lions. Villanova trailed the Panthers by one point with a total of 454.

West Chester State Teachers College led the small college field in the Keystone State with 343 points. West Chester finished its seven game schedule undefeated. Franklin and Marshall, which went beaten once in eight games, was rated second and accumulated 331 points.

Saylor's Pennsylvania ratings follow:

MAJOR COLLEGES				
	W	L	T	R't'g
Penn State	7	2	1	481
Pittsburgh	6	3	0	455
Villanova	7	1	0	454
Pennsylvania	4	3	2	429
SMALL COLLEGES				
West Chester	7	0	0	343
F & M	7	1	0	331
Waynesburg	6	1	0	325
Clarion	8	0	0	321
Shippensburg	7	0	0	309
Bucknell	6	3	0	305
Temple	2	7	1	304

Samson Two Way Star

Hud Samson, of Pittsburgh, competed on two unbeaten teams as a senior at Penn State. The golf team of which he was captain was undefeated in nine matches and he capped a perfect season in wrestling by winning the National Collegiate 191-pound title.

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