

Now What?



Breaks Hand—

Straub and Injuries Go 'Hand' in 'Hand'

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If there's anybody on Penn State's present football squad—which is going through rigorous pre-season workouts in preparation for an even more rigorous 1955 grid season—who could be tagged with the title of "a tough-luck kid" we'd throw our vote in the hat for Buck Straub.

Straub, a veteran fullback who has been a two-letterman for Rip Engle during the last two seasons, felt the familiar sting of his perennial malady last week when he was injured during a Saturday scrimmage session.

This time it was Straub's left hand. The broken hand will definitely place the 195-pounder on the sidelines for the Lions' season opener at Beaver Field against Boston University Sept. 24. Straub, however, said that he hopes to be ready for the Army game the following week at West Point.

How he broke his hand still remains a mystery, Straub said. "We played about 20 minutes, rested, and then started to play again," he said. "I played about four plays and noticed my hand bothered me. That's when we found out it was broken."

Injuries—particularly at the start of the season—are nothing new for easy-going Straub. Since he left Hampton Township High School in Allison Park, north of Pittsburgh, where he played fullback, he has been injured on the eve of each season.

In his freshman year Straub re-injured his knee which took a beating in high school. In addition he was kicked in the ankle which later proved to be troublesome in his junior year.

Although he later went on to win a letter and score twice in his first year on the varsity as a sophomore, Straub suffered a twisted knee at the start of the season.

When he returned last year for his second trip on the varsity, Straub was again plagued by injuries to his shoulder, his ankle and the knee again.

Straub suffered the shoulder and ankle injuries in practice sessions. The ankle injury was a recurrence of a two-year-old injury which he suffered as a frosh griddier.

Between the Virginia and West Virginia games Straub again injured his knee which placed him on the "doubtful" list for the remainder of the season when he

saw limited action in four of the five final games.

Ironically, Straub was injured the day after word came that Lenny Moore, the Lions' top-notch halfback, had been readmitted to school and was eligible for the 1955 campaign. Rip Engle, head coach, had one headache solved for him Friday but on Saturday had another king-sized noggin buster. And we thought Straub had it tough?

'55 Summer Slants

Bob Hamel has been elected captain of the 1956 Penn State lacrosse team, succeeding Don Bell, last year's goalie. Hamel, last season, shared team scoring honors with senior Joe Erwin. Each had 20 goals.

Ron Weidenhammer's four-for-four finish in the NCAA District 2 play-offs gave him a resounding .457 batting average for his final year of college baseball. The basketball co-captain hit safely in 20 of 22 games and fanned only once.

Three Penn State athletes qualified via the Middle Atlantic AAU trials for the National AAU track and field championships at Boulder, Colorado. The three, all double winners, were Art Polard, in the sprints; Rosey Grier, in the weights; and Bill Youkers, in the hurdles.

Sophomore southpaw Ed Drapcho boasted the pitching staff's best earned run average during the 1955 Penn State baseball campaign. The little fellow, who gave up only 52 hits and fanned 99 in 12 games, posted a 1.55 average. He won 10 and lost 2 in his first season of college competition.

Veteran Joe Bedenk, who finished his 25th year as Penn State baseball coach last season, boasts an over-all record of 283 wins, 123 defeats, and three ties. He has yet to experience a losing campaign. His 1955 team won 17 and lost 5.

James Tate IV has been elected

manager of the 1956 Penn State golf team, succeeding Fred Cohen. Newly appointed assistants are Robert Parry, Charles Good, and David Moskowitz.

Newly-elected manager of the 1956 Penn State tennis team is Donald Calvert succeeding Lawrence Cohen. Assisting him will be William Detterer, Roger Miller, and Kirk Hartman.

Robert Bair is the newly elected manager of the 1956 Penn State track and field team, succeeding Bruce Vogelsinger. His assistants will be Martin Sedlack, Lloyd Hughes, and Richard Parry.

Dean Vesling has been elected manager of the 1956 Penn State baseball team, succeeding Thomas Wise. Newly-appointed assistants are Elisha Howes, Richard Shingler, and John McKersher.

Bob McMullen, who comes from a ball-playing family in Bellefonte, is captain elect of the 1956 Lion diamond team. The fleet-footed outfielder hit .393 in 1955.

Previously elected as captain of the 1956 golf team was Jim Mayes who participated with teammate John Boyanowski in the National Collegiate championships.

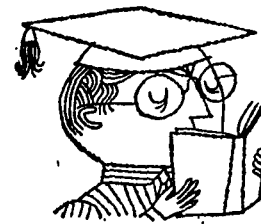
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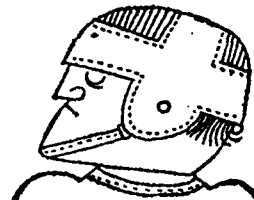
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