



Chuck Medlar
Watches for Injuries

Medlar Is Man 'Behind Scenes'

In practically every type of organization, whether it be a huge business corporation or a football team, there are always "the men behind the scenes" which often do a multitude of jobs and yet go relatively unnoticed by the untrained observer.

Such is the case of Charles "Chuck" Medlar. Medlar took over the job as head athletic trainer at Penn State nine years ago upon the death of Jack Hulme. Although he handles the aches and pains, bruises, and similar complaints and injuries of Penn State's athletes in 11 sports, very few people ever see Medlar in action.

Most of his work is confined to his own room in Recreation Hall where taping of ankles, whirlpool therapy, and similar tasks are handled.

Practically the only time Medlar can be seen is during the football season when he takes his position on the Lion bench to await any possible injuries.

Medlar is a former Penn State and professional baseball pitcher who returned to his alma mater after the war to finish his education.

Medlar prepped for a year at Pennington, N.J., Prep before entering Penn State in 1938. While at Allentown High School he was an all-around athlete in the middle '30's. At Penn State he played football and basketball until a knee injury sidelined him, and he concentrated thereafter on baseball.

In 1941 he left college to enter

professional baseball, playing for Beaumont in Texas League and later with Buffalo of the International League. He entered the U.S. Naval service in late 1942 and served at Pearl Harbor and Midway as a chief petty officer. Discharged from the service in 1946, Medlar rejoined the Buffalo baseball team but withdrew because of a sore arm and returned to college.

As an undergraduate and again upon his return to campus, Medlar served as an assistant to Hulme and moved into the job when Hulme died. He qualified for his degree in February 1948, and was named assistant baseball coach. In 1950, 1951, 1952, and 1953 he served as trainer for the North team in the Blue-Gary football game at Montgomery, Ala.

Medlar is assisted by Ray Uliniski and Eddie Sulkowski. Sulkowski was formerly the University's boxing coach until the sport was dropped nearly two years ago.

If you have trouble finding Medlar this fall on the Lions' side of the field, just look for the tallest, biggest man in the group—that'll be Medlar—doing his "behind the scenes work."

Five '55 Foes First Faced Lions in 1890's

Shades of the past! Someone came up with the outstanding fact that five of the nine football teams Penn State will oppose in the 1955 centennial celebration first faced the Lions on the gridiron in the 1890's.

Pennsylvania, an opponent in 1890, is the oldest of the five, followed by Pitt and Virginia, opponents for the first time in 1893.

The two service schools, Navy and Army, are next in line. Navy was an opponent for the first time in 1894, and Army in 1899.

Penn State trails in all but the Virginia series, which shows the Nittany squads ahead by a two-nothing margin.

Pitt has walloped the Lions 30 of 54 games with two ending in ties. Penn has won 25 games to the Lions 14 with two ties posted. The oncoming games will be the 55th against Pitt, 44th against Penn, 25th against Navy, 6th against Army, and 3rd against Virginia. Three of the five will be played on the road.

Pitt, Rutgers, and Virginia, of Penn State's nine 1955 football opponents, won fewer games than they lost during the 1954 campaign, as Penn went winless and Syracuse broke even.

West Virginia, with an 8-1 log and Navy with an 8-2 record, were the top teams. Boston University and Army finished with 7-2 records. Penn State, beaten by West Virginia and Texas Christian, compiled a 7-2 record for the best of Rip Engle's five years at the helm.

The run-down:

| Opponent | 1954 Record | | | 1955 Coach |
|---------------|-------------|---|---|-----------------|
| | W | L | T | |
| Boston U. | 7 | 2 | 0 | Buff Donelli |
| Army | 7 | 2 | 0 | Earl Blaik |
| Virginia | 3 | 6 | 0 | Ned McDonald |
| Navy | 8 | 2 | 0 | Eddie Erdelatz |
| West Virginia | 8 | 1 | 0 | Art Lewis |
| Pennsylvania | 0 | 9 | 0 | Steve Sebo |
| Syracuse | 4 | 4 | 0 | Schwartzwalder |
| Rutgers | 3 | 6 | 0 | Harvey Harman |
| Pittsburgh | 4 | 5 | 0 | John Michelosen |

Erwin Receives Lacrosse Award

High-scoring Joe Erwin was the recipient of the George R. Pittenger Lacrosse Award for his outstanding play in 1955. This award goes annually to the Penn State senior deemed most valuable to the team.

Erwin, who was rated one of the team's better players, shared season scoring honors with his teammate Bob Hamel. Each scored 20 goals as the Lions won seven and lost five, their best season since 1951.

This award was established in 1947 by lacrosse alumni in memory of Pittenger who was killed in action during World War II. He had been an outstanding member of the lacrosse teams of 1941, 1942, and 1943.

Looking to the Future?



Penn State's 1955 Co-Captains Otto Kneidinger and Frank Reich donned their game uniforms recently for pre-season picture-taking drills. Kneidinger (left) and Reich are two-year letter winners.

Kneidinger, the only tackle who returns to the Lions owning a letter, will add experience and size to the Lions' front wall. The 6-3, 205-pound tackle hails from Bellwood, Pa., and was a standout last year on defense.

Reich will handle the duties at center. He also is the only letterman at center, but the Steelton product who stands 6-2 and weighs 198 will be backed by Ed Kleist and Dan Radakovich.

Reich and Kneidinger, plus only one other letterman, return. Head Coach Rip Engle, however, is expected to get solid rebuilding strength in several sophomores including Emil Caprara, Ron Marlewicz, Francis Paolone, Jack Scabis, Al Jacks, Les Walters, Paul North, Jack Farls, Ben Malesky, and Willard Smith.

The Lions open the 1955 season with Boston University Sept. 24 and then travel to Army and Virginia before returning home to face Navy (Homecoming weekend; Oct. 15). Syracuse and Ft. will round out the four-game home card. Boston U. and Syracuse will both be televised while playing the Lions at Beaver Field.

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