

# Vets Lead Backs

By ROY WILLIAMS

For the second consecutive year it looks as if holdovers will again dominate Penn State's bid for gridiron honors this fall.

Although head coach Rip Engle will have three of his seven line positions filled with newcomers, his backfield will be, for the most part, manned by 1954 letterwinners.

With the return of Lenny Moore at the left halfback slot, Engle's backfield worries were greatly reduced until injuries paid a hard blow to two of his outstanding fullback aspirants.

As the Lions move closer to the eve of kicking open the 1955 season with Boston University here Saturday the backfield shapes up something like this: Moore at left half, Billy Kane at right half, Bobby Hoffman or Milt Plum handling the quarterbacking duties with the fullback chores assigned to Jim Lockerman.

The fullback slot—despite the fact that Engle had a well-manned outfit of three lettermen at the start of fall drills—was thrown wide open in the early weeks of practice because of injuries to one letterman—Buck Straub—and sophomore Emil Caprara.

With Straub out with a fractured hand until at least the Army game, and Caprara side-

lined with the reoccurrence of a high school knee injury, Engle banked on Lockerman, Frank Della Penna, a senior letterman, and two-time monogram winner Charley Blockson.

Della Penna was moved to left half, however, leaving Lockerman, a Cheswick junior, and Blockson to battle it out. Lockerman was seventh in rushing last year among the Lion backs with 84 yards in six tries.

Lockerman had the least game-time experience of the

four men who originally returned to the fullback position with 83 minutes. Blockson, on the other hand, had 146 minutes and Della Penna 124.

Blockson is the heaviest of the three present fullback candidates including sophomore Ben Williams. Blockson weighs in at 196, Lockerman at 180, and Williams at 178.

With Kane expected to be ready for the BU opener Engle must now look for reserve depth to spell the Munhall senior letterwinner who made a name for himself last year in his own right while run-

ning beside the much-publicized Moore.

Last year he wound up third in kickoff and punt returns in the statistical departments and third in rushing with a net gain of 241 yards in 29 tries for an 8.1 average.

Reserve strength will be assigned to senior 195-pounder Bobby Allen, John Bruno, Irv Hill and Jay Livziey—all of whom are juniors. Soph Fran Paolone was considered a promising "speller" for Kane until sidelined with a shoulder injury.

The scramble for starting quarterback work has been reduced to two major choices—Hoffman and Plum—with both men expected to see plenty of action no matter who is named to the starting role.

Hoffman, the only letterwinner among the nine men working for the job, was second in passing last year with 15 completions in 27 tries good for 199 yards. Plum, who played 64 minutes compared to Hoffman's 110, was third with three completions in 17 tries.

In addition to having Lenny Moore back in harness at left half where he notched a ground gaining total of 1082 yards for a 1954 mark of 8.0 yards per try to set a new Penn State record, the Ripper has junior Ray Alberigi and a promising sophomore in Ron Markiewica filling in for duty behind the Reading speedster.



Len Moore

# Munhall Vet...



Letterman Billy Kane To work at right halfback slot Saturday

# UCLA, Tabbed Top Team, Meets Maryland Saturday

By WILL GRIMSLEY  
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UCLA, currently tabbed as the best college football team in the country, should learn the truth Saturday—are the Ulcans overrated or not?

If Red Sanders' Pacific Coast champions can take the measure of powerful Maryland on the latter's home grounds, they may be able to stake a pretty stout claim to the honor.

Maryland, loaded with talent, is reported laying for the Ulcans, who beat the Terrapins last year 12-7. It looks like the toughest game on the UCLA card, which includes mostly West Coast opposition.

UCLA, the pre-season pick for 1955 honors, held its position in the first weekly poll of sports writers and broadcasters by The Associated Press.

The West Coast titans received the No. 1 nod from 34 of the 58 participants in the poll, racking up 512 points. Points are awarded on the basis of 10 points for a first place vote, nine for second, etc.

### Georgia Tech 2d

The UCLA total was well ahead of the 364 given Georgia Tech, winner over the highly rated University of Miami Hurricanes 14-6.

Oklahoma placed third, followed in order by Michigan, Maryland, Ohio State, PITTSBURGH, Mississippi and tied for ninth and tenth, Southern California and NAVY.

### The Selections

The leading teams with first place votes in parentheses:

- 1. UCLA (34) ..... 512
- 2. Georgia Tech (3) ..... 364
- 3. Oklahoma (10) ..... 319
- 4. Michigan (6) ..... 284
- 5. Maryland (1) ..... 198
- 6. Ohio State ..... 157
- 7. Pittsburgh ..... 142
- 8. Mississippi ..... 130
- 9. USC (1) ..... 124
- 9. Navy (tie) ..... 124
- The Second 10.
- 11. Notre Dame ..... 118
- 12. Texas Tech ..... 101
- 13. Rice ..... 80
- 14. Army ..... 62
- 15. Miami (Fla.) ..... 51
- 16. LSU ..... 47
- 17. Arkansas (1) ..... 37
- 18. Baylor ..... 31
- 19. Purdue (1) ..... 20
- 19. Florida (tie) ..... 20

### Lacrosse Managers

Ron Carlson, head Lacrosse manager, has issued a call for candidates for second managers today. Any sophomore with an All-University average of 1 or better is eligible for the positions.

Interested students should report to Carlson at 7 p.m. Wednesday or Thursday evenings at the Water Tower adjacent to Beaver Field.

### It Says Here—

## Bums Have Edge Over New York, Cleveland Infields

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (AP)—Thirsting for their first World Series championship in eight attempts, the Brooklyn Dodgers will enter the 1955 fall classic with a formidable infield blended with experience, versatility, and youth.

Brooklyn's inner array appears to have a slight edge on both the New York Yankees' and Cleveland Indians' infield because of its balance and maneuverability.

The Dodgers' starting infield shapes up with Gil Hodges (.291) at first base, rookie Don Zimmer (.238) at second base, Pee Wee Reese (.281) at shortstop and Jackie Robinson (.251) at third base.

Frank Keller (.324) can spell Hodges at first and Don Hoak is a capable replacement for Robinson at third. Junior Gilliam, expected to patrol left field, can fill in for Zimmer at second.

The Yankees' veteran infield array includes Joe Collins (.324) at first base, Billy Martin (.235) at second base, Phil Rizzuto (.259) at shortstop and Gil McDougald (.282) at third base.

Collins is expected to alternate at first with Bill Skowron (.318) and Eddie Robinson (.200) who also is available for pinch-hitting duties. Jerry Coleman (.229) can play both second and short, while Andy Carey (.225) was the third baseman most of the season.

The Indians' infield does not appear to be as sharp as it was when Cleveland met the New York Giants in last season's fall classic. Second baseman Bobby Avila and Al Rosen have been in batting slumps and first baseman Vic Wertz has been sidelined by polio.

## Five Football Rule Changes Cited for '55

By DAVE BRONSTEIN

Football fans attending Saturday's Penn State-Boston University skirmish may observe at least five new rule changes to distinguish this year's game from the one last fall.

For the last few seasons the rules committee of the National Collegiate Athletic Association pondered over the values and faults of the two-platoon system of substitution. The rule, now abandoned, permitted a coach to field a separate team for both offense and defense.

### Rule Again Changed

The rule was changed last fall to permit a player to re-enter the game in the same quarter but only in the last four minutes of the second and fourth periods.

According to the present rule, a player who starts a period is now permitted to leave the game and return once, at any time, in that period. This change will give the "better" players more opportunity to play.

### Salute Is Required

A second change made by the NCAA rules committee effects the fair-catch of punts. The spectators will notice that a military salute has superseded the "old" wigwag which at times was not clear to downfield tacklers.

This season the ball holder on kicks, other than kickoffs, is permitted to run, kick, or pass the ball. This rule may figure greatly in points after touchdowns.

A fourth change, which should eliminate the wide flankers, requires that no offensive player be farther than 15 yards from the center. The fifth rule change makes a tackle eligible to catch a forward pass, if he is the farthest offensive man downfield from the passer.

### Penn State Sports—

# ON THE LINE

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### DON'T OVERDO IT—

Football season is practically upon us and for each fan and sportsman it brims with a multitude of meanings—the excitement of football throngs rushing to make game time, the chants of the players in their warm-ups, the fragrance and soft colors that only autumn can boast, and of course the tinkling feeling of following "your team"—whether it be the nation's best or the smallest college squad in Arizona.

Win, lose, or draw its your team and that's the way it should be or football and fall and all that goes with them would be as flat as a three-day-old glass of ginger ale.

What with the thrills, cheers, spills, and disappointments that come each year, it's easy to "get carried away." That's why we ask—during the coming season, whether you're in Beaver Field or traveling to follow the Lions on the road, DON'T OVERDO IT.

Penn State—its past and present accomplishments—will be judged by your actions. One misdeed, conduct wise, by a student or a group of students can be damaging. You're adults, so act the part. So be it.

Seven of the Lions' eight future foes also open their 1955 cards this weekend with the lone exception being Pitt which clobbered California 27-7 Saturday.

The Panthers travel to Syracuse where they are heavily favored to whip the Orange which lacks a potent air attack. The game will be televised to four states including Pennsylvania.

West Virginia's Mountaineers, picked ninth in the nation in pre-season polls, entertains the University of Richmond. Navy meets William & Mary at Annapolis to open its 75th football season. All-America end Ron Beagle will be sidelined with a wrist injury. The cast comes off after Saturday.

The 47th renewal of football's oldest rivalry gets underway when Rutgers—on the Lions' card Nov. 12—visits Princeton to fire the feud that opened in 1869. Rutgers expects to do big things in this one, although the Tigers are tagged favorites.

### QUICK AND SHORT:

Penn meets Virginia Tech which has 24 lettermen returning from the 1954 squad that went undefeated. Wake Forest took the Virginians last Saturday. Penn's out to break its 1954 nine-game losing streak.

Army and Virginia each open the 1955 card at home Saturday. The Cadets host Furman University, and Virginia tangles with Clemson. Penn State meets Army at West Point, N.Y., Oct. 1 and Virginia at Richmond Oct. 8.

### WE WONDER DEPARTMENT?

Where do the football players come from—Pennsylvania of course. Three Keystone State products will start for Boston U. Saturday. West Virginia has 21 Pennsylvania gridders. Five are lettermen including fullback and three-year man Joe Marconi of Fredericktown.

Rutgers has six Pennsylvania boys, and Navy has 18 with practically every man a varsity or plebe letter winner. Syracuse has 14 Keystone boys with four of them letterwinners. That's enough figuring now... but we're still WONDERING?