

Player Loss Dims Grid Hopes

15 Lost Since Spring; Season Opens in 20 Days

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A heavy cloud of pessimism, formed mostly by the loss of 15 players since spring training, has drifted over the heads of the Lion football coaches. Head Coach Rip Engle said yesterday that the team looked "pretty good" during the first week of practice, but the loss of 15 men has caused an all out search for capable replacements and has also reduced his squad to the smallest number since he's been coaching here.

The Nittany Lions open their season September 29 with Pennsylvania at Philadelphia, which leaves only 20 days to repair the line, the hardest stung part of the team.

The coaches' satisfaction with the team last week was due mainly to its aggressiveness, spirit, and hard working attitude.

Injuries, a constant nuisance in the past for Engle, has been a minor problem so far this year. Except for the usual bumps and bruises not on serious injury has invaded the Lion practice field.

16 Lettermen Back

Sixteen lettermen return from the '55 club and the most conspicuous absentee is undoubtedly halfback Lenny Moore, who is now playing that position for the Baltimore Colts in the National Professional League.

Other major losses are tackle Otto Kneidinger, guard Earl Schumaker, center Frank Reich, fullback Bill Straub, and quarterback Bobby Hoffman.

Major losses since spring training have been guard and letterman Willard "Bull" Smith, tackle Jerry Summerly, end Jim Caldwell, and guard Don Shank.

Engle has lettermen returning at almost every position, but his paramount problem is lack of depth.

Backfield Almost Set

In the backfield Milt Plum, quarterback; Billy Kane, right halfback; Ray Alberigi, left halfback; and Babe Caprara, fullback, appear to have the inside track, although sophomores Bruce Gilmore and Maurice Schleicher, the latter a 230-pound fullback, and letterwinner Joe Sabol are considered excellent bets to break into the lineup.

Plum, last year, impressed Engle to the degree that he was given the QB post over senior Hoffman, but the lanky New Jerseyite still lacked the necessary experience needed to make an all-round quarterback.

Kane—3-Year Man

Kane has been a varsity player since his sophomore year and although he slumped last year he is still considered the team's most valuable backfield performer.

Alberigi, concealed in the shadow of Moore for two years, is a fine blocking back and a runner who can get the team three or four yards everytime he carries.

Caprara, hampered by a leg injury the past year, has shown up in early scrimmages and shows signs of blossoming into the player he was predicted to be by Francis Wallace, noted Football authority who writes for Colliers magazine.

Ends Well Fortified

Engle's strongest position on the line is the ends, where he has four lettermen plus strong reserves. Jack Farls, Romeo Pancozo, Les Walters, Mike Newbold, Paul North, and Ron Markiewicz are all potential starters for opening day.

Tackle Jack Calderone leads a host of hopefuls at that position. Calderone, a starter in '55, will be paired with either Walt Mazur, Clint Iaw, Bill Wehmer or sophomore Don Delmore against Penn.

Captain Sam Valentine and Dick DeLuca are the returnees at guard although Jack Arnst could possibly start if his practice playing can be indicative of the future.

Radakovich at Center

Center, well fortified with the return of Dan Radakovich, is lacking in depth and could turn out to be a major problem during the year. Steve Garban is Engle's only capable replacement at this position.

Although all the major writers in the country pick the Lions to lose at least four games, with some saving they'll only win one. Engle still appears confident that he will have at least a winning record. The Lions have not had

a losing season since 1938, one of the longest streaks of its kind in the country.

All Engle had to say about the predictions was "We're going to sneak up on them (opponents)."

Lions' Schedule

The remainder of the Lions' schedule follows: Oct. 6, Army; Oct. 13, Holy Cross (Homecoming); Oct. 20, Ohio State; Oct. 27, West Virginia; Nov. 3, Syracuse; Nov. 10, Boston University; Nov. 17, North Carolina State; Nov. 24, Pittsburgh.

1957 Football Schedule Out

Although the 1956 football season hasn't even started the Lion front office has the 1957 football schedule completed. Three newcomers have been added to the schedule. William & Mary, Vanderbilt, and Marquette replace Ohio State, Boston University, and North Carolina State. The Lions will play four home games and five away.

The complete schedule follows:

- Sept. 28—at Pennsylvania
- Oct. 5—Army
- 12—William & Mary
- 19—Vanderbilt
- 26—at Syracuse
- Nov. 2—West Virginia
- 9—at Marquette
- 16—at Holy Cross
- 23—at Pittsburgh

Jim Lockerman, captain-elect of Penn State baseball, led the team in runs-batted-in with 18 during the 20-game 1956 campaign. Bob McMullen, outgoing captain, collected the most hits—29 in 69 trips to the plate.

Freshman Soccer

Candidates for the freshman soccer team are asked to report to Recreation Hall Monday, Sept. 17, according to Head Coach Ken Hosterman. Candidates are asked to see either Hosterman or freshman coach Dave Bishoff.



Sam Valentine
1956 Football Captain



Billy Kane
Veteran Backfield Star

Close Competition Provides IM Thrills

Intramural athletic competition among the 54 fraternities often becomes heated and down-to-the-wire races as evidenced by last year's failure of Phi Kappa Sigma to overtake Beta Theta Pi.

Beta held its 134 point lead going into the last two tournaments, track and golf. But Phi Kappa Sigma entered a strong track and field team in the next-to-last tourney, as did Beta.

While neither house was strong in the field events, Beta had flying Billy Paxton in the 100-yard dash but PKS topped them with a faster Elmer Strauss, who finished second in the century and also ran second in the 440-yard dash. However, Beta's 880 relay team qualified for the finals while Phi Kappa Sig's entry was dropped—giving Beta a chance to finish ahead of PKS.

Thomas Outstanding

Beta's third relay man was knocked down thus ruining Beta's chances of clinching the all-year title in the track competition. Phi Kappa Sig was also due for a jolt as Buster Thomas, Alpha Phi Alpha, put on one of the most sensational exhibitions in IM cinder competition when he won three of six track and field events to win the 100-point championship for APA, leaving Phi Kappa Sigma the 50-point runner-up spot. Beta's lead was cut to 63 with only the golf crown to be decided.

On Monday, during the first week of finals, Phi Kappa Sigma had advanced to the finals and was tied 2-all with Alpha Chi Sigma. However, Alpha Chi Sigma's anchorman spoiled the setting by winning the 100-point top spot, again leaving PKS with a 50-point second place.

ACS Cinderella Club

Such was the fate of Phi Kappa Sigma as the cinderella Alpha Chi Sigma's won another tourney title—ACS also took the golf-medal and soccer honors. Soccer had spelled a jinx for ACS when they were runners-up the two previous years.

In the soccer semi-final game, ACS won the game when an Alpha Zeta lunged at a kick by the

ACS goalie and knocked it behind his own goal for a match-deciding cornerkick in a sudden-death overtime. Then in the final, in another sudden-death overtime, an Alpha Chi Sigma's forward lofted a shot at the Kappa Delta Rho goalie.

In a hurried movement, the KDR net-minder slipped the ball behind himself and fell on it. As he turned around to find the ball, he knocked the winning goal into his own net, and Alpha Chi Sigma won.

Bowling Aids Betas

Bowling, a new tournament added to the intramural roster last year, helped the Betas. The Betas took a big lead over the rest of the field in the competition on the 12 new alleys in Recreation Hall.

Reviewing the top five this year as compared to the toppers in 1954-'55, only Alpha Chi Sigma crashed the standings. Beta (1) was third last year, Phi Kappa Sigma (2) moved up from fifth, Delta Upsilon (3) climbed from a fourth place finish in 1955, and Sigma Nu (5) dropped from second last year. Phi Delta Theta fell from first to fourteenth as Alpha Chi Sigma finished fourth.

Theta Delta Chi jumped from 32nd to ninth and Theta Chi moved two spots from 37th to 12th. Only 48 points separated Theta Chi in 12th and Delta Tau Delta in spot number 20, 488-440.

Southpaw Ed Drapcho, who set a new Penn State mark of 19 strikeouts in one game, easily led the team in this department during the 1956 campaign. He fanned 83 in his 80½ innings on the pitching mound.

WRA Award Goes To Tri-Delt Coeds

A participant's trophy is presented each year by Women's Recreational Association to the group which has the highest percentage of coeds participating in WRA activities.

Delta Delta Delta copped the trophy for its second straight year last spring.

The number of participants in 1955-56 marked an all-time high of 1068 or 42 per cent, breaking the record of 1048 or 42 percent held in 1952-53.



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