

Guard, Tackle Top Grid Woes

Lion Reserve Sparse There

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Finding replacements at the guard and tackle slots looms as Coach Rip Engle's chief problem in preparing his 1957 Penn State grid edition for the forthcoming season, opening Sept. 28 at Penn.

With the first full week of fall practice behind the Lions, Engle readily admits that the squad is hurting at these two key line spots. "They certainly are our biggest problems," he said.

Along with quarterback Milt Plum and halfback Bill Kane, graduation saw all-America

at the guard posts—and Smith won his letter in 1955. He was ineligible for the 1956 campaign due to academic difficulties.

At tackle, senior Bill Wehmer is the only returning monogram winner. Junior Frank Urban, another tackle returnee, saw some action last season but not enough to earn him a letter. Joe Bohart is another inexperienced tackle returning this season. He also is a junior.

Elsewhere, on paper, anyway, the situation appears well in hand. Senior Charlie Ruslavage and junior Steve Garban, both lettermen, give Engle experienced depth at center.

End, Engle's major headache in 1955, should pose no major problem this season where five lettermen return. Les Walters, one of the most highly-rated wingmen in the East, according to the preseason dope, Jack Farls and Paul North all divided starting assignments last season.

Ron Markiewicz and Romeo Panno, both experienced two-season campaigners, remain in the midst of contention for a starting end berth. All five are seniors.

The backfield candidates give Engle a list of tried competitors to choose from. Although fullback Emil Caprara, a senior, is the only first-string back to return, Engle's complete second team backfield is still intact.

Quarterback Al Jacks, halfbacks Andy Moconyi and Bruce Gilmore and fullback Maurice Schleicher, all juniors, assume the front-running role in Engle's plans this year. Schleicher and Caprara about evenly divided their playing time last season.

Behind the aforementioned quintet, and not yet out of the running for starting berths, are senior quarterback Bob Scrabis, junior halfback Dave Kasperian and senior fullback Ben Williams.

On hand to add to the Lions' reserve list is a group of highly-hoped-for sophomores headed by center Earl (Bud) Kohlhaas and guard Sam Stelatella.

Kohlhaas, a two-time all-State high school gridder, is expected to give both Garban and Rusla-

vage a run for the blue chips in the battle for starting center.

Stelatella, an all-New Jersey schoolboy selection at center who was shifted to guard because of Kohlhaas' potential, is expected to figure prominently in the guard picture. He spent his frosh season at that post.

Among the sophomore tackles who show promise are Tom Mulreany and Chuck Janerette—both starters on last year's frosh contingent.

Quarterback Rich Lucas, who stole the show in last spring's intersquad Blue-White tilt with his running and passing, and halfbacks Pat Botula and Ed Caye

Mentor Optimistic For 1957 Soccermen

Soccer Coach Ken Hosterman, taking a preseason look at his 1957 club, expressed an optimistic attitude concerning the Lion outlook for the forthcoming schedule.

"Barring anything unforeseen, we should be a good ball club this year," he said. "We're going to have to find a fullback, however."

As far as Hosterman is concerned, his two most serious graduation losses were his aggressive captain from last year, Steve Flamporis, a center half, and fullback Dave Davis.

"Those are my two key ambitions to fill this fall," he said.



Ralph Brower
...the lone fullback
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The loss of fullback Davis is probably the most serious of the two since Captain-elect Ralph Brower is the only remaining experienced performer there. Hosterman must find a suitable fullback to work with Brower in order to have a strong defense.

And, in his eyes, you can't have a winning ball club unless you have a strong defense. Right now, Hosterman has no idea as to whom he will use come opening game.

Other graduation losses include center forward Tom Nute, who finished in a three-way tie for the team scoring title with 13 last year, goalie John Lawrence, left half Ward Hill and center for-



Captain Joe Sabol
...the leading Lion guard



Jack Farls
...an able wingman

guard and 1956 team captain Sam Valentine, guard Dick DeLuca, guard John Arnst and tackles Jack Calderone, Walt Mazur and Clint Law depart from the ranks of the Blue and White. Plum, Kane, Valentine, DeLuca, Calderone and Mazur were starters while Arnst and Law rated high on Engle's reserve list.

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