

Surprise Reserves Pleasing to Engle

Coach Cites Improvement In Drills

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Much to the happiness of Coach Rip Engle and his staff, several Lion footballers have moved from the reserve foreground into the midst of contention for a starting berth for the 1957 season.

With his squad now only in its 10th day of practice, Engle could not commit himself as to his probable starting lineup come opening game with Penn, Sept. 28 at Philadelphia. It is still far too early for that.

However, he did say that he was pleased with the play shown by halfbacks Bucky Paolone and Dave Kasperian thus far in practice. Both were used somewhat sparingly last year in reserve.

Of both, Engle said: "Both have shown a lot of improvement . . . they're putting up a real battle. I expect to see them play a lot of football this year." But Kasperian and Paolone were not the only backs to gain praise from Engle. At fullback, one of the strongest depth positions on the club, Emil "Babe" Caprara emerged as the leading early-season candidate for the starting role.

"Caprara is leading the battle," Engle said, "with Maurice Schleicher, Pete Shopa and Ben Williams right behind." Backfield coach Joe Paterno added that Caprara's faking, blocking and defensive play have been outstanding—"almost perfect," as he put it.

Engle said that this is why he is the early season leader at fullback.

Along the line, where guard and tackle loom as the biggest grid worry, sophomore guard Joe Korbini came in for praise from line coach "Tor" Toretti.

Korbini was waging a strong battle for the number two guard spot with Dick McMillen and "Bull" Smith (Wildard) until he was injured two days ago," Toretti said. Captain Joe Sabol is expected to be the number one guard.

Korbini has been hospitalized for the past two days. According to team physician Dr. Alfred H.



PAUL NORTH, a strong candidate for a starting end berth, has a bruised spot on his hand taped by Trainer Ed Sulkowski before yesterday's football practice. The Lions are now in their 10th day of practice.

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Griess, Korbini is at present under observation after being struck in the abdomen region. He could not as yet determine the severity of the injury.

The center situation is especially pleasing. At present, a three-way fight is going on between senior Charlie Ruslavage—the most experienced of the group—, junior Steve Garban and sophomore Earl Kohlhaas for the number one job.

And, according to Toretti, senior Bob Rice is not too far behind.

Tackle, probably the more serious of the two line problems, seems to be developing slowly, but satisfactorily. According to Assistant Coach Jim O'Hara, sophomore Andy Stynchula, switched from end to tackle at the beginning of fall practice, "is breathing hard down Bohart's (Joe) neck." Bohart at present is the leading candidate for the number two tackle spot with junior Bill Wehmer leading the pack.

O'Hara said the sophomores Charley Janerette and Tom Mullaney both "looked good" until slight injuries forced them to miss

contact work for the past two days.

In looking at his club in composite, Engle admitted that it has shown steady improvement since opening day. However, he said that the team still had a lot of work on its hands in order to be fully prepared for the opening game.

Engle will continue to hold two-session workouts—morning and afternoon—for the remainder of Orientation Week. However, he expects practice to be handicapped a bit due to registration difficulties.

Since the Lions have no scrimmage game with another school scheduled for this training year, the coaching plans call for simulated game conditions between the squad as often as possible.

Injury wise, aside from the expected early-season bumps and bruises, the Lions are in good shape. Along with Korbini, sophomore end Mike Murphy is the only other Lion footballer to be hospitalized at present. And he is down with the grippe, according to Dr. Griess.



A Glance at . . . SPORTS

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LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE SCHEDULE . . .

The opening Penn State football game of the season is still more than two weeks away, but we thought today would be appropriate enough to give a little thought to the Lions' 1957 schedule.

With this in mind, we caught Coach Rip Engle in the coaches' dressing room before practice yesterday morning to ask him for his opinion on the schedule—more precisely, on each opposing club. The conversation went something like this:

"Coach, we'd like to talk to you a bit about your schedule."

His reply was: "What schedule? I can't see past Penn." This, he went on to explain, meant that he was taking each ballgame one at a time in order to overlook no one. This is a pretty good indication that Engle and his staff are taking all possible precautions to avoid an upset by some of the "weaker" opponents.

So on to Penn he went. "Penn should be a real good football team," he said. "I know some of their personnel and they can be tough."

That was as far as he went. The conversation then turned to the Lions fall-training progress and we were still without our column. But, thanks to writers like Stan Woodward, Jess Abramson, and a few more professionals, this is what we were able to learn about the opposition.

PENNSYLVANIA—Sept. 28: Penn should be the strongest it has been under the 3-year reign of Coach Steve Sebo. Sebo has 22 lettermen returning—lettermen who'll give the Quakers more speed, size and depth since Sebo began in 1954. Frank Reipel, a 2-year veteran at halfback, is being experimented with at quarterback to improve the Quaker passing attack. Behind him there is still last year's starter, Rich Ross. Co-captain Pete Keblish tops the line from his guard post. Consensus: better, but not better enough.

ARMY—Oct. 5, home: Army will be a strong contender for eastern laurels this year but has a patchwork job to accomplish along the line to be so. Center Jim Kernan and guard Stan Slater are the bulwarks of the line. The backfield is set with no quarterbacking experiments in store for Coach Red Blaik this season. Dave Bourland proved he could handle the ball club but is not a deadly passer. With Gene Mikelonis' knee a question mark, the backfield lacks a break-away runner of the Bob Kyasky line. Consensus: not an easy opponent, but can be taken.

WILLIAM AND MARY—Oct. 12, home: Not much can be said of the Indians this year since most of their potential is still a question mark due to the return of 25 sophomores. Halfback Charlie Sidwell, a 210-pound breakaway runner who is rated as one of the South's most versatile halfbacks, will lead the offense. Bob Hardage, who completed 16 passes against Army last year, gives the team solid passing. Consensus: not too tough, but may be surprising in spots.

VANDERBILT—Oct. 19, home: Halfback Phil King leads Coach Art Guepe's new offense which he entitles "kaleidoscopic"—a combination of offenses involving spreads, buck laterals, sweeps and all sorts of options. The line is tough, spearheaded by Pat Swan and Mario Wodka at tackles. This could be a dark horse team. Consensus: it may surprise a lot of opponents.

SYRACUSE—Oct. 26, away: The Orange are definitely one of the top teams in the East, despite the loss of Jim Brown. They are not to be taken lightly. Chuck Zimmerman heads an experienced 3-man quarterback corps. Ernie Johnson is being touted as Brown's left half replacement. End Dick Lasse and guard Chuck Strid top the line. Consensus: very tough, but beatable.

WEST VIRGINIA—Nov. 2, home: The Mountaineers are rated as probably the best team in the Southern Conference, led by their great guard combination, Chuck Howley and Joe Nicely. If Mickey Trimarki reaches his potential, the Mounties could be almost unstoppable. Larry Krutko is the top back at fullback. Consensus: They're going to be tough to beat. Almost the same case as Syracuse.

MARQUETTE—Nov. 9, away: Marquette, after a winless 9-game season last year, is rebuilding and can not be expected to be very strong this year. Coach John Druze is depending heavily on sophomores. The outlook is very dim in view of the schedule. Consensus: may win a few games, but not very many.

HOLY CROSS—Nov. 16, away: Holy Cross should have one of the East's better teams in view of the fact that Coach Eddie Anderson has his key sophomores from last year's 6-3-1 team back. He is also helped by candidates from an unbeaten frosh squad. Fullback Dick Surette, quarterback Tom Greene and guard Jim Healy will head the offense. Consensus: Not as tough as Syracuse or Army, but tough.

PITTSBURGH—Nov. 23, away: Pittsburgh has it again this year. The line, spearheaded by tackle Jim McCusker and center Charlie Brueckman, will average somewhere around 229. End will be the biggest problem along the line. Bill Kaliden, a junior, must serve as an adequate quarterback replacement for Corny Salvatore. Jim Theodore is tops among a long list of strong backfield men. The Panthers back-breaking schedule will probably prevent them from posting the best record in the East. Consensus: Probably the toughest in the East.

That's the schedule for 1957. Penn State fans should have some exciting football moments during the year. This year should prove to be interesting for all concerned.

Nittany Frosh Mentor Awaits 'Loaded' Gridiron Candidates

By MATT MATHEWS

Freshman football coach Earl Bruce has come up with another "loaded" squad, but the talent can only be analyzed on paper since the frosh will not organize for drills until Saturday.

But the team will get plenty of practice under Bruce's tutelage before they host their first opponent, the University of Pittsburgh, Oct. 19. Their second—and last—game will be against the Navy Plebes, Nov. 2 at Annapolis, Md.

The nucleus of the "loaded" material is concentrated in the backfield which dominates the frosh press notices. There are three All-Pennsylvania backs on the roster, including one all-America choice, Bob "Red" Worrell.

The redheaded fullback weighs in at 215 pounds and stands 5'10". While at little Centerville High, he led his alma mater to four divisional titles in the tough WPIAL. In one game, he gained 318 yards, averaging 14.8 per carry.

The other two all-Staters are Bob Washko and Don Jonas. The

6'1", 174-pound Washko played his high school ball at Swoyersville where he was one of the most outstanding players in the district.

Jonas, who stands 5'11" and weighs 190, earned numerous awards while lettering three years at West Scranton High. His top-notch quarterbacking there won the scoring championship in the Lackawanna Football Conference.

Jim Kerr, an imported halfback from St. Clairsville, Ohio, was the leading ground gainer and scorer in his section. Kerr is a 6', 175-pounder.

Another outstanding back that led his team to a WPIAL title is Jeannette's ace quarterback, Dick Hoak. Hoak was one of the standouts in the western Pennsylvania-Allegheny All-Star game at Pittsburgh a month ago. The 5'10, 185-pounder was also wanted by two of Penn State's most traditional rivals—Pitt and West Virginia.

Bruce's other backs which have reported to campus include fullback Jim Zaino, 6'2", 240-pounder from Westbury, N.Y.; halfback-quarterback Bill Kram-

er, 6'2", 180-pounder from Johnstown; halfback Sam Sobczak, 5'10", 185-pounder from DuBois; fullback Denny Schaeffer, 6'2", 210-pounder from Boyertown; halfback Bob Ghigiarelli, 5'11", 180-pounder from Old Forge; and halfback-quarterback Lou Luce, 6', 183-pounder from Bellis Prep.

On the line, Bruce will have end candidates Dave Alexander, 6', 185-pounder from New Castle; Stew Barber, 6'3", 220-pounder from Bradford; John Rohaley, 6'4", 195-pounder from Redstone; tackle candidates Bob Gilmour, 6', 210-pounder from Haddonfield; Jack Lawhead, 6'1", 220-pounder from Everett; and Jack Shaffer, 6' 230-pounder from Williamsport; guard candidates Dick Butterfield, 6', 190-pounder from Montclair and an outstanding prep schooler, Bill Popp, 5'11", 185-pounder from Steelton; and center candidate Charles Vogelsson, 6'2", 230-pounder from Upper Darby.

After reviewing his list of players, Bruce concluded, "We need more linemen—especially linebackers and tackles." Any volunteers???