

Lions Ends -- No Grid Problem

5 Seniors Give Depth To Position

(This is the first of a series of articles on the positions on the Penn State football team. Today's ends.)

The best ends are the experienced ends and the 1957 Penn State football team has just that—five experienced ends who make that position one of the most powerful positions on the team, if not the most powerful.

Seniors Les Walters, Jack Farls, Paul North, Ron Markiewicz and Romeo Pannoza all return for their third year of varsity play, much to the pleasure of Coach Rip Engle and his staff.

End coach J. T. White made no bones about his feelings concerning this year's end crop: "The ends should be strong with five experienced seniors back," he said. He added that he considers this crop to be as strong as the one he coached in 1954 when Jesse Arnelle, Bob Rohland, Jack Sherry and Jim Gerity all wore the blue and white. They, too, were three-year veterans—and their experienced played an important part in the successful 7-2 season.

White said that Walters and Farls were the present leaders for the starting assignments, but quickly added that the other three were very close behind. This is proven in practice where all five have been shifted from team to team.

North and Walters are vying for the left end posts while Markiewicz and Farls are competing for the right end post. Pannoza has been used at both positions.

Behind the first five, White has sophomores John Boick, Norm Neff, Jerry Murphy and Jack Stinman.

Commenting on his corp individually, White had this to say about Walters: "He's a great receiver who has very good speed... he's very quick." He added that Walters' speed made him the best threat of the group for the long touchdown pass.

Turning to North, White said, "He's a very rugged play who, unfortunately has been susceptible to injury during the past three years." Because he lacks the speed of Walters, North is a good hook man for the short pass," White said.

Pannoza, the utility man of the group because of his ability to play both end positions, was described as a "good receiver with good speed" by White. However, Walters and North hold a slight edge in blocking over him at present, he said.

Moving to the right ends, White described Farls as a good strong end, but lacking the speed of the left ends. A good threat for the short pass, Farls' play defensively makes him a standout. "Defensively, he's the best of the right ends," White said.

Of Markiewicz, White said: "He's looking good in scrimmage so far... a good receiver, but lacking in experience."

Taking everything into consideration, a position summary could read: "The ends are tough—barring injuries, they'll stay that way."

Grid Managers Called

All second or third-semester students who wish to be second manager in football should register as soon as possible at the Athletic Association office, 249 Recreation Hall. A 2.0 All-University average is required.



Paul North
... rugged wingman



Jack Farls
... tough defensively



Les Walters
... a long-pass threat

NY Injuries Give Casey 14 Worries

NEW YORK, Sept. 12 (AP)—Although the New York Yankees held a comfortable lead with only 14 games to play, injuries to key men plagued Manager Casey Stengel as he prepared to open a two-game series with Chicago tomorrow.

Mickey Mantle, Yogi Berra and Bill Skowron are on the questionable list as Yank starters. Mantle spent a few days in the hospital as the result of "shin splints" and Berra and Skowron have been out of action for almost a week.

Mantle took batting practice before yesterday's day game with Cleveland, and Berra and Skowron were scheduled to visit Yankee Stadium for treatment by trainer Gus Mauch.

Mantle hasn't played the outfield since Sept. 3 although he did make two appearances as a pinch hitter. Berra has been nursing a sprained right thumb and Skowron hurt his back while reaching for a screwdriver in his apartment.

The Yanks, of course, are in a good position with a solid lead at this stage of the game. Chicago can't afford to settle for a split in these two final games with the Yanks. New York holds a 13-7 lead in the season series and a five-game lead.

Penn State in 1957 will field an intercollegiate football team for the 71st consecutive year.

Stautner Hurt—May Miss Steelers-Bears Contest

LIGONIER, Pa., Sept. 12 (AP)—Veteran tackle Ernie Stautner, Pittsburgh Steelers, sprained ankle in a practice session today and may not be available for duty as the Steelers play the Chicago Bears in an exhibition at Pittsburgh Saturday night.

Two players signed by the Steelers this week—Jug Girard and Dale Atkeson—have thus far failed to report and their whereabouts are unknown.



A Glance at ... SPORTS

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ASSORTED NOTHINGS FROM NOWHERE—

While roaming the halls of Recreation Hall this morning, we had the pleasure of bumping into Ed Drapcho—Penn State's latest edition to the all-America roster, this time in baseball.

After a sterling senior season last year with a 12-0 record, Drapcho was selected to the 1957 all-America Baseball Team at the close of the College World Series at Omaha, Neb.

Needless to say, he certainly deserved it. His case is one where the record speaks for itself. In three years of varsity pitching, he posted a 27-3 record. Included in this was a fabulous 1.52 three-year earned-run-average.

Average-wise over the three-year span, the steady lefthander allowed only 4.8 hits a game, walking 2.8 and striking out 9.5. We imagine there are plenty of pitchers, amateur or professional, who wish they could boast of such a mark.

Once the college season was over, Eddie turned his fortunes to the lot of professional play—and he found it very receptive to him. Playing for the Reading Indians, a Cleveland farm team, of the Class A Eastern League, he finished the year with a creditable 6-3 mark.

When we asked him what he thought of professional ball, he replied: "It's a lot faster than college but I like it. I think I'll stick with it if I can."

We're no baseball expert so we won't venture a prophesy as to his future. But, we will say this: his spark will certainly be missed in the Nittany Lion dugout... pitchers of his calibre are not easy to replace.

Congratulations on your great college career, Ed, and best wishes in your new professional one.

While we're on the subject of baseball, almost unnoticed, outfielder Ron Rainey may have set a University precedent last season when he led both the baseball and basketball teams in their most important offensive departments—hitting and scoring.

"Rainbow," as he's more popularly called by his friends, finished the diamond year with a .350 batting average and the basketball year with a 377 scoring total. As far as we know, no other athlete has accomplished this same feat—at any rate, it certainly is a rarity, and we feel safe in saying that it may have happened only once or twice before in the University's history.

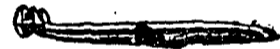
With football season rapidly approaching, it isn't too odd to hear questions like this being asked around campus: "Who's on top in the Major League races?" Interest, here at University Park—anyway, seems to be undergoing a gigantic transformation from baseball to football. It's only natural.

But for those who are interested, the Yanks and the Braves are still leading the packs. Unless both fall into a complete slump, both seemed destined to meet in the World Series. We feel safe when we say they will—and that's no calculated risk, either.

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