

Lion Guards, Centers Rate Adequate Tags

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(This is the second of a series of articles on the positions on the Penn State football team. Today—the guards and centers.)

Guard may not be as weak a position as the preseason forecasts built it up to be and center should be well fortified—at least that's the way line coach Sever "Tor" Toretta feels about both positions.

Speaking about the guard post, Toretta said: "I never felt it was a weak position. I only wish we had a little more experience there. I have a number of boys with good potential and in numbers we may have strength."

Preseason forecasters, in writing about the 1957 Lion outlook, named guard as one of the sore thumbs Coach Rip Engle would have to contend with in order for the Lions to defend the claim that they are one of the best squads in the east.

However, as Toretta indicated, the thumb may not be as sore as the doctors diagnosed it to be.

Leading the fight for starting guard berths is Captain Joe Sabol, a transformed fullback who spent last season as an understudy to all-America guard Sam Valentine.

Luckily for Engle and Company, Sabol plays left guard, the weaker of the two guard posts from an experience standpoint. As Toretta put it, "Sabol stands head and shoulders over everyone there."

He went on to explain that the left guard situation has been handicapped by a foot injury to sophomore Sam Stellatella, a grinder whom the coaches hoped would turn out to be Sabol's number one replacement.

This high expectation for Stellatella was derived from the potential he displayed during his frosh season and last spring's practice sessions.

Due to the steady performances of seniors Skippy Stellfox and Ray Pottios, a three-way battle is now going on for the two left guard post, Toretta said.

An almost similar picture is presented at the right guard post where senior Dick McMillen and junior Willard (Bull) Smith are waging a closely contested battle for the first string job.

According to Toretta, McMillen is leading for the berth because of his tremendous spirit and hustle. However, he emphasized that Smith, because of his great potential, is so close behind that it could not be said just who the eventual winner would be.

Back of the leading two candidates are sophomores Joe Korbini and Danny Maddigan. Korbini, who Toretta said looked very good until he was injured two weeks ago, returned to practice last night for the first time since his injury. The injury hurt him in his bid for job honors, Toretta said.

Maddigan was described as a bit slow in rounding into his best playing shape. However, he is expected to be somewhat of a help after he does.

Because of the depth at center, sophomore Earl (Bud) Kohlhas, a center by trade, has been working out a bit at left guard. Toretta emphasized that this maneuver indicated no weakness on the part of his left guard corp. It is being experimented with because the coaches feel that Kohlhas may be a better linebacker right now because of his experience at center.

At center, senior Charles Ruslavage—who never played high school football—leads the field because of his experience and good playing condition. Ruslavage was an understudy to Dan Radakovich, since departed, last season.

Junior Steve Garban and Kohlhas are waging another cat-and-dog-struggle for the number two berth. Garban saw limited action last season.

Senior Bob Rice is, according to Toretta, right behind the first three. He has been handicapped thus far by an allergy.

In summing up his views on the positions, Toretta said: "The guard post is far from hopeless and center will be amply cared for. The hustle and competition for the jobs give us the strength we are looking for." Well put by the man who should know.

Rip Engle, now in his eighth year as football coach owns two wins for every defeat sustained by his Penn State teams.



Dick McMillen
... he's a hustler



Joe Sabol
... the top guard



Steve Garban
... the number two center?



Charlie Ruslavage
... he leads the centers

IM Entries Due Friday In Golf, Grid, Tennis

Entries for the intramural golf scored for the All-Year Trophy medal, touch football and tennis as follows: 5 points per man en-4:30 p.m. Friday at the IM office in Recreation Hall.

The golf medal tourney will be conducted Saturday and Sunday. Each organization may enter two men in the 36-hole competition. Independent students may enter as individuals. The entry fee is 50 cents per man.

Play will begin at 1 each afternoon. All players must be checked in with the official starter in the caddy house. The golfers will be sent out in threesomes and will keep score for each other.

All golfers must have a golf ticket or pay a greens fee. Men who have earned varsity golf awards are not eligible for the tourney.

Fraternity competition will be

scored for the All-Year Trophy medal, touch football and tennis as follows: 5 points per man entered (who completes 36 holes), 50 for the championship, 30 for second place and 10 each for the next eight low scores.

Touch football will be played on the new lighted fields at the golf course. Both fraternity and independent competition will be conducted under a league plan, not single elimination.

Games, which will be 40 minutes in length, are scheduled from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Play will start on or about Sept. 25. The entry fee is \$1 per team.

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"BEANO" COOK TALKS FOOTBALL

"We'll beat Oklahoma!" was the cry issued by University of Pittsburgh sports publicity agent Carroll "Beano" Cook when he got into a football conversation, Pittsburgh style, with Lou Prato, one of our assistant sports editors, over the summer reprieve.

Lou, who wrote sports for the Indiana Gazette this past summer, met Cook when the fast-talking publicist went to Indiana to give the paper some personal information on the 1957 Panther outlook.

Cook, being a very glib talker to start with, was very cooperative when questioned about the Pitt-Oklahoma contest, Sept. 21 at Pittsburgh. In fact, he was down right optimistic.

Cook did not explain specifically why he expected Pittsburgh to beat Oklahoma. He just said they would. In fact, he said that he expected the Panthers to have a tougher time with Miami than the potent Sooners. Again, no specific reason was given for the opinion.

Going from statement to statement, Cook predicted that the Panthers would finish the season with a 6-4 record, although he failed to mention just who would beat them. Looking down a schedule which includes such teams as Oklahoma, Miami, Penn State, Notre Dame and Syracuse, we see where the Panthers could easily lose four games—it's a big-time schedule for a big-time football school.

Placing a local light into the discussion, Cook went on to say that he expects Penn State to be the best team in the East, excluding Pitt from the rating because of its "Big Ten" schedule. He also predicted that the Lions will go to the Cotton Bowl, although Army and Navy would probably be the Bowl's first choices because of their fan attraction.

Our comments on the discussion runs like this. First of all, we don't expect Pittsburgh to beat Oklahoma for the simple reason that Oklahoma is still Oklahoma and Bud Wilkinson is still Bud Wilkinson—and both are synonymous with football success.

The Panthers are good, but not that good. Wilkinson, who himself admitted only yesterday to a quarterback club group that he didn't expect to win the Pitt game, is no one to mess with—even though he is a pessimist. He is especially no one to give the underdog rating to—not with his record.

Oklahoma, in football, to us, is like the Yankees in baseball—never bet against either of them if you want to be on the safe side. And we won't—not for the first game, anyway.

As for the Lions, going to the Cotton Bowl, well, it's way too early to tell. We admit, on paper the Lions look like strong competitors for the bid. But, always hesitant to put anyone on the spot—especially an athletic team—we'll wait until the season progresses before commenting one way or the other on it.

So, our answer to "Beano" Cook goes like this: Good luck against Oklahoma—you have the desire, but not the horses. And, we hope you're right about the Cotton Bowl and Penn State, it sure would be nice.

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