

# Paterno High on QB's

## Jacks Tops Among 3 Candidates

(This is the fourth in a series of articles covering the positions on the Penn State football team. Today—the quarterbacks.)

Barring the unforeseen, Coach Rip Engle will have a short, but strong list of quarterbacks to choose from during the 1957 season.

Only juniors Al Jacks and Bob Scrabis and sophomore Rich Lucas are available for quarterbacking duty this year. But, according to Assistant Coach Joe Paterno, all three furnish the Lions with a strong signal-calling corp.

"We have only three quarterbacks," Paterno said, "but they're all good boys. I'd say we're strong at quarterback... I'm real happy with the way the kids have worked this year."



Scrabis

Paterno was especially pleased with the work of Jacks during the present fall practice sessions. "Al's been outstanding thus far in practice," Paterno said. "His play-calling has been very good... he's been a real leader."

Jacks' performances thus far has put him in a commanding position to grab the starting assignment this year. In the four scrimmage games and the one pass scrimmage that Engle has held this year, Jacks has completed 24 of 47 passes with no interceptions having been recorded against him.

"That's the big thing—to avoid those interceptions," Paterno said. "They can really hurt you."



Lucas

Paterno also was pleased with Jacks' job defensively. He described the Peabody High alumnus as a very fine all-around player with a good attitude towards accepting coaching advice.

Along that line, he said: "They're all coachable kids... they can take constructive criticism."

With Jacks looking so good, Scrabis and Lucas are waging a very close battle for the number two job. According to Paterno, each has different advantages which place them almost on the same level.

Scrabis' advantages are in his experience and his passing. Lucas holds the edge in running—"Richie's the best runner of the three," Paterno said—plus the fact that he can punt when needed. (Jacks figures to be the number one punter.) Paterno concluded by saying that he expected both Scrabis and Lucas to see a lot of action during the year.

### Frosh Tennis Tryouts

All candidates for the freshman tennis team should report at 4 p.m. today to Coach Sherm Fogg at the tennis courts below Recreation Hall. Fogg will hold tryouts for the remainder of the week.



—Daily Collegian Photo by George Harrison  
Quarterback Al Jacks  
... he'll do most of the kicking

## Collegian Scribes To Predict Games

By EARL KOHNFELDER

For those with the stomach for it, "Out on a Limb," the Daily Collegian's annual football forecasting poll, will once more grace this page.

For the benefit of freshmen and anyone else lucky enough to have missed it in the past, here's what to expect.

The "Big Three" or Upper Echelon of the Daily Collegian's sports staff, together with a member of the varsity coaching staff (a different one to be chosen each week) will attempt to correctly predict the outcomes of 15 football games to be played the approaching Saturday.

Starting on Saturday, Sept. 28, and running for ten consecutive weeks, this little game serves to give our three writers the feeling that they are all little Stanley Woodward.

Appearing on this page each Saturday of the contest will be the choices for that day, together with current percentages. To add some spice to such a dull undertaking, your reporter has decided to continue the use of such names as Lucky Lou, Vicious Vince, and other such clever additions that went over so big (?) last year.

Returning as defending champion is Lucky Lou Prato, whose final mark of 91 right and 59 wrong as a run-of-mine sports scribe earned him the fur-lined bathtub and his current position as assistant sports editor.

Sports editor Vince Carocci (Vicious Vince) enraged when edged for the title on the final day last fall, returns with this unqualified quote: "You can quote me on this. I'm gonna win this time." Replacing the graduated Fran Fanucci will be Magnificent Matt Mathews.

Taking turns for the coaches (who came in last) will be Rip Engle, Tor Toretti, Jim O'Hara, Frank Patrick, J. T. White, Joe (Continued on page eight)

## 3 Intramural Tourney Entries Due Tomorrow

Teams wishing to enter in the Intramural Department's golf medal, touch football, and tennis singles tournaments are reminded that entries are due by 4:30 tomorrow afternoon in the Recreation Hall IM office.

The IM directors request that the entries for golf medal play are registered as soon as possible since the tournament opens this year's IM program over the weekend.

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.

All entrants in the links tourney must have a golf ticket for pay a greens fee. Varsity golf letterwinners are not eligible for the event.



## The Sportseer

By LOU PRATO  
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In the past six months, four members of the Lion coaching fraternity have put their wares to use in foreign countries. Football mentor Rip Engle spent a month in the Orient, cage tutor John Egli used his knowledge in Puerto Rico, soccer boss Ken Hosterman visited Germany and trainer Ed Sulkowski gave boxing lessons to the military forces in Europe.

This column will be solely devoted to our talented hardwood foreman. Future scribbles appearing in this space will cover the tours of the other three gents. Egli was bidding his time at his desk when we caught him yesterday morning.

"It was really a wonderful experience," the formidable floor coach said when we asked him how his trip went this summer.

"I met a lot of fine people and the hospitality overwhelmed me very much. They (the people) are under the protectorate of the United States, you know, and they want that fact to be known. They are really proud to be associated with our country. Saying good-bye became a tough thing to do."

"How did your basketball season go?" we queried.

"Well..." he paused, "... Mayaguez didn't win any games but we sure improved from the year before."

"Why last year, every team scored over 100 points against my boys but this year only two teams reached the 85 point mark. And towards the latter half of the season, we began to make a game out of it. We lost our final one by only 58-54—and we missed 18 foul shots."

"It was the youngest and smallest team in the nine-team league. Most of my boys were around 17 or 18 and averaged 5'11" in height while the other teams had men up to 30 years old playing. The average height of the other teams was about 6'3".

"There were nine teams in the league which is called the Balencastro Superior League, meaning 'Big League' in Spanish. Each team met twice, and every team but one was coached by an American."

"The other coaches were Wally Norwack of St. Joseph Prep in Philly; Joe McCreary of L.S.U.; Pinky Kravits of Atlantic City High School; Orvis Zeigler of Army; Jack Ramesy of St. Joe's College in Philly; Lou Rossini of Columbia; Pete Smith of Alfred; and Vic Mario, a native of Puerto Rico."

"Almost all the games were played on outside courts on either Saturday or Tuesday evenings under the lights. Every outside floor was built by the government with concrete floor and lights. They don't play in the afternoon because it is too hot."

"Only San Juan plays some of its games in an indoor stadium."

"What actually determined the schedule was the officials. The league brought American officials

down, and the league would schedule the games at the (game) officials' convenience. We had a lot of top flight officials including Willie Smith, Gaines Brown, and Dick Peters.

"And we played by the latest rule changes; I mean the rules that are going to be used for the coming American season."

"They are really enthusiastic about their basketball down there and sometimes the crowds get carried away and start a little trouble. That's why most courts are made with a fence or railing surrounding them. That keeps the crowds off the courts."

"Who won the league championship?" we interrupted cautiously.

"Well, Rio Padras did although the final game was never finished. Rio was ahead of San Juan—who, incidentally, has been in the league the longest—25 years—when a riot flourished and the game was forfeited to Rio."

"Probably my most unusual experience came on my first day there. We had a practice scheduled at the College of Puerto Rico's indoor gym and 350 people showed up to watch 'the American coach.' But the trouble was only four players appeared."

Another incident happened on July 4th. All the American coaches played the old time Puerto Rican stars in a benefit game sponsored by the Lions club for the cancer fund.

"It began to rain midway through the first half when we were ahead by one point. We never did finish the game for it rained solid for the next two days."

"Do you have intention of going back next year?" we asked.

"Yes, I hope to," Egli concluded. "Maybe my family will be going with me this time."



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