

# Balance Key To Lion Plans

## Engle Plans To Alternate Offense

The Penn State football offense for the 1957 season will be a well-balanced attack of passing and running if the action goes according to Coach Rip Engle's wishes.

Asked if he planned to use passing as an ultra-major offensive weapon this year due to his wealth of end material—five senior lettermen are returning there — Engle replied: "No, we hope to keep a good balance between our passing and running this year. We believe that the ideal attack is one with balance between running and passing."

Continuing with his analysis of the potential Nittany offense, Engle said that good balance is what he has in both offensive phases this season—neither the running corps nor the passing corps stand out.

"Right now, our attack is about the same as last year's . . . our backs are rugged and our passing is quite adequate," Engle said. He went on to say that, although none of his backs were individual stars in all phases of offensive work, taken collectively they would present a fairly strong ground attack.

Reiterating this theme, in great similarity to Casey Stengel, he said: "This boy (referring to fullback Maurice Schleicher) can do some things better than this boy (fullback Babe Caprara) and this boy (Caprara) can do some things better than the other (Schleicher). The same goes for (Bruce) Gilmore and (Dave) Kasperian and (Bucky) Paolone and (Andy) Moconyi . . . they're all rugged boys.

"Besides, you can't say just when you're going to pass," he said. "You decide your course of action as the situation demands."

With opening game time drawing nearer and nearer, the squad is showing anxiety usually found starting to mount in collegiate football circles at this time of the year. The spirit and desire for competitive action are beginning to make themselves more noticeable as opening day approaches.

"We're beginning to shape up and starting to get the feeling of the season," Engle said. He admitted that intrasquad scrimmages he was forced to use this year was starting to become a drudgery for his team. This was the first time in four years that the gridgers did not play another school in a game scrimmage. No opponent was available.

Asked if he is putting any faith in the stories of the Philadelphia papers concerning "disappointing" Penn showing in their scrimmage with Rutgers last weekend, Engle said: "We're not thinking about Rutgers because we don't know what Rutgers has. I understand that they have some good boys this year."

Turning from Penn to his prospective plans for another two-platoon system in 1957, Engle said that he would try to two-platoon as much as possible. With competition so strong for most of the starting positions, Engle said he didn't have what could be specifically called a first and second team.

He said that the first 11 choices would make the starting team while the next 11 would make his alternate team. The person-



THE RECEIVING CORP . . . Penn State's five lettermen ends lineup for action for Saturday's encounter with Penn. They are (l-r) Jack Farls, Ron Markiewicz, Paul North, Romeo Panozzo, and Les Walters. All five are seniors.

## Haney 'Describes' Defeat of Yankees

MILWAUKEE, Sept. 24 (AP)—A newly confident Milwaukee team and its suddenly cocky manager, Fred Haney, actually boasted today how they were going to "take" the proud New York Yankees in the World Series. And it is surprising how many baseball-wise people here agree with them.

Frank Lane and Fred Hutchinson, general manager and field manager, respectively of the St. Louis Cardinals, whose desperate drive to overtake the Braves came to a dramatic end last night, are among those who think Milwaukee will humble the American League's practically perennial champions next week.

Each has a different reason for stringing along with the Braves. Hutchinson, a former pitching star with Detroit, thinks pitching, with emphasis on Warren Spahn and Lew Burdette, will win for the Braves. Lane picks the Braves on power.

"Pitching is usually the deciding factor in a short series," Hutchinson pointed out. "To my mind, Milwaukee has stronger pitching than New York. I look for Spahn to be the outstanding pitcher in the series. He has the savvy and experience. He's at his best in big games and I believe he has the kind of equipment to stop a team like the Yankees. I wouldn't be surprised if he wins two and maybe three games. I

look for Burdette to beat the Yankees at least once."

Lane, somewhat recovered from yesterday's tough loss that forced his Redbirds to settle for second place in the National League race, was voluble in his praise for the Braves.

"Milwaukee will prove as good a Series representative as the National League has had in many years," he said. "It is a young team, spirited and hungry. I think the Braves will come into the series with a better mental attitude than any of the Brooklyn teams that faced the Yankees during the past 10 years."

## Middies in Finale On Thompson Grid

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Sept. 24 (AP)—Navy's football team will play its last varsity game in 35-year-old Thompson Stadium Saturday when it meets William and Mary in a homecoming game. The stadium is to be demolished next month to make way for the new 31,000-seat Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium.

The Midshipmen will have two "home" games in nearby Baltimore this season.

nel of both teams still remains a question mark and probably will remain that way until shortly before game time.



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# SPORTS

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### A LITTLE RUNDOWN ON PENN PERSONNEL—

You can't tell a player without a scorecard. Since most of the Lion fans traveling to Philadelphia for the Penn game won't obtain their programs until they reach Franklin Field, here's a bit of a rundown on Quakers who rate watching.

Of course, you must realize that this personnel rating comes chiefly from preseason expectations—no consideration is given to the unknown hero who may emerge as the star of the Penn offense.

The man who'll be running the Penn attack from the quarterback slot is a Quaker familiar to most Lions' fans, senior Frank Riepl. Riepl, as most of you will remember, gained national prominence two years ago when he ran the opening kick-off in the Notre Dame game back 108 yards—to give the Quakers a short-lived 7-0 lead over the then-powerful Irish.

Riepl was a halfback then and spent all of last year at that spot. However, to give his offense a more prominent ground-gaining effort, Coach Steve Sebo shifted his star to quarterback. Don't be too surprised to see Riepl often running the keep play from the T-formation. He has the speed and the shiftiness to make it work a la Army's now-graduated Bob Kyasky, although not as effectively.

One of the starting Penn halfbacks figures to be sophomore Fred Doelling at right half. Doelling, according to Philadelphia Inquirer columnist Don Daniels, has shown the most spirit and drive in the Penn practice period. The leading ground gainer on last year's frosh club, he is considered the speediest and the shiftiest of the Quaker backs. He certainly deserves watching.

Along the line, Co-Captain Pete Keblish rates the number one guard tag. Keblish, serving his second year as Quaker co-captain, played the most time among Sebo's linemen last year and finished the season second in the number of tackles made with 32.

Junior tackle Dennis Troychak, a reserve at the beginning of the year who gained starting honors for the last six Quaker games, is rated as a possibility to become Penn's most outstanding tackle since Jack Shanafelt won all-America honors in 1953. Aggressive, quick and a battler all the way, Troychak figures to spearhead the right side of the Quaker line.

If the Penn publicity releases were as accurate as they usually are, these are the boys who figure prominently in Sebo's plans.

### MILT PLUM MAKES THE BROWNS—

Our former boss, Fran Fanucci—1956-57 Sports Editor—made a short visit to our office last night and furnished us with this piece of information concerning Milt Plum, Coach Rip Engle's outstanding quarterback of last year.

Plum, who was the first draft choice of the Cleveland Browns, seems destined for second-time offensive quarterbacking duties this year behind veteran Tommy O'Connell. However, according to Coach Paul Brown—via Fanucci—, Plum may be forced into action as a defensive halfback on the first unit due to an injury to one of the regulars.

After watching Plum in his defensive safety role last year, we'd venture the opinion that he should have very little trouble in accustoming himself to the position. He stopped many an opposition threat with some nifty defensive work for Engle last year.

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