

Leg Injuries May Keep Two Backs From Starting

Although halfbacks Bucky Paolone and Bruce Gilmore will be available for action, Coach Rip Engle said that it is doubtful that either will be in Saturday's starting lineup when the Lions open their 1957 season against the Pennsylvania Quakers at Franklin Field, Philadelphia.

Engle said yesterday that since neither will be at full strength, it is doubtful that he will use either of them in his starting lineup. However, both will be able to play when called upon.

Both backs have been handicapped for the past week and a half by leg injuries. Paolone, who had been giving Andy Moconyi a stiff battle for the right halfback post, pulled a muscle in the back of his leg and hasn't fully recovered as yet. His practice efforts have been limited because of this—he could not participate in any serious contact work.

Gilmore, one of the outstanding backs on last year's surprising second unit, injured his knee in a scrimmage a week ago last Saturday. He and Dave Kasperian were also waging a dog-fight battle for the starting role at left halfback.

With Gilmore and Paolone on the doubtful starter list, the starting calls will undoubtedly go to Moconyi and Kasperian. Kasperian has impressed Engle and his staff with his running and defensive play. He has been one of the hardest workers on the squad this year.

Moconyi, who ran the right halfback post on Engle's alternate unit in 1956, has been in contention for a starting role all

along. He has the experience necessary for a starter due to his fine showing last season when he flashed occasional signs of brilliance.

In another football development—strictly from the Lion angle—it appears that sophomore Rich Lucas has moved into the lead in his contest with Bob Scrabis for the number two quarterbacking assignment. Al Jacks will get



Rich Lucas ... ahead in battle

the number one nod.

Lucas and Scrabis had been rated just about even during the middle of the practice season.

However, because of his running and punting ability, Lucas has spent the past two weeks working with the second unit—a job

previously held by Scrabis, who is rated the better passer of the two.

Lucas' ability to punt seems to be the big factor working in his favor. With the departure of Milt Plum via graduation, Engle was left looking for a kicker. Thus far, the chore has been handled by Jacks, Lucas, and Romeo Panozzo and sophomore guard Sam Stelatella. It is still in doubt as to who will be the Lions' number one punter.

Engle also announced that he will be taking a 37-man squad to meet the Quakers. They are: (uniform number in parenthesis)

Ends: Ron Markiewicz (80), Paul North (82), Norm Neff (83), Romeo Panozzo (85), Les Walters (86) and Jack Farls (89).

Tackles: Joe Bohart (71), Bill Wehmer (73), Frank Urban (74), Charlie Janerette (75), Andy Stynchula (78) and Tom Mulreany (79).

Guards: Willard Smith (61), Sam Stelatella (62), Dick McMullen (64), Skippy Stellfox (65), Ray Pottios (66), Joe Sabol (67) and Frank Korbin (68).

Centers: Bob Rice (52), Steve Garban (53), Earl Kohlhas (55) and Charlie Ruslavage (57).

Left Halfbacks: Bruce Gilmore (40), Pat Botula (44), and Dave Kasperian (46).

Fullbacks: Maurice Schleicher (32), Babe Caprara (34), Pete Shopa (35) and Ben Williams (36). Quarterbacks: Rich Lucas (33), Al Jacks (24) and Bob Scrabis (25).

Right Halfbacks: Bill Mendicino (11), Bucky Paolone (12), Andy Moconyi (14), and Ed Caye (15).

Only Three Veterans Return For Bucknell Soccer Team

Haul out the crying towels, Lizzie, we've found a new client. He's Hank Peters, Bucknell's veteran soccer tutor, who sends his Bison booters against Penn State tomorrow afternoon at Lewisburg in the season opener for both schools.

Peters is filled with much woe and grief this season and one can't rightly blame him. Even Casey Stengel would have a hard time building a winner from a squad composed of only three lettermen, three jayvees, and 19 "rookies."

But that's Peters' dim outlook. Captain Jim Balta, a junior, and senior Bob Toal are the only starters returning from last year's Bison eleven. Tom Linton, another junior, is the only other man who saw enough reserve action in 1957 to qualify for a monogram.

After this trio, Peters has practically nothing. Halfbacks Phil Poneck and Tom Clark and lineman Larry O'Hara played briefly last fall, but it was so brief that even Sam Spade would have trouble finding their names in the 1956 lineups.

The rest of Bucknell's 26-man squad is made up of newcomers, some of whom are taking a crack at soccer for the first time in their lives.

In fact, Peters will have to rely on sophomore talent for most of his starting array. The Bucknell boss has indicated he expects to start seven yearlings against the Nittanians tomorrow.

These include 6' 200-pound Don Sweetman in front of the net; Grant Watkins and Roger Mackey at fullbacks; Meade Geisel at center half; John Toal, a brother of Bob, and Frank Regan at the wings; and Lee Lawver at an inside post.

The rest of the starting lineup will find Balta, center forward; Bob Toal, inside; Clark, halfback; and Poneck, halfback. Linton and O'Hara—the other holdovers—are ticketed for the top reserve roles on the forward wall.

Sophomore's John Elwell, Terry Kincaid, Rudolph Oswald, Tom Trainer, Rich Whitney, and Jon Kraus; juniors Herb Lockwood; and seniors Al Jackson and Gerry Kalback are also slated for substitute posts.

Tomorrow's clash is Bucknell's only game this season outside of the newly-organized Middle At-

Phils Sign Smith Again To One-Year Contract

PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 26 (AP)—A new 1-year contract with a pay rise went today to Manager Mayo Smith, who pushed the Philadelphia Phillies a rung higher this year than most people figured they'd go.

Salary terms weren't disclosed, but Smith reportedly made \$18,000 this year. "I'm happy with the deal," he said at a news conference in club President Bob Carpenter's office at Connie Mack Stadium. Carpenter looked happy, too.

Philadelphia has nailed down fifth place after steaming along in pennant contention part of the summer. "We're very pleased with the showing of Smith and his team full of rookies," said Carpenter and General Manager H. Roy Ha-

imey as the three posed for pictures.

Good fortune with his rookies probably accounted for Smith's pay boost more than any other one thing. Hamey cited the development, particularly, of pitcher Jack Sanford and first baseman Ed Bouchee.

As Smith signed for his fourth year—considered lengthy tenure in his business—a Phillies' spokesman said the 1-year-only clause in the contract was simply "club policy."

At that, Smith is second only to Cincinnati's Birdie Tebbetts in seniority among National League managers.

Smith joined the Phils in 1955 after a successful managing career in the New York Yankee system.

Engle and His Hats

Penn State's Rip Engle has introduced a new fashion note in football headgear. He wears a broad-rimmed straw hat on sunny days, an Admiral's cap on cloudy days. The Admiral's "rank" was bestowed on him by fellow-vacationers at Cape Cod, where he usually spends his summers.

Only coed ever to engage in varsity intercollegiate sports at Penn State was Dorothy Louise Anderson, a member of the tennis team in 1935.

State's Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Last season, for the third straight year, Peters piloted the Bisons to a .500 record. They won three, lost three, and tied three. In 1954, they logged a 4-4-1 mark and in 1955, a 4-4-2 ledger.

Junior Harrier Captain

A junior, Fred Kerr, of York, will lead the Penn State cross-country team in its opening test against Navy, at Annapolis, Oct. 4. It's the first time since 1949 that a junior has been entrusted with a varsity team captaincy.

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A Glance at . . . SPORTS

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JUST WHO'S PITTSBURGH FOOLING?

For a school that boasts of its scholastic achievement on the part of athletes, Pittsburgh University certainly put its record on the line Wednesday when its football squad left for a 10-day tour of the West Coast—football contests between Oregon, Saturday, and the University of Southern California the following week being the main objectives of the tour.

We don't begrudge the Pitt gridders this trip. In fact, you might say we almost envy them—10 days away from classes is nothing to sneeze at. Sure, the University administration announced that seven professors were accompanying the team on the trip in order to teach the players their class work while they're at their new homes away from home.

But, exactly how much of that time will be devoted to studies? We can't see very much time being spent burning that proverbial midnight oil—not on the West Coast. Granted, the gridders may get some class work in—but it won't amount to nearly half of what they would receive on their campus.

The reason for our gripe? Simply this: Pitt has been noted for its cries of academic accomplishment . . . especially when it concerns an athlete. Publicly, it's scholastics over athletics at Pittsburgh.

But, this tour sets us to wondering. If academics were stressed at Pittsburgh, then why this 10-day reprieve from the books for two football games? To us, it simply proves one thing: Pitt wants to be a big-time football team and will go all out to become one—even at the expense of scholastics.

Now, we're not challenging Pitt's right to be a nationwide grid leader. More power to them. But, why hide it—the Panthers aren't fooling anyone . . . not with trips like this.

DAN RADAKOVICH AIDING THE FROSH GRIDDERS—

In case any of you frosh are wondering who the young coach is running around with the freshman football players, he's Dan Radakovich, last year's starting center for the Nittany Lions.

Rad's back on campus completing his studies for a degree in economics in the College of Business Administration. Although he was a senior last year, Radakovich left school before the end of the fall semester to answer the call of those taunting wedding bells—the former Miss Nancy Fluck, a former Penn State coed, was the bride.

Before returning to campus, Radakovich gave a twirl at professional football with the Philadelphia Eagles. However, he was cut shortly before the opening of school. Hugh Devore, Eagle coach, said that Radakovich had the potential to become a good professional linebacker, but just didn't have the grasp of pro play right then.

When asked why he felt he was cut, Radakovich replied: "I got hurt just shortly before the cut. Although I don't know for sure, I guess the coaches felt I may have been prone to injury because of my size . . . I was lots smaller than most of those guys."

He admitted that he liked pro football very much but could not say as yet if he would give it another fling. "I didn't find pro football too different from college ball . . . the calibre's about the same, just bigger in size. And they treated us real nice—like kings," he said.

Right now, he's going to work towards that degree and give frosh mentor Earl Bruce a hand as he goes about it. Only the future will tell about professional ball again. Meanwhile, the frosh line will receive some expert football training from a boy who won his spurs with his sparkling play.

WRA Seeks Frosh Delegates

Applications are now available at the Dean of Women's office for Women's Recreation Association freshman representative. Applications will be available until Oct. 4.

Only first semester women may apply. These persons should list why they are interested in becoming a representative and any of their high school activities.

The primary election will be held Oct. 15. The four girls receiving the highest number of votes in this election will run in the final election Oct. 17, in which the two WRA frosh representatives will be chosen.

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