

# QB Post Big Grid Woe

## Lions Have Only 2 Quarterbacks Without Jacks

With the loss of starting quarterback Al Jacks for a minimum of two to three weeks, and very possibly the rest of the season, the Penn State football team finds itself in the unenviable position of entering the West Virginia game Saturday at Beaver Field with only two front-line quarterbacks.

Jacks, as most of you know, separated his right shoulder late in the second quarter of the Syracuse game and, according to team physician Dr. Alfred H. Griess, will not be ready until at least the Holy Cross game—and, even that is doubtful.

Jacks had gone to Geisinger Memorial Hospital in Danville Monday to have a pin put in his shoulder in hopes that it would help to heal more rapidly. However, Griess said that no pin was inserted since Jacks had suffered the same injury before and only slow, conservative treatment will get it to heal fully.

With Jacks out of the Lion picture, sophomore Rich Lucas will jump from Engle's alternate unit to the starting team and junior Bob Scrabis will quarterback the alternate unit.

Jacks' injury was probably the biggest single setback handed the Lion gridgers since the season opened. Ironically enough, it came at a position which was one of the Lions' bright spots at the beginning of the season.

An Assistant Coach Joe Paterno said about the quarterbacks before the season opened: "We don't have very many, but what we have are real good." Now, that limited number is even more limited and Coach Rip Engle realizes that it is a blow which can seriously hurt his club.

"You just can't lose a boy like Jacks without getting hurt," he said. A look at Jacks' individual record—19th in the nation and sixth in the East in total offense and seventh in the nation and second in the East in forward passing—bears him out.

Although Engle voiced strong confidence in Lucas' and Scrabis'



**JACKS AND HIS SUCCESSOR . . .** Penn State quarterback Al Jacks (1) talks with his successor Rich Lucas after learning that his shoulder separation will keep him out of action for at least two to three weeks, and perhaps the rest of the season.

ability, he now must find a number three quarterback. "You're flurting with disaster when you go into a position with only two men," he said.

For that third quarterback, Engle will first turn to Pete Cimino as his selection. Cimino, who has yet to dress for a varsity contest, is serving his apprenticeship on Engle's "farm team"—the team that works the opposition team's plays during practice for the Lions to plan their defense. Other than Cimino, Engle has no one in mind for the number three quarterback slot.

Engle's injury problem does not stop with Jacks, however. Guard Willard (Bull) Smith, who handled the starting right guard post since Richie McMillen was in-

jured against Army, will definitely miss the West Virginia contest because of a badly sprained ligament in his right knee suffered against Syracuse. He is expected to be ready for Marquette.

Fortunately, McMillen is ready for action again. But, Engle is not planning on him to compensate totally for the loss of Smith—not yet, anyway. "Richie is ready to work again," he said, "but don't forget he's been out for three weeks . . . you just can't walk into it (regular play) like some people think."

Just when the situation appears to be well in hand, something happens to throw a wrench into the grid program—first the flu, now this. No wonder Engle is wondering just when the breaks will come the Lions' way.



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# SPORTS

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### DON'T EXPECT MIRACLES OF RICHIE LUCAS!

Now that Al Jacks is out of the Lion football picture for awhile, if not the season, the major portion of the Lion quarterbacking duties falls on the shoulders of an unheralded sophomore, Richie Lucas—unheralded before the Syracuse game, that is.

Lucas has been the Lions' number two quarterback since the opening game against Pennsylvania and has performed creditably, but not outstandingly, in that role. Now, he finds himself in the first-string driver's seat of the Lion football mobile for an indefinite period of time. This, to say the least, is quite a task for a sophomore in his first varsity season.

Against Syracuse, Lucas played in some ways that could be called an outstanding game. He passed for the winning touchdown, ran the team with poise and skill, made a key 22-yard run up field on an attempted pass play in the fourth quarter after nearly being caught close to his own goal line, and played a good game defensively. In sports terminology, Lucas "arrived" against Syracuse.

But, one game does not make him an outstanding quarterback. Potentially, he has all the material to be one of Penn State's most outstanding quarterbacks. But, we doubt if he will reach that stage this year—maybe not even next year. It will take time.

He is only a sophomore and still has much to learn about varsity play. His passing, which has shown improvement as the season progressed, still needs to improve even more. The same holds true for the other skills necessary in becoming a good quarterback—faking, play-calling and what have you.

This all takes time—it doesn't happen overnight. Coach Rip Engle realizes this and is not expecting the impossible from the boy. Lucas is good, but he is not on a par with Jacks right now—he may not reach that point before the season ends. However, we feel he will do a creditable job for a sophomore and we wish him the best of luck in his task—and it's a big one.

His "arrival" reminded us of the Syracuse game two years back when another unheralded quarterback by the name of Plum stepped from the shadows to lead the Lions to an upset 21-20 victory over the Orange. That, of course, is Milt Plum, the star quarterback of last year's 6-2-1 team.

But, for those of you who recall that game, Plum never flashed the same brilliance again that season. We all know what he did last year.

For pattern alone, Lucas may be another Plum—he found himself in the Syracuse game. So, with Plum in mind, don't expect the impossible from Richie Lucas this year. As long as he is in the number one quarterback post, there will be enough pressure on his shoulders. Let's not add to it by expecting miracles!

### 6 Teams Record Bowling Shutouts

In Tuesday night's intramural independent B league bowling action, the Peanuts beat the AVB's, 4-0; Jordan II lost to the Aces, 3-1; the Brats defeated WDFM, 4-0; the Dark Horses beat the Gutterballers, 3-1; the 20 & 3's defeated the Zero's, 4-0; and Navy dropped McKee III and IV, 3-1.

In independent A league, McKee II and the Hamilton Hornets tied R.A.R. and the Capitalists, 2-2; the Hucksters beat Nittany, 3-1; the Ten Pins, the Vets, and Fowl 4-Plus-1, defeated respectively the Bruins, McKee I and Pollock 2, 4-0.

Four foreign-born players keep alive the Penn State tradition of invariably having at least one soccer player from abroad.

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### Walters Picked For End Post On 'East' Club

Penn State end Les Walters became the second Nittany gridder to gain a berth on the Eastern College Athletic Conference's all-East team by virtue of his outstanding performance against Syracuse in the Lions' 20-12 victory.

Jack Faris, the other starting Lion end, gained the honor two weeks ago with his performance against William & Mary.

Against Syracuse, Walters was a big man both on offense and defense. He caught four passes for 103 yards and two touchdowns and was voted the outstanding lineman in the game.



### Chi Phi, DU, Delta Chi Win IM Swimming Tests

Chi Phi, Delta Upsilon, and Delta Chi each scored resounding victories last night in the first intramural swimming test of the season at Glennland pool.

Chi Phi beat Kappa Delta Rho, 32-9, scoring first places in each event. Al Larson won the 60-yard free-style in :40.3; the 60-yard backstroke went to Barry Einsig in :50.1; and Bob Caton won the 60-yard breaststroke in :47.5.

Craig Mosebach scored 17 points to win the diving and Chi Phi finished the meet by winning the 120-yard relay in 1:10.

Delta Upsilon humbled Phi Sigma Kappa 35-3 in their meet. DU's Ray Hoopes, Ogier Norris and Adie Stevens won the 60-yard

freestyle, backstroke and breaststroke respectively in times of :35.6, :45.7 and 39.0.

DU won the 120-yard relay in 1:01 and copped the diving event as Norris nipped Stevens 19.4 to 19.2.

The final meet of the evening saw Delta Chi swamp Pi Kappa Phi 32-9. Mike Stollmeyer won the 60-yard freestyle in :34.9 and Bob Schriffner copped the 60-yard backstroke in :42.1—top times for the events for the evening.

Schiffner won the diving with 11.5 points while Jim Hepler won the 60-yard breaststroke in :41.9. The relay was won by Delta Chi in 1:02.6.

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