

Kohlhaas, Gilmore Out With Football Injuries

Halfback Bruce Gilmore and guard Earl Kohlhaas, two alternate unit performers, were the only serious casualties suffered by the Penn State football team in its win over West Virginia last Saturday.

Of the two, Gilmore is the more seriously injured. He dislocated a cartilage in his left knee in a dive play off-tackle near the Mountaineer goal line and may be finished for the season if the injury is slow to respond to treatment.

Dr. Alfred H. Griess, the team physician, said that he is on the "very doubtful" list for the Marquette game and said that only the response to treatment will determine whether or not he will play again this season.

With this in mind, Coach Rip Engle is not counting on having Gilmore make the Marquette trip.

Kohlhaas sprained an ankle and is undergoing treatment at the moment. However, Dr. Griess said that "he is coming along very nicely" and will, in all probability, be ready for Marquette.

The Lion squad continued with its regular weekly practice pattern in readying itself for the Hilltoppers. Monday night the Lions heard a scouting report by Assistant Coach Sever "Tor" Torretti, who said the Hilltoppers are a much better ballteam than their record—17 straight losses—indicates.

Engle voiced the opinion of the coaching staff and the team about Marquette when he said: "It's a big strong team that made some mistakes. They're a definite threat to any football team."

He said the Lions were not underestimating the Hilltoppers because of their record. He said there was no complacency on the part of the Lions—they were not looking past Marquette.

In discussing his afterthoughts on the Mountaineer encounter, Engle said the coaches were very pleased with the Lion blocking, especially the "job" performed by the ends.

He also said that he was satisfied with the showing of his now-developed sophomore players. At the beginning of the season he said that his club would take its share of bumps until the sophomores gained control of their positions—especially those on the alternate unit.

But, the sophomores showed excellent progress against Syracuse and, on the whole, played their best game to date against West Virginia. "They're still making mistakes," he said, "but they're coming along the way we expected."

Engle Commends Nittany Blocking

UNIVERSITY PARK Pa., Nov. 5 (AP)—Penn State Coach Rip Engle today cited his football team's blocking against West Virginia as "its best in years" and predicted further improvement this season.

"Our patient labors are beginning to pay off," Engle said. He said his team's movies of the West Virginia game indicated that "practice makes perfect in this business."

Engle said neither quarterback Al Jacks nor Willard Smith would be available for the Marquette game this Saturday at Milwaukee. He also said halfback Bruce Gilmore would be out of action, probably for the season, with a torn cartilage.



A Glance at . . . SPORTS

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NORTH, GARBAN UNHERALDED LION 'STARS'!

With raves of the sportswriters covering the Penn State football team first going to Al Jacks and Dave Kasperian and then switching to Les Walters and Richie Lucas, we feel that the play of two unheralded boys—end Paul North and center Steve Garban—are passing by almost completely unnoticed.

Not that we disagree with the praise being given Jacks, Walters, Lucas and Kasperian—they certainly deserve it. But, now we'd like to put our plug in for North and Garban—the two men we, and the coaches, consider to be the molding forces of the Lion alternate unit.

Week after week, North and Garban have forsaken the possibilities of starting glory and performed consistently with Engle's alternate unit, even when it was having its troubles such as those received against Army. With roles such as that, it was only natural for both to remain in oblivion while the starters received their due praise.

But, the Lion coaches noticed their performances and are quick to admit that they are the key to the success of the alternate unit. It was North and Garban who held the alternate unit together while the sophomores were learning the fundamentals of their positions—and they did a good job of it. Evidence: West Virginia and Syracuse.

After the Army game, Coach Rip Engle was asked if he was going to do away with the two platoon system because of the weak showing the alternate unit displayed in the loss. Without hesitation, he replied that he was still going to two platoon; but it was going to take time for the alternate unit to perform creditably because of the sophomores in the lineup. (It was then four and is now six.)

He said until the sophomores developed, the alternate unit was going to take its share of bumps. And it did take its share of bumps—but it recuperated rapidly and came back to play a prominent part in the Lions' successes over Syracuse and West Virginia.

Now, indications are that the alternate unit has reached its desired performance and gives Engle the strong two units he was looking for since the season opened. Paul North and Steve Garban were the major contributing factors towards steadying the unit while the sophomores learned the varsity way of play. For this we praise them.

Engle shares this attitude with us. He has described North as the "best end in the country who doesn't start." Paul could only be kept off a starting team by a player of Les Walters' capabilities. In most phases, both are practically on a par. But Walters is the faster of the two, which makes him a more dangerous threat for long scoring passes. Thus, he starts.

The same holds true in the case of Charlie Ruslavage, the starting center, and Steve Garban. Again, both are on a par in most phases. But, Ruslavage does have a slight edge in experience. Either way, though, Engle would be able to call on a strong center for the starting role.

So, let the praises fall where they may. But, in our own humble way, we'd like to offer ours to Paul North and Steve Garban—they played important roles in the Lions' success and played them well.

Sophomore quarterback Richie Lucas certainly eased a good many minds with his performance against West Virginia. He displayed extra-ordinary talents for a sophomore. But, because of his inexperience, we still don't feel that he's on a par with Al Jacks. We're the first to admit, however, that he certainly is getting there rapidly.

Walters 'All-East' For Second Time

Penn State end Les Walters, the Lions' leading candidate for all-America honors, boosted his name on the "in-contention" list by being named to the all-East team for the second consecutive week.

The selection was made by the Eastern College Athletic Conference. Walters, who gained all-East honors for his Syracuse performance, caught five passes for 59 yards and one touchdown against West Virginia last Saturday and played a sturdy defensive game to rate the mention.

The selection comes on the heels of his being named Line-man of the Week by the Associated Press after the Syracuse game and has started Pennsylvania sports writers booming him for all-America.

The modest Walters, when questioned on his feelings about his selection, said, "I'm real happy about it, of course . . . but I sometimes wonder if I deserve it."

He then pointed to the play of ing end, and said: "He plays a good ballgame week in and week out," in a manner which clearly suggested his respect for the prowess of his cohort.

"I just hope I can play as good the next three games as I have the last two." Asked whether or not such publicity added more pressure on his shoulders when he takes the field, Walters replied: "It can help you or it can hurt you. I look at it as if it can help me." In reply to his feelings on mak-



Les Walters . . . all-East again

ing all-America, he said simply, "I certainly think it would be nice." Right now, he is more concerned with the Lions winning ballgames.

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