

Spring Football Starts Today

Finding replacements for the "best end corps in the East" last year will be Coach Rip Engle's gravest problem when the annual spring football drills begin today at Beaver Field.

Engle lost five top-rate terminals from the 1957 team, including first stringers Les Walters and Jack Farls, both of whom were drafted into pro football during the winter. Paul North, regarded by many last fall as "the best second team end in the country," Ron Markiewicz, and Romeo Pannozzo are also missing.

Norm Neff, a 6-2, 200-pound sophomore from Carlisle, is the only veteran wingman returning. Neff saw action on the second and third teams last year.

In an effort to bolster his ends, Engle plans to switch Maury Schleicher, the mammoth 6-3, 240-pound junior, from fullback to the wing. Schleicher has no experience as an offensive wingman but played defensive end the last two seasons under Engle's system.

Stu Barber, Dave Alexander and Henry Opperman—who flanked the 1957 frosh gridgers—will also be under heavy scrutiny.

Outside of the end slots, graduation losses were very light. In fact, of the first 22 men last fall, 14 are back. Only guards Joe Sabol, last year's captain, and Richie McMillen and fullback Babe Caprara are gone.

However, Engle isn't going to let rigor mortis set in among his returnees as he is planning several other major changes. To take up the slack at fullback, he will try to move first string right halfback Andy Moconyi, a two-year vet, and second team left half Pat Botula to the fullback spot.

And another change calls for last year's first team center Charlie Ruslavage and first team left tackle Bill Wehmer to transplant themselves at guard.

Steve Garban, the captain elect, will undoubtedly take over Ruslavage's post but that tackle spot is a tossup with Tom Mulraney, Andy Stynehula, Chuck Janerette and Frank Urban among the veteran aspirants.

Perhaps the most well-fortified spot will be quarterback. Engle not only has last year's three signal callers back—Al Jacks, Richie Lucas and Bob Scrabis—but Dick Hoak and Don Jonas, a couple of hot freshman prospects, will also be on hand.

Among the other lettermen back this spring are guards Bud Kohlhass and Sam Stellatella and



Rip Engle ... experiments galore

Baseballers Blast W. Maryland In '58 Season Opener, 26-0

Even the New York Yankees would have trouble trying to duplicate the feat of Penn State's baseball team Tuesday afternoon at Beaver Field.

For the Lions went on the wild-est scoring rampage in their 68-year baseball history in racking up a 26-0 opening season victory over Western Maryland.

Coach Joe Bedenk's diamond-ites collected "only" 18 hits off three Maryland hurlers but they were "aided" by the visitor's 10 errors and 11 walks.

Of course the stellar mound work of veteran Cal Emery, Larry Baver and Ron Riese can't be forgotten. Emery, the outstanding player at last year's NCAA baseball tournament, started for the Lions and picked up the victory. He worked only four innings but gave up just two singles and whiffed six.

Baver, the armed forces vet who earned a letter as a sophomore in 1953, and Riese were equally effective in their short stints. Baver gave up two hits and struck out two in his two

frames while Riese fanned the only three batters he faced in the last stanza.

Junior Ron Hoover, who batted an anemic .239 last season, led the Lion hit parade with three singles in four trips to the plate, including six rbi's. Catcher Don Stickler, the Lion captain, had a perfect day with a single and homer. His round-tripper came in the third with Hoover and Rainey aboard.

Bedenk was happy with his team's performance but warned them against overconfidence. "We fielded well and hit well," he said, "and it was the first time in a long time that we didn't have any errors. But at the end of the week we may look just the opposite. Not all games will be as easy as that one. Western Maryland didn't get too much practice this year and that may account for their poor game."

The Lion coach was also pleased with his hurlers. "Emery looked pretty good to start off with," Bedenk said. "He was a little wild and he walked a few, but against a club like

that, well . . ." Emery will probably be on the hill again Friday when the Lions battle Lehigh at Bethlehem. They return to Beaver Field Saturday for a tilt with Rutgers.

PENN STATE		WESTERN MD.	
AB	RH	AB	RH
Fegley, 2b	4 3 2	Padgett, lf, 2b	4 0 1
Michel, 2b	2 2 0	Roop, rf, lf	4 0 0
Hoover, ss	4 4 3	Stewart, cf	5 0 1
Breish, ss	1 1 0	Lambert, 2b	3 0 0
Rainey, lf	6 2 2	Chandler, ss	4 0 2
Stickler, c	2 2 2	Cole, lb	3 0 0
Kaschak, c	1 1 0	Mahan, c	3 0 0
Krauser, c	1 0 0	Shilling, rf	2 0 1
Moore, cf	4 2 1	Burgee, 3b	3 0 0
Caldwell, cf	2 1 1	Schmidt, p	1 0 0
Watkins, rf	4 2 1	Sullivan, lf	1 0 0
McMullen, rf	2 0 1	Kirkman, p	1 0 0
Baidy, 3b	4 1 2	Zimmerman, p	0 0 0
Beana, 3b	1 0 0		
Miller, lb	3 2 2		
Beighley, lb	2 0 0		
Emery, p	3 2 1		
Bayer, p	0 1 0		
Riese, p	0 0 0		
Totals	46 26 18	Totals	38 0 4
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Penn State	825 851		-26 17 0

RBI—Hoover 6, Stickler 5, Rainey 5, Moore 3, Fegley 1, Baidy 2, Watkins 4, E—Chandler 3, Burgee 2, Lambert 1, Cole 2, Roop 2, 2B—Moore, 3B—Watkins, HR—Stickler, SB—Watkins, Hoover 2, Moore. Sac.—Stickler 2, LOB—Penn State 5, Western Md., 4. BB—off Emery 3; off Bayer 1; off Riese 0; off Schmidt 6; off Kirkman 4; off Zimmerman 1. SO—Emery 5, Bayer 2, Riese 3, Schmidt 1, Kirkman 1, Zimmerman 1. W—Emery, L—Schmidt.

halfbacks Dave Kasperian, Eddie Caye and Bruce Gilmore. Any one of the five could handle the first team duties in the fall.

Sports Dope ...

Penn State's basketball team, which lost more games than it won for the second time in 10 years, had no difficulty choosing an all-opponent team. Named to the all-star five were Guy Rodgers, Temple; Jon Cincebox, Syracuse; Jerry West, West Virginia; Don Hennon, Pitt; and Hal Danzig, Bucknell.

Phils Blast Maglie; 'Baby' in Minors

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. (AP)—Aging Sal Maglie took another blasting Wednesday as the Philadelphia Phillies defeated the New York Yankees 12-8 for a four game to three lead in their spring exhibition series.

The slugfest was watched by 10,059, the largest baseball crowd in North Carolina history.

Maglie, 41, was combed for 11 hits and eight runs in the six innings he worked.

Harry Anderson drove in five runs with a three-run homer and two singles. Rip Repulski collected a homer and three singles, and Granny Hamner, Phils' leading hitter with a .531 average, had two more hits.

Bill Skowron continued his hot hitting for the Yanks, driving in four runs with a pair of singles. Skowron has 33 rbi and a .417 average.

Don Cardwell and Dick Farrell pitched for Philadelphia.

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP)—Knoxville of the class A Sally league will provide the first professional baseball setting for the 100-grand hope of the Baltimore Orioles, Dave Nicholson.

It's a promotion for the 18-year-old outfielder from St. Louis.

Manager Paul Richards of the Orioles thought when spring training started that Nicholson would have to begin at the bottom of the minor league ladder with a Class D team.

At the end of training Wednesday, Richards said of his decision to send Nicholson to Knoxville: "The boy has guts. He'll fight his way. If we find out he's over his head, we'll drop him a notch. We'll be in constant touch. He has improved greatly here this spring, but he's still got a long way to go."

The improvement noticed by Richards must have been in batting practice. Nicholson came to bat only 11 times in spring exhibition games. He got one hit, a home run.

It was his long ball hitting that drew every major league lub except Detroit to the Nicholson home in January when his high school class graduated.

"I'm ready to go out, look forward to it, because I've got to play regularly to improve," Nicholson said of his shipment to Knoxville.

"I've done better the last couple of weeks and I've got my confidence back. I'm getting some wood on the ball no matter what they throw. I can always hit the fast ball."

Nicholson is to report to Knoxville next Wednesday.

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