

'Strong' Halfback Posts Now Nuisance to Engle

(This is the third in a series on Penn State's 1958 football outlook. Today—the halfbacks.)

If someone had told Coach Rip Engle a couple of weeks back that he would be having nightmares over his halfback positions this season, he would have probably sent them to a psychiatrist.

But it's Engle who may visit that psychiatrist now.

For what had seemed like one of Penn State's strongest positions when pre-season drills began has turned into a real nuisance.

First Lou Luce, a highly-rated sophomore who along with his '57 frosh teammate Jim Kerr had been touted as the solvents for the Lions' lack of backfield speed, quit the team. Then Kerr was hit by a series of injuries which has kept his contact work at a minimum.

Next, Eddie Caye, the Lions' first team right halfback, and the third leading rusher last fall, was sidelined for the season with a torn ligament in the knee.

And to top this off, reserve right half, Jack Urban, a sturdy little spot player, was laid up for at least five weeks with a fractured arm. That casualty, the latest in a series for the Lions, occurred Saturday—just when Engle had figured his bad luck had expired.

With Caye and Urban lost, Engle has been forced into some fast shuffling in the backfield. Fran Paolone, a veteran who rushed for 114 yards in 32 carries last fall, was moved into Caye's first team slot; Don Jonas, a sophomore who started his career as a quarterback, was transferred from fullback to replace Paolone, on the second unit; and Kerr, who had been under studying veterans Dave Kasperian and Bruce Gilmore at left half, was moved in behind Jonas.

Now, Engle is toiling with the idea of using another quarterback, sophomore Don Hoak, at Kerr's old left half slot. Confusing? It is—even to Engle. "The loss of Caye really hurt us," backfield Coach Frank Patrick said yesterday. "The halfback personnel had looked very good at the beginning of pre-season practice but not now. In shifting around, we've tried to put the right man in the right post. I hope we succeeded." Patrick went on to list the main attributes of the halfback



Dave Kasperian ... leading rusher in '57



Pat Botula ... switch working out

prospects, leading off with the "old man" of the crew, 26-year-old Kasperian. Kasperian, an ex-paratrooper who played only one season of high school football, was the Lions' top ground gainer last fall with 469 yards in 122 attempts for a 3.84 average.

"Kasperian has maintained his pace from last year when he won first team all-East and honorable mention all-American honors," said Patrick. "He's a hard and determined runner and a better than average pass receiver. We expect Dave to have a great year."

"Bruce (Gilmore) is looking better than he did as a sophomore (two years ago) and we expect a lot of help from him. He could be our breakaway runner."

Gilmore was the leading runner on an average per-yard basis in his rookie 1956 season with 406 yards in 72 plays for a 5.6 average. But a knee injury kept him on the sidelines most of last year.

"Paolone has looked very good this fall," Patrick continued. "He's very elusive and hard to bring down. He's also a good pass receiver and a good defensive halfback. If he doesn't get hit by injuries, he'll help us a lot. "As for Kerr, well, he has a



Jonas



Gilmore

St. Louis Plans Shake-up

Cards Expected to Name Solly Hemus As Manager

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—A sweeping change in the St. Louis Cardinals entire field of operations, from the front office to the playing end, is virtually completed. The Associated Press learned yesterday. The following changes are almost certain to result:

1. Solly Hemus, veteran infielder of the Philadelphia Phillies, will replace Fred Hutchinson as field manager.

2. Birdie Tebbetts, who recently resigned as pilot of the Cincinnati Redlegs, will join forces with Vaughan (Bing) Devine as co-general manager without benefit of the official title.

3. Another front office position will be created to make room for an experienced baseball man, currently in the employ of another major league club. This man will act as assistant to Devine, who will be assigned other important administrative duties.

The decisions are all those of August Busch, president of the Cardinals. Keenly disappointed over the club's poor showing this season, Busch finally has become convinced that he must surround himself with men of considerable baseball experience and to rely more on their judgment rather than to the advice of his brewery's horde of vice presidents.

Busch personally has contacted Hemus, Tebbetts and the third baseball man who, at this time, must be anonymous. A Redbird representative already has begun negotiating with Philly officials for Hemus' release.

The 34-year-old pepper-pot, a favorite with St. Louis fans during his seven seasons with the Cardinals, will be playing manager.

Hutchinson, the little Texan said: "The story is news to me."

The wholesale shuffle, of course, means that the three current coaches—Terry Moore, Stan Hack and Al Hollingsworth—will be released.

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