



Bob Scrabis      Richie Lucas      Al Jacks      Don Hoak  
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# Three Veterans, Sophomore Make QB Strongest Position

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

Undoubtedly the strongest position on the Lion grid team this fall is at quarterback. And no wonder, what with three veterans returning from 1957 along with a highly-rated sophomore who quarterbacked last year's unbeaten freshmen.

"What can be said about our quarterbacks that hasn't been said before?" Penn State's backfield coach Joe Paterno said a couple days ago. "They're great. In fact, our only problem is who will start against Nebraska. Right now, I'd say we have two starting quarterbacks, both Al (Jacks) and Richie (Lucas) will be playing the same amount of time this year and neither, in my opinion, will be considered the starter.

"And Bob Scrabis will see plenty of action also," Paterno continued. "He could be the

number one boy at many big schools, but here he has to take a back seat to Al and Rich. As for Hoak (the rookie of the crop), we may have to switch him to a halfback because of his defensive ability."

Paterno's optimism over his signal-callers didn't emerge overnight. The top trio—Jacks, Lucas and Scrabis—are proven competitors and Hoak demonstrated his fine qualities as a high school and frosh performer.

Jacks, who understudied Milt Plum (now of the Cleveland Browns) as a sophomore two years ago, led the Nittanians in total offense last fall with 675 yards, 673 of them via the air. He hit on 53 of 103 attempts (51 per cent) for 5 touchdowns and had only three aeriels intercepted.

His total would have been higher if not for a shoulder injury suffered against Syracuse midway through the campaign. Up until the injury, Jacks had led the East in passing with 46 completions in 92 throws for 553 yards and four TD's.

But despite Jacks' handicap, the Los Angeles Rams saw enough of him to make him their 10th draft choice in the annual NFL lottery last winter. (Jacks was eligible for the draft because his original class graduated in June.)

Lucas, although only a sophomore then, took charge when Jacks was injured and led the Lions to three successive victories. He finished second in total offense with 492 yards, gaining 426 through the air with 27 completions in 59 attempts for four TDs. He also picked up 65 by rushing.

In fact, his running was so daring and spectacular that he earned the monicker of "Reckless Richie" from sportswriters following the Lions. For his performance in a 27-6 win over rival

West Virginia, which included a back-breaking 19-yard run on punt formation, Lucas received second place in the Associated Press' back of the week selections.

"Lucas is the best running quarterback we've ever had at Penn State," Paterno said, "and he's probably as good as any running quarterback in the country."

"In fact," Paterno added, "Richie and Al are as good as any quarterback in the nation today and that includes (Lee) Grosscup (of Utah), (Bill) Stacy (of Mississippi State), (Fran) Curci (of Miami), (Bob) Williams (of Notre Dame), Tom Green (of Holy Cross), and that kid from SMU (Don Meredith)."

"Jacks isn't noted for his running," Paterno continued, "but he has improved greatly over last year. But in turn, Lucas, who wasn't a great passer last year, has improved with his passing."

"Jacks is a great passer. When he goes back to throw, he's thinking of throwing it all the time, not thinking of running like a lot of quarterbacks do. He's the best passer we've ever had, has wonderful poise, never gets rattled and is a real leader. The players have a lot of confidence in him. An outstanding thing about his passing is that he never throws the interception. That is, you have to make a terrific defensive play to intercept a pass."

"Lucas is also a tremendous leader and a very, very fine ball handler. He's a clever faker and has a great desire to fake. He's a good passer now, but could become a great one. And he's as good as any defensive man we have."

Paterno didn't slight Scrabis or Hoak in his appraisal of the quarterbacks.

"Bob has come a long way since last year," the ex-Brown University quarterback said. "I've

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# Loss of VanRafelghem, Becker Hurts Soccermen

By SANDY PADWE

Penn State's soccer hopes took a turn for the worse this week. Two of Kenny Hosterman's top lettermen didn't return to school. The two, Lou Van Rafelghem and Ralph Becker, dropped out of school because of difficulties at home.

Both were being counted on heavily in Hosterman's plans for the coming season. The loss of Van Rafelghem and Becker leaves Hosterman with only seven lettermen.

Finding suitable replacements for Becker and Van Rafelghem will be the most pressing problems for Hosterman. Becker was an outstanding goalie in past years. Van Rafelghem was a starter on the forward line.

Right now a three-way battle is being waged for the goalkeeper's job. Jerry Bruce and Don Dougald have returned from last year's squad. Neither have seen much action in the nets.

A "dark horse" for the job is Larry Fegley (varsity second-baseman). Fegley never played the game before but he seems to be a natural when it comes to stopping low shots.

Although it isn't definite, Hosterman is thinking of switching Gary Miller to the forward line. He will probably take Van Rafelghem's place. Miller earned his letter at center half last season. Another possibility for Van Rafelghem's spot is Ihor Chyzowych. Chyzowych was Hosterman's "jack of all trades" a year ago. He played inside, forward, wingman, halfback and fullback.

The rest of the forward line seems fairly set. Bill Fiedler last year's top scorer returns for action at center forward. Mike Stollmeyer a standout performer in 1956 is back.

Stollmeyer was hampered by injuries last season. He returned in top form this year. Pete Wadsworth, another letterman, also returns.

Other possibilities for the forward line are Tony Mattei, Loren Kline, and Harry Lambrousis.

Halfback looks like a strong

position for the Lions. Howie Maierhofer (honorable mention all-American last year) will return to captain the Nittany Lions. Maierhofer is a strong bet for all-American honors.

Herb Hertner who earned his letter at halfback in 1957 also returns. Other candidates for halfback include Wayne Rogers, Eddie Eankowski and Gene Raiford. Raiford was one of the top freshman performers last year.

At fullback Hosterman has letterman Paul Bower. The other fullback might be Chyzowych. This depends upon whether he is needed more on the forward line. If Chyzowych plays up front, Mike Ackley or Dick America will have a starting berth.

"Nobody is set yet," emphasized Hosterman. "We're going to juggle a lot to see who belongs where." With the Bucknell game only ten days away, Hosterman's main concern is searching for one smooth operating unit.



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