

Losses Leave Hosterman With Rebuilding Problem

For the first time since becoming soccer coach at Penn State six years ago, Kenny Hosterman faces a big rebuilding job. In previous years he had to fill only two or three positions. This year he must fill five.

Graduation, ineligibilities and other factors have created this problem for Hosterman. Two days ago Hosterman was jolted by the news that two of his starters—Lou Van Rafleghem and Ralph Becker—did not return to the University.

As if this weren't enough, Hosterman received more sad news. Letterman Thor Chyzowych was declared ineligible. Chyzowych was being counted on to be a regular again this season.



Chyzowych

Hosterman's practice sessions have been devoted to experimentation. He has been juggling his personnel to suit the team's needs.

The biggest switch to date involves Gary Miller and Bill Fiedler. Miller has moved into Fiedler's center forward spot. Fiedler is switching to inside. Last year Fiedler led the Nittany booters in scoring.

Why then was he switched? "I feel Bill (Fiedler) will be a more valuable man at inside. He will be able to score more there," said Hosterman. "Miller is a natural soccer player and should do well at center forward," he added.

Thus Fiedler will team up with Mike Stollmeyer. This combination gives the Lions one of the strongest inside duos in the nation.

To make room for Fiedler, Hosterman has moved letterman Pete

Wadsworth to wing. "Wadsworth has a lot of heart and is taking the switch in stride," commented Penn State's youthful mentor.

Only two other positions seem set. They are two halfback spots. Lion captain Howie Maierhofer will most likely be at center half. Herb Hertner, a letterman for two years, will man another slot.

Hosterman isn't sure who the other halfback will be. He is well pleased with sophomore Bill Rierson. "Rierson showed me a lot in yesterday's scrimmage," said Hosterman.

The fullback and goalie positions are still up for "grabs." There are six fullback candidates. Paul Bayer is sure to be one of the starters. Mike Ackley, Julius Bosoushko, Dick Ameri-ca, Dick Stover and Jim Knipe are the other candidates.

Jerry Bruce, Larry Fegley and Don Dougald are continuing their exciting battle for the goalkeeper's berth. Fegley is a newcomer to soccer, but is fast adapting to the game. Bruce and Dougald were on the soccer squad last year. Neither earned a letter.

IM Tennis, Football

Entries for the intramural touch football and tennis singles tournaments are due 4:30 p.m. Friday at the IM office in Recreation Hall.

Touch football will be held on the lighted fields on the golf course. Both fraternity and independent competition will be conducted under a league plan, not single elimination.

The Sportseer



How Expert Are Grid 'Experts?'

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How expert are the experts?

Uproars are heard from coast to coast each year when the public is accosted with a score of pre-season ratings on the nation's leading football teams. The predictions never meet with unanimous approval by all who read them—that's just about impossible. But they do stir up enough antagonism or enthusiasm (which ever the case may be) to make the American grid season more enjoyable.

We thought we'd do a little research and see how well our fellow professional counterparts did with their "guessing games" last fall.

Since the East is our home sector, we'll take a look at that first. Last fall, Pitt was the consensus choice to top the Eastern independents. Our own Penn State team followed with Navy, Army, Syracuse and Holy Cross following in that order (The magazines used for the above consensus were Look, Kickoff, Stanley Woodward, Playboy and True.)

But when December rolled around and it was time to give away the Lambert Trophy, Cotton-Bowl-bound Navy was the kingpin. Army, which last to Navy 14-0 in their annual skirmish in Philadelphia, was second with Penn State. Pitt, Syracuse and Holy Cross trailing. (Well, at least they picked Holy Cross for the right spot.)

Now let's glance at this year's Eastern elections. (And next fall, my successor can follow my example after the final results are tallied.) The magazines we used to arrive at the 1958 pre-season consensus included Look, Playboy, This Week, Streets and Smith, Sports Review, Kickoff, Sports Forecast, Stanley Woodward, True, Saturday Evening Post, the official NCAA Guide, and the Scripps-Howard News Service. (Quite a formidable array if I must say so myself.)

Navy is the pick to retain its Lambert title, receiving six of a possible 12 first place votes. Included among its top votes was the ballot of Woodie Hayes, coach of the United Press' defending national champ, who made his selection in This Week magazine (He also tabbed Notre Dame as the number one in the nation.

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Fall LaX Practice

There will be a meeting for all men interested in Lacrosse at 7:30 p.m. today in 114 Recreation Building. Coach Earnie Baer urges all varsity and freshman candidates to be present.



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