

Booters' Hopes Raised By Sophomore 'Find'

Second of a Series

After All-American soccer halfback Howie Maierhofer broke his ankle and was lost for the season, Lion Coach Kenny Hosterman naturally began to worry about who would fill the big gap.

Finding someone to fill the shoes of such a capable performer was a big problem for the booter's successful mentor.

But Hosterman thinks that he has come up with the athlete who can remedy the situation—sophomore Bill Rierson.

"I'm very pleased with Rierson," said Hosterman. "He's a real hustler. Last week he played well enough in our scrimmages to prove that he could take over Howie's center halfback spot. He could be the answer to a lot of our problems."

Rierson played on the Lion freshman team last year and did a commendable job. He wasn't really noticed until last week when he distinguished himself in practice sessions.

According to Hosterman, Rierson has all the physical assets for playing halfback:

"He is smart, has two good feet, and he can diagnose plays well. Right now he isn't in the same class as Maierhofer, but he has so much natural ability that he should be a top notcher soon."

With the unexpected emergence of Rierson, the Lion halfback situation seems to be in fairly good shape. Hosterman plans to flank Rierson with two veteran performers—Herb Hertner and Gary Miller.

Miller had been working out at center forward in early practices. He was switched back to



Kenny Hosterman ... gets big surprise

his original halfback slot when Maierhofer got hurt. But Miller is a coaches answer for a versatile athlete. He is big, agile and well seasoned in halfback play.

Miller's counterpart, Hertner, is a two-year letterman at halfback. He can play defense well and is also a scoring threat. "Herby never gives up. He's also very skilled and is always thinking out there," remarked Hosterman.

Like his teammate Mike Stollmeyer, Hertner never gets much attention but always gives a good solid performance.

In reserve Hosterman has another sophomore—Gene Raiford. "Raiford is a comer," said the Lion mentor. Raiford has the potential for developing into a good solid halfback. All he needs is

experience, according to Hosterman. But a badly twisted knee may cut down his effectiveness this year.

Another halfback reserve is Wayne Rogers. Rogers is another handyman for Hosterman. He will be used at halfback but can easily be switched to the front line.



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NO STOLEN BALL—Lion field general Richie Lucas (33) is about to handoff to left half Bruce Gilmore (40). Nebraska center Robert Kitchen (52) failed to steal the handoff.

Nebraskans Admit 'Pointing' for Lions

"We really were up for Penn State," Dennis Emanuel, one of Nebraska's line standouts Saturday afternoon, said in the noisy Nebraska locker room after the Huskies' 14-7 upset over Penn State.

"I don't know why we wanted to beat them," the 25-year-old tackle continued, "but we really wanted to win this one and we pointed towards it."

Emanuel, who just recently returned from the service after lettering for the Huskies in 1952, wasn't the only Nebraska player who felt this way. Captain Dick McCashland, who received the game football for his afternoon's efforts, echoed the statement.

"Everyone played to win this one," McCashland said. "I think we wanted to win the ball game more than they (Penn State) did. It was an overall team effort. Even the boys on the sidelines helped."

George Harshman, one of only two Nebraska players who comes from Pennsylvania agreed with his teammates. Harshman, a senior quarterback, hails from Dickerson Run—a small town located about 30 miles from Pittsburgh.

"We were laying for Penn State," Harshman said. "This reminded me of our game with Oklahoma last season. We were really up for that game and led Oklahoma 7-0 at the end of the first quarter. But their overall manpower just wore us out."

"I think they should have thrown more hook passes," Harshman continued. "That was their biggest mistake in my opinion. We were looking for the long passes and fading back for them, leaving our middle open. But State didn't take advantage of this."

"You know," Harshman concluded, "I really wanted to beat Penn State. I wanted to go there when I graduated from (Liberty) high school, but Rip (Engle) wouldn't pay any attention to me. Now, we're even."

Nebraska's coach Bill Jennings, who saw his team win only one of ten games in his first season last fall, also credited team spirit for playing a major part in the victory.

"We were working real hard for this one," the former Oklahoma end standout said. "Each man had to fight his guts out and he did. I think Emanuel helped to bring the team along as did our captain (McCashland)."

"We had the psychological edge, being the underdogs," Jennings continued. "Penn State had a real good ball club and some real dangerous backs in (Dave) Kasperian, (Pat) Botula and (Richie) Lucas. However, we had two real good breaks when that guy dropped those long passes. But on the

other hand, none of our mistakes cost us.

"I don't know what we'll do in the rest of our games," Jennings concluded. "You never can tell about football. Right now we're looking towards Purdue and hoping we can beat them."

Penn State's coach Rip Engle had his own voice in the matter. "I think the key point was our lack of speed," the disappointed Engle said after the game. "And that kickoff broke our morale."

"I know we lacked pep in the first half," Engle admitted, "but I think the blame for that lies in our practices. Do you know that we haven't scrimmaged for over a week and a half because of our injuries. You can't run a football team that way."

"I don't think we should be so hard on (Maury) Schleicher for dropping those passes," Engle said. "Remember, he was a fullback before. He'll come along."

"I thought (Bill) Wehmer, (Chuck) Ruslavage and our tackles played a pretty good game. But I was a little disappointed with our sophomores. They didn't run like they could."

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Colts Release Walters

Former Lion end Les Walters was released from the Baltimore Colts yesterday.

Walters, who was a visitor to Penn State's practice session yesterday, told The Daily Collegian he was surprised to be dropped from the pro team.

Despite the loss of Maierhofer, Hosterman will be fielding an-

other good halfback brigade this Saturday when the Lions open at home with Bucknell.

"Although I was playing behind two experienced pros (Colt ends Jim Mutcheller and Ray Berry), I thought I could play enough to be of value to the Colts," Walters commented.

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