

Nittany Gridders Begin Spring Practice Today

After three postponements due to poor weather, Penn State opens spring football practice today and Rip Engle will spend the time searching for interior linemen and quarterback reserves.

Not only do Engle's Liberty Bowl champions lose All-American quarterback Richie Lucas, but they also lose three of their top four men at tackle and guard.

Sophomore Galen Hall, who threw the touchdown pass that beat Alabama in the Liberty Bowl last December, will step into Lucas' shoes but after that Engle's got problems.

Junior Dick Hoak, a converted halfback could be the answer, but he hasn't played quarterback since his freshman year.

An All-State signalcaller at Jeannette, Pa., High School, Hoak was switched to halfback after his freshman year and he did so well there that he was a starter last season.

However, Engle can afford to move Hoak because of an abundance of outstanding halfbacks including the "Mighty Molecule" Dick Pae, Roger Kochman of Syracuse fame, and steady Jim Kerr.

Two freshmen, Frank Sincek and Pete Liske, will get thorough trials too and if they live up to their potential State's quarterbacking problems will be solved.

The interior line problem is caused by the loss of such stalwarts as guards Frank Korbini, Bud Kohlhaas, and Sam Stellatella plus tackles Charley Janerette, Andy Stynchula and Tom Mulraney.

Engle will mold his guard corps around Bill Popp of Steelton, a darkhorse for All-American honors. Popp split the starting assignment with Korbini last fall and is a vicious blocker and tackler.

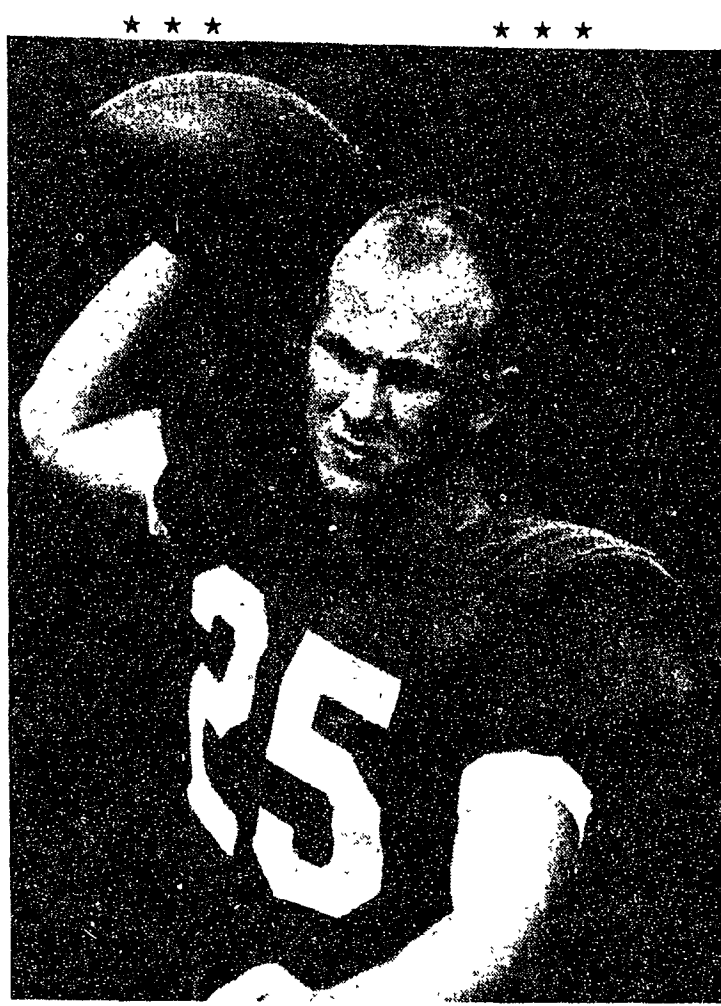
Bill Saul, a center last season, moves to left guard along with another center Wayne Berfield.

Berfield was one of State's best linebackers in 1958 but he was forced to sit out the 1959 campaign with a broken arm.

Holdovers Bobby Gilmour, Bob Hart and Dick Butterfield give the Lions some sorely needed depth.

Joe Blasenstein, a 190-pounder, from Philadelphia and Frank Waresak of Pottstown are the freshman guards who are given the best chance of cracking the lineup.

Stu Barber is the only letter-winner at tackle, but Engle has



Galen Hall

giants Jim Smith, Charley Sieminski and Jerry Farkas on hand to back him up.

Dave Robinson, one of the brightest freshman prospects will get a trial at tackle along with first year teammates Harrison Rosdahl and Ron Tietjans.

The rest of the squad is fairly well set with veterans in every position.

Captain Henry Opperman and lettermen Bob Mifinger and John Bozick form the nucleus of a fine end corps while Dave Truitt and Dave Alexander give Engle two more experienced hands at this position.

Center is well fortified with Jay Hoffman, the most valuable player in the Liberty Bowl game, and rugged Dick Wilson back for another year.

At fullback the Lions have pile-driving Sam Sobczak and sophomore Al Gursky who is one of the "darkhorses." Big Denny Schaeffer, hampered by a separated shoulder much of last year,

should be better if completely healthy.

Under NCAA rules, the Lions have 20 days for spring practice and Engle plans to hold drills every day except Wednesday and Sunday.

The Blue-White game which marks the end of spring practice will be played May 7.

Today's practice session begins at 1:30 on the IM football field.

—Sandy Padwe

Fegley Gives Lions Vet at Second Base

By SANDY PADWE

This is the last of a series on the Penn State baseball team, today the infield.

There's only one thing that changes more than the weather and that's Joe Bedenk's mind.

As a result, Larry Fegley is the only infielder sure of a starting position when Penn State opens its baseball season against Gettysburg here Wednesday.

Fegley, one of State's best hitters, gets the nod at second base where he has been a standout for the last two years.

The Allentown native carried the Lion offense during the first half of the 1959 campaign but he hit a severe slump during May and finished at .294, far below his early .400 pace.

"Larry was his own worst enemy last year," said Bedenk as he watched Fegley pull into second with a double during yesterday's practice session. "He got mad at himself every time he struck out or made an error, and a ballplayer just can't do that."

Apparently Fegley has decided to forget last year and he's been looking like his old self in pre-season drills.

Bedenk, in his 30th year as head coach, hasn't decided who will play alongside Fegley at short, but he said it might be varsity holdover Bob Hrobak.

Hrobak was an understudy to State's great Captain Bob Hoover a year ago, and you can tell it by his moves around the infield. "Hrobak fields very well and he's fast too," said Bedenk. "I hope he can get us some hits."

Moving to first, Bedenk plans to go with Larry Beighey (.214) and Bill Benton (.333). Beighey will play against lefthanders and Benton against righties when he isn't pitching.

The third base situation isn't as simple. Earlier this week Bedenk labeled sophomore John Phillips as his probable third sacker, but he changed his mind yesterday and said that Dick Landis would probably play there.

Landis, the Lion captain, played both third and leftfield last year, but Bedenk considers

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LARRY FEGLEY

Lions Rank 6th In Coaches Poll

Penn State will be one of America's 10 best college baseball teams in 1960.

So says Collegiate Baseball, published in Tucson, Ariz., following a poll of the American Association of College Baseball Coaches.

The coaches pick Southern California, college kingpin in 1958, to regain its throne, followed in order by Arizona, Oklahoma State, Minnesota, Western Michigan, Penn State, Missouri, Texas, Notre Dame, and Connecticut.

Oklahoma State was last year's national champion. Penn State, which dropped two games to Oklahoma State in the College World Series, placed fourth in the NCAA playoffs. The Nittany Lions finished the season with a 17-6 record.

Nieporte Maintains Top Spot In Azalea Open Golf Tourney

WILMINGTON, N.C. (AP)—Tom Nieporte shot a four-under-par 68 yesterday to boost his lead to five strokes after 36 holes of the \$15,000 Azalea Open Golf Tournament.

The Bronxville, N.Y., professional's total was 132 against 137 for runnerup Dow Finsterwald of Tequesta, Fla., whose 66 was the best round of a day that produced 25 sub-par rounds and 12 even par.

Most of the other first round challengers fell off their first day pace and as a result Nieporte picked up two more strokes on the field although losing a couple to Finsterwald.

A score of 149 was the cut off

point for the 63 pros heading into the last 36 holes Saturday and Sunday.

Gay Brewer Jr., of Crystal River, Fla., held third place at 138 after a 71 yesterday.

Tied at 139 were Dave Ragan, Orlando, Fla.; Ed Oliver, Denver; Jerry Barber, Los Angeles, and Jerry Pittman, Tulsa, Okla., all pros.

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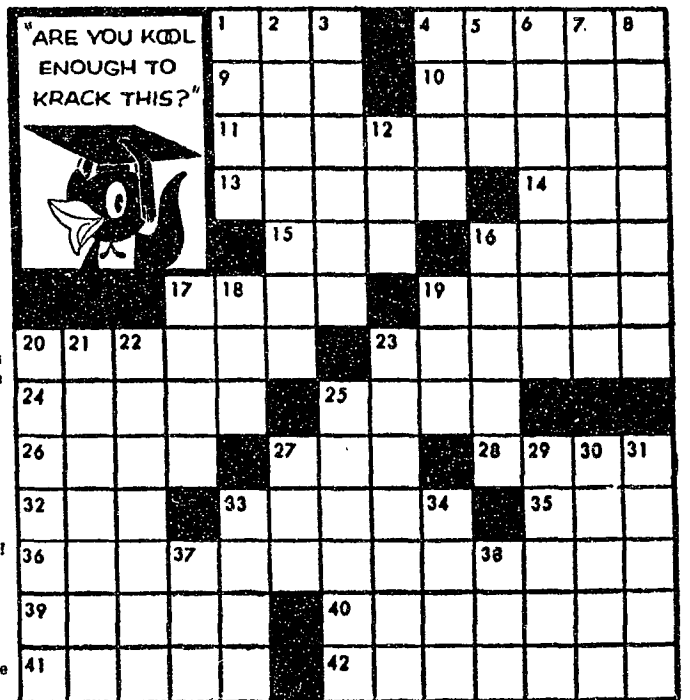
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ACROSS

1. One-legged dance?
4. Boot, training, enemy, etc.
9. Ate backwards
10. Soap
11. Officer in line for getting the bird
13. Jabbed
14. Univ. at Ft. Worth (abbr.)
15. Mal de's last name
16. Chat's partner
17. Patsy's quarrel
19. Ungirdled
20. Submoron
23. Made childish noises
24. Get a fresh supply of males
25. Like a Kool, obviously
26. Discover
27. When hot, it has wheels
28. Has a midnight snack
32. Had a midnight snack
33. Fiddled with the TV set
35. Netherlands East Indies (abbr.)
36. How you feel smoking Kools (2 words)
39. Worn away
40. France, creator of "Penguin Island"

DOWN

1. English male who sounds good for a lift
2. Well, it's about time!
1. Message in a fortune cookie
2. Turk in the living room?
8. What the British call a cigarette pack
4. Even cooler than Koola
5. GI mail address
6. "Come up to the Magic of Kools"
7. Exact
8. Greeted 11
12. Over (poetic)
16. On which windshields sit
17. Don't go away!
18. Engaging jewelry
19. Lionized guy
20. Whipped
21. Re-establish
22. A kind of Willie
23. Real fancy "new"
25. Not the opposite of prefab
27. Street of regret
29. Kools are
30. Contemporary of Shakespeare
31. Stuck up for
33. African jaunt
34. Put your cards on the table
37. Compass point
38. Little station

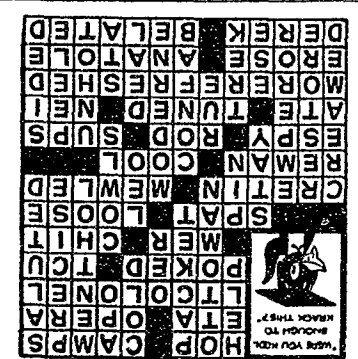


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