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# Junior? Senior? What Is Jack Anyway?

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Although hardly anybody noticed, Penn State quarterback Jack White set three more school records during that game in Pitt Stadium Saturday. His 122 yards throwing gave him 1242 for the season, his nine completions gave him 95 for the year and he has 1307 yards in total offense—all records.

That's pretty darn good for a junior. Or is it a senior? Or is he just a sophomore without any more eligibility? What year is Jack White anyway?

On the program, Jack White is listed as a junior. Up at Willard Building his Number Two card lists him as a junior. And it'll be another year before his parents start buying him graduation gifts.

But as far as football's concerned, White may well be in his last year. A native of Wilkesburg, White attended the University of Florida his first semester and then transferred to State. Due to the NCAA transfer rule he had to sit out a year of sports. He did just that. Due to another rule among State, Syracuse, West Virginia and Pitt, the year he sat out constitutes a "redshirt" and so the year is lost completely.

Whether he can get it back is both a serious and touchy question, and one that is impossible to answer at this time.

The current agreement between the four schools,

which makes redshirting illegal unless a player is injured prior to the start of a season, was signed after the NCAA convention in 1960. According to Ernest B. McCoy, Director of Athletics and Dean of the College of Physical Education, almost all of the 650 odd delegates attending the convention were in favor of a rule to put an end to redshirting—the practice of holding a player out a year to suit the needs of the team.

However, the measure wasn't accepted nationally so the three Eastern schools and the Southern Conference member (West Virginia) made their own pact. And it is by that pact that White's future hinges.

His fate will be decided Dec. 7 when the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference meets in New York. At that time White's case will be presented.

"We're not going to fight Jack's case in the papers," said McCoy. "That would only stir up resentment among the other three schools. Anyway, it's not in the hands of the athletic directors to make the decision. The presidents of the schools do that."

If the four presidents agree that White can play another year, he will. It's as simple as that. According to NCAA regulations he's perfectly legal already.

If the presidents don't see eye to eye, a couple of men up in Rec Hall named Rip Engle and Joe Paterno will sit back and groan. Building the team around a new quarterback every season is sort of a tedious task.

Naturally Engle hopes White gets the extra year. With a schedule the Seventh Army wouldn't face alone next year, the Lions need every weapon they can get. But Engle doesn't see the matter altogether in that light.

"I'm not in favor of holding boys back to give a team a powerhouse every year," said the Lion coach "But Jack is a fine player and is just developing. It would be a shame if he didn't get to play another year."

White, a pre-med student, is probably the most anxious of all to hear the verdict. "When I came here to school the first thing I thought about was getting a good education," he said. "And I still feel that way. But let's face it, when you play football, that's a big part of your life too. And not playing next year would be a tremendous letdown."

That's no understatement. Let's hope those presidents don't deflate White, Engle, Paterno, the rest of the coaching staff and a few thousand Lion fans all in one day.

Roger Grimes, the Lions' sensational sophomore prospect who saw action in only one game this year, will also have his case decided at that meeting in New York. Grimes was hurt in the UCLA game and hasn't played since. The athletic department is interested to know if he will get an extra year of eligibility.

"This is strictly a judgment matter," said McCoy. "It has nothing to do with the four-school agreement."

The ECAC rules strictly stipulate that a player is allowed three years of varsity and one year of freshman competition. "If a ball player goes out and participates in the coin toss and nothing else," said McCoy, "it might constitute a year of playing."

"Roger's case will be put before a Board of Arbitration consisting of six ECAC athletic directors and a commissioner and they will make the decision."



JACK WHITE . . . back next year?

## National Meet Here April 1-2

# G-men To Defend NCAA Title

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Where do I go from here?

That would probably be the most appropriate question coach Gene Wettstone could ask himself on the eve of the 1966 gymnastics season at Penn State.

After all, last year the Nittany Lion gymnasts did just about everything there is to do in the field of intercollegiate gymnastics. To start off with they went undefeated, closing out 1965 with a 10-0 record. But that was the least of their accomplishments.

On the way to that unblemished season, Wettstone's team captured the NCAA Eastern Regional Championship, defeated West Virginia to become kingpin of the East and Mid-East regions of the NCAA, and then gathered in all the marbles by defeating the University of Washington for the NCAA national gymnastics crown.

In the national championship meet at Carbondale, Illinois, Mike Jacobson took the NCAA all-around title in leading the Lions to their eighth national team crown under Wettstone. No other school has won as many outright team titles.

To top it all off, at the Homecoming football game against West Virginia on Oct. 23, Wettstone was inducted into Skull and Bones, the senior men's honorary for its outstanding service to the University.

So where does a successful coach go after a season like that?

### Returns to Gym

In Wettstone's case, back to the drawingboard (in this case, the gym) to start all over again. The excitement of the NCAA meet last April has long since died down, and there are a lot of old familiar faces who aren't here anymore.

In all, eight seniors departed from that title-winning team of last spring, including some of the best gymnastic talent Wettstone has ever developed in his tenure here at Penn State.

The most important absentee is Jacobson, but Wettstone also pointed out that the loss of other multi-event men like Jim Culhane and Pete Saporano would hurt the Lions this season.

"They were consistent performers in a number of events," the coach said, "and they came through when we needed them most."

The talent well has not run dry, but it is not overflowing either, with seven lettermen



GENE WETTSTONE

returning for the 1966 campaign.

The holdovers are led by team captain Ed Isabelle, who has been one of the top five collegiate all-around men in the nation over the past two seasons, but who has always labored in the shadow of Jacobson.

From past performance, this should be Isabelle's year for the all-around. He could well be the best in the country. And then again, he could be only the second-best on the Nittany Lion squad, since he has a teammate named Steve Cohen.

Last year as a sophomore, Cohen showed little respect for his elders, Jacobson and Isabelle, by winning the all-around title at the Easterns. Doing so, he became the fourteenth straight Lion gymnast to top that crown.

### To Utilize Both Men

Naturally, Wettstone is going to use both Isabelle and Cohen in as many events as he can. They will compete as State's two unlimited entries in dual meets, allowing them to work in every event.

Under the NCAA rules revised for this season, one of these two unlimited performers must be designated as the all-around entry before the first event begins.

Choosing between Isabelle and Cohen will be a dilemma that should cause Wettstone some sleepless—but altogether worry-free—nights.

Unfortunately, the remainder of the squad more than makes up for what Isabelle and Cohen lack in the upper-building department.

What the Lions need this season, according to the coach, is not more quality, but more quantity.

Of the other five monogram-holders, only one competes in more than one event. That is Gene Schofield, who works

both the trampoline and the long horse. Tony Watson is a specialist on the trampoline, while Doug Collins and Gary Williams confine their efforts to the long horse and Dennis Paoletti specializes on the side horse.

Paoletti is typical of the quintet, in Wettstone's opinion. "Dennis needs a little more reliability," the coach explained. "He has tremendous ability and when he hits his routine right—he's great."

Wettstone is counting on all the seniors and lettermen to come through this season, since last year's freshman squad was "not the best we've had."

### Top Soph Prospects

Still, the 1965 frosh have provided the varsity with some good material, and Wettstone singled out Don Spiker, who will join Isabelle and Cohen in the all-around, and Marty Disantis as the sophos who have been the most impressive so far.

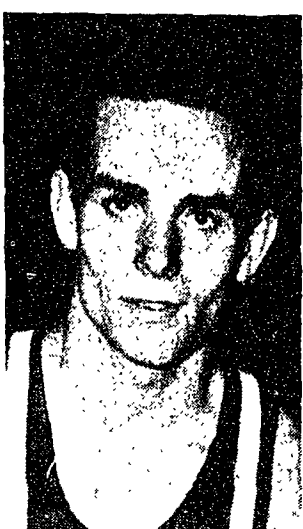
The coach did point out, however, that gymnastic potential is not developed overnight and that he expected a good many of the newcomers to mature with the start of the dual-meet schedule in January.

Another NCAA rule change will aid in more rapid development of the younger performers. This season each team will be permitted to enter four men in each event, instead of three, as was the case in 1965.

"This will give a chance for more men to compete," said the coach, "and this is what the rules committee had in mind."

All the changes in the NCAA rulebook will not be to State's benefit, however, since there is a new scoring system in effect this year.

In the past, points were awarded on the basis of order of finish—6-4-3-2-1 for the first five places. This year points will be given in accordance with the Olympic code, with the scores earned by the first three finishers



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from each school added together.

### Best 3 Scores Added

Thus, if the top three competitors from a team have scores of 9.0, 8.0 and 7.0 (out of a possible 10.0) in a single event, their team gets 24 points. The combined total of points earned in all seven events gives the team total for the meet.

In Wettstone's mind, this new system will hurt the Lions because of the problem of depth. "Now a team with three mediocre men in every event can do better than a team with two great men and a poor one," he said.

Despite his reservations, Wettstone is still looking forward to the NCAA championships, which will be held in Rec Hall on April 1 and 2. He may be apprehensive about team depth, but the last time the Lions played host to the NCAA meet, in 1960, they captured the team title.

There are those who will bet that Wettstone will pull a repeat performance just to prove there is somewhere left he can go.

# Garrett Wins Heisman Trophy

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Garrett, Southern California's stocky, swivel-hipped half-back who has thundered his way to the forefront of college football's great runners, won the 1965 Heisman Memorial Trophy yesterday as player of the year.

The 21-year-old, 5-foot-9, 185-pound senior easily outdistanced his opposition in a poll of sportswriters and sportscasters for the 31st annual award presented by the Downtown Athletic Club of New York.

Last year's winner was Notre Dame's John Huarte, now of the professional New York Jets.

Garrett got 179 first place votes and a total of 925 points. Howard Twilley, Tulsa's 5-foot-10 pass catching wizard, edged bulldozing fullback Jim Grabowski of Illinois for second—528 points to 481.

Donny Anderson, Texas Tech's do-everything half-back, finished fourth and Floyd Little, Syracuse's mercurial runner was fifth.

"I am overpowered," the soft-spoken Garrett said in a telephone interview to newsmen at the club where the award was announced.

Garrett, leading major col-

lege rushers this season with 1,328 yards on 243 carries in nine games, needs only 53 yards in his season finale against Wyoming Saturday to become the most productive ball carrier in history.

He has gained 3,109 yards in three varsity years compared to San Francisco's Ollie Matson's record 3,166 from 1949 through 1951. Art Luppino of Arizona and Alan Ameche of Wisconsin gained more but each played four varsity seasons.

Despite his impressive credentials, Garrett possibly could wind up in professional baseball instead of football.

An outfielder, he hit .309 with seven home runs last year and was drafted 11th by the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Garrett is a sociology major whose grades are "about as average as you can get." Last summer he ran a football clinic for youngsters for the Culver City, Calif., Recreation Department.

Others named in this year's balloting, in the order of points received, were:

Steve Juday, Michigan State; Tom Nohis, Texas; Bob Grieco, Purdue; Steve Spurrier, Florida; Steve Sloan, Alabama; Bill Wolski, Notre Dame; Ron Landeck; Princeton; Clinton Jones, Michigan State; and Bill Anderson, Tulsa.



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