

## 41 Candidates Report For First Football Practice Season Opens With Colgate

With only a month to prepare his 1941 football machine for its opener with Colgate on October 4, Coach Bob Higgins sent 41 football candidates through their initial workout yesterday as the curtain was raised on the Nittany Lions' 55th season on the gridiron. This is the Hig's 12th year at the helm of State's football fortunes, and at no time has he faced a more difficult task than the one confronting him now. No less than 10 regulars from last year's standout eleven have been lost via graduation, as well as most of the experienced reserves.

Gone is the entire famed "Seven Mountain" line, from end to end, Tom Vargo, Carl Stravinski, Wade Mori, All-American Leon Gajewski, Mike Garbinski (the Army claimed priority rights), Frank Platt, and Lloyd Parsons. Missing also will be backs like Johnny Patrick, Chuck Peters and Craig White, the most underrated Lion player in the past 10 years. All in all, only five lettermen have returned for a tough nine-game schedule.

The backfield prospects are rather on the bright side. Captain Len Krouse will lead the team from his right half back post and should have another great year. Bill Smaltz will in all probability heave his passes from the fullback slot. They will be aided by speedy Pepper Petrella, a demon in the open field, and Sparky Brown.

Higgins is also expecting a great deal from last year's reserves, Ralph Ventresco, Paul Weaver, and Hank Day; and sophomores John Banbury, Aldo Cenci, Charles McFarland and Nick Ranieri. Only one letterman is back from



**Coaching Staff**—of Earle Edwards, Joe Bedenk, Bob Higgins, and Al Michaels, left to right, is kept busy these days in whipping the Penn State football men into shape for their first game on October 4. Under Head Mentor Higgins, Bedenk coaches the line, Edwards takes care of the ends, and Michaels trains the backfield.

last year's forward wall contingent. Mike Kerns has a year of varsity experience under his belt but even he didn't see too much action. So the entire front line will be built around inexperienced material, mostly sophomores.

The complete squad:  
Backs: Krouse, Smaltz, Petrella, Brown, Curly Mann, Ralph Ventresco, John Banbury, Hank Day, Dan Dimidio, Charles McFarland, Paul Weaver, Aldo Cenci, Nick Ranieri, and Harry Snyder.

Ends: Wilbur Van Lenten, Bob Wallace, John Patskian, Bob Davis, Bob Walters, Bob Winter, George McWilliams, and John Egli.

Tackles: Kerns, Bernard Brosky, Bob Halpin, Meryl Mundwiler, Bob Shrom, Ken Schoonover, Tom

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### Higgins Heads AEF

Bob Higgins, football coach, has been elected national commander of the 80th Division Veteran's Association at the annual reunion of the AEF veterans held at Fredericksburg, Va., recently. Walter Camp selected Higgins as an end of the All-AEF football team of 1919.

### '45 Gridders To Start Organized Practice After Freshman Week

With one of the toughest schedules in recent years ahead of them, the freshman football squad will begin organized practice immediately following Freshman Week, frosh grid coach Marty McAndrews announced yesterday.

Equipment will be distributed to the yearling gridders during Freshman Week so that they may participate in informal practice with the varsity.

When the freshmen open against Bucknell on October 11 they will be the first 1945 team to swing into action. Following Bucknell, the frosh play Colgate, Syracuse, Cornell, and close the season with Army.

Three of the games—Colgate, Cornell, and Army—will be played away from home.

### Half Price For Army

All United States service men in uniform will be able to purchase reserve seats for the home football games this fall for half price.

### Patrick Is Starter In Pro Grid Debut

Johnny Patrick, quarterback on Maxwell Award, given to the out-last year's Lion football team, was standing player of the week in the the only first-year man on the Philadelphia area, for his part in Pittsburgh Steelers' starting pro the Temple game last fall.

eleven which opened the season with a 7-0 victory against the Detroit Lions on Monday.

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