


Mishap Fatal To Ely '35

Wallace F. Ely '35, State Motor Policeman, died Sunday in Williamsport as a result of a fractured skull sustained in an automobile accident last week. Ely was stationed at the State Industrial Home for Women at Muncy during the last three years.

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Higgins Faced With Task Of Rebuilding Entire Line

Backfield Hopes High As 3 Veterans Return

Coach Bob Higgins has plenty of reason to worry about his 1941 edition of the Nittany football team as he attempts to fill the shoes of last year's Seven Mountain line from end to end with the season's opener against a strong Colgate eleven at Buffalo only two weeks away.

One letterman, Mike Kerns, returns at the forward wall and three others will take up backfield duties. A guard last year, Kerns will be converted into a tackle. Backfield hopes for the Lions are brighter because Captain Len Krouse, right halfback, will again team with Bill Smaltz at fullback for a sure-fire passing combination.

Pepper Petrella, temporarily out with an infected finger, may earn a starting assignment this year. He will return to practice in a few days. In informal scrimmages against Navy at Annapolis last week Petrella looked fast and shifty.

Ralph Ventresco will also assume duties at the tailback post as a strong reserve and may share starting assignments with Petrella. Ventresco was shifted from fullback so he could be worked into the same backfield with Smaltz.

The Nittany backfield suffered a heavy blow when Sparky Brown was forced to drop out of College because of ankle injuries received in spring practice. Jack Banbury, star freshman fullback last year, was lost to the team in the first practice when his shoulder was injured. However, Banbury is expected to return to practice in a few days, but Brown has not notified Higgins that he will be able to return.

At quarterback there is a battle raging between the more experienced Paul Weaver and Aldo Cenci, a 230-pound sophomore who has looked brilliant at the post.

Coach Higgins has a number of untried ends among which Bob Davis, a fast and capable pass-receiver, stands out. Wilbur Van Lenten, out for several days with a back injury, will make a strong bid for a position. He will probably report for practice again late next week.

Chuck Raysor, although light for the center job, has shown determination to hold his own. However, Bob Wear at 200 pounds is still very much in the running for the position.

Line Coach Joe Bedenk will have his biggest job in developing guards. Red Yoho and Bob Perugini have shown up well, but Jim Bonham and John Jaffurs may get in shape quickly. Paul Schlegel at 220 pounds will battle for a first string post if the na-



A FULL DOZEN—Coach Bob Higgins is starting his 12th season as head mentor at Penn State and will be faced with the job of rebuilding his entire line.

Practice Begins Today For Frosh Soccer Team

Freshmen interested in trying out for the '45 soccer team are invited to attend the first practice session on the soccer field which will begin about 3 p. m. today.

Coach Clyde Underwood has emphasized that previous experience is not absolutely necessary. Anyone wishing to learn the game is welcome.

The frosh booters will open their season on October 22 against the Navy plebes. Several practice games with opponents yet unannounced will be held before that date.

tional emergency does not claim him.

Tackles Mike Kerns and Ken Schoonover look like the starting pair to date. Considerable reserve power may be discovered after Bob Halpin and Bern Brosky, sophomores, get more experience.

New Number System Adopted By Gridmen

To help the spectators at the games as well as the radio and press is the purpose of the new football numbering system to be used by the Nittany Lion eleven this fall.

The centers will battle against Lion opponents with numbers in the 50's on their jerseys, while the guards will use numbers in the 60's; tackles in the 70's; ends in the 80's; blocking backs in the 20's; left halfbacks in the 40's; fullbacks in the 30's; and the right halfbacks in the 14 to 19 category.

Coach Higgins has made an exception in the numbering system, lucky 7.

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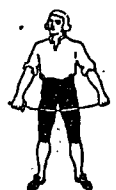
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