

Engle Has Many Firsts In Short Time At State

Charles A. "Rip" Engle is associated with a lot of "firsts" at Penn State, even though he's been an inhabitant of the Nittany Valley only since April 22.

For instance, he's the first non-alumnus head football coach in 20 years; he's the first coach to install the T-formation at Penn State, by tradition a single wing advocate.

What's more important, or heart-breaking, depending upon how you look at it, is the fact that he is the first Lion coach who has had to start almost from the beginning in assembling a new team.

A Keystone Boy

Rip is a native of Pennsylvania, but played his football at Western Maryland under Dick Harlow, and did his collegiate coaching at Brown where he was head coach from 1944 until he switched to State.

Engle had never played football before entering Western Maryland where he filled in at end and then captained the 1930 team which won 11 and lost none.

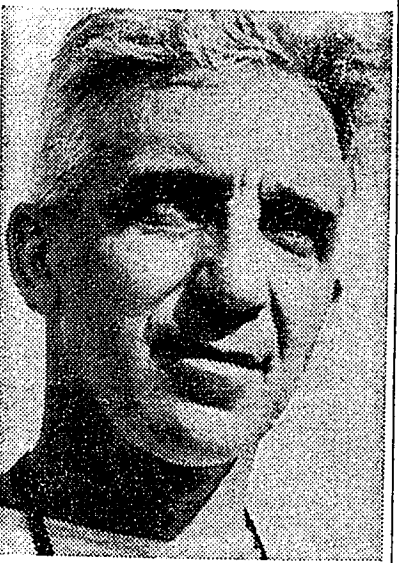
Last season the tow-headed grid coach came up with the best Brown grid aggregation

since 1932, his 1949 aggregation won eight and lost only to Princeton.

Engle's Popularity

Rip has found a home in the lair of the Lion, as the saying

State's T-Tactician



Charles "Rip" Engle

goes, and every public showing that he makes is highlighted by long and loud applause.

At last week's pep rally, before the Georgetown game, Rip's appearance was the signal for an ovation that lasted for at least a minute—and 2,000 people can make a lot of noise.

But Rip had a home at Brown too, and an article that appeared in the Brown University Daily Herald shows what they thought of him.

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On Or Off The Gridiron, A Blaik Will Call The Signals For Army

Earl H. (Red) Blaik, who in ten years has brought Army two National Championships and five Eastern crowns, doesn't know the meaning of the word failure — he's been a winner all the way.

Blaik began his fabulous career in intercollegiate sports at Miami University, Oxford, O. Before receiving his BA degree, he won letters in football, track and baseball.

Entering West Point during the war in 1918, he was graduated in two years under an accelerated program. As a football, basketball and baseball player at the Point, Blaik was awarded the Army Athletic Association Saber as top athlete in his class. In 1919, Walter Camp selected him as a member of his all-American third team.

Signs With Wisconsin

Resigning his Army duties in 1923 to enter business with his father, Blaik was persuaded to accept a position as end coach at Wisconsin under his old Miami boss, George Little.

From there he returned to West Point as an end coach under Biff Jones. In 1934, he received his big chance as head coach at Dartmouth University, where he leaped into intercollegiate prominence.

While at Dartmouth, Blaik's Big Green teams rolled up 45 wins, 15 losses and 4 ties, winning the Ivy League title in 1936, '37 and tying Cornell in '38.

West Point Beckons

But in 1940, while Blaik was still at Dartmouth, Army was experiencing a disastrous season. In November, it suffered its most humiliating defeat in the Corps' history, losing to Penn 48-0.

Answering the Point's call in 1941, Blaik once again returned to Army—this time as its head coach.

In his first season the Cadets won five, lost three and tied one—but that tie was a cherished one with powerful Notre Dame.

The year 1942 marked the beginning of a new era for Blaik and Army. It was that year that Notre Dame scrapped the old Rockne system for the T-formation.

Blaik Brings in T

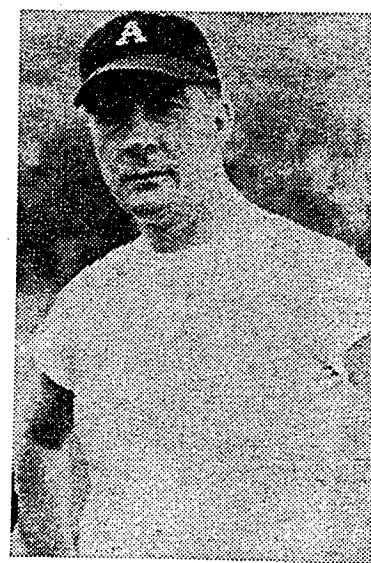
Studying this new formation in order to set up a defense for it, Blaik became impressed with its potentialities. In 1942, he scrapped the single-wing for the T and with Glenn Davis sparking the team the Cadets rolled up a 7-2-1 record.

From 1944 through 1946, Blaik's famed Black Knight's of the Hudson, led by the greatest one-two punch in collegiate football history, Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis, swept to 25 consecutive victories before being tied by a great Notre Dame team—one of Army's greatest rivals.

If the old saying "like father, like son" holds true, Army's Cadets should have a football sage calling signals for them this season.

For the first time in West Point football history, Army's coach has his own son playing quarterback for him.

Father . . .



EARL BLAIK

. . . and Son



BOB BLAIK

Coach Earl Blaik has handed the all-important quarterback job to his son, Bobby, an accomplished passer and poised T-formation field general.

Follows Kenna, Tucker, Galiffa Not only did young Blaik have to follow in the footsteps of such former stars as Doug Kenna, Arnold Tucker, and Arnold Galiffa, but he had to prove to Coach Blaik that his son was No. 1 man at the quarterback slot, that he was capable of handling on the field a team that was undefeated in 20 straight contests.

Last Saturday, Bobby Blaik proved that he was the Cadets' No. 1 quarterback as he paced them to an easy 28-0 win over Colgate, running the undefeated string to 21 games.

The six-foot, one-inch, 185-pound Blaik is an athletic natural. While attending Highland Falls High School, just beyond the gates of West Point where he starred in football and ice hockey, Bobby was awarded a trophy for good sportsmanship and nominated as outstanding player in the hockey league.

Outstanding Athlete

After attending Phillips Exter Academy in New Hampshire, he entered the Point where he again proved his athletic prowess. In his second year, he was awarded major letters in football, baseball, and hockey.

Last year, playing behind Army's all-American quarterback, Arnie Galiffa, Bobby earned a varsity letter while picking up invaluable experience as Galiffa's understudy.

His dad, Coach Blaik, afraid that the team personnel might accuse him of favoritism kept his son under wraps, avoiding any publicity. He didn't want any unnecessary publicity to hurt Bobby's chances.

Magazine Article Refused

When asked by one sports writer to write an article about his son, Coach Blaik replied: "I don't want to write the story, it would break my heart."

But son of the coach or not, young Blaik went out and won the quarterback job on the Cadet's powerhouse outfit.

If Bobby Blaik did receive any help from his father, it was only his inheritance of athletic ability.

Pete Newell, newly appointed basketball coach at Michigan State, is the 10th head coach of the sport since it was introduced in 1898.

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