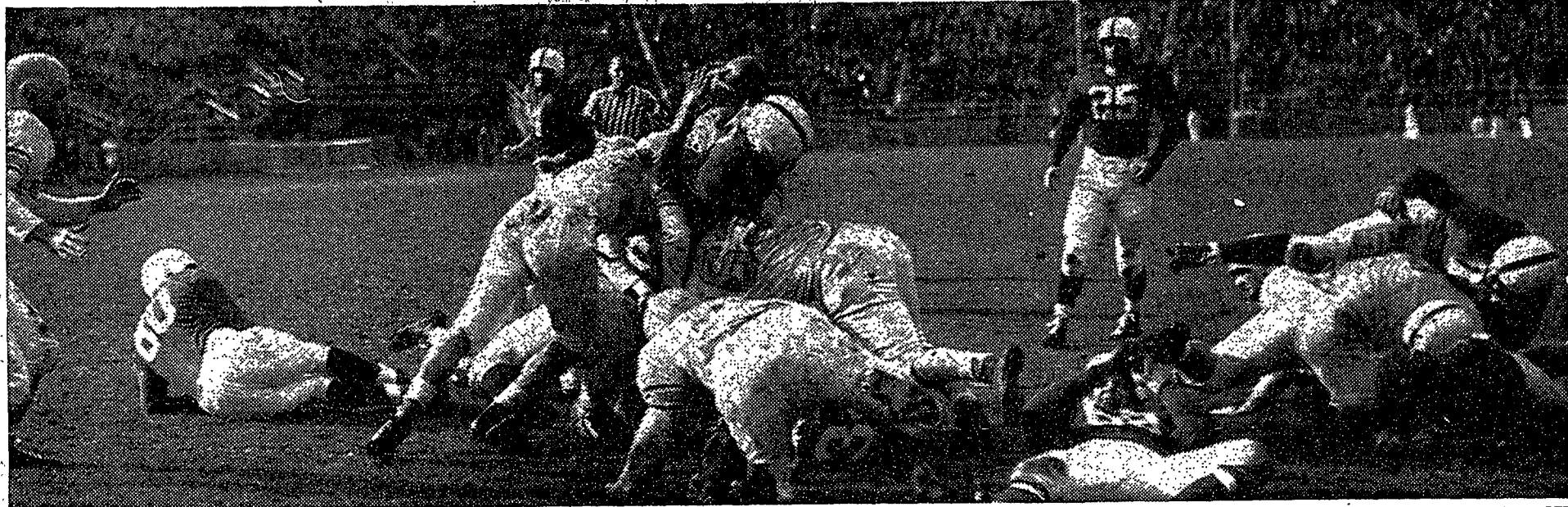


# King Football Nears Reign in Nittany Realm



## Engle Pleased with Team's Early Conditioning, Progress

Penn State's football squad will begin its second week of practice today in preparation for the opening of the 1951 season and Coach Rip Engle says he is pleased with the way the team has been shaping up.

The Nittany Lions will open the season September 29 against Boston University on Beaver Field.

The Lions began practice Sept. 1, and have been going through two-sessions-a-day workouts. They will continue the morning and afternoon sessions until classes begin next Monday.

Engle and his staff were especially pleased with the condition in which the grid candidates reported and Rip reports that "everybody has a much better conception of the program than at this time last year."

Some 55 candidates, including 20 letter winners reported at the opening of fall practice and more have been coming in each day.

Engle put the squad through short scrimmages last Thursday and Friday. It was the first contact work since the beginning of practice. After watching the squad in the scrimmages, the Lion coach said he was "satisfied with the progress made."

### Rough Schedule

Commenting on the schedule the Penn State team will tackle this season, Engle said:

"I honestly believe that this is the toughest schedule a Penn State team has ever faced. All the teams that remain on the schedule from last year have improved and all the new opponents are stronger than the ones we have dropped."

Penn State will play four new opponents this year. Boston University, Purdue, Michigan State, and Villanova. Michigan State and Villanova return to the schedule after a year's absence.

### 20 Letter Winners

Although the Lions will have 20 letter winners return this year, Engle must still replace quarterback Vince O'Bara in State's winged-T formation. Only Tony Rados and Bob Szajna are returnees from spring practice. Neither has seen any varsity action. Rados was ineligible last season while Szajna played on the freshman squad. With freshmen again eligible for varsity competition, Rip will have to dip into the frosh ranks for depth at the vital passing position.

### Frosh Out

A number of frosh have reported out for practice already and Engle is pleased with what they've shown him.

"The freshmen are picking up. They have a good attitude. Some of the boys are going to be a big help to us in a couple of years."

Only one injury has so far cast a dark shadow over the grid scene. Pete Schoderbek, a sophomore guard who stood out in spring sessions, broke a bone in his foot while working out with his high school team in Duquesne and will be unavailable for at least three weeks.

## Committee Will Report On Proposal

The Executive Committee of the Eastern Intercollegiate Athletic Conference will appoint a committee to study Penn State's proposal to eliminate spring football practice.

At the Executive Committee's meeting in New York last Thursday, attended by Carl P. Schott, dean of the School of Physical Education and Athletics, and Harold R. "Ike" Gilbert, graduate manager, Dean Schott reported on the plan to the committee. The newly formed committee will report on the plan at the December meetings.

State is also leading the fight to do away with the platoon system in football. Penn State's Athletic Advisory board, a 13-man body reflecting student, faculty, and alumni opinion, brought both problems to light in June when it advocated their abolition as "injurious to the general health of college athletics."

The Athletic Advisory board's report, which had been sent to the 91 members of the ECAC has already received many favorable replies. Almost all the schools have agreed that present day football was "exacting too high a price, financially and scholastically."

## 10 Game Grid Schedule Set For '52 Season

Penn State's football team will play a ten game schedule in 1952. Five of the contests will be played at home.

William & Mary is the only newcomer to the Lion schedule. It will be the first time in 21 years that State has played a ten game card.

### The '52 schedule:

Sept. 20, Temple; 27, Purdue. Oct. 4, William & Mary; 11, West Virginia at Morgantown; 18, Nebraska; 25, Michigan State at East Lansing.

Nov. 1, Penn. at Philadelphia; 8, Syracuse, at Syracuse; 15, Rutgers; 22, Pitt. at Pittsburgh.



## Engle Starts 2nd Season At State

Charles A. "Rip" Engle will begin his twenty-first year of coaching, his second at Penn State, when the Nittany Lions open with Boston University, September 29 on Beaver Field.

After playing three years at end for Coach Dick Harlow at Western Maryland College where he captained the team to an 11 won, none lost record in 1930, Rip accepted the head coaching job at Waynesboro (Pa.) High School.

### Won 8 Titles

In the 11 years that he remained at Waynesboro, Rip produced three unbeaten, untied eleven, won eight conference titles, and from 1933 to 1940 lost only ten football games.

Engle's first chance at college coaching came in 1941 when he returned to his alma mater to study for his master's degree, and at the same time accepted positions as freshman football coach and varsity basketball coach. His freshman grid team was undefeated.

In the spring of 1942, Rip accepted an end coaching job at Brown University under Neil "Skip" Stahley, who like Harlow, is a Penn State alumnus. In '43, Engle coached the backs, and in 1944 took over as head coach when Stahley entered the Navy.

### State Beckons

After Joe Bedenk resigned the head coaching job at Penn State after the 1949 season, a cry went up from both students and alumni for "a big time coach for the big time college." After a month long hunt, the College finally invited Engle to accept the vacated post.

## Powerful Opponents Fill '51 Grid Schedule

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This season Penn State's football team will tackle its toughest schedule in many a year. Not since Bob Higgins led the Nittany Lions to an undefeated season in 1947, climaxed with a trip to the Cotton Bowl where they tied Southern Methodist, have such power laden opponents appeared on the Lions' schedule. Even then the schedule cannot compare with the one Coach Rip Engle's gridders must face this year.

**BOSTON UNIVERSITY, Sept. 29, here**—Forty-five lettermen returning—Coached by one of the top football men in the East, Buff Donelli, the Terriers compiled a 3-5 record last year but expect to better that mark with some top veterans and a flock of good sophomores returning to the fold.

Although Donelli must still find a good quarterback, John Kastan, John Pino, and Captain Lindy Hanson return to round out the backfield. Bob Capuano returns at offensive end.

**VILLANOVA, Oct. 6 at Allentown**—Defeated Navy in spring practice scrimmage. Navy defeated State a week later—Although hit hard by graduation losses and facing a tough schedule which includes Army, Alabama, Kentucky, and LSU, Coach Art Raimo's squad is looked upon as the dark horse independent in the East.

The Wildcats will sport a rock-ribbed, veteran line which many experts pick as the best in the East. With ends Joe Rilo and Frank Rehak, guards Nick Liotta and Tony Marrollo returning to team up with highly touted sophomore tackles Bill Hegarty and Dick Connor, the Wildcat forward wall will afford plenty of protection for passer Bill Brannau.

**NEBRASKA, Oct. 13 at Lincoln**—Led by Mr. Touchdown USA, Bobby Reynolds, the Cornhuskers are picked by many to dethrone mighty Oklahoma as Big Seven champion—Any team built around the slick-running Reynolds is bound to be good and this team is no exception.

Reynolds will have plenty of help this season from a host of sophomore and junior speedsters. Tom Carodine, soph halfback, could very well turn up as Reynolds TD twin. Nebraska fans are pointing to this season as "the year," and it could very well turn out that way. Only Michigan State looms as a tougher opponent for the Lions.

**MICHIGAN STATE, Oct. 20, here**—A power laden, star-studded aggregation which should finish among the top three in the national ratings meets the Nittanies in the Homecoming game. Attendance should set a Penn State record—After years of building, Coach Biggie Munn has finally come up with a team which will challenge anybody for top ranking honors.

Munn has 28 lettermen returning from last year's squad which won 8 and lost 1, including wins over Notre Dame, Michigan, and Minnesota. Bob Carey, end, and Don Coleman, tackle, are pre-season bets for All-American berths.

Although All-American halfback Sonny Grandelius and Captain LeRoy Crane, fullback, have graduated, Munn still has Vince Pisano at right halfback and he should be the Spartans top runner this season. To put it short and sweet—Michigan State is loaded.

**WEST VIRGINIA, Oct. 27, here**—After Nebraska and Michigan State on successive week-ends and Purdue on tap for the next week-end, the Mountaineers will be a welcome break for the Nittany gridders—In its second year as a member of the Southern Conference, West Virginia under Art Lewis is still rebuilding. Like many schools, the Mountaineers will depend on sophomores to bolster the squad this season. Veteran guard Jack Danter and end Paul Bischoff are standout returnees.

**PURDUE, Nov. 3 at Lafayette**—Coach Stu Holcomb can count 18 lettermen back from last year's squad, including star quarterback and passer Dale Samuels—As a sophomore Samuels completed 10 TD passes, gained 1069 yards, and had a completion average of .444. A good year for him this season could make Purdue a Big Ten dark-horse.

Holcomb will miss fullback John Kerestes and halfbacks Neil Schmidt and Mike Maccioli from the backfield. Kerestes and Schmidt have graduated while Maccioli was drafted this summer. Don Kasperan will probably take over at fullback and Earl Heninger and John Durham the halfback posts.

**SYRACUSE, Nov. 10, here**—Although enlistments in the armed

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