

# State Has All-American, Ex-Pro in Coaching Ranks

A 1923 Penn State All-American, an ex-professional star, and five former grid greats with a wealth of football knowledge are the men who with head Coach Rip Engle form the Nittany coaching staff.

Line coach Joe Bedenk, now in his middle fifties, won All-American honors in 1923 as a guard and captain of the Lion eleven. Bedenk is a native of Mansfield, Pa., where he attended Normal School before enrolling at State.

After college he served as line coach and head baseball coach at Rice Institute and the University of Florida.

### Returned to State

He returned to his alma mater in 1929 as assistant football and head baseball coach. He moved into the job as head coach of baseball in 1931, and has made a habit of producing traditionally fine teams. He still remains as head baseball coach and line coach in football, after holding the head football coaching job for one season, 1949.

Penn State's fine records in the pass-defense department are due primarily to the fine coaching of Al Michaels.

Michaels is a native of DuBois, Pa. where he starred in athletics before enrolling at Penn State, winning a reputation as a head-start-up quarterback and crack-punter.

### Stayed On

He received his degree in 1934, and stayed on as an assistant coach, and has been a member of the coaching staff ever since.

Jim O'Hora is a native of Dunmore, Pa. and a former Penn State athlete. He coached at Roaring Spring and Mahoney Township, and did a tour of duty in the Navy, before joining the Lion coaching staff in 1946.

The first non-alumnus to join the Lion staff in many years was Earl Bruce. A graduate of Washington and Jefferson College, he came to Penn State from California State Teachers College, after previous service at Bell Township and Brownsville High School. He handled the Lion freshman team last year.

Another Penn State product, Sever Toretta coached at Steelton, Brockway, and Williamsport before returning to his alma mater in 1949. He served in the Air Force during World War II.

### Played Pro Ball

Frank J. Patrick, a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh in 1938, played college football under Jock Sutherland, and played pro football with the Chicago Cardinals. He coached at Oglethorpe University, Minnesota, College of Puget Sound, and in the pro ranks with the Pittsburgh Steelers, before joining the Penn State staff in 1949.

### Spartans for Homecoming

Penn State's next home appearance will pit the football Lions against Michigan State October 20. Alumni Day will be observed the same day.

# Nittany Fans Won't Forget 1947 Season

By BOB SCHOELLKOPF

With the 1951 football season already in full swing, Penn State football fans are hoping for another banner year in the Nittany Realm.

They can remember the fine record compiled by the Nittany gridders in 1947 under Coach Bob Higgins, who led his undefeated team into the Cotton Bowl classic at Dallas, Texas. This team of 1947 was probably the best in Penn State's long football history. It compiled a record of nine wins, no defeats, and one tie.

### All-Americans

Penn State's football history reveals the names of some of the East's finest gridders. Such men as "Mother" Dunn, Bob Higgins, Charley Way, Glenn Killinger, Joe Bedenk, Leon Gajewski, Steve Suhey, and Sam Tamburo have honored the College by being selected on various All-American teams.

These and many other Nittany football greats have helped to put Penn State's name among the top grid schools in the country.

Perhaps Lion football followers cannot recall some of the feats recorded by some of the teams and their star players since the introduction of the sport at the College 64 years ago. For example, the powerhouse team of 1947 accounted for a total of 332 points to only 33 points for the opposition, which indicates a fine defensive as well as an offensive showing.

### National Recognition

Even last year's eleven, which sported a five-three-one record, finished second in the nation in kick-off return defense, seventh in forward pass defense, and eighth in pass interceptions, proved itself worthy of national recognition. Many people believe that the 1951 edition of Penn State's football team will be one of the most powerful offensive units in the College's grid history.

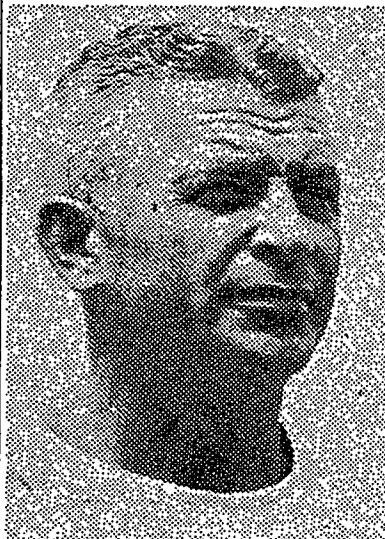
Many of State's famous grid names have returned to their alma mater to instruct the upcoming players in the finer points of the game. Among these were Hugo Bezdek, Bob Higgins, and Joe Bedenk, who still remains with the football team as a line coach.

### Scouted Villanova

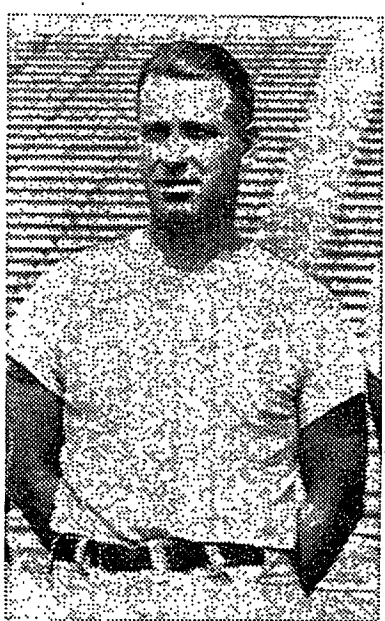
Joe Bedenk was at the Penn State helm when Villanova upset the Lions, 26-7, in 1949. In anticipation of revenge when the two elevens collide at Allentown today, the veteran line coach scouted the Wildcats against Army last week.

### Most Improved

Rip Engle, Penn State football coach, thinks defensive tackle Steve Scheetz is the most improved player on his 1951 squad.



Joe Bedenk



Frank Patrick

Joe Paterno, a native of Brooklyn, N. Y., quarterbacked Engle's last two teams at Brown in 1948 and 1949. He came to Penn State to work with his former coach after graduation in 1950.

### Played Under Engle

Joe Paterno, of Brooklyn, N.Y., youngest member of the Penn State football coaching staff, formerly played under Lion Coach Rip Engle at Brown University.

# Between the Lions

By DAVE COLTON  
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In his first season at the helm of the Villanova Wildcats, Coach Art Raimo faces one of the toughest schedules in the school's football history.

After five years as backfield mentor, the stocky ex-Wildcat star succeeds Jim Leonard who stepped out of the position last year.

Raimo was a fullback for the Main Liners in 1935, '36, and '37. Although he weighed only 150 pounds he starred offensively and led the team in scoring in both his sophomore and junior years. His outstanding play paced his team an undefeated season in 1937. That year the Wildcats swept through nine contests, with a scoreless tie against Auburn the only blemish on the record.

### Among Villanova's opponents

this season are Penn State, Alabama, Kentucky, Boston College, Louisiana State, and Tulsa. Raimo has his proteges primed for their contest with the Nittany Lions this afternoon, and hopes to extend his winning streak to two games.

The youthful coach has a wealth of freshman and sophomore talent at his disposal, but the question is whether they are capable of varsity ball. If they mature quickly and take advantage of experience, the Wildcats should be one of the top teams in the East.

Last year's entire backfield graduated, as did four first-string linemen. It appears that the strength of the Wildcats will be their big forward wall. The backfield will not be as powerful as in previous years, but will have tremendous speed and shiftness.



Saturday, the Wildcats gave indication of what to expect in future games as they humbled the once powerful Army cadets, 21-7. The Main Liners struck with lightning speed and a powerful ground attack. Their T-formation was directed by Bill Brannau, 155 pound quarterback, who did some excellent passing and ball-handling. Sophomore Ben Addiego was the best of the running backs, and score all three touchdowns. Fullback Bob Haner was also effective on the ground until injured in the final quarter.

The Wildcats dominated the play and except for some errors might have routed the Cadets. But they are a young, improving team and should look better each week.

Although the Lions and Wildcats have met eight times on the gridiron, this game will be different than the rest. Today's contest will be the first in which both teams operated from the T-formation. It will also be a battle of predominantly young backfields. State's starting quartet has a sophomore and three juniors, while the Wildcats have a sophomore and three juniors in their offensive foursome.

Sharing the spotlight today will be opposing quarterbacks, Bob Szajna, and Brannau. Both were important in their team's victories Saturday. Brannau threw two aeriels to Addiego, while Szajna set up two Lion scores.

# Past Reputation Poses Challenge to Harriers

By JAKE HIGHTON

The plucky band of Penn State cross-country runners who open Chick Werner's 19th season as head coach today, will be challenged throughout this campaign to uphold and carry on the long tradition of distance-running power built up by Lion teams over the years.

This reputation for annually turning out many star runners has attracted good runners to State just as sure as aspiring ballplayers are drawn by the magic name of the New York Yankees.

But the fact so often overlooked by every person envious of State's fine record, or the guy that throws "push-button manager" charges, is simply that

champion runners never come to the Nittany Valley. Instead of being born champions, through excellent coaching they are made champs.

And the two men responsible for the making of so many champions, or at least outstanding runners, are Werner and his young assistant Norm Gordon. These two know their track like few other coaches in the country know it.

### Former Stars

Both know what they preach from having done it. Werner is a former Big Ten hurdling champion and Gordon, as a cross-country standout as well as a track and field man, was one of State's most versatile trackmen. (Continued on page eight)

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