



Pictured above are four of the many stars Rip Engle's gridders will face in the upcoming campaign. Roger Holdinsky (24) is a fleet West Virginia halfback who can break a game wide open if he gets a block or two. Holy Cross quarterback Pat McCarthy (18) gave the Lions fits as a sophomore last year. Bob Clemens (28) teams with Fred Cox to give Pitt a devastating halfback duo. Gary Collins (32), an end from Maryland, has made virtually every pre-season All-America team.

Schedule May Be Best Ever

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Those football forecasters who were so kind to Penn State this year must have forgotten to look at the Lions' schedule.

Rip Engle's gridders were mentioned as the top team in the nation by one astute observer, and two magazines pick State to go undefeated, a feat that would take considerable doing judging from the opponents the Lions have lined up for 1961.

No less than five of the teams State plays this year, (Miami, Army, Syracuse, Maryland and Pitt), have been mentioned as possible choices to finish in the top twenty.

Two Lion opponents, Maryland and Holy Cross, finished with a rush in 1960 and figure to take up where they left off this year.

Maryland won five of its last six games, losing only to State. Holy Cross won six of its last seven games, again losing only to State.

The Lions won't waste any time getting into the thick of things, opening at home against Navy, last year's Lambert Trophy winner. Then come away games with Miami, the top independent in the South, and Boston University, one of the most improved teams in the East.

Army (picked to finish 12th in one national poll), Syracuse (one of football's biggest powerhouses the past few years), and California will be at Beaver Stadium on successive Saturdays in October.

Then State travels to Maryland for a tilt with the highly-regarded Terrapins and on to West Virginia to test out Coach Gene Corum's rebuilding program.

A home encounter with Holy Cross, which may have its best team in over two decades, and the traditional trip to Pitt round out the schedule. Here is a capsule report on State's opponents and how they shape up for '61.

NAVY (H) Sept. 23 — Besides the loss of Joe Bellino, everybody's All-American, Coach Wayne Hardin lost seven starters from the first team and eight from the second. The Middies will have an extremely small starting

backfield. Right halfback Carl Fink is the heaviest at 179. Ron Klemick, last year's third string quarterback, impressed in spring drills and he may provide the spark the Middies need. But even if Klemick turns out to be another Bellino (which he won't) Navy is in for a hard fall from the lofty spot it held last year as the king of eastern football.

MIAMI (A) Sept. 29 — The Hurricanes are expected to blow up a storm not only in the south, but in the nation as well. Miami has a well-balanced attack with soph sensation George Mira doing the passing, All-American end Bill Miller the catching and Eddie Johns (if he's healthy) and Jimmy Vollenweider the running. Johns, an ex-quarterback, will be especially dangerous on the run-pass option. The Hurricanes can match Penn State in depth. With Coach Andy Gustafson's razzle-dazzle offense they may be one of the toughest teams the Lions will meet all year.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY (A) Oct. 6 — Coach Steve Sinko is keeping his mouth closed and his fingers crossed, for this may be the year for BU to explode. Sinko has a veteran squad with "the finest pair of veteran linemen in New England" in Pete Perreault and Bill DiLorenzo. Jackie Farland is back at quarterback with the speedy Hugh O'Flynn and Paul Johnson at halfback. Charlie Meadows, who raced 57 yards on a draw play against the Lions last year, will be at fullback.

ARMY (H) Oct. 14 — Quarterbacks Dick Eckert and Joe Blackgrove can run like halfbacks but Coach Dale Hall isn't sure how their passing will hold up under fire. Hall has last year's top three receivers back and if either Eckert or Blackgrove can throw Army will be a team to be reckoned with. Al Rushatz is a powerful runner and Dale Kuhns will anchor a fast, mobile line.

SYRACUSE (H) Oct. 21 — The Orangemen, after having just a "good" year in 1960, appear ready to make another run for the national championship they won in 1959. Syracuse has a crafty veteran quarterback in Dave Sarette, a monstrous line, and according to many coaches, the best back in the nation is Ernie Davis. Davis was the No. 3 ground gainer in the country last year with 877 yards and a 7.8 average. John Brown, a 230-pound tackle who

has run the 100 in 10.8, could give Syracuse two All-Americans (Davis is almost a sure bet.)

CALIFORNIA (H) Oct. 28 — With Randy Gold, an All-Big Five quarterback last year, back to do the pitching the Golden Bears should give Penn State's pass defense a severe test. Coach Marv Levy has revamped his offense (winged-T from an unbalanced line with a split end) to get "greater passing potential." George Pierovich, a rugged 210-pound fullback should keep the defense honest with his bull-like rushes.

MARYLAND (A) Nov. 4 — After only two years Tommy Nugent has restored the once invincible Terrapins to respectability. This season they are rated a darkhorse contender for top honors in the tough Atlantic Coast Conference. Dick Novak and rookie Dick Shiner will handle

the quarterbacking chores. End Gary Collins, a genuine All-American candidate, will add zest to the offense and tenacity to the defense. Last year Collins caught 30 passes, averaged 35 yards on 33 punts and was a terror at breaking up plays. No wonder Nugent calls the 6-3 senior "the greatest all-around end I have ever coached."

WEST VIRGINIA (A) Nov. 11 — Coach Gene Corum is hoping that

24 returning lettermen plus a bumper crop of sophomore backs will bolster the Mountaineers' sagging football fortunes. The best the Mounties could do in 1960 were two ties in 10 games. Roger Holdinsky, a breakaway threat, should add some punch to the offense. Rookie Fred Colvard is expected to step right in at quarterback and Glenn Houlton, another rookie, may win the starting fullback job.

HOLY CROSS (H) Nov. 18 — The Crusaders may be one of the most exciting and surprising teams in the East. Tom Hennessey, a halfback with wings on his feet, was second in the nation in kick-off returns last year. Pat McCarthy is a cool operator at quarterback and he can run and throw with equal skill. Dr. Eddie Anderson has a solid line, anchored by All-New England tackle Denny Golden.

PITT (A) Nov. 25 — The Panthers lost Mike Ditka, the All-Quippa Ironman, and fullback Jim Cunningham through graduation, but Coach John Michelosen still has the two other "C" boys (Fred Cox and Bob Clemens), plus a pair of standout guards in Larry Vignalli and Regis Coustillac. Pitt again plays the roughest schedule in the nation, but the Panthers usually manage to win more than they lose.



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Thirteen Home Events Feature Fall Schedule

Thirteen home events are on tap for Penn State teams next fall.

The football team will entertain Navy, Army, Syracuse, California and Holy Cross.

Coach Ken Hosterman's soccer team will play host to West Chester, Maryland, Navy, Temple, and Pittsburgh.

Cross-country teams from Pittsburgh, Cornell, and Manhattan will appear at University Park.

Concessionaire Jobs

Anyone interested in a concessionaire's job for the coming football season should report to 237 Rec Hall as soon as possible.

Three Former Lions

Three former Penn State athletes received master of education degrees Aug 26. They are Homer Barr, former Eastern heavyweight wrestling champion, now wrestling coach at State College High School; Ken Bunn former grid center, now head football coach at Juniata College; and John Chuckran, a member of the 1947 Cotton Bowl squad, now head grid coach at Allegheny College.

23rd Winning Season

Penn State in 1961 will seek its 23rd consecutive winning football season. The Nittany Lions last lost more games than they won in 1938, when the record was 3-4-1.

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