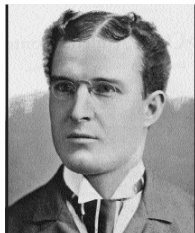


# HEAD COACHES

## 14 MENTORS SINCE 1887



**George Hoskins**

*Head Coach: 1892-95*

George "Doc" Hoskins served as Penn State's first head coach, while also a player for the Nittany Lions. A three-year letterman at center, he was the athletic trainer at Vermont before being appointed Penn State's first director of physical training and first instructor of physical education. His duties included coaching the football team to a record of 17-4-4. He later was head coach at Bucknell and served as a trainer for the Cincinnati Reds during baseball spring training for 23 years. He died in 1957 in Cincinnati.



**Pop Golden**

*Head Coach: 1900-02*

William Nelson "Pop" Golden compiled a 16-12-1 record in three seasons, before being named Penn State's first athletic director. A Chicago native, he remained on the football staff as an assistant coach until 1909 and served as a recruiter for two years. He was the athletic trainer at Purdue and was in charge of physical education at YMCAs in Syracuse, N.Y., and Johnstown and Williamsport, Pa., before taking the Penn State position. He died in 1949 at the age of 81 in Pittsburgh after enjoying a successful career in insurance sales.



**Samuel Newton**

*Head Coach: 1896-98*

Dr. Samuel Newton was Penn State's second head coach. He posted a 12-14 record, while also serving as the director of physical training. A native of Yarmouth, Maine, and a graduate of Williams College and the University of Pennsylvania Medical School, he was a physician and assistant coach at Pennsylvania, when named to the Penn State post. He later compiled a record of 57-28-2 at Lafayette and Lehigh. He retired from coaching after the 1905 season at Lehigh to devote full time to his medical practice.



**Dan Reed**

*Head Coach: 1903*

Dan Reed led Penn State to a 5-3 record in his only season (1903), including wins over Pittsburgh (59-0) and Navy (17-0). Reed was a two-year letterman at Cornell for the legendary Pop Warner and later served as an assistant coach (1910-11) for the Big Red. Reed, who also was on the track and wrestling teams at Cornell, turned to politics after his coaching career. He was elected to Congress, where he served on the Ways and Means Committee. He died in 1959.



**Sam Boyle**

*Head Coach: 1899*

Sam Boyle coached Penn State for just one season, but led the Nittany Lions to a 6-0 victory at Army to highlight a 4-6-1 campaign. It would be 60 years before Penn State won again at West Point. A three-year letterman at Pennsylvania, he coached at Dickinson the following season (1900), during which his squad downed Penn State, 18-0.



**Tom Fennell**

*Head Coach: 1904-08*

Tom Fennell was named Penn State's first full-time head coach in 1904 and compiled a 33-17-1 record in five seasons. He was hired exclusively to coach football and held no additional duties. A graduate of Cornell, where he was a standout in football, Fennell gave up the Penn State post after the 1908 season. He returned to law practice in Elmira, N.Y., and later became a judge.



**Bill Hollenback**

*Head Coach: 1909, 11-14*

Bill Hollenback became the youngest head coach in the nation, when, at 23, he was named Penn State's head coach in 1909. He capped his senior year at Pennsylvania the previous season by serving as captain and being named to the Walter Camp All-America team at fullback. He guided Penn State, in its initial year of play at Beaver Field, to its first unbeaten season (5-0-2) since 1893. He was lured to Missouri in 1910, but returned to lead the Nittany Lions to undefeated seasons in 1911 and 1912. He ended his Penn State career after the 1914 season with a record of 28-9-4.



► Penn State met Southern California for the first time in the 1923 Rose Bowl.

# HEAD COACHES

THE GREATEST SHOW IN COLLEGE FOOTBALL



**Jack Hollenback**

*Head Coach: 1910*

Jack Hollenback coached Penn State for one year (1910), when his brother, Bill, took the head position at Missouri. The Nittany Lions were 5-2-1 in a season which saw admission charged for the first time when Penn State met Bucknell on Nov. 12 at Beaver Field. A Pennsylvania graduate in dentistry, Hollenback also coached at Franklin & Marshall (1908-09) and at the Pennsylvania Military College (Widener) in 1911 before opening a dental practice in Philipsburg, Pa. He later joined his brother in the coal brokerage business in Philadelphia. Hollenback died in 1959 at the age of 75.



**Dick Harlow**

*Head Coach: 1915-17*

Dick Harlow was the first Penn State graduate to serve as head coach, compiling a 20-8 record in three seasons. A two-year letterman, he also was a member of the baseball and track teams. He later served as head coach at Colgate (1922-25), Western Maryland (1926-34) and Harvard (1935-42, 45-47). He was recognized as Coach-of-the Year in 1936. A Philadelphia native, Harlow, who died in 1962, was named to the Helms Foundation College Football Hall of Fame in 1954.



**Hugo Bezdek**

*Head Coach: 1918-29*

Hugo Bezdek, a native of Prague, Czechoslovakia, posted a 65-30-11 record in 12 seasons (1918-29) as head coach, including consecutive undefeated seasons (1920-21). He also served as athletic director from 1918-36. Bezdek gained All-American status at Chicago, where he was a fullback in football and second baseman in baseball. His collegiate coaching experience included head jobs at Oregon (1906, 13-17), where his team defeated Pennsylvania, 14-0, in the 1917 Rose Bowl; and Arkansas (1908-12). He also managed the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball club (1917-19) and was head coach of the Cleveland Rams (1937-38). Bezdek, who died in 1952, was named to the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame in 1954 and the Helms Foundation College Hall of Fame in 1960.



**Bob Higgins**

*Head Coach: 1930-48*

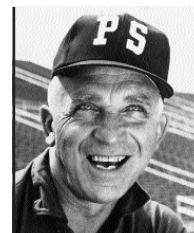
Bob Higgins served 19 years as head coach, compiling a record of 91-57-11, including an unbeaten season in 1947. A native of Corning, N.Y., he entered Penn State in 1914 and became one of only five players in school history to letter five years. He served as captain of the team as a senior when he was named to the 1919 Walter Camp All-American team. He also lettered in baseball, boxing and wrestling. Following two years of professional football with the Canton Bulldogs, he began his coaching career, which included stops at West Virginia Wesleyan and Washington University in St. Louis. He joined the Penn State staff in 1928 as an assistant coach. Higgins, who died in 1969, was named to the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame in 1954.



**Joe Bedenk**

*Head Coach: 1949*

Joe Bedenk led Penn State to a record of 5-4 in his only season as head coach. A 1924 Penn State graduate from Williamsport, Pa., he lettered three years at guard and captained the 1923 squad. He also served as baseball coach, compiling a record of 410-161-6 from 1931-62. Nine of his baseball teams played in the NCAA Tournament and three appeared in the College World Series, including 1957, when the Nittany Lions placed second. Bedenk was elected to the College Baseball Hall of Fame in 1966 and was one of the founders of the American Association of College Baseball Coaches. He lived in State College, Pa., following his retirement in 1963, until his death in 1978.



**Charles A. "Rip" Engle**

*Head Coach: 1950-65*

"Rip" Engle achieved national prominence as Penn State's 13th head coach, fashioning a record of 104-48-4 in 16 years (1950-65). His teams captured victories in three of four bowl games and won the Lambert Trophy three times. A native of Salisbury, Pa., Engle was a four-sport standout at Western Maryland, graduating in 1930. He compiled an 86-17-5 record in 11 seasons at Waynesboro (Pa.) High School, before being named to the staff at Brown. He was named head coach two years later and served there until coming to Penn State in 1950. Engle won the Amos Alonzo Stagg Award for his contributions to football and was inducted into the National Football Foundation College Football Hall of Fame in 1974. Following his retirement, he lived in State College, Pa., until his death on March 7, 1983.

## PENN STATE COACHES' RECORDS

Season(s)	Coach	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.
1892-95	George Hoskins	17	4	4	82.6
1896-98	Dr. Samuel Newton	12	14	0	46.2
1899	Sam Boyle	4	6	1	40.9
1900-02	Pop Golden	16	12	1	56.9
1903	Dan Reed	5	3	0	62.5
1904-08	Tom Fennell	33	17	1	65.7
1909, 11-14	Bill Hollenback	28	9	4	73.2
1910	Jack Hollenback	5	2	1	68.8
1915-17	Dick Harlow	20	8	0	71.4
1918-29	Hugo Bezdek	65	30	11	66.5
1930-48	Bob Higgins	91	57	11	60.7
1949	Joe Bedenk	5	4	0	55.6
1950-65	Rip Engle	104	48	4	67.9
1966-	Joe Paterno	383	127	3	74.9



**Joe Paterno**

*Head Coach: 1966-present*

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