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# New Streamlined Giants

## Speed Into First Place

**T**HE 1941 streamlined Giants simply blitzed their way into first place in the National League's Eastern Division. In so doing they became the first Giants since the club was organized in 1925 to win all their league contests before opening the home season at the Polo Grounds. Consequently, today's home inaugural is not only extremely successful but also very rich in promise for the strenuous campaign that will have its grand finale here Sunday, December 7, with the traditional foe from Brooklyn.

Now for the record:

The Giants, numbering 52 veterans and expectant rookies, started training early last August at Superior, in the bracing Wisconsin north country. Conditioning preparations were so satisfactory that the Maramen performed splendidly in their pre-season games, the highlight being the 23—3 victory over the Eastern All-Stars under floodlights here on Sept. 3.

The on-rushing Giants opened their league season in Philadelphia, caging the new Eagles 24—0. The next victims were the Washington Redskins, set back by 17—10. The Pittsburgh Steelers were crushed, 37—10, which completed the first perfect early-season road invasion in the club's history.

What is the secret for the 1941 Giants record, you ask?

The answer: A new deal built chiefly around sixteen "freshmen" players, probably the finest rookie crop the club ever gathered. There are formidable replacements in every position. Especially in the backfield, where new blood was most needed.

The new backs apparently have every-

thing, tremendous speed, exceptional passing and kicking talents—and the will to win. These mercury-footed backs are Len Esh-

mont, Fordham; George Franck, Minnesota; Francis Reagan, Penn; Andy Marefos, St. Mary's (Calif.); Howie Yeager, Santa Barbara; Clint (Red) McClain, SMU, and Marion (Cowboy) Pugh, Texas Aggies.

Franck was All-American halfback. Eshmont, the Rams' high scorer, also was mentioned on All-American selections. The others earned national acclaim.

Every position on the forward line has been strengthened with excellent rookies, especially at center, where Chet Gladchuk, 245-pounds, 6:04 foot Boston College's 1940 All-American pivot, and Lou DeFilippo, Fordham's 1940 captain and rated by

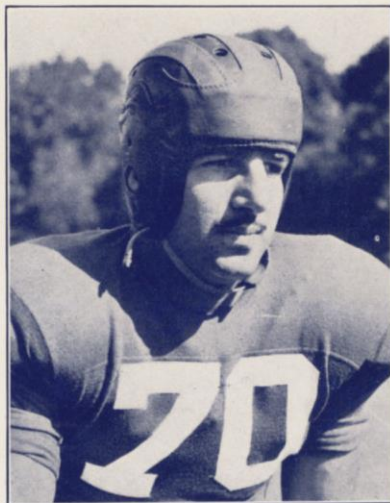
Coach Jimmy Crowley, Fordham's greatest center, are proving worthy understudies for Mel Hein, the game's all-time No. 1 center.

Seventeen regulars are back, including such stand-bys as Capt. Hein, Tuffy Leemans, Ward Cuff, Leland Shaffer, Nello Falaschi, Hank Soar, Jim Poole, Jim Lee Howell, John Mellus, Orville Tuttle and Doug Oldershaw.

Coach Steve Owen promptly streamlined his offense to take full advantage of his long-desired plethora of swift and deceptive ball carriers.

Two new assistant coaches were engaged — Mike Palm, backfield; Bill Owen, Steve's younger brother, line.

John V. Mara, president, is extremely confident that the extensive program to improve the Giants will meet with the full approval of the team's ever-increasing following of loyal supporters.



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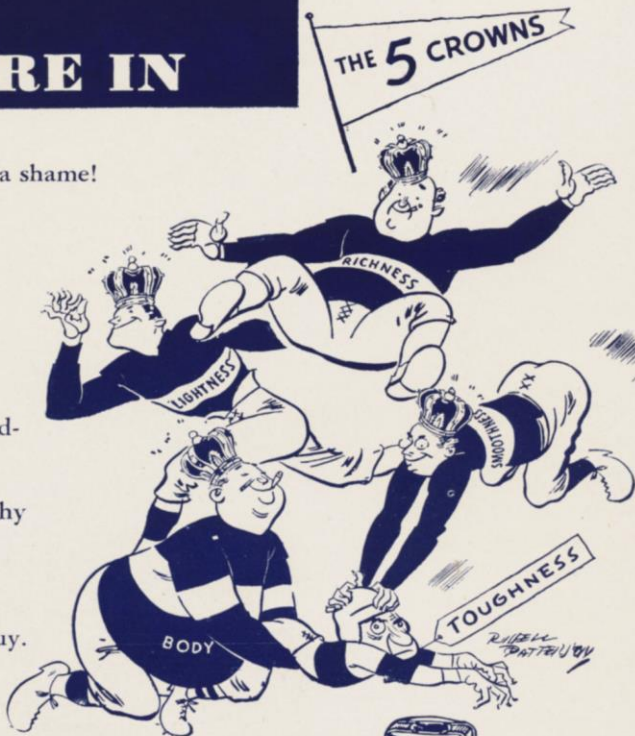
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# The Eagles Bring A New Deal

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**S**INCE their last appearance at the Polo Grounds the Philadelphia Eagles have undergone drastic changes. Their new owner is Alexis Thompson, youthful New York sportsman with numerous millions. Their new coach is Earle (Greasy) Neale, who left Yale's ivy-covered halls to take charge of the Quaker-town pros. Their team is cluttered up with newcomers with accent on youth.

Including Len Barnum, who formerly cavorted in the Giants' backfield, all but six of the Eagles appearing here today are new. The Eagles are far and away the youngest squad in the League. On the field are only two players who were with last year's Eagle team, quarterback "Flippin" Foster Watkins and tackle Philip Ragazzo, who came to Philadelphia from Cleveland in the middle of last season. Last year's Pittsburgh team also has contributed only two players: Tommy Thompson, the boy you will see manipulating the ball in the quarterback posi-

tion, and halfback Lou Tomasetti, who was the leading ground gainer for Pittsburgh last year. Leonard "Feets" Barnum, Frank "Pete"

Bausch, famous center for the Redskins, and the Chicago Bears, are the only other experienced players on the squad.

So Philadelphia's fortunes in the National Football League championship race this year rest heavily on the broad shoulders of twenty-seven rookies fresh from twenty-four colleges stretched across the entire United States from Oregon State to Dartmouth, from Miami University to Minnesota.

It's a green squad, as green as they come, but it is made to measure for Coach Neale, who

knew when he went into the football draft meeting exactly what he wanted. Fourteen out of the twenty players he selected in the draft have been signed by the Eagles. Only two of those fourteen are not now with the squad. This ties the all-time League record for signing drafted players.



**LEN BARNUM**

**N E X T**  
**SUNDAY, October**  
**NEW YORK GIANT**

## PROBABLE PHILADELPHIA EAGLES LINE-UP

KREIGER 82 Left End	EIBNER 76 Left Tackle	CONTI 67 Left Guard	BAUSCH 55 Center	DeFILIPPO 69 Right Guard	RAGAZZO 77 Right Tackle	CABRELLI 84 Right End
THOMPSON 10 Quarterback		McAFEE 40 Left Halfback		BARNUM 13 Right Halfback		BARTHOLOMEW 27 Fullback

## PHILADELPHIA EAGLES FOOTBALL ROSTER

No.	Player	Position	Weight	[Height	Age	College	Years Pro
10	Tommy Thompson	Q.B.	185	6:01	26	Tulane University	3
11	Louis Ghecas	H.B.	175	5:10	23	Georgetown	1
13	Leonard Barnum	H.B.	200	6:00	28	West Va. Wesleyan	4
15	Louis Tomasetti	H.B.	198	6:00	25	Bucknell	3
27	Sam Bartholomew	F.B.	188	5:11	23	University of Tennessee	1
30	Mortimer Landsberg	H.B.	165	5:11	22	Cornell University	1
31	James Castiglia	F.B.	210	5:11	23	Georgetown	1
36	Terrence Fox	F.B.	203	6:01	23	Miami University	1
37	Fred Gloden	H.B.	190	5:10	22	Tulane	1
40	Wesley McAfee	H.B.	172	5:11	22	Duke University	1
41	Foster Watkins	Q.B.	165	5:09	23	West Texas State	2
47	Michael Basca	H.B.	185	5:10 1/2	22	Villanova	1
49	Daniel DeSantis	H.B.	185	6:00	22	Niagara University	1
50	Robert Bjorklund	C.	225	6:02 1/2	23	Minnesota University	1
51	Lyle Graham	C.	208	6:03	25	Richmond University	1
55	Frank Bausch	C.	225	6:02 1/2	32	Kansas University	8
60	Robert Suffridge	G.	207	6:01	23	University of Tennessee	1
61	Anthony Cemore	G.	210	6:00	24	Creighton	1
63	Ralph Fritz	G.	204	5:09	23	Michigan University	1
67	Enio Conti	G.	200	5:11	28	Bucknell	1
69	David DeFilippo	G.	210	5:10	23	Villanova	1
70	Joseph Frank	T.	215	6:01	26	Georgetown	1
71	Richard Sturgeon	T.	245	6:02 1/2	22	North Dakota State	1
72	Hodges West	T.	230	6:02	22	University of Tennessee	1
76	John Eibner	T.	225	6:02	23	Kentucky	1
77	Philip Ragazzo	T.	220	6:00	26	Western Reserve	4
79	Victor Sears	T.	212	6:03	23	Oregon State	1
80	Granville Harrison	E.	212	6:03	24	Mississippi State	1
81	Richard Humbert	E.	175	6:02	22	Richmond	1
82	Robert Kreiger	E.	190	6:00 1/2	21	Dartmouth	1
84	Lawrence Cabrelli	E.	207	6:00	22	Colgate University	1
85	John Shonk	E.	192	6:02	22	West Virginia	1
89	Henry Piro	E.	189	6:00	23	Syracuse	1



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	FALASCHI 28 Quarterback	ESHMONT 2 Left Halfback	EAKIN 12 Right Halfback	LEEMANS 4 Fullback			

**NEW YORK GIANTS FOOTBALL ROSTER**

No.	Player	Position	Weight	Height	Age	College	Years Giant	Years Pro
2	Leonard Eshmont	Back	180	5:10½	23	Fordham	1	1
4	Tuffy Leemans	Back	200	6:00	28	Geo. Washington	6	6
5	Kayo Lunday	Center	225	6:03	28	Arkansas	5	5
6	Howie Yeager	Back	178	6:00	26	Santa Barbara	1	2
7	Mel Hein (Captain)	Center	235	6:04	32	Washington State	11	11
8	Francis X. Reagan	Back	190	5:11	22	Penn	1	1
11	Chet Gladchuk	Center	245	6:04½	22	Boston College	1	1
12	Kay Eakin	Back	190	6:00	24	Arkansas	2	2
13	George Franck	Back	180	6:01	23	Minnesota	1	1
14	Ward Cuff	Back	195	6:01	27	Marquette	5	5
15	Hank Soar	Back	215	6:00	26	Providence	5	5
17	Clinton "Red" McClain	Back	190	5:09	23	SMU	1	1
20	Leland Shaffer	Back	202	6:02	29	Kansas State	7	7
21	Jim Lee Howell	End	215	6:06	26	Arkansas	5	5
23	Jim Poole	End	235	6:03	26	Mississippi	5	5
24	Will Walls	End	220	6:04	27	TCU	4	4
25	Dominic Principe	Back	205	6:00	24	Fordham	2	2
28	Nello Falaschi	Back	195	6:00	27	Santa Clara	4	4
29	Jack Lummus	End	200	6:03	23	Baylor	1	1
30	Marion C. Pugh	Back	190	6:01	22	Texas A. & M.	1	1
32	Leonard Younce	Guard	205	6:01	24	Oregon State	1	1
33	John Mellus	Tackle	223	6:00	26	Villanova	4	4
36	Frank Cope	Tackle	230	6:03	25	Santa Clara	4	4
39	Doug Oldershaw	Guard	195	6:01	26	Santa Barbara	3	3
42	Orville Tuttle	Guard	205	5:09	28	Oklahoma City	5	5
44	Ben Sohn	Tackle	230	6:03	22	So. California	1	1
49	Don Vosberg	End	190	6:02¾	21	Marquette	1	1
52	Vincent Dennery	End	200	6:00	24	Fordham	1	1
55	Louis P. DeFilippo	Center	225	6:02	24	Fordham	1	1
60	Bill Edwards	Guard	205	6:03	22	Baylor	2	2
66	Win Pedersen	Tackle	220	6:03½	26	Minnesota	1	2
69	Tony Blazine	Tackle	240	6:00	29	Ill. Wesleyan	1	7
70	Andy Marefos	Back	225	6:00	24	St. Mary's (Calif.)	1	1

Head Coach—Steve Owen, Phillips U.

Assistant Coach—Mike Palm, Penn State

Assistant Coach—Bill Owen, Phillips U.

(See Next Page for Officials)

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## Numbers For Game Officials

This year all officials working National Football League games have numbers which will remain the same through the season. No club knows who the officials are to be until the day of the game. The following are the National Football League officials and their respective numbers:

### Referees

Friesell ..... 2  
 Cahn ..... 3  
 Gibbs ..... 5  
 Hughitt ..... 7  
 Heintz ..... 9

### Umpires

Schommer ... 12  
 Rupp ..... 14  
 Robb ..... 15  
 French ..... 17  
 Kelly ..... 18

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 Campbell .... 25  
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## NEW YORK GIANTS 1941 LEAGUE SCHEDULE

### GAMES REMAINING

Sunday, Oct. 19, Pittsburgh  
 Sunday, Oct. 26, At Brooklyn  
 Sunday, Nov. 2, Chicago Cardinals  
 Sunday, Nov. 9, Detroit  
 Sunday, Nov. 16, Cleveland  
 Sunday, Nov. 23, Washington  
 Sunday, Dec. 7, Brooklyn

### GAMES PLAYED

Giants 24, Philadelphia 0  
 Giants 17, Washington 10  
 Giants 37, Pittsburgh 10

## NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

### STANDING OF THE TEAMS EASTERN DIVISION

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New York	3	0	0	1.000	78	20
Brooklyn	2	1	0	.667	38	23
Washington	1	1	0	.500	13	17
Philadelphia	1	2	0	.333	23	55
Pittsburgh	0	3	0	.000	31	64

### WESTERN DIVISION

Chicago Bears	2	0	0	1.000	73	38
Green Bay	3	1	0	.750	78	45
Cleveland	2	2	0	.500	55	92
Chicago Cards	0	2	1	.000	33	38
Detroit	0	2	1	.000	21	51

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

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 Cleveland at Detroit  
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## IMPROVED STEELERS HERE NEXT

The Pittsburgh Steelers, under the guidance of their new coach, Aldo (Buff) Donelli, will invade this battlefield Sunday, Oct. 19. Donelli resigned as Duquesne head coach less than three weeks ago to take charge of the Steelers. Already he has wrought almost a miracle with his pro pupils with his Duquesne offense that demands much ball handling and faking in the backfield.

The Steelers will show here a veteran rugged front line that will be tough opposition for any opponent.

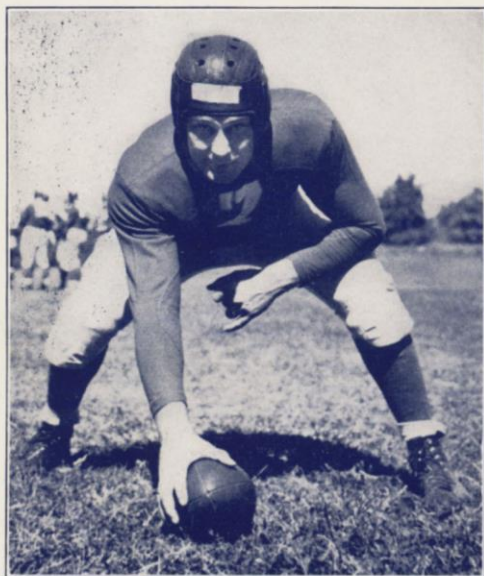
The Pittsburgh backfield is loaded with speedy, dan-

gerous runners and passers who are a constant threat. Coach Donelli is developing a climax runner of the Richmond Flyer, Art Jones, the first choice of the club in the annual draw.

Johnny Noppenberg, Dick Riffle, Jay Arnold, Elmer Kolberg, Francis Maher and "One Man Gang" Elmer Hackney are other Pitt backs the Giants must watch carefully.

The Steelers' squad is composed of twenty veterans and thirteen rookies.

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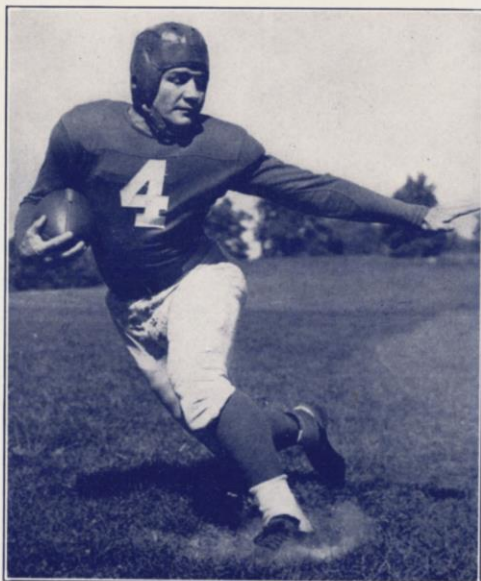
MEL HEIN, PEER OF ALL CENTERS

Mel Hein, now in his eleventh season with the New York Giants, is not only football's greatest all-time center but also one of the foremost ironmen in the world of sport. Mel was all-league selection the last eight years, All-American at Washington State and a topnotch school player.

In bruising professional competition "Smiling" Mel has played 113 consecutive league contests—to say nothing of numerous exhibitions and all-star contests. All the more remarkable is that during his first five years as a Giant Hein played sixty minutes of almost every game and only once in his career has time been taken for the Giant leader. In the playoff game of 1938 he was forced to the sidelines in the first half but returned in the second half to stem a threatening Green Bay rally. Now, after 18 years of strenuous gridiron competition, Hein shows few signs of age.

The remarkable defensive ability of Hein, especially on forward passes, is one reason for the Giants' great showing in this respect. Despite his many interceptions Hein did not score a touchdown until 1938 when he ran 50 yards in the Green Bay game to register his first touchdown since his high school days.

Mel now lives in Long Beach, Calif., is 235 pounds, 6:4 and just celebrated his 33rd birthday. He married a college classmate on his graduation and the adventurous honeymooners crossed the continent in a dilapidated Ford so that Mel could report for the first time at the Giants training camp.



TUFFY LEEMANS, GIANTS' IDOL

George Washington U. 1933-35. Captain 1935. Sixth season with Giants. 200. 6:00. 28. All-league in 1936, his first of pro ball. Regained all-league laurels in 1939. The most consistent ground gainer the league has ever known. Tuffy is one of a very small group of backs who have gained over 2,000 yards from scrimmage in their National League careers. Leemans has totaled 2,625 yards in five seasons, averaging 3.5 yards per attempt. He has gained over 400 yards every season, finishing third last fall in the league ground gainers. Tuffy's showing is all the more remarkable because he plays only about half time because of the Giants' two-team system. At his current rate he would eclipse the record of Ace Gutowsky, who surpassed Cliff Battles' all-time mark in 1939. Leemans in college played baseball and basketball. He is a fair kicker and an excellent passer. He is probably without a peer as a running back, one of the league's best spinners and very difficult to stop once in the clear. Leemans comes originally from Superior, Wis., where his family still resides, but he makes his home in Silver Springs, Md., just outside Washington, D. C. He is married and is in the dry cleaning and laundry business.



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