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## Jim Lee Howell Is New Football Coach

### New York Giant Ace Signs Contract To Coach Hilltopper Eleven This Fall

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After a long and extensive search throughout the East the Board of Athletic Control has announced that it has signed Jim Lee Howell, famed New York Giant end to a one year contract to coach the Wagner Hilltoppers in the fall. Howell replaces Ray Kirchmeyer, who coached the gridders in 1941 and last season.

Coach Howell, who has a reputation as being one of the great and aggressive ends in the National Football League, has been with the Giants for eight years. When he was just a rookie such famed competitors as Tuffy Leemans, Ed Danowski and Mel Hein, all-time center, were in their prime, and the Jints were more feared by their opponents than they are even today.

Although this is the initial start for the former All-Southwestern star as a full-fledged mentor, he is not without experience as a bench jockey. In 1941 the big southerner was end coach under Herb Kopf with Manhattan College's razzle-dazzle eleven. He also performed a similar chore for his Alma Mater, the University of Arkansas, in 1936.

Our new coach was also named to the All-Southwest Basketball squad when he was an undergrad. When queried as to whether or not he was a center (Howell scales the measuring rod to a 6 foot, 4 inch level), he replied with his easy-going, pleasant drawl, "No, I was too short."

Jim will take over the reins of the Green and White in the fall shortly after practice has started. He will still play with the Giants and will have to fly in from Wisconsin to meet the team in September. Your writer asked if he was ever air sick from so much flying. Howell grinningly replied, "No, but I'm not too sure about that Staten Island Ferry." It is uncertain as yet whether the team will make the trip to the Pocos again because of the late arrival of the coach from the Giant training camp.

"Big Jim" plans to base his plays and strategy on the A-formation, which Stepe Owen's Giants have been using successfully for years. On basic plays the line is unbalanced to the right while the backfield is unbalanced to the left.

Most of the aerial attacks will be from a double wingback. Howell also stated that he is thinking of experimenting A. In this formation the quarterback is in a position somewhat like the one he would ordinarily take in a T-formation, while the rest of the backfield plays the same spots as in the A formation.

If necessary the new coach will try out the T-formation. However, he stressed his preference for the A. He feels that the latter spreads out the opponent's line and is a quicker starting play. He explained that with this strategy the offense has two men on

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the forward wall to take of the blocking to the opponent's one.

Howell expressed his sentiment in demanding a team with a "do-or-die" attitude when he said, "If we go down, we'll go down fighting." Although he considers having two strong, tough tackles as the prerequisite for a well-rounded eleven he declared that a spirit to win and cooperate is the most important factor in producing a winning combination.

"I'll tolerate mistakes," he declared, "if the boys show that they're out there trying with all they've got."

The ace lineman of the Giants is an easy going, soft spoken gentleman who doesn't mince many words. When he was with the Jaspers he often had the line out on the gridiron drilling in the evening under spotlights. His slow but deliberate way of speaking gives an observer the impression that he expects results.

When questioned as to what he thought of Wagner, he said that the college has some fine football equipment and that the faculty and students seemed to be a grand bunch.

Herb Sutter was more than pleased with this latest addition to our growing athletic department. And when Steve Owen asked if Herb would mind if some of the other Giant players came down to help out once in a while Herb's grin spread from ear to ear. He didn't mind AT ALL!