

West Virginia and Gonzaga Elevens Clash in Intersectional Tit Today

Clash Is First of Three to Be Played on Coast

Penn State at Pasadena for Its Battle New Year's Day With Southern California; Pitt to Meet Stanford.

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 24.—With West Virginia and Gonzaga fit and ready for the intersectional clash at San Diego today, Penn State here for its struggle with Southern California on New Year's day, and Pittsburgh enroute to Palo Alto where the Panthers will tangle with Stanford on December 30, fans in this section and especially in the golden state, will get their fill of intersectional tilts.

Dr. Spears, head coach of the Mountaineers, expects a hard game because he believes his men will not be able to stand the heat and play the same brand of football as they did against Washington and Jefferson and Pittsburgh. The West Virginia coach, however, is prepared to substitute continually and has brought enough players along for this purpose.

Power in Drives.

The Mountaineers' coach is bent on winning this game, and appears to be worried as much over the result as one of the important struggles back home.

Gonzaga worked out yesterday in bathing suits on the beach in front of their hotel at San Diego. The Spokane outfit attracted a lot of attention and they have won many admirers because of their size and the excellent manner in which they execute formations in signal drills.

Coach Henderson is working like a demon to get his Southern California eleven in shape for the Penn State game. Some of the players are slow to grasp new formations and this is the Trojans coach's chief difficulty at the present time. He has another week in which to bring this about.

The California boys put drive and speed into their efforts and appear to be well fortified in all departments of play.

Bezdak a Favorite.

Leo Calland, a guard, is captain of the team. This player is one of the best in the country at the position. He weighs over 200 pounds and is fast as any player on the squad. He knows line play and Coach Henderson has practically turned the development of the forward wall over to the captain.

Arrival of Penn State will increase interest in New Year's day game. Hugo Bezdak, coach of the eastern eleven, is quite a favorite here because of the successful teams he developed at Oregon, where he coached before accepting his present position.

Says "Bugs" Baer: WHY GRANDMA HAD BIG EARS

Little Red Riding Hood Learned That Granny Had Been a Boxer.

WHY do clever fighters all have elephant ears? Freddy Welsh was about as nimble as any fighter who ever toured the ring. Yet, when Fred quit dodging leather violence, his left ear looked like some hippo's platters.

That's where he used to take 'em. He had to let 'em register somewhere, so he gave up his ear to Queensbury science and research.

Other less diplomatic fighters might prefer 'em on their chins and beaks. But that's where microbes of K. O. lurk waiting for some punch to start 'em boiling over. There is no fighter who can slip every punch over his epaulets. Some of 'em reach their right addresses. But those that do get home, generally wipe their feet on that ear doormat.

Most fighters being right-handed, that left crystal receiver gets its quota of Children's Bedtime Slams. It gradually starts to puff up. In about two years, it's in full bloom. When punches are coming thicker than your landlady's words, friend ear blossoms out like semaphores in rush hour.

Fred's ear got so big that even when he was alone, he looked like he was talking with some friend. But now, that he has quit fighting, his vegetarian waffle is slowly resuming its prewar size. It will gradually simmer down. But it will never look the same.

Before you get into any arguments with any strangers in subways or lobbies, look at their left ears. If they look something like a fried oyster, change the subject.

It takes many years for an ear like that to lose its bouquet dimensions. But rest and good air will cure anything.

Wrestlers get worse ears than pugilists. But they deserve 'em.

How to Play Basketball.

Handling of the ball. Thus far we have discussed the elements of basket ball from the standpoint of handling of the ball in passing, catching and shooting. Basket ball is so essentially a game of motion that the consideration and analysis of motion is very necessary. The ability to start quickly, to stop suddenly, to out-jump an opponent, to dodge or pivot away from him and then again to guard him, if he has the ball, are all more or less natural movements; but because they are so natural, they are little understood and consequently little heeded. Yet there are few players whose work cannot be improved by a study and an understanding of the way these things are done. It is going to be difficult to cover starting, stopping, turning, pivoting and dodging, without illustrating or demonstrating, but we will do the very best we can in next week's article.

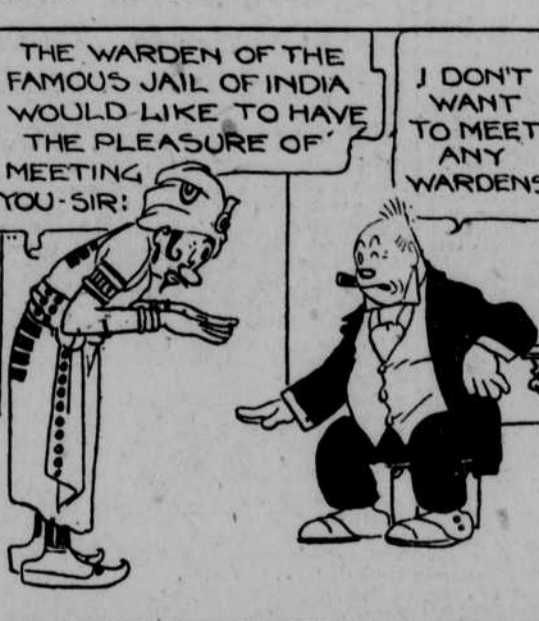
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WHAT SHALL I TELL HIM, SIR?



Western League Loses Its "Babe" Ruth When East Goes to Millers



Year-Club	G	A	B	R	H	T	B	HR	SH	SB	PCT.
1918-St. Louis	46	125	27	44	69	12	5	1	6	0	.352
1920-Wichita	93	226	66	123	208	33	5	14	6	0	.377
1921-Wichita	168	463	156	225	418	69	18	26	20	3	.385
1922-Wichita	168	460	157	220	433	61	20	18	15	3	.391
Grand Total	475	1804	466	692	1128	175	24	71	60	18	.383

WHEN George K. Belden gave Frank Isbell \$9,000 for permission to transplant Carl Erst from the Wichita outfield to a place in the garden of the Minneapolis Millers, he took away the Babe Ruth of the Terenary circuit.

Like the mighty Bambino, East broke in as a pitcher. He was toiling along on the mound staff of the Sioux City club four years ago when Isbell grabbed him, southpawing with very poor success. He had plenty of stuff on the ball and plenty of speed, but he had difficulty locating the plate as a record of 100 bases on balls in 27 games would indicate. He managed to make up for some of his poor pitching, however, by going in as a pinch hitter or outfielder in a number of games.

Isbell tried him again in 1920 as a pitcher, and he did better, winning nine and losing six against six victories and 11 reverses in 1919.

But before the season was finished, Isbell definitely had decided that Carl was worth a whole lot more in the game every day so that his bat could keep busy, for he finally got into 93 games, turning in a batting percentage of .377.

It was in 1921 that East "arrived" as a slugger. He got into every one of the 168 games his team played that season and came out with a batting percentage of .385, the best in the league for players participating in a majority of the games.

Not only that, but he smashed all previous records for the Western league by registering a total of 418 bases, consisting of 132 singles, 69

Omaha Pin Teams to Enter Meet

Thirteen Omaha teams have made reservations in the 15th annual international bowling association tournament at St. Paul.

Other cities which have asked for reservations follow: Milwaukee, 12; La Crosse, 2; Chicago, 14; Mason City, 4; Duluth, 5; Hibbing, 1; Kansas City, 6; Winona, 5; Sioux City, 1, and Superior, 2.

There will be three shifts of 16 teams each on February 17, and as there are now more than 48 teams booked for this night, the secretary wishes to notify all other teams to get their dates as soon as possible as the choice dates are going fast. St. Paul and Minneapolis teams will be assigned until all out-of-town teams have been placed. There will be no reservations held after January 10. From then on the teams will be placed in the order that the entry money is received.

Play Ball

Manila, P. I., Dec. 24.—(By A. P.)—Four thousand fans saw the American all-star baseball team defeat the all-Filipinos, 20 to 1, here today.

Two Million Is Lost by Track Followers on Nag Worth \$700--- Is Known as "Bookies' Friend"

In all the years that the turf game has endured in America, no horse ever has been a greater friend of the bookmakers than Lord Herbert, the 7-year-old gelding, owned by Ed Arlington.

There's no way of estimating definitely what Lord Herbert has cost the horse players this year alone. But it's reasonably safe to say that over \$2,000,000 has been plunged upon his chances for victory through 1922—and never once has the gelding son of Fitz Herbert-Manzanita galloped home in front.

Beyond \$2,000,000 wagered and lost in a single year upon a \$700 race horse—that's the story.

Lord Herbert is the "lure" horse of his generation. He runs every race in a way to force the conviction that he surely will triumph in his next start. But always—always—through 1922 has he fallen short of the mark.

And yet those who backed him at the start of the year are still backing him. Lord Herbert has disappointed—as has crimped their bankrolls—as has no other horse of the year. But they are still playing him—and will continue in the hope that some day he will win and they will get back some of the money that has been lost in backing him.

Great Finisher.

But the hope, as time fits, seems barren. The public, which has backed him in something like 25 starts this year, could not recoup unless Lord Herbert some day won at 25 or 30 to 1. And he'll never be that price.

Chicago Cagers to Play Omaha Wops

The Association College team of Chicago, which last year defeated teams of Chicago university, Northwestern, Vanderbilt and other top-notch aggregations, will play the M. E. Wops, church league leaders, next Saturday night on the Y. M. C. A. floor.

The game is the first out-of-town game of a series to be staged at the "Y."

The Beddeos will play the First M. E. Barracas five in the preliminary.

Deal With Coast Club Is Delayed

New York, Dec. 24.—The deal whereby the Yankees were to acquire Pitcher Jackie May from the Vernon club of the Pacific Coast league, in exchange for four players, has run afoul of certain complications and will be delayed for some time until the difficulties can be ironed out. This was the sum and substance of remarks dropped by Business Manager Barrow today.

The hitch which has developed in the negotiations, is caused by the modest demand of the Vernon officials that the Yankees go on a shopping tour through the American league and buy from other clubs, two players whom the Coast team wants included in the deal.

Barrow waxed eloquent on the subject. "Why, if we could get these two players," he exclaimed, "we would keep them for ourselves, they are so good."

Omaha Guns Win Fowls at Shoot

Frank Williams, John Kaufman, Merwin and Joe each won a duck and a goose at the poultry shoot at the Omaha Gun club traps yesterday.

R. C. Kingsley, Bruce Thorpe, Pete Simpson and F. A. Marshall won a goose apiece.

Sixteen guns were out, but their scores were trimmed as a result of a high wind that made shooting difficult.

Idup.	1	2	3	4
Yus	20	20	20	20
Edg	16	16	16	16
R. C. Kingsley	15	15	15	15
F. A. Marshall	14	14	14	14
P. Simpson	13	13	13	13
C. E. Otto	12	12	12	12
Pete Simpson	11	11	11	11
J. Kaufman	10	10	10	10
Merwin	9	9	9	9
Joe	8	8	8	8
Meyer	7	7	7	7
John Kaufman	6	6	6	6
Bill McElroy	5	5	5	5
Bruce Thorpe	4	4	4	4
Frank Williams	3	3	3	3

Before the 1919 season opened, McGraw canceled the claim and Rommel remained with Newark.

Earl Mack, son of Connie Mack, managing Newark that season, confided to his dad that Rommel was the most promising kid in the circuit and Connie, on the recommendations of his son, bought Rommel.

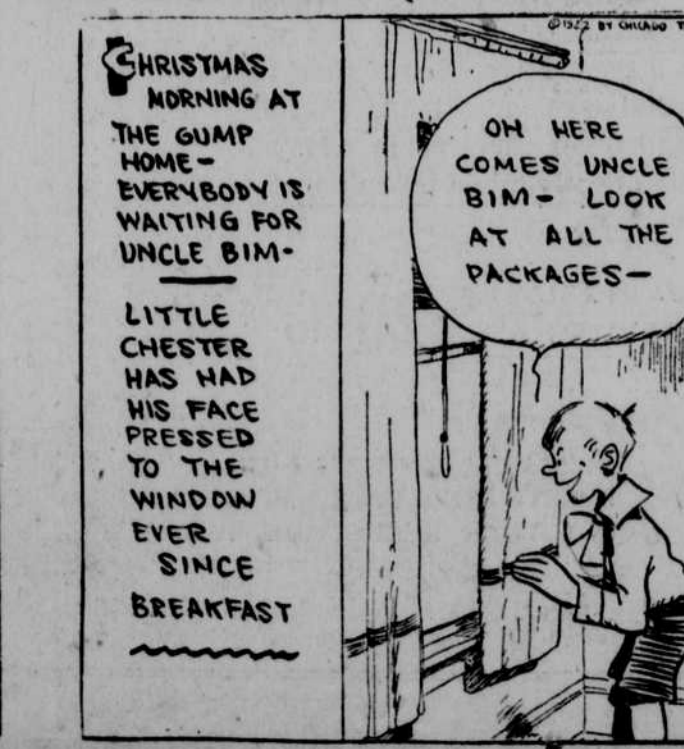
Rommel won seven games and lost seven for the Athletics in 1920. In 1921 he won 16 and lost 23, but as the Macks finished last with 53 victories and 109 defeats, they did not have a pitcher who was above the 500 mark.

Rommel was born in Baltimore, Md., on October 13, 1897, stands six feet two inches and weighs 180 pounds.

Eight Bouts at Omaha Athletic Club Tuesday

Eight three-round bouts between "simon pure" mitt artists will be staged Tuesday night at the Omaha Athletic club. All the principals are members of Denny Ryan's boxing class.

THE GUMPS



MERRY CHRISTMAS!



WELL FOLKS - A BACHELOR MIGHT HAVE EVERYTHING IN WORLDLY GOODS - ENJOY EVERY LUXURY - BUT A HOME-COOKED MEAL ON CHRISTMAS WITH YOUR SWEET RELATIVES IS SOMETHING YOU CAN'T GET AT THE BANK.



Basket Ball Facts You Should Know

Q. In professional basketball, when score is tied, is it necessary for team to score field goal in extra period in order to win?
A. No. The team having highest number of points at end of extra period, even though all of the points are scored in a period have been made from fouls, is the victor.

Home Run Crops May Be Smaller Next Season

American League to Suggest That Laws Regarding Circuit Clouts Be Changed.

New York, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—It is suggested that the American league magnates to the joint rules committee is approved the home run crop of next season and succeeding years will be smaller than those of the last few years. At their meeting in the Belmont hotel the club owners in Ban Johnson's circuit agreed that the public is tired of seeing only mediocre batters drive out home runs day after day and so they put into action a movement that will eliminate the abnormal home run hitting which has infested major league ball parks during the last two or three years.

The American league is going to suggest to the rules committee that the present laws regarding home runs be changed. If the suggestion meets with favor zones will be established in the parks and a ball batted into one of the zones will net the batsman a three-base hit, where under the present system he receives credit for a home run. For example, under the present rules a batter who drives a ball inside the foul lines and into the right field stands at the Polo Grounds is credited with a home run in spite of the short distance the stands are from the home plate.

Limit on Bases.

If the plan suggested by the American league goes through part of the right field grand stand at the Polo Grounds and sections of other parks will be turned into three-base hit zones and a ball driven into these sections will limit the batter to three bases and not a home run.

Under the present rules a fair ball that goes out of the park or into a stand entitled the batsman to a home run unless it should pass out of the park or into a stand at a less distance than 235 feet from the home plate. If the drive is less than that distance the batter is entitled to only two bases.

Nearly All Parks Affected.

In making known the plan to standardize home runs the American league magnates did not say exactly how much further than 235 feet a ball must be driven in order to entitle the batsman to a circuit walk.

Nearly all the ball parks will be affected by the change if it is made. As Yankee Field, the Yankees' new ball park, will have a short right field the home run hitting will probably increase next season unless a change like the one suggested by the league is made. If the plan goes through of course home run hitting will be made more difficult, and subsequently the scoring of runs will be less frequent than heretofore.

Before the lively ball was introduced into the game home runs meant something and real good batters did not collect very many of the circuit wallops. But since the lively ball has been in use players who did not know what it meant to get 10 home runs in one season have been knocking out 15 to 20 circuit drives each season. Two batters and three homers have been frowned upon by the home run hungry batters. Home runs have doubt so common that the fans no doubt will welcome a rule that will eliminate many of them.

If the rules regarding home runs are changed Babe Ruth's record of driving out 59 four-baggers during the season of 1921 will no doubt stand for many a year.

Stronger Eleven for Ohio State in 1923

Columbus, O., Dec. 24.—Ohio State University football prospects for 1923 are much brighter than they were for the season just ended, according to officials of the athletic department. Coach Wilce will have more letter men back next season than in any of his experience here, together with some good freshman material.

Of the 27 Buckeyes who participated in Big Ten games this year, only eight are certain losses through graduation. Practically the entire line was lost last year. They are Captain Pixley; Kenneth Pauley, tackle; E. J. Kaplow, center; fullback; A. C. Michaels, and halfbacks, Wilmer Isabel, H. H. Blair, Constatin Farcasin, and three backs have been Veterans who will form the nucleus of the 1923 squad include "Hoge" Workman, star forward-passing halfback; Frank Hanaker, fullback; Boni Pateoff, N. H. Dunlap, Harold Wason and R. J. Oberlin, tackles, and Tom Long and H. D. Steel, guards.

Eleven of the 19 letter men available next season are sophomores.

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