

New Attendance Record for Foot Ball Hung Up Throughout Country

Yale's Crowds Largest of Big Three Colleges

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New York, Dec. 10.—The 1921 foot ball season was a record-breaker for attendance. The game's increasing popularity hit every section of the country. In the east, throughout the west as far as the Pacific coast and even down among the Bermuda grass in Florida record crowds came out for the most important contests.

Attendance at many other colleges is only restricted to the size of the playing areas, which in many cases were increased by the erection of temporary additional stands. The west, like the east, had its full quota of record crowds. Ohio State averaged 23,000 for all its games and other conference teams touched new high figures.

York Forfeits Game Played With Cotner

Nebraska Conference Officials Rule in Favor of Bulldogs.

Lincoln, Dec. 10.—(Special Telegram)—York will forfeit the foot ball game it won prior to its game with Cotner this fall for playing an ineligible man. This decision was reached Saturday afternoon by the Intercollegiate Athletic association, in its annual meeting, at the Y. M. C. A.

York won prior to Cotner's charge that it was playing an ineligible man, were with Peru and Hastings.

R. D. Overhalt of Peru was elected president of the conference for the coming year, F. E. Weir of Hastings was elected vice president and M. S. Pate of Kearney was chosen secretary-treasurer. A committee of three, W. E. Tilberg of Midland, J. A. Moss of Cotner and F. E. Weir of Hastings, was appointed as a championship committee for the coming year.

The spring tournament at Hastings conference will take place May 20 at Hastings. Wesleyan was considered but Hastings, owing to its inability to take the meet at the last moment last year, was given prior consideration.

The championship committee reported on awards and gave the 1920 basket ball championship to Doane, the 1920 track championship to Wesleyan and the 1921 foot ball crown to the Methodists as well.

An application for membership in the conference from Grand Island business college was laid on the table. An effort was made to require more than four games in the conference before a team could be considered for the conference championship, but this was voted down owing to the difficulty with which some of the schools contend in making the trips for conference games.

An effort was made by Wesleyan and others to place base ball on the list of intercollegiate sports which would warrant the award of letters to the players and a championship to the winning team. This was also voted down for the season.

Opinion Divided On Schlaifer-Perry Ten-Round Battle

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 10.—(Special Telegram).—Opinions among newspaper men were divided here last night at the end of the "Kid" Schlaifer-Jack Perry 10-round bout. One of the local sport scribes gave the newspaper decision to Perry, who hails from Pittsburgh, while another declared Schlaifer of Omaha the winner. They are welterweights.

George Barton, referee, called the bout a draw.

Johnny Buff Boosts His Fee to Battle With Midget Smith

New York, Dec. 10.—Johnny Buff, the bantamweight champion, apparently does not propose to go through with that 15-round bout with Midget Smith which Tex Rickard was trying to fix up at Madison Square Garden on December 23. Buff is said suddenly to have discovered that he was worth considerable and if they have intentions of sending him in with such tough birds as Smith they must pay well for the privilege.

Hubbell Quilt Wins. Hubbell, Neb., Dec. 10.—A basket ball team representing the Hubbell athletic association, won the Chamberlains' cup on the winter high school gym floor Thursday night, 41 to 8.

Orleans Wins. Orleans, Neb., Dec. 10.—The Orleans boys high school basketball team defeated Stamford at Stamford last night by a score of 19 to 6. Orleans will play Stamford at 8 p. m. on Dec. 14.

Experienced Cagers to Bear South High's Banner This Season



BASKET BALL prospects are taking on a rosy hue at South High. With two star performers of last year and six promising substitutes of last season, Coach Patton believes he has material for an all-star cast of rolled-over performers. William Emigh, guard, and Harold Ackerman, forward, veterans of last year, furnish the nucleus for this year's quintet. Earl Wedberg and Melvin Bakke are guards who distinguished themselves as substitutes on last season's team and who are being groomed for regular jobs. Dan Caldwell and Ross Nixon furnish the Packer knowledge factory with two fast centers and Russell Graham will take his brother, John's, position at forward. John Graham and Ralph Bernard are among the regulars of last year who graduate in January. Eugene Clark is another player who will qualify for the first team.

Cue Champ Meets Challenger Soon

Ralph Greenleaf Will Defend Title This Month Against Woods.

New York, Dec. 10.—Ralph Greenleaf who won the world's pocket billiard championship for the third successive time in the recent annual tournament at Philadelphia, will defend his title in the first challenge match against Arthur Woods of Minneapolis, in the grand ballroom of the Hotel Astor, December 21, 22 and 23. The match will be conducted under the joint auspices of the New York Billiard Room Owners' association and the Brunswick-Balke-Coller company, the players to play for a purse of \$1,000 and the trophy emblematic of the championship. The contest will be for 450 points, to be played in blocks of 150 each night.

This is the first time that local followers of pocket billiards have had an opportunity to witness a championship match under conditions and surroundings that formerly obtained only for title ballgame matches. But the increased interest in the game, due largely to the popularity of the Greenleaf association, has made it advisable to get larger quarters for this match where the public at large, including women, might witness the contest. This is also the first effort by the Billiard Room Owners' association to promote professional contests and is part of the plan of those interested in the game to exercise a closer supervision over pocket billiards.

Since then there has been agitation for the restoration of the draft among various factions in the International League and American association.

"Despite what our association in the east do, the Pacific Coast league will not permit the draft to fasten back on its circuit," said Mr. Strub.

Coast League Magnates Aspire To Expand Into Major Class--Will Curtail Sale of the Stars

HAT the Pacific Coast league regards itself as a future candidate for the major league family was the substance of remarks made recently by Dr. Charles Strub, the owner of the San Francisco club and one of the leading powers in the Pacific Coast league. Dr. Strub says that under no condition will the Pacific Coast league stand for a return to the draft. Last winter, when the majors and minors united under Judge Landis' leadership, the three class AA leagues and two class B leagues were taken in without the draft.

Recruits to Make Up Ogallala Team. Ogallala, Neb., Dec. 10.—The high school basket ball team of Ogallala High this year will be composed of entirely new men, by graduation or otherwise, last year's team that won all but two of its games, was lost. Coach Roy Young reports, however, that he has much material already on the floor, and that Lloyd Pounds, forward; John Theis, guard; Willis Storer, center; Lloyd Tresslar, center; Dale Spangler, forward; Donald Porter, guard, all of Ogallala, now make a creditable team. Henry Geisert pilots the quintet this year.

Severe Earth Shocks Reported in Tokio. Washington, Dec. 10.—(By A. P.) The most severe earthquake of the past 20 years struck Tokio Thursday, according to unofficial advices reaching the Japanese embassy here. No deaths were reported, the dispatches said, but a number of persons were injured and many houses were damaged.

Modification of Flip Is Favored

Harvard to Propose Radical Change in Forward Passing Game.

New York, Dec. 10.—When the intercollegiate foot ball rules committee holds its annual meeting in January it is reported that Harvard will offer a suggestion for modifying the forward passing game which will arouse much interest and also will meet with some approval, although it is considered improbable that the rules committee will vote to adopt such radical reforms.

According to well posted foot ball men, Harvard's plan involves the complete elimination of forward passes during the last five minutes of the fourth period. In Cambridge, the gridiron mentors say that forward passing methods have been used by various teams in the final stages in such a manner as to subject the sport to ridicule. Beaten eleven have resorted to these tactics in sheer desperation and yet have accomplished nothing.

Has Champion Benny Leonard Started On the Down Grade?—Recent Fight With Friedman an Example

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Everybody wants to take a sock at Benny Leonard these days. Based on the threats made by other fighters in the public prints and in the public eateries and other public spots, it seems hardly safe for Benny Leonard to go to the ring without an escort of cops.

Leonard Slows Up. Only an exhibition of great ring generalship saved Leonard from utter defeat that night. He started off briskly enough, but tired along about the fourth or fifth round. And then came Friedman like a western tornado. He swept Leonard all around the ring, put him almost wholly on defense, busted up Benny's complexion and started him bleeding here, there and everywhere.

Respected Benny. All the boys more or less respected the champion of the lightweight division.

Kearney Quintet After State Title

Good Turn Out of One-Year Men Gives Teachers' Prospects Rosy Hue.

Kearney, Neb., Dec. 10.—Coach Ozmun at the Kearney State Teachers' college has sounded first basket ball call and while all of the old letter men that responded were of one-year experience, the unusual turn out of new material causes the Kearney tutor to predict a "very good" season in the conference. F. Gorm of Shelton, E. Ross of Arvid, forwards; E. Kummer of Kearney, guard; H. Cochran of Stockton, center; H. Kummer of Kearney, guard; T. Clinite, Kearney, forward; C. Neale, guard, is the lineup to start, with Persons of Columbus, and E. Bragg of Alma, known possibilities.

Albion High Has Material for Fast Basket Ball Team

Albion, Neb., Dec. 10.—Between now and December 16, when Albion High school opens its basket ball season, Coach Harry Tyler expects to round out one of the best teams in the school's history. With Thompson and Weitzel, forwards, the latter captain for the last two years; Ross, guard for three years, and Whiting, center last year, to form a first team at the opening of practice, Coach Tyler has Kubit of Wauan, Peiper, Browning, Bellows and Nichols showing up as good material.

Three Cage Veterans Furnish Nucleus for Fast Stanton Team

Stanton, Dec. 10.—Coach E. M. Rosenquist sees a fair outlook for a basket ball season at Stanton High school this year, but with three letter men and a host of new material coming on, present indications may be strengthened. Rosenquist was captain of the Peru Normal quintet last year.

Arthur Herbst, captain, guard; Harry Herbst, forward, and Dick Becker, all are three-year men at Stanton. Harvey Inhelder, forward; H. Martin, guard; Paul Beyer, guard; William Schultz, guard, and A. Kaufel, forward, look the most promising in early practice, Coach Rosenquist reports.

Alliance Champions Out for Title With 1921 Team Intact

Alliance, Neb., Dec. 10.—Coach F. C. Prince and his cage aspirants have begun the early scramble for another basket ball championship. While losing a few of last year's northwest Nebraska championship quintet, Coach Prince sees in Danley, Cross, Joder, Fowler, letter men, the nucleus of another winning combination. Fowler, guard, leads the Alliance team this year, with Daily and Cross at forward; Joder, guard. Backnell is showing up well at center, Backnell at forward and Kilgore at guard.

Has Champ Benny Leonard Started On the Down Grade?—Recent Fight With Friedman an Example

Ever since the jury has been trying to decide whether Leonard really has gone back a long, long way—or whether he's just a bit stale now—and will return to normalcy and everyting like that with a little more "gym" work—and a few more soft fights.

While the sport public ponders the case, the fighting clan has arrived at its decision. And it's this: "Leonard has seen his best days. The next good fighter who gets him will take him."

And that's why all the boys who used to take to the zones of safety whenever Benny began to browse around in search of prey, suddenly have become brave and bold, and savage, and are shouting: "Oh, lemme at him!"

Yost Picks Last All-Star Eleven To Curve Balls

Pitchers Revert To Curve Balls To Beat Batters

Selection of Mythical Team Doesn't Always Please Coaches Says 'Hurry Up.'

Ann Arbor, Mich., Dec. 10.—Coach Fielding H. (Hurricane) Yost, for 20 years director of the University of Michigan's foot ball eleven, has picked his last All-Western conference foot ball team.

Coach Yost made known his decision when he was asked to select a mythical eleven, which had been his custom in past years.

"It should be the duty of coaches to foster a spirit of good will among the various members of the Big Ten, and the selection of All-Conference teams is likely to strain, rather than cement these relations," Yost said.

"No coach sees all the teams in the conference in action each year and therefore he is unable to make selections agreeable to all the schools."

"Another matter to be considered is that each coach is tempted to be a little partial toward his own men. That is human nature and it is hard to overcome. I believe it is better for all concerned not to try to pick an All-Conference eleven."

The practice eventually might lead to bickering among the conference members and that is a danger all should avoid in every way possible.

Four Letter Men Return to Perform On Ord Floor Team

Ord, Dec. 10.—Basket ball practice at Ord High school is now under way and with bright prospects for a good season in the return of four letter men and several new men showing rapidly, whittling his proteges into form for Ord's first clash with Ravenna, December 16. Roy E. Heuck, guard; Alvin Jensen, forward, and Harry Williams, guard, all of Ord, are experienced men on the team, and William Gabriel, Lee May, William Brown, Edmund Hanson and Ralph James, make up the new contingent of hopefuls.

Ord made a creditable showing last year, Coach Buck states, but he plans to excel that record this year. Coach Buck is in his initial year here, coming from St. Paul, Minn., where he was captain of the foot ball and basket ball team. Ord is looking for games with strong teams, especially around the capital city.

Here is the schedule to date: December 16—Ravenna at Ord. December 20—St. Paul at Ord. January 20—Broken Bow at Ord. January 27—Grand Island at Ord. February 3—Open. February 10—Open. February 17—Broken Bow at Broken Bow. February 24—Open. February 31—Litchfield at Litchfield. February 28—St. Paul at Ord. March 7—Central City at Central City. March 14—Open.

Barred Emery Ball. Deprived of the use of the emery ball, the roughing process, the spitter, and things of that sort, the pitchers stumbled a bit for a while. And they stumbled even more so when the live ball act was introduced, which made it possible for batters to hammer the horsehide out of the lot with only an average jolt. But the pitchers through the fog end of 1921, demonstrated that once again, they have met the trouble—and whipped it.

The boys have gone back to curve pitching. The old round house offerings, the tantalizing drop, the old-fashioned in-shoot have made their reappearance—after years of comparative disuse.

And that curve ball pitching is conquering the batsmen. The Giant twirlers demonstrated that conclusively in the world series of 1921. They curve-balled the Yankees into defeat. They were constantly serving up the old time twisters—and got away with it.

Hurlers Can't Be Baffled. In the other years the Giant twirlers, like all the others, more or less, abandoned the curves. They figured that the frank deliveries were more effective. But robbed now of the opportunity of using those quaint styles, they have reverted to curves—and so, once again, they have kicked over the obstacles in front of them and once more are mastering the batsmen.

For curves, with a keen brain directing their whirling movements, are hard things to hit—and they'll grow harder in 1922 even if the "live" ball continues in use. (Copyright, 1921, by King Features Syndicate, Inc.)

Northwest League Title Holders to Be Minus One Veteran

Crawford, Neb., Dec. 10.—Champions of the Northwest Nebraska Basket Ball league in '20, with a record of 363 points against 148 scored by its opponents, Crawford High school, through Coach L. D. Snyder, is now laying the ground work for another winning combination. But one man of last year's team was lost by graduation, which lends much enthusiasm to another successful year. More than a score are reporting daily for practice.

Robert Minisk, three-year man; Warren Barnum, captain, and guard; Wright Lathrop, Eldon Spray, guards; Peter Henry and Oscar Pittman are the old men back this year. Carl Anderson, Lloyd Pipher, Paul Whipple, Myron Smith, Leona Whipple, Lyman Boylan make up the new quota of basketekers.

E. E. Engleman, present superintendent, coached the team to victory last year, but has passed the reins to Coach Snyder this year.

The tentative schedule: January 12—Chadron at Crawford. January 19—Valerius at Crawford. January 27—Rushville at Crawford. February 3—Valerius at Merriam. February 10—Valerius at Valerius. February 17—Merriam at Crawford. February 24—Gordon at Crawford. March 3—Merriam at Chadron. March 10—Gordon at Gordon.

Veterans to Compose O'Neill High Quintet

O'Neill, Neb., Dec. 10.—With all but one of the O'Neill High school basket ball team a man's experience and some new men showing up in brilliant form, Coach J. Y. Ashton expects to better a record of a full schedule and but two defeats made last year, by going through this season all victorious. Joe Beha, captain and center; Ralph Mellor and Mac Simonson, forwards; George Stannard and Merle Hatch, guards, all O'Neill boys, make up the old line. Bennett Gilligan, James McPharlin, Archie Faulstich and Maurice Downey are new men in which Coach Ashton sees exceptional ability.

The schedule: December 12—Inman at O'Neill. December 19—O'Neill at Chambers. December 26—Akimoon at O'Neill. January 2—O'Neill at Stuart. January 9—Hammert at O'Neill. January 16—O'Neill at Akimoon. January 23—O'Neill at Akimoon. February 6—O'Neill at O'Neill. February 13—O'Neill at O'Neill. February 20—O'Neill at O'Neill. February 27—O'Neill at O'Neill. March 6—O'Neill at O'Neill.