

# Notre Dame to Have Excellent Alibi Should Stanford Win New Year's Game

## Climatic Change and Long Trip Handicaps Team

Notre Dame Better Than Stanford on Paper, But Climate and Journey May Change Things.

By DAVID J. WALSH. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—It might be well for the many who are pleased to regard Notre Dame as a walk-in against Stanford on New Year's day, to recollect that the transcendent journey dulls the fine edge of condition for another.

In view of this, Notre Dame will have an excellent alibi if it loses. Whether it actually will need one is a question. There isn't the slightest guarantee that the so-called Irish are a better team than Stanford in the first place. The horsemen have been rated the leading eleven of the country on their record and not without reason. But the fact remains that the coast is the only section through which no line of comparison can be drawn. For all anyone knows, coast football—and therefore the speed of its leading team—may have been several steps faster than that of any other section during the late season.

It seems to me that this lack of certainty about Stanford's strength, plus the geographical handicaps mentioned, should level all pregame comparisons. Stanford, of course, must undergo something of a climatic change itself but this will be more gradual and less drastic than that featuring ice-bound South Bend and the snows of Pasadena. Yet even Californians have passed the good word along that Notre Dame is a cinch.

The records of the Pasadena classic are all against it. To the eastern and middle-western teams that have visited the coast carnival, the following has happened:

Pennsylvania lost to the Oregon Aggies, Brown was beaten by Washington, Ohio State was overwhelmed by California and Washington and Jefferson played a scoreless tie with the Bear. Harvard alone gained a decision and that by a single point from Oregon in 1920. This came, by the way, serves as an appropriate illustration of the rigors that sometimes must be undergone by the visiting team. Early snows kept the Harvard team from practicing at all after the regular season and only one workout indoors was attempted before getting on the train. It was 5 degrees below zero on the day before the Harvard team left Boston. It was said to have been 89 degrees above when the game was played in Pasadena. That was asking plenty of a finely conditioned squad of athletes.

This year the University of Nebraska defeated the Oregon Aggies in an intercollegiate game at Lincoln, Neb. Coast football has come to be recognized as ranking with any played in other sections and its almost unbroken string of victories in the intercollegiate clashes has served to heighten this impression. The visiting coach, therefore, has two things to beat, to wit:

## ST. LOUIS UNI. AFTER GRID COACH

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 22.—The refusal of William Roper, coach of the Princeton university football squad, to come to St. Louis university, has turned the attention of authorities to other coaches of national fame. Chancellor Hettrbert S. Hadley, announced today.

## STANFORD DRILL HALTED BY RAIN

Stanford University, Cal., Dec. 21.—Heavy rains today forced Coach Glenn Warner to abandon plans for an outdoor practice for the Stanford university football team. As an alternative he gave the squad a two-hour talk in the training quarters.

## MTIGUE, MARLO BOUT POSTPONED

New Orleans, La., Dec. 22.—The 19-round bout of Mike McTigue, world light heavyweight champion, and Young Marlo, scheduled tonight, was postponed until January 19 because of inclement weather.

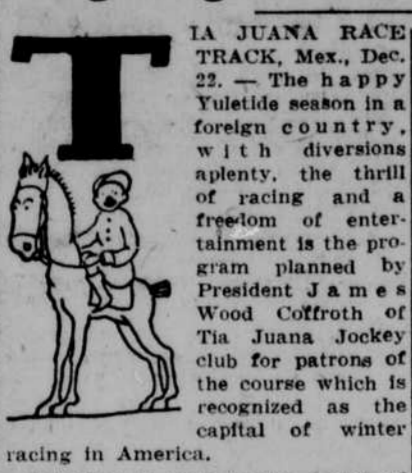
## Primrose Fives Win Lose in Boone County Tourney

Cedar Rapids, Neb., Dec. 22.—In the Boone county basketball tournament just closed, the Primrose girls' team defeated the Belgrade quintet, 16 to 10, while the Primrose boys lost to the Belgrade boys, 16 to 6.

## Tabor College Quintet Wins

Shenandoah, Ia., Dec. 22.—Tabor college basketball quintet defeated the A. T. team from Drake university, 37 to 7. McFarland and Carl starred for Tabor. Two Windsor (Colo.) national champions last year, played with the Fraternity five.

## Tia Juana Racing Officials Planning Big Program During Yuletide Season



LA JUANA RACE TRACK, Mex., Dec. 22.—The happy Yuletide season in a foreign country, with diversions aplenty, the thrill of racing and a freedom of entertainment is the program planned by President James Wood, Colbrook of Tia Juana Jockey club for patrons of the course which is recognized as the capital of winter racing in America.

## Lincoln High Expects to Put Strong Swimming Team In State Meet

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 22.—With four letters in suit, two of them ex-captains, the prospects for a winning swimming team at Lincoln High school this year are unusually bright. Capt. Gregg Waldo, sprinter, who is entered in the 100, 200, 250 and 500 yard events, has tied the state record of 1:06 for the 100-yard several times in practice.

## Race Entries

First race: Purse, \$700; 2-year-old maidens. 1. Latella, 5:11. 2. Juppita, 5:12. 3. Haddock, 5:13. 4. Gallivani, 5:14. 5. Silent Lillian, 5:15. 6. F. T. J. J., 5:16. 7. Firmament, 5:17. 8. Juppita, 5:18. 9. Cloud, 5:19. 10. Juppita, 5:20. 11. Cloud, 5:21. 12. Juppita, 5:22. 13. Cloud, 5:23. 14. Juppita, 5:24. 15. Cloud, 5:25. 16. Juppita, 5:26. 17. Cloud, 5:27. 18. Juppita, 5:28. 19. Cloud, 5:29. 20. Juppita, 5:30.

## Western Star Would Match Speed With Paavo Nurmi and Ritola

lengthy program of racing—events which will be new to the Tia Juana season. There will be frequent handicaps for liberal purses, the money being sufficient to tempt the owners of the first flight runners to send them postward.

There will be a number of the ever popular distance races, the routes being from one mile to one and one-eighth miles. Some of the best distance runners in America are being made ready for these and such as Sunspore, Spic And Span, Fabian, Sunnyland, Swingalong, Cherry Tree, Little Chief, Firm Friend, Royal Visitor and many others will appear under silks. For the sprint handicaps the fields will include Osprey, Time Exposure, Spread Eagle, Nayari, Dr. Clark, Paula Shay, Coeur De Lion, Krewer, Pustillon, Little Colt, Don Eduarde, Rival and others of this type.

The program of handicaps and special events during the period is as follows: Dec. 24—Anticipation handicap, six furlongs and Santa Claus handicap, one and one-eighth miles. Dec. 25—Evergreen handicap, five and one-half furlongs and Christmas handicap, one and one-eighth miles. Dec. 26—Xmas year handicap, five and one-half furlongs and Father Time handicap, one mile and seventy yards. Jan. 1—Juvenile purse, one-fourth mile and New Year's handicap, one and one-eighth miles.

## Robert Ross, 100-yard backstroke man, who was on the team last year has been showing up well and will probably land a berth on the team. Rollin Hickman, 40, 220-yard relay man in the free style event is nursing some football injuries and will not be able to join the team until later.

Dick Still, 100-yard breast stroke and 220-yard free style entry and Bill Martin, plunger, look especially good. Bill Dalton and Norman Anderson are the best prospects in the fancy diving card. Both men have good form but have not had much experience. Other promising candidates include: Bill Ungles, 110-yard breast stroke; Oyvill, 220 free style and relay; Neal Bailey, David Whitworth, Wesley Mays, Bud Irons, George Gant, Carl Krumerle, Don Duncan and Joe Spangler.

## GROH TO RETURN TO GIANTS IN 1925

New York, Dec. 21.—Helmie Groh, veteran third baseman, will be at his accustomed position when the Giants take the field for the pennant race next spring. Manager John McGraw announced today. Groh was forced out of action in the world series with the Washington Senators this fall, and was replaced by the 19-year-old Freddie Lindstrom, who played sensational ball in his first crucial test, and it was generally predicted that the youngster had obtained a regular position.

Groh hit for .280 in 145 games for the Giants this season. He joined the Giants in 1911, was sent on option to Buffalo that year and returned in 1912. Then he went to Cincinnati for eight years, and again was obtained by the Giants in 1921. He had suffered at times with a weak leg, which has kept him out of many games.

## SCIPLE WINS PIN TOURNEY

Ken Sciple carried off the honors in the Sweepstakes tournament staged at the Reception Parlor alleys Sunday, getting a total score of 1,045 for the five games.

## ADRIAN LYNCH SOLD TO BEARS

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 21.—Adrian Lynch, pitcher, formerly with Des Moines, has been sold to the Denver club of the Western league by Minneapolis of the American association. It was announced.

## Grid Injuries Fatal

London, O., Dec. 21.—Injuries suffered in a football game six weeks ago caused the death today of John Jackson, 21. His lungs were crushed while playing with a semi-professional team here. Tuberculosis and pneumonia developed.

## British Golfers Win International Match



Mitchell & Duncan win.

## Will Hold State Amateur Boxing Tourney Here

HE annual Amateur Athletic union Nebraska state boxing championship tournament will be held at the Omaha Elks' club gymnasium on Wednesday, Jan. 21, according to an announcement made this morning by Dick Grotte, chairman of the athletic committee of the Elks.



Lloyd Hahn of Boston, Mass., who represented Nebraska in the Olympic games, is hankering for a chance to meet Paavo Nurmi and Willie Ritola in distance events during the tour of those stars to various cities. Photos show Lloyd Hahn on the mark, Joe Ray, who is expected to meet the two stars, inset above and Paavo Nurmi, inset below.

## Says "bugs" HARVEST DAYS ARE NOW OVER

Big Leagues Finish Their Winter Meeting and Call for a Pinochle Deck.

THE joint meeting of the two big leagues resulted in a fractured joint. Both the National and American wheels agreed that Ban Johnson was the kind of boss. But that is no news to Ban. He is still papa of the American league and will be for plenty.

Clark Griffith had an outfielder with elephantitis who he was willing to trade for an umpire with astigmatism. A broken-fingered piano player was farmed out to the Pantages ref for \$500 and three Belgian recruits. No evidence of gambling was found in the Pacific Coast league. At least, there was no evidence found of any winner being paid.

## Woman Bowler Rolls 896

Cleveland, O., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Grace Garwood, well known local bowler, turned in a total of 896 in a four-game city league match here last night. This is the best women's bowling score made in greater Cleveland in several years.

## Flowers to Meet Lohman

New York, Dec. 21.—Tiger Flowers, Atlanta negro, who recently scored a technical knockout over the former middleweight champion, Johnny White, has been matched with Phil Lohman of Toledo for a 10-round bout here New Year's afternoon. It was announced today.

## Haykeys to Play St. Louis

Iowa City, Ia., Dec. 21.—The University of Iowa will meet St. Louis university October 10, in a football game. It was announced today by Burton E. Ingwersen, coach. This game completes Iowa's football schedule for 1925 which will consist of eight games, four of them with Western conference teams.

## Expect Sell-Out for Notre Dame Football Game

More than 45,000 of the 53,000 available seats for the Notre Dame-Stanford football game at Pasadena New Year's day have been sold, according to word received from the coast. All \$6 boxes are sold. All \$5 seats on the Notre Dame side of the Rose Bowl are sold. Only regular stadium seats remain.

## Chicagoans Lose \$50,000 Week to Track Swindlers

Chicago, Dec. 22.—Investigation of alleged schemes to defraud by an organization styling itself the "United Riders of America," and trading on the names of prominent jockeys, has disclosed that Chicagoans have been victimized to the extent of \$50,000 a week for the past two months by swindlers dealing in fake tips on races at New Orleans, Tia Juana and Havana.

## Johnson Sorry for Club Owners

Chicago, Dec. 22.—The American league, who has refused to comment on the action of league club owners' meeting here last week in removing him from the baseball council and advising Commissioner Kenesaw M. Landis that Johnson would be removed from office if he interfered with the conduct of the commissioner's office, has issued his only statement on the affair.

## Johnny Kerr, Omaha Buffalo Short In 1923 To Play With Salt Lake City

Johnny Kerr, shortstop who played with the Omaha Western league Buffaloes in 1923, will play shortstop for the Salt Lake club of the Pacific coast next season. Boston released Kerr to the Bees. The "Bean Town" club secured Kerr when Detroit asked waivers recently.

## Joe Mathes May Play Third Base Next Year For Des Moines Boosters

Des Moines, Dec. 22.—Joe Mathes, former manager of the St. Joseph Western league baseball club, who purchased an interest in the Des Moines club of the same circuit and who will manage the Boosters, may shift his playing position to third base for the coming season. It has been announced here. Mathes is building up a club which is expected to be in the league race, but he has no third sacker. Having a first baseman and being able to play an infield position, he is likely to slip over to third for 1925.

## TROJAN ELEVEN HALTS PRACTICE

Los Angeles, Dec. 21.—Coach Elmer Henderson's University of Southern California Trojans rested today after a week of strenuous practice for their intercollegiate football game with the University of Missouri eleven Christmas day.

## SALT LAKE CITIZENS MAY BUY CLUB

Salt Lake City, Dec. 22.—While negotiations for the purchase by citizens of Salt Lake of the holdings of William Lane in the Salt Lake club of the Pacific Coast league have been under way here recently, nothing definite is known to have been accomplished.

WOMEN LIKE Silk Lingerie For Presents. Our special Christmas service to men includes a shopper, man or woman, who will show you the loveliest things in this woman's store—help you to choose the best—and hold the item of expense to lowest limits. All gifts wrapped with tissue and seals—ready for giving. Thompson-Belden. "The Best Place to Shop, After All"

## 100,000 Persons Witness Husker Grid Contests

Game With Notre Dame at South Bend Draws Largest Attendance—17,474 See Illini Conflict.

Lincoln, Dec. 21.—More than 100,000 persons paid to see the University of Nebraska football team in action during the season just closed, according to figures announced yesterday by John Sellock, business manager of university athletics. The paid admission at the eight games are as follows:

Illinois at Lincoln, 17,474; Oklahoma at Norman, 5,890; Colgate at Lincoln, 15,608; Kansas at Lawrence, 12,707; Missouri at Lincoln, 14,037; Notre Dame at South Bend, 17,804; Kansas Agricultural college at Manhattan, 6,403; Oregon Agricultural college at Lincoln, 12,333. This is a total of 102,287, the largest for the season in the history of Nebraska football, Manager Sellock announced.

## Watson Wins Curling Cup

The Clan Gordon Athletic association opened its annual curling season Sunday afternoon at Miller park. The tourney was for the Malcolm cup which W. Watson won by defeating McLeod, 10 to 6, in the finals.

The day was an ideal one for the ancient Scot sport. The ice was smooth as glass and the weather man condescended to send a breath of the bitter wind, and the 25 or 30 curlers and spectators found the afternoon an enjoyable one.

The curlers will perform Christmas and again Sunday. On one of these dates the John L. Kennedy cup will be contested for. Yesterday's results: Dodds defeated A. Melvin, 5 to 4; Paton defeated Lovden, 5 to 4; W. Watson defeated Christensen, 5 to 2; Tracy defeated Scott, 5 to 2; Henderson won from Gunn by default; McCarthy defeated Dunn, 5 to 3; Mair defeated Horne, 6 to 2; McLeod defeated Mair, 5 to 2; R. Watson defeated R. Melvin, 6 to 2; Johnston defeated Sharp, 4 to 3; Henderson defeated Tracy, 6 to 4; Mair defeated McCarthy, 5 to 3; R. Watson defeated Johnston, 6 to 4; W. Watson defeated Dodds, 5 to 4; McLeod defeated R. Watson, 6 to 5; W. Watson defeated Henderson, 8 to 3; W. Watson defeated McLeod, 10 to 6.

## CHARLEY LONG TO FIGHT Galfund

Charley Long, Omaha welterweight fighter, has been signed to fight Harry Galfund, Brooklyn scrapper, in the main event of the Elks' fight program in Denver Friday night, according to word received from the "Mile High" city.

## Billiard Champ's Spouse Uses Cue on Him

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Edward Ralp Greenleaf, professional pocket billiard champion, today was granted a divorce from his wife, Beatrice Greenleaf, on the grounds of cruel and barbarous treatment. Testimony given before the master who recommended the divorce to the committee on pleas court, was to the effect that the wife had committed numerous assaults on her husband, sometimes striking him with her fist and at other times using a billiard cue, with the result that his arms were bruised so as to seriously interfere with his following his profession with his best skill in several matches.

