

TO MAKE NEW YORK DEBUT

Willie Ritchie to Give Gotham Sports First Sample of His Work.

WILL BE TEN-ROUND CONTEST

Lightweight Champion Will Take on Leach Cross in What Promises to Be a Hotly-Contested Fight for Third-Class Honors.

By W. W. NAUGHTON.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 25.—This coming Tuesday night New York will have its first glimpse of Lightweight Champion Willie Ritchie in action and just what kind of an impression Ritchie will make upon the eastern fight followers remains to be seen.

In deference to his exalted station a champion has to radiate confidence as an enemy which sends shivers down the spine of the public would stack up its wretchedly and it may be the man he is training for will not come with that feeling of awe which from time immemorial the under dog is supposed to labor under when he finds himself in the presence of a gladiatorial royalty.

Ritchie is a Thinker. Apart from all that, however, Willie Ritchie is a thinking individual and he probably recognizes that the coming test will prove a serious one.

To begin with Leach Cross has specialized over the ten-round distance and is thoroughly at home in a bout of that length. He has started on so many ten-round journeys that he knows—or should know—how fast he can rate himself without over-taxing his condition.

This is something that works both ways. It enables a man to tell if the other fellow is crowding on more than he will be able to carry.

Then, again, Leach is a tricky fellow. In the matter of sending in a stinging punch when least expected he is a veritable surprise package. There is no particular continuity to his work, as he shows to poor advantage occasionally against mediocre boxers and performs brilliantly in high-class company.

While Willie Ritchie is an intent and purposeful product of San Francisco's four-round phase of boxing, it cannot be said that he shows to advantage over short distances. There is a story extant for that matter that he recognizes as much and that he recently decided to take a leaf out of Bob Fitzsimmons' book.

Bob in his later fights around New York found that he could not timber up to satisfy himself and he inaugurated a practice of warming up in his dressing room with one of his sparring partners before entering the ring.

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Little wonder, for of all the bedraggled world's champions that were ever seen, Ritchie was the worst in the early rounds of that match. His knees hit the ground; his hair came down over his eyes, and his head snapped this way and that under Rivers' punting fire.

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PRINCETON IS OPTIMISTIC

Tigers Believe They Will Win the Big College Championship.

HAVE GOOD LINEUP OF MEN

Squad is Able to Meet Any Kind of an Onslaught and Has Some Special Plays that Look Mighty Good.

By FRANCIS BAKER.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—What is Princeton going to do on the gridiron this fall? Head Coach Andrews says that the Tiger eleven has a better chance of defeating both Harvard and Yale than it has had in several years.

Perhaps it isn't just to give optimism full credit for the Princeton victory. Blue-throated "Hobey" Baker and "Braz" Stett had something to do with it, yet the critics had predicted a Yale victory before the game.

The same old optimism still obtains at the New Jersey institutions. Around the campus they talk of beating Yale and Harvard, and this year the critics are willing to admit that the Tigers have a chance.

Begins Season Well. At the outset of the season it was noticed that Princeton had a line of championship caliber and this line improved steadily as the season wore on.

With the line taken care of, the coaches turned their attention to the backfield and the sad news went out from Princeton that no kicker could be found.

The great "Hobey" Baker was tried out as a punter. Now Hobey has a knack of shooting the ball neatly over the crossing from the thirty or thirty-five yard line, but when it came to booting the ball out of dangerous territory, Hobey couldn't send the pigskin for more than thirty or thirty-five yards.

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Eastern Star Quarterbacks



"STEW" BAKER, PRINCETON. BRADLEE, HARVARD. CORNISH, YALE.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—It was unfortunate for Harvard that Bradlee, the young quarterback, who has shown such sensational work this fall, was so seriously injured in a practice game that he had to remain out of the lineup for over two weeks.

The two great rivals of Harvard, Yale and Princeton, are also fortunate in the possession of quarterbacks who can be depended upon to put up a brilliant play at any stage of the game.

Both Cornell of Yale has a slight edge on each of his rivals in kicking. When his toes connect with the pigskin said Westward, travels far and accurately.

ON-SIDE KICK COMING BACK

Old Play Has Been Authorized and is Again Being Used.

HAS HAD A STORMY CAREER

Was Originally Invented by an Old Penn Coach and Since Then Its Popularity Has Gone Up and Down.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25.—Football fans looking for the spectacular will have their fill this season. The on-side kick, again made legal, is being quietly tried at several of the big centers, and coaches plan to make this daring play one of the greatest ground gainers in the championship games.

The little fellows, always waiting to develop ideas from the more prominent eleven, haven't revealed this play yet, for the simple reason that the leading teams refused to divulge their strength at this means of gaining ground.

According to report, Penn State has become very adept at the on-side kick, and the Princeton coaches, always kindly disposed to this play, have assiduously drilled their charges in the best way to recover the short kick.

The present open field style of game gives the on-side kick a big chance of gaining. While the play is hazardous if not properly timed, it is nevertheless a powerful means of advancing the ball if the defending team is strung out in a wide formation.

Gridiron authorities figure that the on-side kick has three chances to one of going through successfully. This is based on the advantage the kicking side has of recovering the ball. The play, while depending a lot on luck, is simple.

The attacking team elects to try an on-side kick. The booter receives a direct pass from the center. The entire backfield—three players—take their places to the side of the kicker.

If correctly executed the ball is placed out of reach of the defending backfield, the only man having a chance to get to it being the halfback on the extreme end. The odds are three to one in favor of the kicker's team recovering the ball.

The element of success is large for the attacking eleven if the ball business either ahead or in back. If it lands in the yard, it is likely to travel out of bounds, in which case the defending side would receive it.

Has Had Stormy Career. The tricky on-side kick has had a stormy career. It was originally invented by Dr. Carl Williams, the old Penn coach, George Brooks, the present Penn coach, became so proficient in the play that the Red and Blue stood its opponents on their heads with this play.

Hawkeyes Astounded

By Showing Made by the Cornhuskers

IOWA CITY, Ia., Oct. 25.—(Special)—Iowa's football squad, with four games already played, will indulge in a two weeks' rest before it meets its last three foes, Indiana, Ames and Nebraska, on the last three Saturdays of the season.

The chances are that the route of the Lincoln highway will be used. This is very much the same as the road from New York to Los Angeles that W. O. L. Westward, representing the American Automobile association has been traversing in a pathfinder.

It is reported that there is such enthusiasm over a tour through the southern section of this road across the continent that 100 entries could be got without much trouble. It is thought, too, that the support of the promoters of the Panama-Pacific exhibition would help to bring such a tour to actual being.

The attitude of the southerners shows beyond the shadow of a doubt, "Senator" Morgan, "what there are bound to be several well defined transcontinental highways equally as good as the road which is to be dedicated as a road memorial to Abraham Lincoln.

The Ocean-to-Ocean Highway association has plans for a route through the middle west and southwest that are bound to mature, as the project is backed by typical western energy and brains.

There are innumerable western good roads associations that have stretches of good road that they are not going to see isolated like an oasis in the desert of the western wilderness.

It is planned to enlist team entries in the American Automobile association tour representing various cities along the different transcontinental highway routes.

Entries of two and three cars each, representing Indianapolis or Detroit or Cleveland, would attract no end of attention on such a tour and would be commented on in all of the big newspapers and magazines throughout the country.

Texas, and in fact all of the states throughout the great southwest and southern Atlantic states, really have good roads.

It is said that the proposed tour is intended in no way to detract interest from the worthy Lincoln highway project, but to generate enthusiasm along some of the other routes so that interest will not die out with the realization of one great ocean-to-ocean highway.

SANDLOT SQUADS LOOK GOOD

Local Amateur Foot Ball Teams Are Pleading Fines.

PUTTING UP GOOD AMUSEMENT

Various Aggregations Do Their Battles with Vim and Vigor and Never Sluff at Any Time During the Plays.

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