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Western Conference Football Teams to Swing Into Action Saturday

Other Western Teams to Start Season's Play

Nebraska Scheduled to Buck Line With South Dakota at Lincoln—Notre Dame Plays St. Louis.

By WALTER ECKERSALL.

With nine of the western conference football elevens slated to play opening games and every team of note in the country having struggles of importance on their schedules the gridiron season of 1922 will officially open on Saturday.

Although a number of games have been played these were looked upon as practice affairs and the results determined in advance. Starting on Saturday, however, the annual surprises may be expected and gradually the elevens will be eliminated from championship consideration.

With one week remaining before these contests are played, all coaches will have at least a solid month in which to prepare their men. As a result the various teams should show a smooth working offense and the men should know something about defensive play. The preliminary stage is a thing of the past. The squads have been cut, the promising players determined and from now on team play and the learning of advanced tactics will be the aim of every mentor.

Players in Good Condition.

In the great majority of cases, coaches have had longer periods than usual in which to condition the players and teach them some of the finer points of the game. This practice period should leave the men in the necessary condition to stand the wear and tear of the opening games, which should be featured by the absence of the annual early season injuries.

In the middle west, Illinois will be the only Big Ten eleven which will not play next Saturday. Coach Robert Zuppe with a green squad has decided he can accomplish more with another week of practice than he can by sending his men into action so early in the season. On October 14, Illinois will open its season with Butler at Champaign.

Iowa to Open With Knox.

Iowa, which won the undisputed championship of the western conference, will pry off the lid by meeting Knox at Iowa City. While the Hawkeyes should be returned easy victors, the game will go a long way toward determining the 1922 strength of last year's champion and its chances of winning over Yale or New Haven on October 14.

Chicago, which lost but one conference game last year, and that to Ohio State, will engage in the first intersectional clash of note by meeting the University of Georgia on Stagg field. The Georgians were a strong outfit last year, and according to reports will be nearly as formidable this season. In fact, the Maroons have as hard an opening opponent as any other member of the conference.

Ohio State Against Wesleyan.

Ohio State, another Big Ten team, which suffered only one defeat last year, will open with Ohio Wesleyan at Columbus. Coach Wilce should have another of his strong elevens this season. He has so many players of known ability on the squad that the Buckeyes already loom up as a strong championship possibility.

Carleton will be Wisconsin's opening opponent at Madison. The Badgers, under the able tutelage of John Richards should be strong and will cause all opponents a lot of trouble to cross their goal line. Under the leadership of Rollo Williams, one of the best field runners in the middle west last year, Wisconsin should again be up among the leaders when the season closes on the Saturday before Thanksgiving day.

Case, which has been Michigan's early season opponent for years, will test Yost's machine at Ann Arbor. The Wolverines are slated to meet Vanderbilt at Nashville on October 14 and this game should go a long way toward putting them in shape for the intersectional game, which will attract considerable interest.

Northwestern will open with Beloit at Evanston, while Purdue will take on James Millikin at Lafayette. Indiana, under the coaching of Pat Herron, is expected to be ready for the Hoosiers' first game with DePauw, while Bill Spaulding, new coach at Minnesota, will give Gopher gridiron enthusiasts an idea of his coaching ability by sending his eleven against North Dakota at Minneapolis.

St. Louis U. at Notre Dame.

Notre Dame, which played its first game yesterday, will meet a strong eleven in St. Louis on Carter field. Owing to the fact that Notre Dame has three intersectional games this year, the general play of Coach Rockne's team in every battle will be followed closely.

Nebraska, last year's champion of the Missouri Valley conference, will clash with South Dakota at Lincoln. The Cornhuskers are again being coached by Fred Dawson, former Princeton player, who developed last year's champion. In addition to Nebraska, practically every other eleven in that section will engage in opening contests.

There will be action a-plenty in the east where every team of prominence has games of some sort listed. Princeton, which meets Chicago on Stagg field October 28, will meet Virginia, while Yale and Harvard will clash with North Carolina and Holy Cross, respectively. University of the South will be Penn's opponent at Philadelphia, while Pittsburgh and Lafayette should put up a great contest in the Smoky city.

California, last year's champion of the Pacific coast conference, will meet Redlands at Berkeley, while Centre, one of the best elevens in the south in recent years, will play Mississippi at Danville, Ky.

Murphy's Track Winnings Biggest

Veteran Reinsman Has Won $46,459 and Tops "Big Ring" Drivers.

When the rain stopped racing at Syracuse, the footings for the season showed that Murphy was at the top of the list of winning drivers with $46,459 to his credit.

During the New York state fair he won $8,180 with Czarworthy, Prince Etawah, Princess Etawah, Plain Mac, The Sherwood and John Pershing. Of this group Czarworthy was the largest contributor, his pot being $5,500 for winning the Empire State $10,000 purse in which he defeated Peter the Brewer and Taurida.

Cox was in the money at Syracuse with Trampsafe and John Henry, both of which were winners, as well as Abbedale, Let Fly, E. Colorado and Mr. Kent. His gross winnings for the week were $3,030. This amount moved his total for the season to $43,519 and started him at the Columbus meeting $2,940 behind his Poughkeepsie rival.

In the number of races won in 1922 Cox still leads all other reinsmen, his score at the close of the Syracuse meeting being 20. On the trip through the "betless belt" the pilot of the Good Time stable won 12 races, the tab for the trip showing two at Philadelphia, four at Readville, four at Hartford and two at Syracuse. Murphy is now second in this group with 25 victories. While making the eastern loop of the Grand Circuit he won 14 races. Four of them stand to the credit of Margaret Dillon, three each to Bill Sharen and Hope Frisco, two to Czarworthy and one each to Plain Mac and Prince Etawah.

As to who will be the premier reinsman of 1922 will be decided in the stretch battles at Columbus, Lexington and the inaugural meeting at Dade park. Murphy appears to have the edge on his rival at present as he has the stronger racing stable. A number of the Cox outfits are on the complaining list. Sunflash ran over a harrow at Syracuse and was sent home to join Laurel Hall and Grayworthy. The good 2-year-old colt Guy Bacon made the same trip from Hartford while both Abbedale and McGregor the Great are lame.

Match to Decide Golf Supremacy

Tilts Between Hagen and Sarazen Will Be Closely Followed by Golfdom.

New York, Sept. 30.—(Special Telegram.)—The two 36-hole matches scheduled to take place between Walter Hagen, British open champion, and Gene Sarazen, national titleholder, should settle for all time the question as to which of these two fighters is the greatest golfer of the age. The first 36 holes of this event will be played at the Oakmont Country club at Pittsburgh on Friday, October 6, with the second match scheduled for the Westchester-Biltmont Country club at Rye, N. Y., on October 7, the next day.

At Oakmont Sarazen undoubtedly will have a slight advantage as a result of his victory in the recent Professional Golfers' association championship tournament held there, but at Rye the tables will be slightly turned, as there are few blades of grass on the Westchester course that Hagen is not familiar with.

The match will be for $2,000.

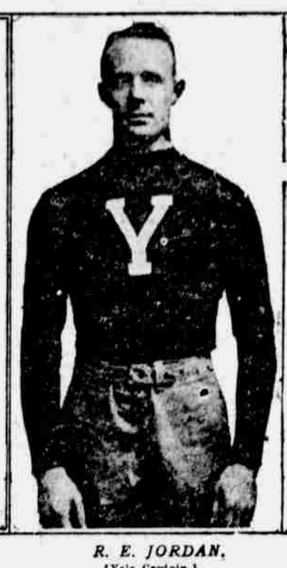
FACE FIRST FIRE SATURDAY

"RED" ROBERTS.
[Centre Captain.]

TAD JONES.
[Yale Coach.]

HUGO BEZDEK.
[Penn State Coach.]

H. N. BENTZ.
[Penn State Captain.]



R. E. JORDAN.
[Yale Captain.]

CHARLEY MORAN.
[Centre Coach.]

Creighton Plays Dakota Wesleyan

With the squad pronounced as being in the best possible shape for the contest, Creighton university this afternoon started its gridiron season with the Dakota Wesleyan university team as its opponent.

Coach Baldridge was confident that his athletes would take the Coyote Methodists into camp. The Dakotans arrived in Omaha last night, a much stronger team than that which was defeated by Creighton last year.

Fair weather was responsible for a large crowd being on hand when the contest started.

Georgia Tech Grid Star to Coach Atlanta High

W. E. (Bill) Pincher, all-American end in 1920 and Georgia Tech football star, will coach the Atlanta Tech high football candidates this fall.

Carp Let Stage Work Interfere

No wonder Carpentier lost in his fight to Battling Siki, the Senegalese soaker.

Here is the last picture of the gorgeous Georges taken just before his fight in France. He is seen primping before the mirror, preparing for his appearance before the Cooper-Hewitts. Had he been in his training quarters instead, his stinging defeat may not have occurred. Now Carpentier, with his classic map all mussed up, is hardly an asset for his English producer, J. Stuart Blackton, and besides he is nursing a desire for revenge and he demands a return match with Siki. This time he will probably spend most of his time getting into the pink of condition, instead of looking to see if he has too much powder on.

American League Teams Have Won Ten Victories in World Series

Washington and St. Louis Clubs Have Never Copped Pennant in Younger Loop.

New York, Sept. 27.—Since 1905, when the former National Baseball commission was created, a postseason series has been held between the teams which won the championships of their respective leagues, resulting in 10 victories for the American and seven for the National.

Whether this world's series supremacy denoted a better brand of baseball playing in the younger league has been debated every winter in the Old Stove league with facts dug from the record books to prove and disprove the same assertions.

As fantastic as it appears in print the Boston Red Sox, rivals of all who are despondent, hold palm for world's series honors, being the only club that has won the highest prize in baseball four times and one of the three in the annals of the classic that have won it two times in succession.

Athletics Won Three Titles.

And more fantastic, so it seems to the fans of "Sleepy Town," the Philadelphia Athletics, cellar champions for seven years, are the Boston Americans' loudest disputant, having won, back in the days of "The Million Dollar Infield," three world's series, two of them in succession.

The other American league club to humble the National league champs twice without intermission are the Chicago White Sox, now a gilded memory of the "suspicionless" days. Cleveland, with Tris Speaker speaking, is the only other club of the younger circuit to win a world's series.

All the American league clubs except Washington and St. Louis have won pennants and played in a series.

In the National league five clubs, New York, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Boston and Cincinnati, have won premier honors, the first two named twice each and the last three once each. The St. Louis Cardinals are the only National league team that never has participated in the biggest athletic event in the country.

A peculiar incident of world's series is that seven of the 17 times it has been played the winner took four games out of five—the best four out of seven to win; three times it has been four to two games; and only twice have the winners shut out the losers in all four, though in the 1907 series, Detroit managed to tie one game. The only other tie game was in 1912 when the Red Sox beat the Giants, winning four games to one.

A table showing world's series winners and losers with the games, won, lost and tied, follows:

Winners.	Loser.	Games.
1905 N. Y. Nationals	Philadelphia	4-1
1906 Chicago Amer.	Chicago	4-2
1907 Chicago Nat.	xDetroit	4-1
1908 Chicago Nat.	Detroit	4-1
1909 Pittsburgh Nat.	Detroit	4-2
1910 Philadelphia Am.	Chicago	4-3
1911 Philadelphia Am.	New York	4-2
1912 Boston Amer.	xNew York	4-1
1913 Philadelphia Am.	New York	4-1
1914 Boston Nat.	Philadelphia	4-0
1915 Boston Amer	Philadelphia	4-1
1916 Boston Amer.	Brooklyn	4-1
1917 Chicago Amer.	N. Y. Nat.	4-2
1918 Boston Amer.	Chicago	4-2
1919 Cincinnati Nat.	Chicago	4-3
1920 Cleveland Amer.	Brooklyn	5-2
1921 N. Y. Nat.	New York	5-3

xTie.

Dempsey Returns to New York; Is Ready for Siki

New York, Sept. 30.—Jack Dempsey was back today from a hunting trip in the Maine woods, where he bagged, among other game, a 190-pound moose.

Dempsey, pronouncing himself fit and ready to meet Battling Siki, conqueror of Georges Carpentier, or any other rival, for his title, plans to remain exhibition work after a week's rest. He is scheduled to box in Boston, October 2, and in Toronto, October 6.

Creighton High No Match for Central Eleven

Central High school yesterday opened its 1922 football season with a victory over the Creighton High eleven on the latter's field. The score was 32 to 0. The Purple eleven completely outclassed its opponent and gained almost at will, using straight football during the greater part of the game.

The Catholic team managed to hold Central to six points in the first half, but in the final half Coach Schmidt's athletes pounded the light Creighton line for one touchdown after another. In the last half Creighton resorted to the forward pass in an effort to cross Central's goal line, but was unable to complete one of the several passes that were tried.

The four backfield men and Percival and Stribbling on the line starred for Central, while Donahey scintilated for Creighton.

Color Line Is Abolished in New York

New York, Sept. 30.—An indication that the New York state boxing commission will not oppose the proposed Dempsey-Wills match on the ground of color is seen in the fact that it sanctioned the bout at the Pioneer club between Danny Edwards, Seattle's negro bantam, and Irish Johnny Curtin of New Jersey. The bout was the first mixed battle under the Walker law, which went into effect two years ago.

In view of the fact that the commission raised no objections to the bout, it is believed that the Dempsey-Wills match will have clear sailing. The decision of the commission, however, comes too late to allow an outdoor contest between the champion and the contender this year, as it would take considerable time for the men to get in shape for a battle. The end of October, and perhaps before, will see the finish of the outdoor bouts in this locality.

Carl East Tops Sluggers in the Western Circuit

Final unofficial averages for the the Western league show Carl East, the Wichita veteran, as the 1922 batting champion with an average of .391, with Manush of Omaha second, with .376. Herman of Omaha finished the season with an average of .416, but he only played in 92 games as compared with 168 for East and 167 for Manush. East went through the season without missing a game.

Davis of Tulsa led the home run hitters with a string of 35, while Lamb, also of Tulsa, was second with 32. East also showed his class in bagging homers, finishing with 30.

Hemingway of Sioux City romped ahead of Eugene Elsh, also of Sioux City, in base stealing, pulling up with a total of 59. Elsh, who goes to the Chicago White Sox next season, stole 52.

Other leading batters for 100 or more games: Bennett, Tulsa, .370; Lelivelt, Tulsa, .369; Berger, Wichita, .361; Metz, Sioux City, .360; Grantham, Omaha, .355; Fisher, St. Joseph, .357; Elsh, Sioux City, .356; Stuart, Tulsa, .343; Blackesley, Wichita, .342.

Quebec to Join Canadian Racing Society in 1923

Quebec, it is reported, will build a one-mile race track and join the Canadian Racing association next year. As a result many of the same horses that race at Blue Bonnets, Dorval, Windor, and other tracks under the jurisdiction of the Canadian association will appear at Quebec.

Scores Five Homers in One Game

Washington, Mo., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—Miss Rose Laumann, a member of the girls' baseball team of Washington, is the star batter of the county league of feminine ball tossers. She can give "Babe" Ruth, Kenny Williams and the rest of the big league fence busters cards and spades and beat them out easy. As a substantiation of this claim the friends of Miss Laumann point to her feat in a recent game with the girls' team from New Haven in which she clouted out five home runs.

She made eight hits out of nine times at bat and scored seven runs. Her team won by a score of 19 to 14 and the game was called at the end of the seventh inning because the New Haven outfielders were tired retrieving her long hits.

Miss Laumann is a right-handed batter and swings at the ball like a man. Her home runs were all into left field and as this field slopes it took three fielders to relay the ball, once it got by them. Miss Laumann is a fast runner and had no trouble in making the circuit on five of her drives. Several of her other hits were for extra bases.

The pitcher of the team is Miss Thenda Margolomeyer and she has unusually fine baseball instinct. Her head work and fast fielding has resulted in the Washington team hanging up a great record in the completion of double plays.

In the game with New Haven the Washington team got 48 safe hits.

Dodgers Due for Big Shakeup

Release of Sherrod Smith Is First of Many Changes to Be Made.

New York, Sept. 30.—Sherrod Smith, the southpaw who put Mansfield, Ga., on the map, has been sent to the Cleveland Indians via the waiver route by the Brooklyn Baseball club and the passing of the lefthanded pitcher is the first of many changes which will be made in the personnel of the Brooklyns before the 1923 spring training period rolls around. Smith outlived his usefulness as a member of the Brooklyns, but he is far from being all through as a major league pitcher. He has speed, a good curve and fine control. He has a lot of good ball games left in his system, and it does not seem as if the Cleveland club made a mistake in adding him to its roster at the waiver price of $2,500.

Sherry is now in a different league and the complete change of scenery will do him a lot of good. It should put new life in him, and add several years to his diamond career.

Mutuel Ticket Cause of Suit

Judge Orders Jockey Club to Pay Kentucky Bettor Who Tore Up "Ducat."

When an error is made in officially posting the winner of a horse race and a bettor tears up his ticket on that animal before the error is rectified, he is entitled to receive the amount his pasteboard called for, even though the pieces had been assembled and cashed by another.

This was a ruling of Judge Thomas R. Gordon, deciding that such a mistake was negligence on the part of the Kentucky Jockey club, which was on file in circuit court. R. E. Henderson, the bettor, was awarded judgment for $172.50, which represented the amount of $10 straight ticket on Ring Rose paid in a race at Churchill Downs in the meeting last autumn. Another horse was posted first and Henderson tore up his ticket.

When Ring Rose was posted as the winner, he was unable to find the pieces, but immediately filed a claim with the Jockey club. Judge Gordon held this put the officials on their guard and the mutilated ticket should not have been cashed when presented by another.

Sioux City May Retain Franchise

Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 29.—President Al Tearney of Chicago and Chick Mattick, manager of the Sioux City club, were named at a meeting of Western league club owners here tonight to investigate baseball conditions in Sioux City and Lincoln and report back at the regular winter meeting on the proposed transfer of the Sioux City franchise to the Nebraska capital.

The Sioux City team finished the season at Lincoln because of lack of support at home and Lincoln fans have made a strong bid to retain the franchise.

The date for the winter meeting at which action probably will be taken will be announced later.

Among those attending the meeting were: Al Tearney, president; Milton Ansenger and Frank Whitlock, who recently purchased controlling interest in the Denver club; Barney Burch, Omaha; Frank Isabell, Wichita; George K. Belden, St. Joseph; Jack Holland, Oklahoma City; Chick Mattick, Sioux City; Jim Crawford and W. E. Friel, Tulsa. Isabell held the proxy for Des Moines.

No Admission at Meet.

The New England A. A. U. track meet on Franklin field, Boston, was held recently on Sunday, no admission being charged. The A. A. U. championships at Newark, too, were also free to the public, under the auspices of the Newark A. C.

Full Number of Games in Series Seldom Played

Big Financial Difference Between Longer and Shorter World's Classic, Says Sanborn.

By I. E. SANBORN

Just what the difference between a nine game world's series and one of seven games means to the ball players who take part in it cannot be estimated to the fraction of a dollar because there is no actual basis for comparison, but it is a considerable sum.

A nine game series does not mean one consisting of nine games, necessarily but that it is necessary for one team to win five games in order to annex the world's championship. In the old days of seven game series the limit was played only once because it required only four victories by one of the contenders to terminate the affair.

The big financial difference between the longer and the shorter world's series is caused by the fact that the players share in the receipts of only the number of games required to win the big pennant. That means they partake of the benefits of only four games in a seven game contest instead of five under the nine game regime. It means a considerable difference to the club owners, too, but the fans are not interested in what the promoters get, only in the emoluments accruing to their heroes among the athletes.

Cloudy 1918 Series.

The last world's series of the seven game variety played under normal conditions was that of 1917 between the White Sox and the Giants. The affair between the Cubs and Red Sox in 1918 was conducted under a cloud on account of the War department's order to curtail the season of a "nonessential pastime." Consequently the attendance and receipts were subnormal. The 1919, 1920 and 1921 world's series were of the nine game species.

Still another difficulty in the way of comparison exists in the fact conditions governing the distribution of the coin have been changed since 1917. In that year the players' pool, although restricted to a percentage of the receipts of the first four games, was divided wholly among the players of the two competing teams. The following year, 1918, the new deal was put in force whereby the players of the teams finishing second and third in each major league were cut in on the players' pool to a certain extent. That change produced the almost forgotten strike of Red Sox and Cubs in Boston which added to the discoloration of the eye already blackened by the War department.

The conditions whereby the first three teams in each league will share in the world's series coin will exist this year. Allowing for this change it is possible to produce a vague idea of what that extra game included in the players' pool amounted to by comparing some of the figures of 1917 and 1921.

Comparison of Pools.

The total attendance in 1917 was 185,691. Last fall it was 269,576. It required eight games for the Giants to lick the Yankees in 1921 and only six for the White Sox to trim the Giants in 1917. That accounts for some of the big difference in attendance and receipts. The coin taken in at the 1917 series totaled $425,878 and that was more than doubled last fall when the gross receipts amounted to $900,233. The fact the latter series was two games longer than the former does not account for all that difference, but the prices were a lot higher in 1921 than four years ago.

The players' pool in 1917 amounted to $152,888 and last year it was $292,522, or nearly twice as much, although it included a percentage of only one more game than in 1917. The White Sox's aggregate share of their series with the Giants amounted to $91,732, or a little more than $3,500 for each of the world's champions of that fall. The Giants' share of their contest with the Yankees last year amounted to $131,645 and their individual shares were over $5,000.

The defeated Giants in 1917 split a purse of $61,155, which made a little more than $2,500 per man. Last fall the Yankees divided $87,756—only $4,000 less than the winners' share of the 1917 series——and their individual shares amounted to nearly $3,500. That is, the losing athletes last fall profited nearly as much as the winners did in 1917, although the players' pool was shared by four teams which did not cut in in 1917.

Boehler to Oppose Mobile Nine Today

Tulsa, Okl., Sept. 30.—With one of the four games required to win chalked up in their favor the Tulsa Oilers of the Western league set out today in an effort to make it two straight from the Mobile Bears, Dixie champions, in the series for the Class A supremacy of the west and south.

George Boehler, the right-handed ace of the Tulsa crew, who hung up a string of 20 wins during the past season, was expected to start this afternoon for Manager Lelivelt, while the Mobile pitching selection was thought to rest between "Steamboat" Fulton and "Lefty" Fyhr.

Flushed with yesterday's success the Oilers were confident they would take south with them a string of three victories when the Tulsa end of the series closes Sunday.

Former Champion Gives Up Tennis to Sell Bonds

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 30.—Maurice E. McLaughlin, former world champion tennis player, has announced he will give up tennis and has taken a position selling stocks and bonds. He formerly managed the tennis department of a local sporting goods store.