

Eckersall Selects All-Western Conference Football Eleven

Football Expert Names Honorary Team for 1922

Locke, Thompson and Minnick of Iowa Among Players Selected for Mythical All-Star Grid Team.

By WALTER ECKERSALL.

Selecting all western conference football eleven to be composed of players who have performed consistently throughout the season, offensively and defensively, the task of choosing the tackles and placing the wealth of backfield material in positions where they will be the most valuable are the hardest.

It is the first time in many years that the Big Ten has not produced tackles who stand out above all others. In former seasons there has generally been at least two whose right to the important positions was unquestioned because their playing in every game was far above that of other warriors occupying the same positions.

Must Have Driving Tackles.

A driving pair of tackles is an absolute necessity to the success of any football team. Their value is being explained more and more as the teams are leaning to the open and running style of attack. They are now called upon to hurry the passers, help smash interference and at the same time protect the holes between guards and tackles. On offense they are at times made elastic to receive forward passes while their many duties on various offensive plays make them among the important cogs in any successful football machine.

As the running attack developed by Michigan, Iowa and Wisconsin along with Minnesota will develop the absolute necessity of having guards who can get out of the lead, the interference is emphasized. Fortunately, there are two men of such caliber in the conference who have done this to perfection all fall, while others will be made to do it in the future. The open or running attack has so many possibilities that the more men who can get out to interfere for the runner, chances of making ground are improved greatly.

In other words, a player selected for any honorary eleven should be analyzed from every angle of football. He should not be chosen because he is a line plunger only, an end runner or a great kicker. He must combine nearly as possible all the qualifications which go to make a real football player in every sense of the word. His work in every game should be considered and he should be so placed as to be of most value to his eleven.

Must Fortify Every Angle.

Such an honorary eleven must be fortified in every angle of offensive tactics. Punting, field goal kicking, throwing and receiving forwards, line plunging, snuffing off the tackles or running the ends are only a few of the many details which such a team must be able to execute. There must be unison in attack and perfect coordination between line and backfield. Such an eleven should be fortified with tricks so that fast runners could be slipped away at opportune times.

It has been many years since the conference was blessed with such excellent backfield material, men who have performed consistently and bravely throughout the season. Their play in most cases, both offensively and defensively, made them marked men in all contests. Despite this handicap they have come through, and for this reason are deserving of the honors.

While some may not agree with the backfield selection, because of the line smashing of John Thomas of Chicago, the honor goes to Gordon Locke of Iowa, whose team successfully defended the championship won last year for the first time since 1908. Locke is also made captain of the team because of the faultless manner he has piloted his eleven through a successful season, featured by the 6 to 0 victory over Yale.

Locke Hard Line Plunger.

Locke is just as hard a line plunger as Thomas. He is a better team in the interference and his tackle game gains inside the ends as the Hawkeye backs, something which the Maroon has not done. On defense, the Iowa is a much more valuable man. Playing in the secondary defense, he generally anticipated opponents' attacks and often met them before they

Here Are "Big Ten" Honor Men



BERNIE KIRK, GEORGE THOMPSON, JOHN McMILLEN, RALPH KING, PAUL MINNICK, MARTY BELOW, GUS TEBELL.

crossed the line of scrimmage. In the Yale game, he tore through the Blue Line with as many as three Old Eli players hanging on his back or legs. He did the same in the Ohio, Minnesota, and Northwestern games and scored the lone touchdown against Illinois. He is a natural football player, one of the best ever developed at the Hawkeye institution.

Rollie Williams at Quarter.

Rollie Williams, who led Wisconsin through a season which was made successful by the scorches with Chicago, is placed at quarterback, although he played in a halfback's position all year. Last season, Rollie occupied the quarterback position and filled the bill nicely. As previously stated, quarterback is the name of a position, and placing Williams in this given place would not impair his great offensive ability. Any one who has seen the Badger in action this year is well aware of the fact he is entitled to any honor which can be given him. He has been a marked man, but has always delivered. Fearless on defense and dangerous on offense, he was a great player with enough football intelligence to lead the team in any sort of battle.

Irvin Uteritz of Michigan would be given this position had it not been for the wealth of backfield men who must be placed on the first eleven. Uteritz is a grand little general, the best catcher of punts in the conference and a player who fits into the Yale style of play in a pleasing manner. Barr of Wisconsin, Clark of Illinois and Parkin of Iowa were among the other quarterbacks who performed well.

Harry Kipke of Michigan is the outstanding back of the year. There is nothing about football which this player does not know. He is tricky and fast, alert at all times to take advantage of opponents' momentary hesitation and a triple threat performer. He was a menace to all Michigan opponents in that he could run, kick or pass. He was one of the best punters in the Big Ten and a reliable dropkicker.

Earl Martineau a Star.

Earl Martineau of Minnesota is fasted the other half back position. Like Williams and Kipke, he was handled roughly in every game but always came through with his share of offensive and defensive play. Like Kipke, he is a three way man, his forward passing and open field running always making him a respected player. If it had not been for this player the Gophers would not have had such a successful season.

Shuttleworth of Iowa was another good back who really did not receive credit. Poyott and Harry Thomas of Chicago, McCreery of Minnesota, Palmer of Northwestern, Happenny of Illinois and Klee of Ohio State were other backs who played consistently all year.

Bernie Kirk of Michigan was unquestionably the best end in the conference. The Wolverine, while not of the spectacular type, did things in so easy a manner that his performances were not appreciated. He gathered in forward passes with the ease and grace of a polished baseball player, while his keen knowledge of football made it possible for him to move to dangerous points with speed and accuracy.

There was nothing about end plays which Kirk did not know. He always turned plays in, drove catchers of punts to the inside and had an uncanny knack of getting out in the open to catch passes. At Ann Arbor he



EARL MARTINEAU, ROLLIE WILLIAMS, GORDON LOCKE, HARRY KIPKE.

Walter Eckersall's All-Conference Eleven

Position	First Team	Second Team	Third Team
Left end	Kirk, Michigan	Kadesky, Iowa	Eklund, Minnesota
Left tackle	Thompson, Iowa	Fletcher, Chicago	Penfield, Northwestern
Left guard	McMillen, Illinois	Pisley, Ohio State	Hoffield, Wisconsin
Center	King, Chicago	Heldt, Iowa	Ans, Minnesota (Capt.)
Right guard	Minnick, Iowa	Pondelik, Chicago	Mader, Iowa
Right tackle	Below, Wisconsin	Muirhead, Michigan	Petcoff, Ohio State
Right end	Tebell, Wisconsin	Goebel, Michigan (Capt.)	Hanny, Indiana
Quarter back	Williams, Wisconsin	Uteritz, Michigan	Barr, Wisconsin
Left half back	Martineau, Minnesota	Shuttleworth, Iowa	Palmer, Northwestern
Right half back	Locke, Iowa (Capt.)	Poyott, Chicago	McCreery, Minnesota
Full back	Kipke, Michigan	Cappon, Michigan	John Thomas, Chicago

rated as one of the best in Wolverine history.

Tebell Fearless Player.

The other wing position is given to Gus Tebell of Wisconsin, a fearless player, who performed consistently all season. The Badger was everywhere in the Chicago game and played bangup football against Michigan up to the time he was injured. Like Kirk, he knew the play of the position thoroughly, and is entitled to the honors.

Paul Goebel, captain of Michigan's undefeated eleven, was another great end who was injured in the Ohio State game. The injury kept the Wolverine leader from showing his true form in the remaining games. Kadesky of Iowa, Wilson of Illinois, Hanny of Indiana, Eklund of Minnesota and Strubmeier of Chicago were other reliable players in the position.

Martin Below of Wisconsin, who will lead the 1923 Badger eleven, and George Thompson of Iowa are awarded the tackle positions. While it cannot be said either played up to the form of tactics of recent years, they did about all that was expected of them. Each has plenty of range, covered a lot of ground and in most cases hurried the forward passes. At times they were locked out of plays, but soon adjusted themselves so as to close the openings.

John McMillen of Illinois and Paul Minnick of Iowa are given the guard positions. Their ability to get out to lead interference was a striking feature of their play, while they were just as effective on defense. They blocked faithfully and it was not uncommon for both to get down the field to cover punts.

Ralph King of Chicago is given the center position, although closely

pressed by Johnny Heldt of Iowa. With 200 pounds or more, the Maroon was a tower of strength on defense, while his passing was accurate and sure. He and Pondelik made a lot of John Thomas' gains possible, although neither received much credit.

Heldt Great Pivot Man.

Heldt was also a great pivot man. He was fast and active for a heavy player, and, like King, his passing was excellent most of the year. In the Ohio State game he covered punts well, and on one occasion recovered a fumbled kick. Oliver Ans of Minnesota was the other outstanding center in the conference.

Charles Williams Winner of Raquet Championship

Philadelphia, Dec. 2.—Charles Williams of England today won four of the first seven games for the professional raquet championship of the world from W. A. (Doc) Soutar of Philadelphia, at the Raquet club here. The remaining seven games will be played in New York next Saturday.

Gonzaga Given Permission to Accept Post-Season Tilt

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 2.—Permission for Gonzaga university to accept an invitation to meet Notre Dame in a football game at San Diego Christmas day has been granted by the faculty. It was announced today by Charles E. Hammond, coach.

Penn Soccer Team Wins.

Philadelphia, Dec. 2.—The University of Pennsylvania soccer team defeated Harvard, 2 to 0, today on Franklin field.

Scottsbluff, Neb., Dec. 2.—(Special)

Western football coaches, in conference at Bridgeport, Neb., selected the following All-Western Nebraska high school football team:

First Team	Second Team
Joe, Alliance	Le E. Warner, Scottsbluff
Frederick, Oregon	L. E. Chambers, Sidney
Horton, Bayard	L. T. Benton, Bayard
Nolan, Alliance	C. Pruitt, Scottsbluff
Snyder, Sidney	R. E. Bruce, Scottsbluff
Miner, Bayard	R. G. Herman, Alva (ex-Chicago)
Chapman, Scottsbluff	R. E. Croft, Morrill
Pickett, Scottsbluff	Q. H. Yoder, Alliance
Daley, Alliance	J. E. Wyatt, Scottsbluff
Bristol, Chappell	P. T. Abraham, Oregon
Wham, Morrill	R. H. Galvin, Alliance

Wyatt of Scottsbluff originally was placed on the first team and was then removed to make way for the Morrill player.

Hopkins of Scottsbluff had been placed on the second team.

Richie Mitchell to Meet Charley White

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 2.—Richie Mitchell, Milwaukee lightweight boxer, has been signed to meet Charley White, Chicago, in a 12-round bout to a decision in New York on December 15. Billy Mitchell, manager for his brother, announced today. These boxers are developing into the junior welterweight class and the poudrage for this bout is fixed at 139.

Hockey Team Wins.

Philadelphia, Dec. 2.—The all-Philadelphia girls' field hockey team won the championship of the United States here today by defeating Boston, 9-1.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

University of Tennessee, medical department, vs. Washburn college, 7-0. Florida vs. Clemson, 11-0. Franklin High, Chicago, 10; Stanford High, 7. Holy Cross, 13; Boston College, 7. Marines, 15 Army, 15.

Valley Title Is Not Claimed by Nebraska Heads

Authorities Willing to Stand on Team's Record and Let Critics Draw Their Own Conclusion.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 2.—In view of the fact that Nebraska university emerged from the Missouri Valley conference football season in a tie with Drake university of Des Moines, in point of percentage, the university authorities here do not desire to be placed in the position of claiming a championship. The position of the authorities is merely that the university stands on its record in the games played. This will allow critics of the football game to draw their own conclusions.

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Georgetown Defeats Lafayette, 13 to 7

Washington, Dec. 2.—Georgetown furnished a football surprise here today by defeating Lafayette, 13 to 7. Center Wertz furnished the most spectacular play by intercepting one of Brunner's forward passes and running 75 yards through the Lafayette team for a touchdown.

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Nebraska Will Clash on Grid With Illinois

Cornhuskers and Zuppke's Gridsters to Play at Urbana, Oct. 6—Will Give Out Plans of Play.

Chicago, Dec. 2.—Before the meeting of the "Big Ten" representatives to arrange the 1923 football schedule assembled this afternoon, Coach Robert Zuppke, of Illinois, announced that Illinois had broken off relations with Wisconsin and would play Nebraska, undefeated this year in the Missouri Valley conference. The Illinois-Nebraska game will be played at Urbana, Ill., October 6. On October 12, Illinois will take on Butler college of Indianapolis, a team which surprised Illinois this fall with a 10-0 defeat.

Coach Fred Dawson, of Nebraska, in discussing the game scheduled with Illinois, announced that an arrangement unprecedented in football between major universities would be adopted—each team in turn and his opponent a complete diagram of his plays before the game.

"The Illinois-Nebraska game is not planned for a test of the relative strength of the western and Missouri Valley conferences," said Coach Dawson. "My aim and that of Coach Zuppke is to have a good staff game at the opening of the season, without resort to trick plays."

The Illinois-Wisconsin break is understood to be the result of charges of professionalism excluded in the middle of the 1922 season, Wisconsin opening a change with announcements that some members of the Illinois squad had played in the Taylorville-Carlisle football game. Coach Zuppke replied with the statement that all of the players involved in that scandal which rocked the western conference in 1922 had been declared ineligible and countered with the declaration that Murray of the Badger squad was guilty of professionalism. After investigation, Wisconsin authorities declared Murray ineligible.

Director Kenneth E. Wilson, in charge of athletics at Drake university, announced that the annual relay games would be held at Des Moines April 27 and 28. Athletic directors of the western conference pledged their support to the contests. Invitations will be sent to all the principal schools of the south and west. Director Wilson announced. In last spring's games, teams representing 150 institutions took part, a record entry list.