

Up-to-Date News and Gossip of Interest to Sport Fans

Sunday Is Day of Rest for Football Players on Coast

Nittany Lions and Trojans Ready for Annual Gridiron Battle at Tournament of Roses.

Pasadena, Cal., Dec. 31.—Sunday was almost a day of rest for the football squads of Pennsylvania State and the University of Southern California, which will meet here Monday in the annual east against west gridiron contest of the Tournament of Roses.

Both squads ended their heavy training Saturday and contented themselves today with long hikes to keep their muscles relaxed and their conditions pointed.

Clouds which hung over southern California today brought hope to Pennsylvania State fans, as the Nittany Lions are regarded as "a wet field combination" by gridiron experts and it was generally conceded that rain would bring them an advantage.

The Trojans, who have played most of their games on dry fields, naturally were wishing for a continuation of the weather which has brought them a string of victories, broken only once in the season, and that by the University of California Bears.

Hugo Bezdek, head coach for Pennsylvania State, maintained an optimistic air today and the morning papers published a picture of Elmer C. Henderson, head coach for the Trojans, displaying a broad smile which may mean something, as he has a reputation for gloominess.

Advance seat sales indicated an attendance of between 50,000 and 60,000.

Running in Mud Is a Lost Art

By LALLY COLLIER.

"This reminds me of the days when Guttenberg, Alexander and Gloucester were in their prime," remarks an old-time turfite as he gazes upon the sea of muddy water that covers Jefferson park and which forced the management of the New Orleans track to cancel racing for 24 hours.

"The only difference is that nowadays you couldn't get a corporal's guard to turn out, yet under the same kind of conditions at Guttenberg and Clifton they raced just the same for New Yorkers, in those days," were crazy for any kind of racing. If the track froze over during the night two large truck loads of rock salt were scattered over the course and by race time the track was mud and water again. Yep, and it remained that way all winter.

"Two things can be credited to Guttenberg. It brought more recruits to the sport than any other ten tracks and it made more mud horses than any four. When a heavy fall of snow came along Joe Marrone, who was a padrone in those days, would get a couple of hundred Italians to work shoveling it off into the infield. Marrone made so much money during one winter at Guttenberg, in that way, that he bought a stable of race horses and he owns one to this day."

All of which brings one to a full realization of how things in racing have changed. A quarter of a century ago people flocked to such crude places as Guttenberg, Alexander, Clifton and Newport and there underwent extreme hardships just for the chance of seeing the "egg-wags" perform. Today, a particularly muddy track is enough to cause a postponement because track managers have learned to their sorrow that the public not only won't stand the least bit of inconvenience in traveling to and from the tracks but that the people who pay the fiddler also positively refused to turn out in paying numbers on days that are gloomy or when the horses are likely to race in the mud. Verily this is the day of glass enclosed, steam-heated grandstands, extravagant purses and fast track horses.

Siki Files Suit to Regain Title

Paris, Dec. 31.—Batling Siki filed a suit in the civil courts yesterday against Paul Rousseau, president of the French boxing federation, for annulment of his nine months' disqualification and for restoration of his title as European heavyweight champion, which he won from Georges Carpentier.

The suit was a result of Rousseau's failure to answer a formal summons served upon him last week directing him to produce within three days the records upon which Siki was disqualified. The Senegalese boxer repeated in the action begun today, his contention that the federation's action was illegal because he was not allowed to give his testimony.

"What's All This About Benton," Asks Moran

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Having "seen by the papers" that there was something of a commotion over the return of Pitcher "Rube" Benton to the National league, Pat Moran, manager of the Reds, bobbed up on the local horizon today to inquire what it was all about. Pat and Mrs. Moran are here for a visit with the latter's father.

When assured that there was no considerable opposition to the prospective purchase of Benton from St. Paul by the Cincinnati club, Moran said he couldn't understand it. He insisted he had never heard anything to the detriment of the hurler even to the recent confab at New York, when Benton's name and past were supposed to have been freely aired. He expressed the belief that eventually the cloud will be removed from the pitcher's name.

THE GUMPS---SEE IT IN COLORS IN THE SUNDAY BEE

There Was a Hot Time in the Old Town Last Night.

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Bowling Outgrows Local Facilities

There are more bowlers in Omaha than there are alleys to accommodate them.

That alone evidences the growth of bowling in the city during the closing year.

Omaha's two alleys—Farnam and Omaha—are taxed to capacity to provide pathways for all the leagues. Many leagues, in the process of organization, were disbanded last fall when it was learned that all space had been reserved.

Bowling has won many converts among women as well as men. The Ladies' Metropolitan league is recruited to full strength and as a result two more ladies' leagues are to be organized.

The Knights of Columbus league will be composed of 10 teams and the Women's Greater Omaha of four teams. The leading women bowlers will compete in the latter league.

A record entry was recorded in the state tournament, and Omaha wooden ball heavers invaded tournaments in other cities and carried off honors.

Al Krug bowled 416 in three games in the state tournament and retained his title of singles champion.

Mrs. R. T. Jameson defended her city and state titles against all challengers and promises to hold sway for another year.

The Nourse Oils won the team championship by bowling 2,979 in the state tournament.

R. L. and Kenneth Sciple topped 1,321 pins for the doubles title and R. L. Sciple won the all-events with a score of 1,823.

Pioneer Runners Had Endurance

Racing Cost King Over \$200,000

A New "Betcha Million" Race Yarn

By FRANK G. MENKE.

The horse which gallops beyond a mile and a half in the era is considered a durable wonder. The mare which romps for two and a half miles once in a while is called a "super horse." Yet in the early days of the turf a racer wasn't considered really worth while unless he scooted along for three miles as a rather regular thing—and frequently indulged in four-mile jaunts.

Lotus was the horse. He couldn't do anything for Gates and the latter gave him to Billy DuBois. Several weeks passed. Then DuBois hunted up Gates.

"Lotus is in racing condition right now," he informed Gates. "I've got Lotus entered today—and Lotus will win. I'm telling you this so you can get a bet down for yourself."

But Gates couldn't "see" Lotus. He figured that a horse named Wes was a certainty. He said so to DuBois.

"Well, I don't think so," answered DuBois. "I'm going to bet \$15,000 on Lotus."

"What are the odds?" asked Gates.

"Eight to 5 against Lotus," answered DuBois.

"Well, I'll book that bet for you," answered Gates. He did. Lotus won by four or five lengths, and the next day Gates paid \$24,000 to DuBois for betting against a horse which once had been his own.

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Angler Catches Bass; Retrieves Long Lost Rod

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 1.—Try this one on the next meeting of the Anglers' club:

Dr. Floyd S. Hoyt of Central Square, near here, has recovered from Oneida Lake a fishing rod which he lost last August.

Fishing through the ice he hooked a large bass, and when the bass had been landed he found that it had another hook in its mouth. Pulling in the line of the second hook he finally drew from the water the lost rod. It was at a spot five miles from where he lost it.

Many Evils in College Athletics Traceable to Activities of Grads

By HUGH FULLERTON.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—Practically every evil charged against college athletics may be traced to alumni in their activities, especially football. Whether it be excess in sport, excess in gambling, proselyting playing, securing undesirable characters as coaches, ticket scalping, interference with athletic management, at-tacks on coaches, when we get to the bottom of the case we find the over zealous "old grad." It is the "old grad" who refuses to realize that he has had his day and that the present, both in sport and in college belongs to the undergraduate, who has brought football into partial disrepute.

The problems of restraining the "old grad" from "helping" his old school and his team is a complicated one for the reason that usually the school needs his influence and needs his money. Worse than that, it sees the matter in an entirely different light from that of the advanced thinkers, and cannot realize that changes have come into college life and into athletics since his day.

He is insulted at the idea that his college and his team are being proselytized, the "old grad" who has been a debasing and discouraging effect upon the players, and constituting a menace to the morals of the undergraduate body.

Precautions Taken.

An examination of the evidence gathered from every faction, faculty, athletic directors, coaches, undergraduates and the better posted of the alumni show that practically all the evils charged against football in Yale, Harvard and Princeton originated in alumni interest in athletics.

Coaches, athletic directors and others admit these facts and say in despair, "What are we going to do about it?"

That the majority of universities and colleges have tried to prevent the proselyting, the "old grad" and the loaning of money to athletes and have partially balked the move to make entrance to college easy for athletes and to extend special favors to them is certain. But not one that I have found has been able to prevent it. Harvard and Yale grads have been checked largely—and have resented it, which is natural since they think they are doing something big for their school.

Expelled Athletes.

Princeton rebelled openly against this interference with university activities by the old grads. The action of stars who had borrowed money from the students' help fund, was one of the big moves of the year, rather hard on the victims, who had done no real wrong, but were victims of circumstances.

Princeton has a fund to help needy students through college; a well-meaning fund until it was misused. The majority of students, both athletic and otherwise, who borrowed from that fund were honest and the great majority repaid the loans. But when contributions to that fund poured in with a condition attached that the money be used for football men only, the university put down its foot. Of all who borrowed from the fund, I do not think six intentionally abused it, although I find that some who wanted to borrow to meet emergencies were urged by old grads to take the money and regard it as a gift.

The cause of the trouble is easy to find, but the cure is hard. There are so many instances of "help" extended to football players that are legitimate that it is like deciding between graft and "emoluments," but the effect is the same. It is setting up a favored class in institutions supposedly purely democratic, and is therefore wrong.

The last element in the football

Tigers' Crack Quintet Intact

New York, Dec. 30.—The college season is now in its preliminary stages. The holidays will bring a temporary cessation in the court activities, and then will be the resumption of classes. Princeton and Columbia on January 9 will open the Intercollegiate Basketball season.

The great problem confronting the coaches of Pennsylvania, Dartmouth, Columbia, Cornell and Yale is the Orange and Black menace of Princeton. There is not a man missing from the Princeton team which last year defeated Pennsylvania in the play-off game for the championship, the first basketball title to be won by the Tigers.

A year ago Princeton did not figure in the predictions for the season. Hill Zahn was in his first season as coach. "Hall Wittmer was the only veteran on the squad and he was declared ineligible before the schedule had been half finished. The team was green and suffered setbacks in the earlier games. But as time went on the possibilities developed beyond all speculation, and Pennsylvania, at first thought to be invincible with a veteran team, lost two games to the Tigers and the first holding of the new Alexander trophy.

Chicagoans Win From Wops, 31-29

A spurt of basket shooting in the closing seconds of the game gave the Association college quintet of Chicago a 31 to 29 victory over the M. E. Wops, leaders in the Church league, at the "W" last night.

The game, a sea-sawed affair, was replete with action and spectacular plays.

The first half ended 10 to 13, in favor of Association.

The Wops came back in the second period and tied the score on goals by Fisher and Saunders and a free throw by Peabody. From then on the Wops held the lead until the last minute of play, when the score stood 29 to 29. With but 15 seconds to play, Munna shot a long one, and won the game for his mates.

The First M. E. Baracons lost to the Beddoes in a preliminary game, 20 to 12. The Paynter brothers, Art and Floyd, starred for the losers. Slane and Camero, former Omaha Commercial High school stars, showed some of their oldtime speed at guard for the Beddoes.

The lineup:

Association College (31)	G.	F.T.	Pts.
Peabody, F. E.	1	0	2
Munna (c) L. E.	1	5	17
Dunham, J.	1	2	4
Manning, T. G.	2	0	4
Edgren, F. E.	1	0	2
Groves, L. E.	1	0	2
Sinister	0	0	0
Fisher	0	0	0
Saunders	0	0	0
Scott	0	0	0
Neun	0	0	0
Totals	7	12	31

Wops (29)	G.	F.T.	Pts.
Klipsper, F. E.	1	0	2
Peabody, C.	0	0	0
Peabody, C.	1	0	2
Redin, F. E.	1	0	2
Groves, L. E.	2	0	4
Saunders	3	2	8
Usher	0	0	0
Totals	13	2	29

Officials: Verso Moore, referee; Leslie Adams, umpire; Savage, timer; Coffey, scorer.

Time: halves: 20 minutes.

Midwestern Ass'n Meet at Iowa "U"

Iowa City, Ia., Dec. 31.—(Special)—The championship swimming meet of the Midwestern Association of the A. A. U. will be held with the University of Iowa February 1. Four events are scheduled: Senior 220-yard free style for men, Junior 100-yard free style for men, senior 100-yard free style for women. The meet is open to all who reside in the midwestern association, which includes the states of Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota and South Dakota.

Entry blanks will be mailed to all universities, athletic clubs, to many high schools and to individuals known to be interested. Contestants will be allowed to compete under the names of their university or college, as members of an athletic club or as unattached. All high school athletes will enter as unattached. It will be necessary for all contestants to be registered in the association. They may register with G. P. Wendell of the Omaha Athletic club. In addition to the registration fee of 25 cents, an extra charge of 50 cents must be sent with the entry blank. Special A. A. U. medals, gold, silver and bronze, will be awarded to the first three who place in each event. Entries for the meet close January 25.

Portis Wins

Portis, Kan., Dec. 31.—(Special)—The Portis Dynamos defeated the Franklin (Neb.) Bushwhackers at Franklin last night, 45 to 21, in one of the best games of the season. It was the fifth successive time the Portis team defeated Franklin.

High School Grid Teams on Edge for Battle Today

Corvallis, Ore., Dec. 31.—Scott High school football team of Toledo, O., rested from its training labors and all members were pronounced fit for Monday's contest with Corvallis high school, to be played here. The visiting team arrived tonight from Portland in a special car and was given a noisy welcome. The Corvallis men had a final workout today in a sea of mud. Prospects were for a wet field and rain Monday.

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