

Missouri Tackles Southern California in Intersectional Clash Today

Trojan Rooters Confident Coast Team Will Win

Valley Champs Enter Game With Only One Loss During Season Checked Against Them.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 24.—The second of four 1924 post-season intersectional football games to be played on the Pacific coast takes place here tomorrow when Trojan warriors of the University of Southern California meet the Tigers of the University of Missouri Valley champions of the conference.

The Trojans, under the leadership of Coach Elmer C. Henderson, have built up a defense which supporters believe will turn back the sharpened claws of the invaders.

The Missourians, conquerors of the University of Chicago Maroons, 3 to 0, early in the middlewestern gridiron season, met their only defeat of the year at the hands of the University of Nebraska Cornhuskers, 14 to 6.

Southern California was defeated twice this year, once by St. Mary's college, a comparatively small institution, 14 to 10, and by the powerful University of California team, 7 to 0. Later the Trojans beat the University of Idaho, 13 to 0, and the University of Syracuse, 16 to 0.

In 11 contests, the Trojans this season piled up 249 points against their opponents' 37. The Tigers in nine games accumulated 103 points against their foes' 21.

The middle west squad closed its training for the game today. The Southern California team, which is in seclusion out of town, will return tomorrow.

Firpo Expects to Meet Dempsey

Paris, Dec. 24.—Luis Firpo, who is yearning for another chance at Jack Dempsey's crown, expects to be matched with either Tom Gibbons or Jack Renault for a fight in New York in April, he told sport writers on his arrival here.

"The fight which left me the most regrets," he told the sporting press, "was the one with Dempsey. Just think—I knocked him out of the ring in the first round, which he finished groggy, and you might almost say he was saved by the gong. Alas, in the second he came up as fresh as ever and I lost."

"If I met him again and I have every reason to believe I shall do so in 1925, I'd beat Gibbons. I hope to have better luck, although Dempsey is a terrible opponent."

In Firpo's opinion, the four leading heavyweights in order of precedence are: Dempsey, Willis, Gibbons and Renault.

MONTGOMERY LOSES ON FOUL

Boston, Dec. 23.—Jim Maloney, Boston heavyweight, was awarded a decision on a foul over Sully Montgomery of Fort Worth, Tex., former Centre college football star, when Maloney was knocked down early in the third round of a scheduled 10-round bout here tonight.

Maloney, who had been leading Montgomery by a comfortable margin by reason of a left jab and effective infighting, was floored after a minute of the third round had elapsed. Referee Johnny Brassil, after beginning to count, consulted Boxing Commissioner Eugene Buckley, at the ringside, and announced that Maloney had been awarded the bout on a foul. Maloney weighed 177-1/2 pounds, Montgomery 201-1/2.

WYNNE TO ATTEND COACHES' MEETING

Chet Wynne, coach of the Creighton university football and track teams, will leave tonight for New York City, where he will attend the annual meeting of the National Association of University Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Coaches Dawson and Schulte of the Nebraska football team, and Dr. R. G. Clapp of the Nebraska wrestling team will attend the meeting in the east.

PITCHER BAYNE TO LOS ANGELES

"Bill" Bayne, southpaw pitcher who hurled for the Tulsa Oilers last season, winning nine and losing but two games, has been traded to Los Angeles of the Pacific Coast league. Bayne was traded by the St. Louis Browns. He was on option released by the Browns last year.

Marty Krug, former Omaha manager, is manager of the Angels.

Su Paul Hockey Team Wins

Duluth, Minn., Dec. 23.—Overcoming a one-point lead made by the St. Paul hockey club in the first period Duluth scored three times in the last session, going into first place in the United States Amateur Hockey league here tonight.

Millers Defeat Eveleth. Eveleth, Minn., Dec. 23.—Exerting every ounce of energy to split the series with the Red Raider of the western division, United States Amateur Hockey league, Minneapolis emerged victorious, 1 to 0, over Eveleth tonight.

WILLIE HOPPE WILL PLAY CANNEFAX

Chicago, Dec. 24.—Willie Hoppe, world's champion 18-2 ball line ball player, and Bob Cannefax, world's three-cushion champion, may meet here in a three-cushion match next month, after their meeting in New York.

Indoor Sports



Outdoor Sports

SCRAMBLED SPORTS

BY WAG

THE recent publicity given "Ace" Hudkins and his fight with Dick Hoppe in Hollywood, Cal., has caused "Pat" Boyle and Harry Reed, his managers, to burst forth in print.

The reason why Hudkins has two managers is that Boyle claims he purchased "Ace's" contract from Reed, while the latter says Boyle didn't complete the payment on the contract. Therefore, both Boyle and Reed claim to be Hudkins' manager.

Boyle says he will journey down to Lincoln after the first of the year to have a talk with the boxing commission relative to having Hudkins suspended.

Reed says he will wait until the commission acts before making any statement.

Who is managing Hudkins and who is managing Hoppe are determining who is Hudkins' manager, "Ace" is in California making ready for the new 10-round fight game. Newspapers from Los Angeles inform us that Hudkins made a big hit with the fans when he beat Dick Hoppe, considered one of the best lightweights on the west coast.

Who is managing Hudkins during the latter's California campaign, no one knows.

Harry Reed, in a letter to the writer, says he has turned over all contracts and papers on Hudkins to the commission.

Reed claims that he is the logical manager of Hudkins because of Boyle's failure to come across with his part of the agreement regarding the transfer of Hudkins' contract.

Lincoln Western League CLUB AFTER ALL BLOODGOOD. THE Lincoln Western league baseball club wants Al Bloodgood.

University of Nebraska quarter-back and one of the best baseball players ever developed at the Cornhusker school.

Bloodgood has a chance to go south with the New York Giants but should he decide to quit school and enter professional baseball he believes that it best to start with a minor league team and go up the ladder rather than start with a major league club and go down.

While Bloodgood wants to play professional baseball his friends and he has many, want him to remain at the university. They opine that if he were to drop out of school now in view of the recent scandal over the election of 1925 football captain the sting for professional sport might be misinterpreted in university athletic circles.

It will be remembered that Bloodgood was elected by the Husker football players captain of the 1925 eleven following the Nebraska-Oregon Aggie game in Lincoln. Fraternity scandal was uncovered and the officials of the institution took the captaincy out of Al's hands and appointed Ed Weir, captain of the 1924 team, captain for another year.

Then again, there is a little doubt in the minds of the wise men at Nebraska about Bloodgood's athletic standing. The question of Al's eligibility arises from his year of football at DePaul university in 1921. However, until his eligibility is decided by the university officials, Bloodgood will remain in school. Then if his college football career is ended, Al may sign with the Lincoln club.

BLUEJAYS HALT CAGE PRACTICE

A. A. Schabinger, athletic director and coach of the Creighton university basketball team, has dismissed his hoopers from practice until Friday.

The Bluejays were scheduled to play Texas university here Saturday, but the southerners cancelled the contest.

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Johnny Dundee One of Few Boxers in Fistic History to Give Up Title Without Once Defending It

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Johnny Dundee, former world featherweight and junior lightweight champion, who unexpectedly has decided to renew his fistic activity by engaging Fred Bretteau of France in a bout at Paris next month, is one of the few boxers in fistic history to give up a title without once defending it.

French was here with a reconstructed jaw. Criqui knocked Kilkane out at the Polo Grounds in June, 1923, but risked and lost his newly won laurels two months later to Dundee. Since then Dundee, finding difficulty making the 126-pound limit, failed to defend his title and forfeited it last August.

To fill the vacancy the New York state athletic commission has been conducting a title tournament, and the finalists, Kid Kaplan of Meriden, Conn., and Danny Kramer of Philadelphia, are to meet January 2 at Madison Square garden to decide

which will gain official recognition as Dundee's successor.

The 130-pound or junior lightweight title was created by Tex Rickard in 1921 and awarded to Dundee when he defeated George Chaney. Subsequently Dundee lost and regained the crown in battles with Jack Bernstein, but lost it again last June to Sieze (Kid) Sullivan of Brooklyn.

Bretteau won the European lightweight title by defeating the leading lightweights of the old world and being proclaimed the champion by the International Boxing union.

The champion at that time was Harry Mason of England, but the latter was discarded by ring boys in favor of Bretteau February 2, 1924. The Frenchman held this crown until Lucienne Vide of France toppled him from the throne, October 7, 1924.

PAAVO NURMI WORRYING; FEARS JOIE RAY WILL PROVE CLAIMS WHEN BOTH MEET

Great Finnish Runner Turning in Remarkable Workouts—Time of Nurmi's Trials Is Dark Mystery—Ray Says He Is Back in Form That Made Him Unbeatable Several Years Ago.

By DAVIS J. WALSH. NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Considerably encouraged by his recent discovery that American indoor tracks were not created for the purpose of presenting spavined "shanks" to visiting foreign runners, Paavo Nurmi stated today that he expects to break the world's indoor record for the mile on the evening of January 6, his first competitive appearance in this country. The great Finn makes only one stipulation, to wit:

That when the big moment arrives, Joie Ray be as good as he claims himself to be.

Joie has led it for him that made him unbeatable indoors several years ago. He is alleged to have intimated that he might even go so far as to beat Nurmi in the latter's first race on an American track.

The Finn has not deemed it necessary to state that he will defeat Ray. He merely announces that he will clip an odd second or so, the rest of it being taken for granted.

Nurmi's announcement was made following a series of time trials on a local indoor track. These runs have been eminently satisfactory for they appear to have dissipated the Finn's dissatisfaction with indoor running. Less than two weeks ago he promoted a semi-pamphlet in the Finnish-American A. C., by intimating that he might return home on the first steamer.

Additional confirmation of Nurmi's condition, and consequently his change of attitude, is contained in the statement of a veteran athletic follower who declared today that Nurmi had run the fastest two miles he had ever witnessed in a trial at the 25th field artillery armory in the Bronx. This man saw Ray do 9:08 2/5, the fastest time ever made by human feet.

Just what Nurmi did in his trial is a deep, dark mystery of the kind featuring the unexplained presence of the lady's lipstick in the murdered man's shaving mug.

Organize Colored Basket Ball Leagues---Red Dots Top Standings

The first colored basket ball city championship tournament is being played this winter at the Imperial Athletic club located on North Twenty-fourth street. C. C. Galloway, father of Ledrus, Galloway, Iowa university star gridster, has donated a big hall to the club for basket ball games.

Two leagues, the Imperial and the Imperial lightweights, are playing scheduled games. The Red Dots, colored football champions, lead the Imperial league. The Red Dot team is composed of former Long school players, champions of The Omaha Bee basket ball league.

William Ware, forward on the Red Dots and high scorer in the grade school tournament last year, leads the Imperial league in individual scoring, having chalked up 46 points in three games played. Lee, also of the Red Dots, is second in scoring with 26 points.

John Phillips of the Red Dot Cubs of the Lightweight league leads the league in points scored with 36. Martin Thomas, former Central star athlete, coaches the Red Dots and assists in directing the games in the two leagues.

The standings of the Imperial league and the Imperial lightweight leagues follow:

| RED DOT A. C. | Won | Lost | Points |
|-----------------|-----|------|--------|
| Sainted Devils | 2 | 0 | 100 |
| John Canabors | 2 | 0 | 83 |
| Black Diamonds | 1 | 2 | 23 |
| Imperial Tigers | 0 | 3 | 22 |
| Lincoln A. C. | 0 | 3 | 00 |

| LIGHTWEIGHTS | Won | Lost | Points |
|--------------|-----|------|--------|
| Red Dot Cubs | 3 | 0 | 100 |
| Blue Devils | 2 | 1 | 66 |
| Fighting Six | 2 | 1 | 00 |

HELEN CONDON TO SWIM FOR I. A. C.

Miss Helen Condon, one of Omaha's best girl swimmers, will swim under the colors of the Illinois Athletic club during the national senior inter-women's championship meet at St. Augustine, Fla., next February.

Creighton Preps Lose to Alumni

The Creighton High school basket ball team opened its season last night against Creighton alumni, losing by the score of 22 to 18.

Coach Drennan of the Preps changed his lineup several times, trying his hoopers out under fire.

"Pat" Walsh topped the Prep scoring with three field goals.

Manager Fohl to Ask for Waivers on Three Hurlers

Quinn, Piercy, Murray Are Trio Slated to Go—Few Veterans to Stay With Red Sox.

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 23.—Manager Lee Fohl of the Boston Red Sox is ready to ask waivers on Pitches, Quinn, Piercy and Murray, he declared here today, adding that few veterans will be in this year's line.

"I thought I could finish in the first division with a flock of stars, whose brilliance was becoming bedimmed," Fohl said. "No such mistake will be made next year. We are going to build up a new team instead of patching one that is not worth patching."

Pitches Elmke and Ferguson, Catcher Pleinich, Second Baseman Wambegans and Outfielder Flagstead will represent the veterans.

Yanks May Get 'Bonehead' Merkle as Pinch Hitter

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The possibility that Fred Merkle, Rochester first baseman, may be obtained by the New York Yankees as coach and pinch hitter was hailed by local critics today as the final vindication of a popular ball player, whose career was almost wrecked in its infancy.

Known to everyone as "Bonehead" Merkle, following his failure to touch second base in the memorable Giant-Cuban game of 1908, Merkle lived down the ignominy to become one of the hardest hitting and best first basemen in baseball.

HOLY CROSS NINE HAS GOOD SEASON

New York, Dec. 23.—Analysis of eastern inter-collegiate championship honors for 1924 reveals that Holy Cross has a much stronger claim to the baseball title than Yale, which was supreme in more branches of competition than any rival of the last year.

Holy Cross boasted an unbeaten nine which hung up a string of 13 triumphs.

POSTPONE CAGE GAMES AT 'Y'

Because tonight is the time when 'ol Saint Nick makes his appearance, no basket ball games have been scheduled at the Y. M. C. A.

The 'Y' Commercial Basket Ball league games scheduled for this evening have been postponed until next Wednesday, according to Physical Director Keester.

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Rockne Fearful of Outcome of New Year's Game

Climate, Railroad Journey Contribute Nothing to Condition of Team in Opinion of Coach.

HOUSTON, TEX., Dec. 24.—Notre Dame alumni flocked to the hotel here today where the undefeated Notre Dame football eleven is quartered for its short stay in Houston preparatory to leaving for Pasadena, Cal., where it will meet Leland Stanford university on New Year's day.

Coach Knute Rockne indicated today that he was somewhat dubious over the outcome. Change of climate, he said, and the long railroad journey from the north, had contributed nothing to the condition of the team, and he feared, he said, that the expected sunny weather of California would be anything but a prime football factor.

The eleven arrived in Houston last night. A luncheon today was the entertainment program. The squad expects to leave Thursday night for El Paso on the way to the coast.

Meanwhile, it plans as much practice as the rainy weather will permit.

The last Notre Dame eleven to visit Houston was in 1915, when it won over Rice institute.

FADING YEAR DEVELOPED MANY OUTSTANDING STARS IN BALL; HARRIS, VANCE, JOHNSON ON LIST

Great National Pastime Manages to Take Front Rank in Amount of Interest Evoked and Thrills Furnished—Tennis and Golf Also Making Rapid Strides on Rank and File of Sport Lovers.

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The disgraceful school-boy squabbling of Commissioner Landis and President Ban Johnson of the American league.

The superior leadership of Stanley Harris, Washington manager, in his first effort as manager of a big league club.

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The purchase of Lefty Groves, star pitcher of the International league, for the reported price of \$100,000 to the Athletics.

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The departure of Del Pratt, Jeff Pfeffer, Larry Gardner and one or two other popular veterans from the ranks of the big timers.

The European tour of the Giants and White Sox all-star team. This was the first of such collections to win the distinction of playing a nine-inning game for the benefit of 20 Irishmen in Dublin.

The unanimous action of the baseball writers in choosing the Washington club to finish anywhere from eighth to sixth place.

The repeated offer of Owner Ebbetts of the Dodgers of \$275,000 for Rogers Hornsby and his assertion that he meant it.

Cozy Dunbar's sudden loss of memory.

The number of former big league ball players who drew attention in the "amateur" ranks of many cities.

Ever since the success of the original boxing bill, giving the same to the major cities, was assured, smaller cities in Minnesota have been demanding equal rights in the matter of legalized bouts and they came so close to having their demands gratified that the state senate passed the bill in 1923, which was killed in the house.

The fight will be renewed next month, Senator Boylan announced, and the prospect of it being passed is bright.

Although a definite lineup on the vote of the house cannot be made, it is believed that the large number of amateur boxing programs conducted throughout the state has convinced a number of constituencies that the game is worth while and that the vote thus made will be sufficient to assure the passage of the bill.

PENN PLAYER UNABLE TO PLAY

Johnstown, Pa., Dec. 23.—Theodore H. Fairchild, right end on the University of Pennsylvania football team, will be unable to accompany the team to the Pacific coast for a game New Year's day with the University of California, his physicians announced definitely tonight. Fairchild was stricken with appendicitis while visiting here a few days ago.

"Babe" Herman Sold to Seattle Club

"Babe" Herman, former Omaha Western leaguer, has been purchased by a Seattle club of the Pacific Coast league. Herman was purchased from Little Rock.

Southern Baseball Fans Will See Stars in Action Next Spring

Baseball fans in the south next spring will have a hard time choosing between the two banner attractions of the major league exhibition tour. The Washington Senators will travel with the New York Giants in an echo of the world's series but the tour of the rival second place clubs, Brooklyn and the New York Yankees will host two great attractions—Dazzy Vance and Babe Ruth.

Associated Press. CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Robert C. Zuppke, coach of the University of Illinois football team, is opposed to tinkering with the forward pass. He said tonight that changes, which some coaches propose, would be harmful to the game as an interesting spectacle.

Coach Zuppke, a vice president of the American Football Coaches' association, will preside at the annual meeting to be held in New York, starting next Monday, in the absence of John W. Heilmann, president, who will be en route to Europe.

"I am giving only my personal views of the proposed changes, which are a question for the association to decide," Coach Zuppke said. "Speaking for myself, I want to call attention to these points:

"One suggestion is that a touchdown, made as a result of a forward pass, should count only three points, the same as a field goal. It is easy to see what would happen. Every coach would instruct a runner who was about to make a touchdown from catching a ball, to throw the ball a few inches from the goal line, so that it could be carried over for six points. This certainly would make a joke out of the restriction.

"Another suggestion is only two forward passes for every four downs. In the end this would probably mean that only one pass could be used in four downs, because nine times out of 10 the offensive team could not afford to use a pass on the fourth down. It would also mean that as soon as the team used its allotted passes, the old-fashioned defense of the push and pull game would be employed, making the modern running offensive practically futile.

"To bring the intercepted forward pass back only as far as the scrimmage line, which is also suggested, would make the forward pass offensive stronger than it is now. I do not believe that this is desirable.

"Fast playing is necessary to make the game interesting, but the suggestion that each team be allowed a certain number of plays each half, dispensing with the timing watch, would put a premium on the slower playing team.

"I am sure that these changes would be harmful to the game."

Minnesota Seeks New Boxing Law

Minneapolis, Dec. 23.—A new fight for state-wide boxing, permitting professional fights in all cities and villages with a population of 5,000 or more, will be made at the next session of the state legislature which will convene January 6, according to Senator Mike Boylan of Virginia, who is sponsoring the bill.

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