

Notre Dame Rules Top Heavy Favorite in Contest With Stanford New Years

Record Crowd to Be on Hand to Witness Game

Rockne's Brains and Craft Will Meet Test Against Those of Warner—Hoosier Eleven Flashier.

By MARK KELLY.
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—Notre Dame university's football team, the most widely advertised eleven in the country ever has known—is top heavy favorite over Stanford university at this writing.

In no place are reputations for past performances of such weight as on the gridiron where the uncertainties of sport—known in football as "the breaks"—provide upset after upset, and send reputed favorites down to defeat time after time.

Standford tackles Notre Dame on New Year's day at Rose Bowl, Pasadena, before 53,000 persons. Were the bowl large enough, there would be 60,000 in attendance, as it is conservatively estimated that more than 55,000 persons have been disappointed in the quest for the pasteboards. What few tickets have reached the hands of speculators are commanding fabulous prices. Recently a batch of six seats on the 30-yard line brought \$250. Other prices have been quoted at \$15 for seats behind the goal posts up to \$5 for a single ticket within the seating zone of the playing field.

Interest in the game is national in scope. Football writers from all parts of the country have deluged the committees with requests for working reservations. Coaches and experts from every conceivable spot where the great collegiate game is played are flocking to Los Angeles for the contest.

A delegation of 500 Chicago alumni of Notre Dame are due Wednesday, and it is said that many of them are without tickets, depending on getting them when they arrive here.

The "fighting Irish" of Notre Dame—28 strong, and headed by Knute K. Rockne, their versatile and crafty coach—are due Wednesday morning. They plan to hold one light signal drill, acclimate themselves to the turf of Rose Bowl and to liberate the field on Thursday.

Glen S. Warner, dean of American coaches and head mentor for Stanford, brought his cardinal eleven in to Pasadena this morning.

Standford comes with its full strength—stronger, in fact, than at any time during the season, just closed. This is because of the return of Ernie Nevers, giant fullback who rips and tears perfectly good lines to pieces when he hits 'em.

Walter Haswell did not see the squad in perfect physical condition for the gruelling game that Notre Dame is expected to provide.

Notre Dame, because of her highly successful season against tough opposition, is made a two to one favorite to defeat Stanford.

The football world rates Rockne and Warner as its two best coaches. Rockne's brains and craft will test the wits of Warner. As a team, Notre Dame is the flashier. But Warner is a foxy gentleman.

Indoor Sports



INDOOR SPORTS.

TRYING TO EXCHANGE THE XMAS TIE YOUR SWEETIE GAVE YOU—AND MAKING A DISCOVERY—

AUTO CLASSIC ENTRIES MAILED

Indianapolis, Dec. 28.—Entry blanks for the 15th annual 500-mile International Sweepstakes, scheduled for Saturday, May 30, 1925, at the Indianapolis motor speedway here, have been placed in the mails. It was announced yesterday by officials of the speedway. This will be the 17th season for the famous \$50,000 five-century grind.

The conditions for the coming year will be almost identical with those for last year's event, but it will be the last for engines not exceeding 222 cubic inches piston displacement. The conditions for the 1925 race call for engines not exceeding a piston displacement of 911.2 inches.

The contending drivers must average 85 miles per hour for 10 miles to qualify for the race, five miles faster than the 1924 race. Not more than 32 cars will be permitted to start, the slower cars dropping out if more than 33 qualify.

SENATORS START SOUTH FEB. 15

Washington, Dec. 27.—Holding fast to that famous old adage relative to the early bird and the well known worm, Bucky Harris, boy pilot of the world champion Washington Senators, announced tonight his intention of starting his 1925 training season February 15.

On that date the veterans of the team have been ordered to report at Hot Springs, Ark., for a little baking out. The Hot Springs contingent will include Harris, Rice, Peckinpah, Goslin, Leibold, Walter Johnson, Dutch Reuther, Coveleskie, Vean Gregg, Marberry, Judge and Mike McNulty.

This group will remain for two weeks and then journey to the spring training camp at Tampa, Fla., to join the remainder of Washington's 30 players March 3—the official opening day.

COYOTES DISPLAY INTEREST IN BOXING

Vermillion, S. D., Dec. 27.—That male students at the University of South Dakota are keen about learning the "manly art" of protecting themselves is evidenced by the great interest taken in the boxing classes which opened here under the direction of Franklin Hyde, former lightweight boxing champion of the University of Minnesota.

Forty men have already signed up for instruction and more are expected to enroll before the work gets further under way. A contest will be held for each class later in the course and medals awarded to the winners.

Bison Cagers Win on Coast

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 28.—North Dakota Agricultural college basketball players defeated the Spokane Amateur Athletic club, 23 to 28, at the club gymnasium here in the first game of their invasion of the Pacific northwest.

Want Basket Ball Games.

The B'nai B'rith, 115-pound basketball players, Sunday school champs, want games. For contests call Jacob Stolter, Webster 6044.

Baker Brothers, Great Distance Runners, Preparing for Service in South America as Missionaries

By Associated Press.
Boston, Dec. 27.—One of the most unusual chapters in athletic history surrounds the career of Ray Baker, national mile-running champion and hailed by Paavo Nurmi, the great Finn, as his most dangerous rival at 1,500 meters in America.

Baker, who represented Uncle Sam in the Paris Olympics and returned to detrone Jole Ray as American mile titleholder, will make his farewell to the track during the coming indoor season. With his twin brother Richard, he is preparing for South American missionary service, but before he leaves to take up his task, Ray hopes to match strides at least once more with Nurmi and his other rivals. He may get his first opportunity in the mile "special" at the Finnish-American games here, January 7, when he is entered with a crack field, including Nurmi and Jole Ray.

Missionaries of a new type, the Baker brothers, both athletic stars, and rivals in their days at Bates college, Maine, are sons of a clergyman, Rev. Fred M. Baker, of Anthony, R. I., whose work in Bolivia they are now qualifying to carry on. They have a similarity in ministerial aims as close as their personal resemblance to each other.

Amateur Baseball Flourishes in Omaha During 1924 Season

By "ROSEY."
Amateur baseball flourished in Omaha during the year 1924, judging from the financial statement prepared by John Dennison, secretary of the Municipal Baseball association, at its last regular meeting.

The games staged at League park were the largest source of revenue to the coffers of the amateur athletes. Nearly \$2,000 were dropped into the treasury of the amateur baseball body from money paid into the ticket office at League park.

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Bloodgood May Possibly Enter Upon Diamond Career With Cards or Giants

By International News Service.
INCOLN, Neb. Dec. 27.—The New York Giants of the St. Louis Cardinals probably gained a promising rookie in the outfielder tonight when Albert Bloodgood, regular varsity quarterback on the University of Nebraska grid team was declared ineligible for another season of collegiate football. Bloodgood, who played his freshman year at Depauw university, was ruled ineligible for a third year of football at Nebraska, the eligibility committee of both the Missouri Valley and Big Ten conferences holding the year at

By Tad



NO MATTER HOW YOUNG A PRINCE MAY BE—IT'S ALWAYS FULL WRINKLES.

SIX UNDEFEATED ELEVENS TO CLASH

By Associated Press.
San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Six undefeated football teams will clash in three inter-sectional games in the far west on New Year's day.

At Pasadena, Cal., Knute Rockne's "four horsemen" and other trained performers from Notre Dame will close a spectacular season of undiluted victory by meeting Glenn Warner's unbeaten Stanford eleven. At Berkeley, Andy Smith's University of California Bears, undefeated in five years, will face Lou Young's University of Pennsylvania team, one of the few unconquered outfits in the east.

Over at Honolulu the University of Colorado champions of the Rocky Mountain conference, will share the gridiron with the strong University of Hawaii eleven.

While Notre Dame is an odds-on favorite in the wagering, according to all reports, most observers look for a close game. Stanford supporters, although not optimistic, hope that the trickiness of Rockne and the "horsemen" may be upset by the power of the Cardinal defense and that Warner may pry open a few strategies of his own.

California and Pennsylvania are considered more evenly matched, and betting is reported hesitant. Both teams have come through in great shape this season. California has played two tie games—those with Washington and Stanford—while the Quakers were held to one—the scoreless affair with Penn State.

There is little basis of comparison for the Honolulu game.

PROTESTED GRID GAME TO VILLISCA

Villisca, Ia., Dec. 27.—By action of the state athletic association, Creston was forced to forfeit its football victory of November 14 to Villisca, 1 to 0, and placed on probation for the period of one year.

Villisca protested the game on the grounds that two men were ineligible and that their names did not appear on the eligibility list submitted to Villisca prior to the game at Creston.

The decision gives Villisca a clean record, having won every game and having due claim with the Thomas Jefferson of Council Bluffs for the championship of southwestern Iowa. The change makes 226 points scored by Villisca against 24 scored by opponents. Many veterans will be back again next year and another good team is expected.

RACE RESULTS

PIPET RACE, 1/4 mile, 10 furlongs.
Joe V. 112 (Harker) 6.20 4.20 5.40
Jack Led. 117 (Harker) 19.30 6.40
Time: 1:14.2

Second race, 1/4 mile, 10 furlongs.
Nizam, 112 (Edwards) 14.40 5.40 4.40
Bob Hill, 117 (Harker) 22.40 10.40
Time: 1:13.1

Third race, 1/4 mile, 10 furlongs.
Insurance, 103 (Hooper) 26.00 14.00 7.00
Creston, 104 (Harker) 15.00 10.40 4.40
Time: 1:12.1

Fourth race, 1/4 mile, 10 furlongs.
Pep, 112 (Harker) 12.40 5.40 4.40
Edmon, Navarri, Deputy, Spic and Span
Time: 1:14.1

Fifth race, 1/4 mile, 10 furlongs.
Nellie, 112 (Hooper) 13.20 6.40 4.40
Bob Hill, 117 (Harker) 22.40 10.40
Time: 1:12.1

Mighty Arm of Ol' "Bill" Bailey, Buffalo Pitcher, Brings Him to Death's Door---Has Heart Disease

LONG BEACH, Cal., Dec. 27.—The mighty left arm of "Bill" Bailey, former star twirler of the St. Louis Browns, that mowed down batter after batter in the major leagues, has brought him to death's door, it was learned today.

Stricken by athletic heart, Bailey is being kept alive in the Shell Oil company hospital by transfusion of blood, furnished by loyal friends and former teammates.

Though his early recovery is predicted, Bailey, who is credited with pitching the Omaha club to a pennant in the Western league during the season just closed, and in doing so worked more innings than any other pitcher in organized baseball, will never again lead a team to victory, physicians declared.

The terrific strain imposed by Bailey's record-breaking achievement in the 1924 season, coupled with his 19 years on the diamond, have weakened his heart to the point where he will never again be able to engage in strenuous pursuits.

The end of Bailey's brilliant baseball career was foreshadowed some time ago when an artery burst just above his heart.

Scores of friends rallied to the aid of the baseball idol. Four blood transfusions took place in rapid succession. These, it was said by attending physicians, are expected to lead to Bailey recovery.

Kaplan, Kramer Battle for Title

New York, Dec. 28.—Fistic activities this week will erase the only question mark left in the list of champions when Danny Kramer of Philadelphia and Louis (Kid) Kaplan of Meriden, Conn., meet for 15 rounds in Madison Square Garden for the featherweight title, on Friday night.

This crown, since being swept from the head of the falling Johnny Kilbane by Eugene Kings of France, on June 2, 1923, in this city, rested on that of Johnny Dundee, only 20 feet aside when the Italian admitted he was unable to make the weight again. Then it was snatched up by the New York state athletic commission to be awarded to the survivor of a tournament held around six contenders and two alternates.

Kaplan outpointed Bobby Garcia of Camp Holabird, Md., in the preliminaries, and on the same night eliminated Mike Dundee of Rock Island, Ill., and José Lombardo of Panama conquered Lew Paluso of Salt Lake City. In the semifinals Kramer drew a bye, and Kaplan met Lombardo, knocking out the Irishman in four rounds. Kramer has had six weeks in which to prepare for the final test, Kaplan only three.

Critics lost his championship to Johnny Dundee just eight weeks after he won it from Kilbane in 1923.

CLASS B CHURCH CAGE TEAMS PLAY

First M. E. Zips defeated the Y. M. H. A. Juniors, 9 to 6, in the feature contest of the Class B Church Basketball league at the Y. M. C. A. last night. Carnal starred for the winners, gathering over half of his team's points.

Calvary Baptists won a loosely played game from the Unitarian quintet, 15 to 11. At the end of the half the Quakers were leading, 9 to 4. In the final stages of the game the Baptists put up a stiff battle and overcame the five-point lead and went ahead never to be overtaken.

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Appel Beats Ringwald.

New York, Dec. 27.—Defending the title he won last year, Kenneth Appel of Mercedesburg academy today defeated J. D. Ringwald of Princeton in the third round of the international junior indoor tennis championship, 6-1, 6-0.

Colorado Tigers Win.

Aurora, Ill., Dec. 27.—The Denver (Colo) Tigers' basketball team defeated the Batavia (Ill.) five last night at Batavia, 29 to 27. It was the first defeat for Batavia in two years.

Maryland Realizes \$721,000 From Four Race Tracks

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 27.—The state of Maryland this year will receive \$721,000 in round numbers as its revenue from the four one-mile race tracks—Havre de Grace, Pimlico, Laurel and Bowie—figures from the state racing commission, complete with the exception of Laurel, today indicated.

This revenue is made up of two items: (1) Tax of \$6,000 for each day of racing at each track, and (2) tax of 15 per cent on the net revenue of each track for the year.

There are 92 days of racing. It is estimated, unofficially, that approximately \$31,000,000 passed through the pari-mutuel machines at the four tracks this year.

Rules Discussion to Feature Grid Coaches' Meet

Majority of Grid Mentors Believe Game Is Fundamentally Sound in Its Present Form.

By Associated Press.
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Discussion of football rules, with the probability that a number of concrete recommendations for changes will grow out of recent views voiced by coaches and officials, promises to be an outstanding feature of the gathering of various athletic groups and interests here this

The opening gridiron forum, where sharply opposing views on the forward pass and other features of the gridiron sport may come into conflict, takes place tomorrow when the Football Coaches' Association of America holds its annual meeting. This will be followed on Tuesday by the annual session of the National Collegiate Athletic association, when E. K. Hall, chairman of the football rules committee, will file his annual report and shed considerable light. It is expected, on the position of this governing body.

The National Amateur Athletic federation, likewise bringing together athletic interests from all parts of the country, also is scheduled to hold its meeting tomorrow.

Though some drastic changes in the football code have been advocated in discussion by coaches recently, it appears likely that no radical changes will be endorsed by the coaches as a whole, most of whom believe the game is fundamentally sound in its present form.

Agitation started recently by H. M. Gore, Massachusetts Aggie coach, against the forward pass as a "menace" to the game in its present usage, likely will be reflected in the meeting. Gore has received support from several societies, but on the other hand, such prominent figures as Bob Zuppke, Illinois coach; Fielding H. Yost, Michigan; Knute Rockne, Notre Dame, and Bill Roper of Princeton, have come out in opposition to any " tinkering" with the aerial game.

Eastern football officials yesterday went on record as opposing any material changes in the rules.

Principal among the changes which appear likely to receive endorsement, however, is one placing the ball back to the 40-yard line for kickoff instead of midfield, as under the present code. Other suggestions more or less widely favored include elimination of the run after recovery of a fumble, elimination of the forward pass, elimination of all optional features of penalties, elimination of the point after touchdown, and elimination of the award of first down on an offside penalty except in cases where the penalty gives the offensive team the ball beyond the point to be gained.

The N. C. A. A., among other matters, will consider phases of an athletic educational program, the aftermath of the 1924 Olympic games, and the development of other features of the sport.

Major John L. Griffith, athletic commissioner of the Western conference; A. A. Stagg, football coach at Chicago; Dr. R. Tait Mackenzie of the University of Pennsylvania, and Dr. John Brown, athletic secretary of the Y. M. C. A., will be among the principal speakers.

Huskies to Meet Stanford in Track

Lincoln, Dec. 27.—University of Nebraska track and field athletes and Stanford university tracksters will compete in a dual meet Tuesday, April 4, at Palo Alto, Cal.

Henry F. Schulte, head track coach at the Cornhusker institution, announced tonight that formal arrangements had been concluded on the western coast. Coach Schulte's trackmen, winners of four successive championships in the Missouri Valley conference, have been granted leave by the university faculty to make the California trip during the spring vacations.

The Bears won, 75 to 54, largely by cleaning up in the field events, while Nebraska won most of the sprints. Roland Locke, Missouri Valley conference champion sprinter, will probably be the main scoring reliance of the Cornhuskers. As the trip next spring will be made during the regular spring vacation only a few days will be lost of school work.

JOE MOORE WINS ON STEEL BLADES

Lake Placid, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Joe Moore of New York, 1924 indoor champion, won all three senior skating events in the annual holiday meet on Mirror lake here today.

Charles Jewtraw, Lake Placid, skated an exhibition 220 yards and one-sixth mile.

The summaries:
220-yard—Won by Joe Moore, New York; second, Leslie Boyd, New York; third, James Sheffield, Lake Placid.
500-yard—Won by Moore; second, Boyd; third, Sheffield. Time: one minute, 11.4 seconds.
One mile—Won by Moore; second, Ed Meyer, New York; third, Boyce, Time: Five minutes, 39.3 seconds.

Scottbluff Mat Match.

Bridgeton, Neb., Dec. 27.—On Tuesday evening, December 20, there will be a wrestling match at Scotts bluff that promises to bring a number of sports to the valley. It is given under the auspices of the Elks lodge and will be between Adam Kreiger of Lincoln, junior middle weight champion of the world, and Billy Schober of Cleak Lake, Ia., eastern choice for the middleweight mat championship.

Spalla Wins by Knockout.

Turin, Italy, Dec. 28.—Erminio Spalla, the Italian fighter who holds the European heavyweight championship, today knocked out an American negro, Max Williams, in the first round. The end came 20 seconds after the fight started.

Newark Soccer Team Loses.

Elizabeth, Pa., Dec. 27.—The Newark F. C. of Newark was defeated in an American league soccer match here today by the Bethlehem Steel F. C., 6 to 0.

Nurmi to Meet Stiff Opposition in Lloyd, Hahn, Tom Cavanaugh

New York, Dec. 27.—Paavo Nurmi, the Finn, will meet with some stiff opposition from American runners at the Madison Square garden on January 6. Lloyd Hahn of the Boston A. A. and Tom Cavanaugh of Boston college, have signified their intention of running against him. Hahn, who has been enjoying an extended vacation at his home in Nebraska, is returning to Boston to put the final touches on his condition under Jack Ryder. Cavanaugh, too, will be in fine fettle for his meeting with Paavo, having ac-

Race Entries

JEFFERSON PARK
First race: Purse, \$700; 6 furlongs.
Laming, 2-year-old and up.
Judge, 2-year-old and up.
Eubank, 2-year-old and up.
Second race: Purse, \$700; 3-year-olds.
and up, claiming, mile and sixteenth.
Cora, 3-year-old and up.
Proceeds, 100% to the American Race Horse Society.
David Harum, 111 (Karl) 10.10
Taylor Hay, 112 (Karl) 10.10
Third race: Purse, \$700; 2-year-old and up, allowances; 1/2 mile and sixteenth.
D. E. Adams, 112 (Horn) 11.15
Stirrup Cup, 115 (Shirley) 10.15
Clemens, 112 (A. F. Brown) 10.15
Clean, 115 (Shirley) 10.15
Wisniam, Lady, 112 (A. F. Brown) 10.15
Candace, 112 (A. F. Brown) 10.15
Elizabeth Hill, 112 (A. F. Brown) 10.15
Fourth race: Purse, \$600; all ages; 1/2 mile.
Medo, 115 (Pete) 11.15
Tom Resner, 9 (Pete) 11.15
Alex. Moore, 34 (Boy) 10.15
C. McMath, 95
Fifth race: Purse, \$700; 3-year-olds; claiming; 6 furlongs.
A. Sprunt, 112 (Horn) 10.15
Mary Johnson, 106 (E. R. McMillen) 10.15
Stan Hill, 109 (Butler) 10.15
N. East, 109 (Butler) 10.15
Queen Agnes, 105 (Caldwell) 10.15
Little Jimmie, 106 (Horn) 10.15
Wishu, 108 (A. Harker) 10.15
Mackey, 109 (Horn) 10.15
Sixth race: Purse, \$700; 3-year-olds and up, claiming, mile and sixteenth.
Shaper, 110 (Ashburn) 10.15
Stan Hill, 109 (Butler) 10.15
Sumas, 112 (W. Wagner) 10.15
Wagon, 112 (A. Harker) 10.15
Salsinger, 103
Seventh race: Purse, \$700; 3-year-olds and up, claiming, mile and sixteenth.
Good Night, 114 (M. Garet) 10.15
Cluck Stock, 112 (Horn) 10.15
Bench Mager, 104 (A. Harker) 10.15
X. F. King, 112 (A. Harker) 10.15
Weather, clear; track, heavy.

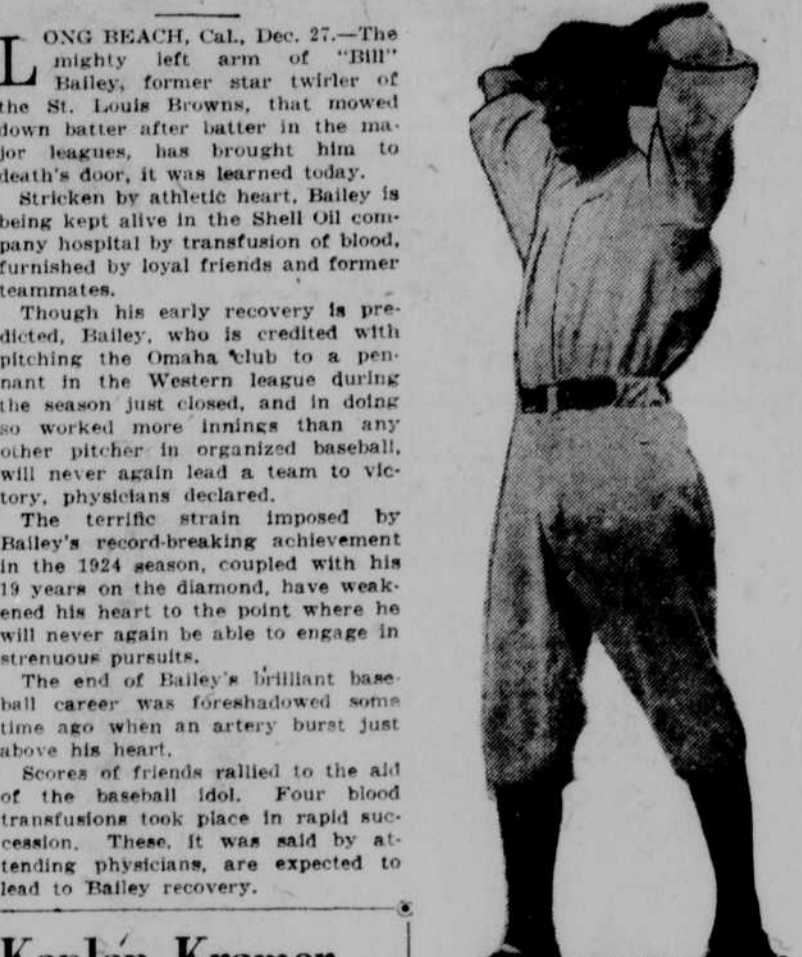
Important Boxing Bouts This Week

Dec. 26.—Woe Willie Woods against Mike Costello, 10 rounds in Harveyville, Mo.
Dec. 31.—Eddie Kid Wagner against Bob Hurley, 10 rounds in New York City.
Jan. 1.—Homer Smith against Tony Francis, 10 rounds in Mexico City.
Jan. 1.—Romero Lopez against Bob Hurley, 10 rounds in Grand Rapids, Mich.
Jan. 1.—Mel Coogan against Russ Lacey, 10 rounds in Fargo, S. D.
Jan. 1.—Tiger Flowers against Al Zimmerman, 15 rounds in New York City.
Jan. 1.—Eddie Anderson against Willie Brown, 10 rounds in Canton, O.
Jan. 1.—Mike Ballerino against Frankie Monroe, 10 rounds in Milwaukee.
Jan. 1.—Pete Saricento against Eddie Sisco, 10 rounds in Milwaukee.
Jan. 1.—Bud Taylor against Al Zimmerman, 10 rounds in Indianapolis.
Jan. 1.—Paul Boyle against Jimmy Jones, 10 rounds in Louisiana.
Jan. 2.—Louis Kid Kaplan against Danny Kramer, 15 rounds in New York City.
Jan. 2.—Billy DeFon against Babe Herman, 15 rounds in New York City.
Jan. 3.—Al Brown against Jimmy Russo, 15 rounds in New York City.



Depauw constituted a year of regular varsity football. Douglas Myers, regular fullback, who played with Bloodgood both at Depauw and at Nebraska, was also barred from play next year.

Bloodgood has been offered assignments with both the Giants and the Cardinals but rejected them in order to play another year of football. The ruling of the board tonight will probably result in his acceptance of a bid for a tryout in professional baseball circles. He was elected captain of the Cornhusker squad for next year, but an investigation by the board of athletic control resulted in the nullification of his election. Ed Weir, Nebraska's all-American tackle, was re-appointed as captain when "merit" politics were shown to have influenced Bloodgood's election.



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