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SEMI-FINAL CONTESTS  
COME NEXT SATURDAY

GAMES EAST AND WEST TO  
LEAVE FEW IN TITLE RACES.

THREE CRUCIAL STRUGGLES ARE DUE

Battles at Madison, Harvard and New Haven of Greatest Interest in the Settling of the Championships.

BY WALTER H. ECKERSALL.

Chicago, Nov. 9.—Football games will be played on Saturday which will be practically semi-finals for the championship in both sections of the country.

Minnesota and Wisconsin will struggle at Madison in the crucial battle of the conference season. Yale will take on Princeton at New Haven in a game which means a great deal to both, especially the former. Harvard and Dartmouth will clash at Cambridge in a contest that will put one of them out of the running for the title. Two intersectional battles also are up for decision. Chicago will journey to Ithaca to meet Cornell, and Michigan will go to Philadelphia to give battle to Pennsylvania.

If Minnesota wins from Wisconsin it will have an undisputed claim to the championship of the conference colleges. If the Badgers are the victors they will have to defeat Chicago on the following Saturday before they will be entitled to the championship. Both teams have been prepared carefully for this battle, which ought to be a thriller from start to finish.

Gophers Are Favorites.

The Gophers, by virtue of their decisive win over Chicago, are favorites. The powerful line and fast, speedy backs of the team representing the northwest institution should make it more than a worthy foe for the Badgers, who have not shown anything so far this season to warrant a victory over the Gophers.

Coach Barry has held his eleven in check all fall, and when it meets Minnesota it will be in condition to give the Gophers a great battle. Wisconsin's line is much stronger than Chicago's. It will be remembered that the Gopher backs penetrated the Maroon forwards innumerable times for substantial gains and it is unlikely they will be able to do this against the strong Wisconsin line.

The varied offense of Minnesota is another thing which will cause Wisconsin plenty of trouble. If Capt. McGovern is in shape to play, which no doubt he will be, he will shoot plays at every point of the Badger defense in an endeavor to find a weak spot. If he is successful in finding one he will hammer it until sufficient scores are made to warrant a victory.

Wisconsin's ends will have to be strong to stop the end running of Stevens, Rosenwald and Rademacher. When these players carry the ball they are given splendid interference, and the Badger ends will have to do mighty good smashing to stop these players from getting away on long end runs.

McGovern's Kicking an Asset.

The field goal kicking of McGovern is another great asset of the Gophers. This little player booted three of them over the bar in the Chicago contest, and is dangerous anywhere inside of the forty-yard line. He is protected nicely on his attempts, and he takes plenty of time to adjust the ball properly, and always kicks it over the line of scrimmage. His punting is another thing which makes him a dangerous player. He boots the ball high and far, which gives his ends plenty of time to cover.

On the other hand, Wisconsin will not be lacking in the kicking department if Keckle Moll is in shape. This player is a good punter and drop kicker, and if he is in condition a pretty kicking duel may be expected. Like McGovern, Moll is protected nicely on his kicks and he always gets them away in good shape. He is not the field general McGovern is, nor as good in the open field. However, the work of these players will attract a good deal of attention.

In the big battle in the east Yale

seems to have it on Princeton, but in past years the under dog sometimes has been successful in downing the favorite. This year Yale will be an odds on choice, and it will have to win to meet Harvard the following Saturday with a clean slate. Both teams have been groomed carefully for this battle, which should result in a great exhibition of football.

Ithaca Game Should Be Close.

When Chicago and Cornell meet, a good, close game may be looked for. Neither is a representative one of its section and both have been defeated. The Maroons have shown greater tendencies to use the forward pass and inside kick than the Ithacans, who have relied mostly on old style football for their gains.

Both teams came through their games last Saturday in good shape and will take the field in superb condition. Capt. Page's sprained ankle is entirely well and he can be expected to play a great game. Kassulker, the end who was injured in the Minnesota game, will be in shape to play. Other players on the Maroon team who have been handicapped by injuries will be well enough to play good football. The decisive win over Northwestern, coming as it did after the disastrous game with Minnesota, will give the players courage and confidence to put up a hard fight.

Cornell, after its defeat by Harvard last Saturday, will have to play better football than it has displayed at any time this season to win from the Midway aggregation. The Ithacans cannot be rated as strong as last year, when they played Chicago to a 6 to 6 tie. At the same time the Maroons are not as powerful.

Michigan an In and Outer.

Michigan has shown such erratic form this season that the result of its game with Pennsylvania is hard to figure. The Wolverines may go to Philadelphia and play a whirlwind game and they may get everlastingly trounced. Just what effect the defeat of last Saturday will have on the players remains to be seen, but it is hoped they will come back and play one of their good games.

Dartmouth and Harvard will clash at Cambridge in what ought to be a close and hard fought struggle. Neither has been defeated this year and both will try hard for a victory. If the Hanoverians are the victors they will have a right to share championship honors with any other eastern eleven that claims the title.

Chicago's New Plays.

Chicago, Nov. 9.—Six plays, fashioned by Coach Stag and designed to bewilder Cornell in the annual game on Saturday, was taught the Maroons yesterday in lieu of a scrimmage. While the head coach was busy at this Assistant Coach Walter Steffen tutored the freshmen on the Ithacans' tricks, and the relative merits of the eastern and western brains will be disclosed this afternoon.

The new batch raises the total number of tricks the Maroons now have to over sixty, thirty of which never have been exhibited. Some of them are bound to leak out at Ithaca, while the rest will be called on to take the measure of the Badgers on Marshall field Nov. 20.

It was learned from several members of the squad that the newest formations to be sprung on Cornell are the most ingenious Stag has given this year. He never has been so anxious to win a game as that of next Saturday. He sees a chance to make the Maroons recognized in the east and will send his eleven on the field with instructions to hold back nothing.

The most distinguished visitor of the year—Walter Camp—appeared on Marshall field and staid through practice. Camp liked the form displayed by the Midwayites, but steered clear of predictions on the outcome of Saturdays' clash, declaring he knows nothing of Cornell except from hearsay. He praised Notre Dame highly for its playing in the Michigan game, which he witnessed.

Few Maroon rooters will accompany the team to Ithaca, the high railroad fare forbidding. The team will leave over the Lake Shore at 5:30 Thursday afternoon. It will stay at Niagara Falls the day after the game.

Badgers Intact Once More.

Madison, Wis., Nov. 9.—Fearing injury to his stars, Coach Barry yesterday afternoon dispensed with the expected scrimmage and ran the Badgers through a stiff signal drill for two hours. The entire team was in the lineup, Boyle returning after an absence of a week.

Keckle Moll ran the team and put lots of "pep" into the play. Before practice Moll and Anderson spent considerable time practicing punts and drop kicks. Both handled the ball well and will alternate at kicking on Saturday. Coach Barry took the squad to the stock pavilion last night and again he ran them through signals, remarking that the only hope the Badgers had against the Gophers was to develop enough speed to overcome the weight against them.

The seat sale was the largest ever held at Wisconsin. The management announced last night that four times as many tickets were disposed of yesterday as on the first day of the sale preceding the Chicago game last year.

Iowans in Shape for Ames.

Iowa City, Ia., Nov. 9.—Iowa's football team came out of the Drake game in better physical condition than expected. It is probable every one of the men will be able to take part in the final contest for the state championship, which will be played here on Saturday, Nov. 13, with Ames. Iowa has an opportunity of entangling the Missouri Valley championship problem, as Kansas is to be played by the Hawkeyes, and Kansas' victory over Nebraska, after Iowa tied the Nebraskans, leaves an opening for the Iowa City team to accomplish something worth while before the season ends.

Sleuths Don Football Garb.

Montgomery, Mo., Nov. 9.—Lester Thorp, wanted in St. Louis and St. Charles, and in this city, was captured yesterday in a game of football. The officers entered the game as players and during a scramble for the ball they grabbed the fugitive and took him to jail. Fear of a fight inspired the officers to this unusual method.

WILSON TELLS OF HIS  
EXPERIENCE AT GENEVA

REPRESENTATIVE OF NEBRASKA  
AT BIG JUBILEE.

FOUNDING OF A GREAT UNIVERSITY

Ceremonial Observance of 350th Anniversary of Founding of the University of Geneva.

An address of more than usual interest was given Tuesday morning at convocation by Prof. H. H. Wilson. He was appointed as the delegate of the university to the three hundred and fiftieth anniversary jubilee of the University of Geneva, by the chancellor, the celebration of which occurred this summer. This university was founded by John Calvin, and has had a remarkable influence upon the world. The celebration also marked the four hundredth anniversary of Calvin's birth. The speaker said:

"The only authority I had at the jubilee of Geneva University was a little certificate signed by the chancellor and bearing the seal of the university. We reached Europe on July 3 and spent the next two and a half months of our vacation there. We had many strange experiences there which come to one unfamiliar with the language or customs of the country. One of these experiences came when trying to buy a ticket from Florence to Geneva. In Italy one has to go to the window in the depot where tickets are sold in the class he wishes to travel. The trip from Florence to Geneva took about twenty-two hours, which in this country should have taken about nine hours.

"We passed through the Simplon tunnel, which is fourteen miles long. On the Switzerland side we approached the Rhone river near daylight, and the view of this repaid me for staying awake all night. It is a beautiful valley. The river begins as

a considerable stream rushing out from under the rock. The valley is thickly populated, with many villages and towns.

Geneva Near France.

"Geneva is built on a wedge extending out into France. From all sides save the east it is close to French territory. Switzerland has been a guiding star to modern republics and yet it is small, being scarcely one-fifth the size of Nebraska, and yet within this territory are three distinct nationalities, Italian, German and French, and each of these are as pure in their nationality as any city in the nation from which they sprang. The University of Geneva is in nearly every respect French in character. The students dress according to their nationality and society, and made a picturesque study.

"We were housed in a modern hotel. We were notified that in all the seances academic gowns or full dress would be required. In that section dress suits are always in good form, regardless of the time of day. All solemn seances, as their formal functions were called, were interesting affairs. The first was the presentation of credentials and the extension of congratulations from the universities represented. The United States was called next after England. We all arose when America was called. When our university was called its representative went to the platform, grasped the hand of the director and tendered congratulations to the university. Mine was said in few words, but others spoke longer. In Europe the academic gown is much in evidence; not our ordinary black gown, but many of the royal purple and other colors. The program of receiving the credentials lasted for three and a half hours. President Schurman of Cornell delivered the address for all the American representatives. In Europe there is a misconception of the meaning of state university. They called us the University of Lincoln and others likewise. But one school was represented by a lady. It was a girls' school in England. She made quite a long address and was well received, although because a woman spoke in the cathedral many were scandalized.

Not Large School.

"Geneva University is not large, but it has recently taken on new life; new blood has been infused, and it now draws students from a large territory. The university has a great influence, quite out of keeping with its relative size.

"Besides the solemn seances there were others not so solemn. Such were the formal dinners attended by five hundred delegates, in a room comparing in size to our auditorium. Speeches are made between courses, from a platform on one side of the room quite distant probably from either the toastmaster or any of the speakers. The former has to rise and go to the stage, announce the speaker, come down again, and then the speaker does the same. Instead of our common form of applause, their custom is the clicking of glasses.

"In Geneva is a great monument of a martyr burned at the stake at the command of Calvin. Elsewhere in Europe we find memorials of a similar kind where men have died because they differed in authority from those in authority. How great a change has come now! In England hundreds were haranging crowds on every subject, and even maligning the king, and the police said, 'Let them talk; it seems to do them good.' Surely the world has made wonderful progress in the last four hundred years, and especially in the past half century."

Y. W. C. A. CONVENTION.

College Associations Will Meet at Hastings Next Week.

The state convention of the Y. W. C. A. will be held in Hastings November 12, 13 and 14. A large number of girls of the university Y. W. are planning to attend and all members of the association are welcome to go as delegates.

The convention will be in charge of Dr. Anna Brown and Miss Dabbs, two of the national secretaries. Miss Florence Parmelee of Nebraska will be in charge of the conference hours and it is thought that the convention will be one of the most successful that has ever been held.