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DALLAS, Tex., Dec. 31. (AP)—A battle of fullbacks, when the Southwest conference all-stars and the Big Six all-stars meet here tomorrow in their Southern Dixie benefit contest, was forecast today.

Although both events are made up of the pick of the senior stars, only respective sections, interest will be centered on the play of "Red" Heaver, big Arkansas University fullback, and "Doc" Hovell, Nebraska University line snapper, who gained all-around notoriety.

Heaver, who tied with Redman Hogue of Southern Methodist University for high scoring honors during the 1928 season, each with 26 points, was an almost unanimous choice for all-Southwest honors.

Hovell, whose 100-yard dash in the last all-stars in Saturday's classic at San Francisco has impressed fans who also recall he was the Big Six conference leading scorer in 1928. He was expected to arrive here late today by airplane from El Paso.

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CRUCIAL TEST NOW AT HAND

East-West Participants Await Whistle at Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 31. (AP)—Representatives of Georgia Tech and California, east-west rivals in the annual New Year's day exhibition classic here tomorrow, were ready today for the time of reckoning.

Both eleven were on edge for the time bowl clash, after stiff straining drills. Still, practice was held yesterday morning and it was thought possible that the coaches, Clarence "Al" Taylor of California and Bill Alexander of Tech, might send their charges through light exercises today.

Both teams were free from anything but light injuries, indicating that game time would find the two forces at their greatest strength. Hatcher Drennon, regular Tech guard and line substitute, Jim Brooker, were back in shape after a week's sojourn with sprains. The Bear camp reported several players hurt, Pitt, tackle, and Captain Phillips star end, among them.

The starting lineup was something of an enigma to even the home observing crowds. Coach Taylor's only indication as to his choice was the way he lined his men up in drills last week. The possibility that he might start Harold Bromkenridge and Fred Schickling at quarter and half back, was entertained after the pair had been action on the first string in place of Lee Iman and Stanley Barr, virtually throughout the period of practice.

Coach Alexander has declined all requests for a probable starting lineup, declaring that he preferred to wait until today. However, the producer of the Golden Tournament has indicated that there might be surprises.

A tendency toward the belief that the Yellow Jackets will nail a Bear hide on the south's already brilliant record of accomplishments was seen and heard.

It now appears likely that the eleven will enter the struggle on even terms—greenback terms.

Diving into the thick mass of "whys and wherefores" of the doings, it is found that some-what of the condition of the California players. Although Taylor has pronounced his men fit for action, they figure that the ultimate Bear monster has worked his men too hard. Price sent his charges through two workouts a day for over a week whereas Alexander was content with one comparatively light drill daily.

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By F. H. Frawley (Associated Press Sports Writer) DENVER (AP)—Basketball is at the front of the Rocky Mountain conference once more, promising to be on a high plane again in 1929.

Montana State, leader, with virtually all its 1928 roster intact, threatens to retain the championship, which it won last year for the second time in succession in a three-game playoff with the University of Wyoming.

The Hobcats have "Cat" Thompson, their great forward, Frank Ward, great center, "Binky" Brewster, guard, and all others of the championship outfit save the late "Gracie" Warden, guard. Max Worthington will hold down a guard position alongside Drennon.

The Rocky Mountain conference is split into eastern and western divisions for basketball, with provision for a playoff between the best squads from each zone. Utah University, Utah Agricultural University and Montana State are in the western division. The eastern includes Wyoming, Colorado College, Colorado Teachers, Colorado Aches, Colorado Mines, Western State, Colorado University and Denver university.

Ernest Simpson, Colorado college forward, who set a conference record for scoring last season, will be missing when the teams go on the boards January 4. He scored 222 points for an average of 15 points a game. Thompson of Montana averaged 18.5 points a game, but was under Simpson for the season's total.

Wyoming and Colorado college appear as favorites for the eastern division championship. Wyoming's material is exceptionally good, with confidence as the pivotal man in both the Carboy attack and defense.

"Dutch" Clark, all-Rocky Mountain center, will be the mainstay of the Colorado college five. He is a forward fellow on the floor as well as the football field, and a leading scorer in both sports. He is captain of the basketball team. He scored of Colorado University.

Day of the Colorado Aggies and Willett of the Colorado Teachers are among the individual stars whose names combine big factors in the disposition of the 1929 title.

The final tenets of the two divisions, Wyoming and Montana State, are without the coaches who led them to the top. Old Hovell has gone from Montana State to Bethany College, while Stewart Clark left Wyoming for Western State college. These coaches may be able to spot what appears now as a more or less private race.

THOMPSON MONTANA

DUTCH CLARK COLORADO COLLEGE

Wolf Creek Farm Sold Last Friday

By Mrs. Ethel Forestrom (Observer Correspondent) NORTH POWDER, Ok., (Special)—Floyd E. Walk sold his farm on Wolf Creek to L. Dougherty, the transaction being made Friday.

Lloyd Carter, manager of Hamilton Springs, stepped over here Friday evening on his way to Tulsa. Mr. Carter announced there would be a wedding on Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Carter have been living in La Grande for the last two months. Mr. Carter has had the misfortune to lose the thumb on his left hand due to infection caused by a silver.

Albert H. Hutchison has arrived here from Oakland, Cal., to live with his father, Frank Hutchison, who was taken to the Grand Rapids Hospital by an ambulance. Mr. Hutchison has been in poor health for a number of years, and about a month ago he was brought into town from his ranch on "Wolf Creek" for medical attention.

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TRADITIONS OF PAST BREAKING

Old Barriers Removed by Recent Sports Developments

By Alan J. Gould (Associated Press Sports Editor) NEW YORK, Dec. 31. (AP)—No prospective feature of the sports campaign for 1929 is any more significant than events aimed at breaking down the old sectional barriers or removing a number of time-honored traditions.

Where 1928 has been a season of remarkable international activity, 1929 will find most of the American athletic activity concentrated at home with fresh opportunities to develop international interest on a wider scale than ever before.

One of the most ancient of all the ancient traditions will be removed when the national amateur golf championship is staged for the first time on the Pacific coast at Del Monte. And to make it the biggest campaign ever held on far western links, the Professional Golfers' association tournament also has been booked for Santa Barbara as the face-runner of a round of open competition for the country's leading pros.

Following the path blazed by Stanford, California's football team will journey east to meet Pennsylvania while the Army will send its eleven to the far west for the first time to play the Cardinals in a return engagement at Palo Alto.

To add to the gridiron gaiety, Yale will break away from another old tradition and go south to play the University of Georgia. The Elm are booked to play at Chicago in 1929 and may accompany wind up some season on the Pacific coast.

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A few of the main questions at issue as the new year gets under way are:

1. Whether or not Jack Dempsey will attempt a come-back.
2. Whether Bill Tilden will be restored to good standing in amateur tennis ranks, and, if so, try another come-back.
3. Whether Harry Nurm will remain the greatest of all amateur foot-racers or yield to the spin mill of the professional promoter.
4. Whether the Army and Navy will effect a reconciliation and pave the way for a resumption of their athletic chase by 1929 since there is small prospect of any get-together in 1929.

It is guess how to be hazarded it is voted for "aye" on all of the above counts, for on no other reason than that it would stimulate competitive interest.

Tex. Richard predicts that new champions will be crowned in most, if not all of the professional ring classes in 1929 but no such sweeping forecast can be made in other ranks.

Such barriers of the local circles as Bobby Jones, Walter Hagen and Geneva Collett in golf, Helen Wills and Henri Cochet in tennis, the Yankees in baseball, Rogers Barnaby in hitting, Babe Ruth in home-run hitting, France in Davis cup competition and the California crew in rowing will be difficult to dislodge. Most of them have needed the championship robe and all have enough skill left to shake off any rival in the coming year, if not for several years.

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Has Big Hands



Dale "Muddy" Waters, star tackle of the Florida football team, is rated as one of the best basketball guards in the south and he boasts of the biggest pair of hands in the game. He is 19 years old, weighs 157 pounds stripped and comes from Newsmark, Ark. He won three freshman honors and when he reported to the freshman football coach he weighed only 145 pounds.

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