

MUSCLES, TOUGH TEAMS ARE READY

Week Will Be Potent Period for Northwest Football Experts.

BRISK PRACTICE CALLED

Preliminary College Games to Be Played Saturday When Candidates Will Be Scanned—Make-up of Elevens and Plans.

BY OBSERVER.
The coming week will be an interesting one to followers of football in the Northwest. Since the opening of the college year, the coaches for the most part have contented themselves with putting their squads through comparatively light preliminary practice of a nature calculated to toughen some muscles and prepare them for the hard grueling later in the season, and with teaching the rudiments of the game to the new men. There has been very little actual scrimmage work. Next Saturday, however, at most of the conference colleges the first practice games of the season with outside teams will be played, and coaches and football fans will have the chance of seeing how the candidates take care of their positions in a real game.

At the Oregon Agricultural College, no game is at present scheduled for Saturday. The Aggie, however, will line-up against Pacific University the Saturday following for their first heavy scrimmage work of the season although in the meantime a game may be arranged with the alumni for Saturday. With the return of such sterling players as Wolff, Enberg, Wallack, Evenden, Kelly and Keck, the chances of the Aggie are looking vastly brighter than they did a week ago.

"Solly" Metzger, the famous Pennsylvania coach who is training the Corvallis squad this season has introduced an entirely different system of football tactics from that taught by Norcross. After he gets his style of play well installed in his men, it is a pretty safe guess that Oregon Agricultural College will have a team dangerously active as a contender for the championship all the time. Last season in their big games, the Aggies somehow seemed to lack a certain quality of aggressiveness and confidence in themselves at critical moments. Metzger is just the man to correct this.

Metzger Stirs Life.
Metzger has evidently stirred up quite a lot of enthusiasm during the brief while he has been on the ground. Nearly 50 men turned out at the first practice the other day. Several former stars of the Agricultural team are now on the field helping him whip his raw material into form, among them being Brodie, Jamieson and Henderson.

At the University of Oregon, Coach Forbes is greatly pleased with the way his squad is showing up. Indeed, at this time it really looks as though Oregon will have the best team that has ever represented the lemon yellow on the gridiron. With 15 veterans who have already won the first eleven at Fall practice, and a team composed for the most part of raw men, seven of whom had never before been in an intercollegiate contest, Forbes succeeded in building up a football machine that was superior in defensive work, but lacked a strong offense. This year, with his players already thoroughly familiar with the game, he is bending his efforts towards developing a force, aggressive, fighting team that will be a whirlwind on offense and able to take an opponent's line in any way, at any stage of the game. With so much material to choose from, he will be able to use the Yale system of football, which he introduced at Oregon for the first time last Fall, to its fullest advantage. From present indications Oregon will have almost two complete first-team squads in condition to play in every game during the season according to the Yale practice, to send in a new line-up of fresh men for the second half.

It will be a surprise to many readers to learn that Forbes intends to shift Dudley Clarke, probably the premier punter in the Northwest, from fullback, where for two years he was almost unanimously selected as the All-Northwest team, to end. Clarke has been playing at left end. He will be brought back behind the line when Oregon finds it necessary to punt.

Oliver Huston to Appear.
Another surprise for football fans this year will be the probable appearance of Oliver Huston, the crack sprinter, in the Oregon line. Huston, although he played football several years ago at Pacific University, Huston has saved himself during the football season to avoid possible injury that might interfere with his sprinting ability. Having appeared in intercollegiate track meets for four years, however, according to the conference rules he is ineligible next year and last week he turned out in a football suit. At 150 pounds Huston is a bit light for a back position and will probably try for end or quarter. Still he is so fast that he may save his place at halfback during the second half.

The event of the week at Oregon will be the annual early season game Saturday with a picked team of alumni stars. George Hus, at present assistant varsity coach, and All-Northwest center in '08 and '09, will manage the team and play center. Hus plans to bring the greatest aggregation of all-stars together on Kincaid Field next Saturday to meet the varsity team that has ever gathered on a Northwest gridiron.

CARTOONIST ILLUMINATES SOME SPORTING TOPICS OF INTEREST.

ARTHUR CAVILL, SWIMMING INSTRUCTOR OF M.A.A.C., WHO HAS TAUGHT 400 MEMBERS TO SWIM IN 4 MONTHS.

inary practice, while most of them will remain over several days after the game to assist in the coaching. Playmates against such an aggregation as this is enough to test severely the mettle of any young players. Last year the alumni all but downed the varsity, and this year the game will be watched with intense interest to note the improvement in the varsity men. In a way the game will be a forecast of Oregon's chances against the University of Washington.

The varsity team for this game will be picked from Captain Clarke, Pinkham, Gillis, Groat, Scott, Kiltz, Dodson, Michael, Main, Latourette, Chandler, Taylor, McKinley, Sullivan and Holsen, all experienced players, and Bailey, Mitchell, Huston, Kellogg, Henderson, Barzee, Stagg, Walker, Elmer Story and Kestley of the new material that is out.

Washington Is Watched.
Next to the teams of the Oregon colleges, followers of football in this state are watching with deepest interest the work of the University of Washington eleven. With the same caution that marked his preparations last year when Washington men won the championship, Coach Dobie is holding all his practices in secret. One thing is certain—Washington will have a team that must be counted with. In spite of the handicap imposed upon him by the fact that the university opens a full two weeks later than the other conference colleges, Dobie has had big squad practicing since September 22, and has already killed up most of the holes caused by the loss of several of last season's stars.

Both Eakins, the punter, and Captain Muckelbauer are back in spite of rumors that the former would not play. Mattson has also returned while Westover, the big fullback, is now expected to come down from Alaska to join the squad. Other old men in the line-up are Coyle, Quarter, Twymier center and May, the former Cornell center, at guard. Promising new men are Belcher, Severns and Husby in the line, with Beck and Sparger of the Lincoln High School last year as promising candidates. In the first scrimmage of the season last week, Severns broke a bone in his hand but this injury will not keep him out of the line-up long. Manager Victor Zednick, of Washington, is arranging for a practice game with one of the Seattle high schools or the Bremerton Navy-yard team for Saturday.

Coach Grogan is up against a hard proposition at Idaho with only Captain Stokesberry and Hayes at guard, Jewell center, Armstrong end, and Lundstrom half, around which to build a team, but he has several men trying for the vacant positions Idaho should have a good eleven, though hardly a championship possibility. Among the new men who are showing up well are: Graves, a 180-pound tackle; Perkins, a high school drop-kicker; Hillman and Curtis. Montgomery, the sprinter and all-around track athlete, last year's football star, will play football this year for fear of hurting himself for the track.

Coach Blanchard at Whitman and Coach Kehnholz at Pullman are both but working hard. Blanchard showed his mettle last season when he turned out one of the fastest teams in the conference against great odds, and this year he has almost the same two-man team to work with. Kehnholz is a new man at Pullman, but his record with the Spokane High School showed his ability as a good coach.

NEW HOWL SET UP

Eastern Teams Begin Football Before Studies.

GIVE ARGUMENT TO ANTIS

Rules Needed Like Those Which Govern Western Conference.

One of Harvard's Best Players Portland Man.

BOSTON, Mass., Oct. 2.—(Special.)—A vigorous howl, emanating from several of the ever-conservative university faculties, is pretty sure to be one of the echoes of the football season upon which the big teams of the East have just entered. Nor does this appear entirely unjustifiable to those who have the best interest of college athletics at heart. But it will doubtless cause the enthusiastic undergraduate to raise that always convenient and time-honored wall of "faculty interference."

The trouble this time is not with football itself. Eastern educators, with a mighty few exceptions, have given the stamp of approval to the game itself. Indeed little is heard nowadays of the alleged roughness of football, which so agitated and worried some of the college administrative heads, including ex-President Charles W. Eliot, of Harvard University, three or four years ago.

The season's schedules of some of the big varsity elevens, like Yale and Harvard, for instance, are at the bottom of the present complaint. Yale played its opening game with Wesleyan Wednesday and the same day Harvard started its schedule by meeting Bates. In each case the football season had actually started before the beginning of the academic year. Nor were Harvard and Yale the only offenders.

This idea of scheduling varsity games before the rank and file of the students are expected to report is repulsive to many faculty members. Friends of football realize that such a procedure is giving too much prominence to football and affords a beautiful and an unanswerable argument to the few remaining opponents of football and of intercollegiate sport in general.

Need Lesson From West.

Every Easterner hates to admit—he will not if he can possibly help it—that the institutions farther West have anything worth copying in either football or anything else in the broad realm of college sport. But the fact remains that in respect to limitations of playing seasons and schedules the universities of the so-called Western Conference could teach some of the Easterners a lesson.

Whatever rules Eastern colleges have

in such matters are made entirely independent of all other institutions. This is the basis of everything. Harvard and Yale, arch enemies that they are, have no eligibility rules, jointly made, to govern the make-up of rival athletic teams. Each has its own standard, to be tacitly accepted by the other. The East needs a college conference, certainly it needs uniformity upon many matters of athletic procedure.

The tendency of the times, though, is to a change in some of the existing practices. The Princeton faculty this year would not permit any formal call for football candidates to be made until college had really opened, although this was not actually carried out to the intent of the ruling. The Yale candidates, while they started work in advance of college opening, were compelled to start a week later than Captain Coy desired, because the faculty objected to too long a period of preliminary practice. Harvard and Pennsylvania were the worst offenders. Harvard's candidates having 15 days of actual practice—Saturdays and Sundays included—before the academic year started, and Pennsylvania, although the Quaker candidates took their first work in New Jersey, was an equally bad offender.

There has been, as yet, no crystallization of all this objection. But it is sure to come. Then will be heard the same arguments that were advanced by the institutions of the Middle West when a few level-headed athletes leaders saw that it was policy to keep intercollegiate athletics within rational bounds, and made a long, hard fight that has resulted in placing the game on a high plane in sports respects than in the East.

Portlander Shines at Harvard.
During the past week Harvard's prospects of retaining the intercollegiate title won last season have improved considerably, although there are still some weak features in the Harvard eleven, a few of which are likely to remain in evidence throughout the season. Two students from the Pacific Coast are sure to do their part in whatever success may come to the Harvard team, while a third Westerner, hailing from Honolulu, is in line for valiant service for the Crimson.

The two Coast players, both of whom have already won their coveted varsity initial in football through having played initial in football through having played against Yale last Fall, are H. F. Corbett, of Portland, Or., and Gilbert G. Browne, of Los Angeles. Corbett played brilliantly in Harvard's back field last season and is permanently stationed there again this Fall, despite the many candidates who are out. Browne, who plays at end, is equally sure of his job, for good ends at Harvard are mighty scarce this Fall and the ends will be ticklish all season. Wilkinson, a varsity cornerback, college wrestling champion, and all-around strong man, has an even chance with a Chicago chap to land in the center's hot seat.

How good Harvard will be in field generalship is a question that can only be answered after the eleven has been through the brunt of battle. It usually falls to the quarterback to steer the forces upon the gridiron, but Harvard's quarterback candidates are all lacking in experience. They may be brilliant in execution, yet lacking headwork or erratic. Harvard is apt to miss the steady leadership of John Cutler, who "quartered" the varsity when it won against Yale at New Haven last November.

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LATTER'S CHANCES SLIM

Black Too Big and Clever for Him, Say Fans—Ketchel Tries to Shun Publicity and Settles Down to Hard Training.

BY HARRY B. SMITH.
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Oct. 2.—(Special.)—Despite the fact that it is a championship match, the Ketchel-Johnson fight is not attracting the attention expected. In brief, the fans figure it is too one-sided, that Johnson is altogether too big and clever for Ketchel and that the middleweight will have but little opportunity to show himself. Ketchel, with his remarkable punch, must be conceded an outside chance, but it is extremely unlikely that there will be the usual gathering of the fans who never miss a fight, the others who always see a championship bout and lastly the curious-minded.

Coffroth announced his prices the middle of the week and shows by the modest demands that he is none too sure of the drawing powers of the card. For the bleachers \$2 is to be charged, for reserved seats \$3 and \$5 and for box seats \$10. That is not at all in accordance with the usual demand of \$20 for box seats, ranging down to \$3 for the bleachers.

Ketchel's Funny Trick.

Ketchel, who arrived the middle of last week, made a peculiar break for a fighter who needs publicity. The newspapers knew when he would reach San Francisco and were in waiting at the ferry. One of them saw

Ketchel, who was dashing through the crowd as fast as possible. The newspaper bunch followed and was surprised to see him break into a run as he turned straight into Market street. The scribbles followed, also running, and when Ketchel slowed down after a couple of blocks and boarded a streetcar, the newspapermen heaped on board the same car.

The Michigan Lion was dumbfounded, but managed to stammer out a statement that the newspapermen must see Britt. Then he dropped off the car and disappeared down a side street.

The panning that he received the next morning will last him for a long time.

Britt Tries to Argue It.
Britt, who followed in an automobile, tried to explain why his fighter acted as he did. It is evident, however, that criticisms of the loose way he has trained for past matches hurt Ketchel's feelings and for that reason he wished to avoid the sporting writers. The remarks had their effect, for the day following his arrival Ketchel was on hand at his training quarters and has been working faithfully ever since. He looks in much better condition than when he commenced training for Billy Papke, and he certainly needs to be.

Johnson, who is doing his boxing at the Seal Rock House, near the beach, is putting in some good looks. He has three sparring partners and works every afternoon, usually going four fast rounds. There has been quite a kick because an admission of 25 cents is charged to see him in action, but there has been no move to stop the tax.

It will be remembered, perhaps, that when Johnson fought Kaufman there was an announcement of a benefit for the veteran actor, R. Stockwell. There was spirited bidding between Johnson

and Kaufman and finally the black contributed \$100, or said he would. The benefit committee hasn't seen the color of his cash, however, and Jack has been obliged to read divers remarks about his tightness in the various dailies of San Francisco.

Coffroth Not Married.

The little story from Los Angeles that Jimmy Coffroth was about to be married proved a hoax. A couple of Coffroth's San Francisco friends started the ball rolling by declaring that the promoter went South to take a bride. They whispered it to the newspapermen and, when Jimmy was asked in Los Angeles, he didn't want to spoil the joke, so he partially admitted that it was true. But when he returned home, minus a bride, the boys knew it was all a joke.

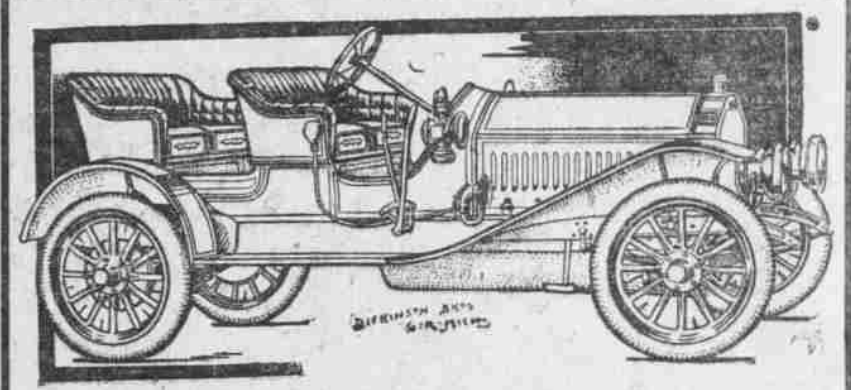
Japs Losers in Baseball.

TOKIO, Oct. 2.—The University of Wisconsin nine defeated the Waseda University team here today by a score of 7 to 5. Neither team did any heavy hitting, Wisconsin being credited with five safe hits and Waseda with four. Five errors were chalked up against the American players, while only two misplays were made by the Japanese.

Jap Prince Feeds Friends.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.—The Prince and Princess Kuni of Japan, gave a luncheon today at the Hotel Plaza to 50 guests. The Prince and Princess will leave here tomorrow for Chicago, where they remain until the evening of the sixth, and then go to San Francisco. The trip will be strictly incognito and no official functions will take place.

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