

RACE NARROWS TO TWO FAST TEAMS

Only Oregon and Washington Universities in Contest for Championship Now.

VARSITY TEAM QUALIFIES

Defeat of Idaho in Yesterday's Game on Local Field Puts State University Aggregation in Line for Finals.

COLLEGE GAMES THIS WEEK.
Washington State College vs. Whitworth, at Pullman, November 16.
University of Oregon vs. Oregon Agricultural College, at Eugene, November 18.

BY OBSERVER.
In just 12 more days the 1909 football season, which in many respects has been the most interesting in several years, will be at an end, and with it ending another successful championship race will be recorded by the colleges of the Northwest Conference.

The 12 intervening days between now and the final Thanksgiving games will be busy ones for coaches and players alike of the eleven that can still be considered as having a chance at the finish.

As the writer predicted in this column several weeks ago, the race for first honors has narrowed down to the University of Washington, present holder of the championship by virtue of its clean sweep last year, and the University of Oregon. By its defeat of Idaho on Multnomah field yesterday Oregon qualified as a championship possibility, while Washington kept up its winning stride by walking over the Oregon Aggies at Corvallis. Only one thing could now prevent the Washington-Oregon game at Seattle on Thanksgiving being the deciding contest. That would be the unexpected defeat of the State University men by their old rivals, the Portland Aggies, in their big game at Eugene next Friday.

Washington's 18-0 victory over the Aggies was about what they were expected to score at Corvallis, and it showed how consistently the Washington eleven has been playing up to its real form all season. On the other hand, though Oregon beat Idaho 22 to 6, and that with Clarke out of the game, the Eugene men played very reasonably at times, with most of the time working their way. Their much vaunted defense went to pieces at one time, when Idaho scored on straight football from almost midfield.

Aggies May Surprise.

Even with Carl Wolff back in his old position strengthening the O. A. C. backfield, the Aggies are not likely to be in their former place at guard, Metzger, of O. A. C., with his comparatively inexperienced squad can hardly hope to down the Portland eleven. But everything is possible in football; the wily Metzger might turn just such a surprise as he gave Whitman, such a startling reversal of type would simply have the result of automatically handing Washington the championship.

Battle of Methods Due.

But entirely aside from its importance as a championship contest, this game will interest Northwest football fans on another account. It will be a battle of Middle Western football against Eastern football, an all-out battle of Minnesota versus the Yale. It will be a supreme test of the relative merits of these two systems of coaching applied to conditions in the Northwest. Even more than a struggle between two strong eleven it will be a personal affair between coaches, the astute Doble, of Minnesota, an all-weather star, on the one side, pitted against Forbes, of Yale, twice a member of the All-American, on the other. And on the result hinges not only this year's championship, but very probably the kind of football that will hereafter be played generally in the Northwest.

Coaching Systems Differ.

Two systems of coaching could hardly be more unlike than those of the Middle West and Yale. The Western idea, worked by "Hurry-Up" football, is to get the most out of the individual player by the use of the individual playing afterwards. The Yale coaches let teamwork go during the early part of the season and spend most of their time developing the individual player, the teamwork doesn't reach its perfection till the final two or three decisive games of the season, but when an eleven is finally built up along these lines it is a wonderfully drilled football machine.

Washington Sweeps Gridiron.

It is with a powerful eleven, coached to the minute by Doble in this Western scheme, that Washington has so far simply swept her opponents from the gridiron. Washington's style of play was well shown in her overwhelming victory over Idaho, when the purple and gold rolled up in easy 32 points with its aggressive attack. It was this same playing that last week proved Whitman's downfall. Today Washington is probably two touchdowns stronger than the Eugene eleven.

Where Doble's men are almost as strong now as they will be on Thanksgiving day, however, Forbes' team having passed through its steepest stage of individual development, will get better constantly from now on in teamwork and attack, and with the sturdy Yale defense already mastered, has indefinite possibilities of further improvement. The big question is whether

Forbes will have his teamwork sufficiently perfected by the day of the Washington game.

Oregon Weak in Offense.

In its preliminary games thus far, Oregon has shown anything but class as a strong offensive eleven. But this no doubt has been mainly due to Forbes' plan of developing his individual players rather than his teamwork early in the season. The State University eleven made a particularly poor showing in this respect against Multnomah last Saturday. Though the collegians had the ball five times within Multnomah's 20-yard line on a first down, they were not once able to push it across the goal line, and only scored through a lucky place kick by Clarke. Since then, however, Forbes has definitely chosen his first team squad and is working hard to whip it into shape. The Oregon coach has certainly developed a vast lot of splendid football material for next year.

Those who are inclined to criticize him because Oregon has so far failed to roll as big scores as Washington, should hold back for a bit, till he has had a chance to show how his system will result in the long run. The only conference game this week will be one of the most interesting games of the season. On Friday, Oregon and the Oregon Aggies play their annual game at Eugene. It will be a contest worth following some distance to see, for these eleven always play their best game of the year against each other. This will be their 14th meeting since 1894. In that time Oregon has won eight times, to three for O. A. C., while in two of the games neither team has scored. Last year Oregon won on Multnomah Field by a score of 8 to 0, on two place kicks by Fred McLaughlin. To continue in the race for first honors, it is absolutely necessary for the Eugene collegians to win, for if they lose, as pointed out above, Washington will automatically get the championship.

LOCAL BOUTS GLASSY

PORTLAND SHOWS GOOD MATERIAL AT TOURNEY.

Vancouver Lads Will Be Here to Contest With Multnomah Club on Friday Night.

BY W. J. PETRAIN.
Those who attended the boxing and wrestling tournament for the city championship held under the auspices of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club last week, were practically unanimous in pronouncing the amateur bouts first class.

The judgment thus passed was correct, for the class of youngsters staged by the club in the two nights' tournament could hardly be beaten anywhere outside of San Francisco or Philadelphia, where the boys have much more competition and a greater number of bouts and are undoubtedly be gratified soon.

For a show prepared in such a short time, last week's exhibition is entitled to the palm. Portland fans are hoping for others like it, and their desire will undoubtedly be gratified soon.

Next Friday night the Multnomah Club will offer another boxing card, for the Vancouver, B. C. boys are coming to Portland for the first time, in the Northwest Interclub championship series. Not having developed any in competition suitable promise to enter in competition at present, the Vancouver club has nominated four boxing bouts as events in which they will enter contestants for next Friday.

These events should prove exciting, for the British Columbia metropolis is noted for turning out high-class boxing men. It also means that Multnomah must enter her best men in order to achieve championship prowess in this department.

The bout between Frank O'Brien, of the Catholic Young Men's Club, and Gene West, of the Multnomah Club, which resulted in a victory for the former, last Tuesday night, is a topic of discussion in sporting circles. The sudden advancement of the lad from the Albina institution was a surprise to the local sportsmen, who have his experience and well-known ability to stand punishment, was expected to score over the comparatively unknown O'Brien. The result was a complete and decisive reversal of form, for O'Brien was a winner practically all the way, and scored a clean decision by the knockout route. West claims that he was not only of any competent observer who saw the bout will not bear him out in his assertion.

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TWO CRACK YOUTHS WILL PLAY WITH McLOUGHLIN TEAM IN POST-SEASON GAME WITH HOLLADAY.



JEROME HURLEY. JOE HURLEY.

Light and speedy, the McLaughlin football eleven will meet the Holladay team today in the first of a series of post-season games for the championship among the independent amateur teams of the city. The game, which is to be played at East Thirtieth and East Davis streets, it is believed will be a scrappy contest. The Holladay team is composed of several stars, among whom are Cole and Troy, of the Hill Military Academy team, and the Hastings brothers and Campion, the fast back field of the Jefferson High School team. The game will be called at 2:30 P. M. The teams will lineup as follows:

Position.	Holladay.
McLaughlin.	C. Troy
J. Hurley.	C. R. L.
Conannon, McKee.	R. L.
Brune, Kelley.	R. G. L.
Driscoll.	L. G. R.
Elvers.	L. E. R.
O'Hare.	L. E. R.
Joseph Hurley.	L. E. R.
Malloy.	L. E. R.
O'Hanlon (captain).	L. E. R.
Paul Dueber.	L. E. R.

BEST GAME COMING

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league, Cornell, the quarter, is undoubtedly the best all-around quarter.

Coch Callister, starting with an exceedingly green bunch at the Catholic institution, has developed a really marvelous team. The strong hold of the team seems to be its ability in the open style of play. This was demonstrated particularly in the game against Portland Academy, when several forward passes were negotiated successfully. Keyhole, Kelleher and McAllen are a back field that is hard to beat.

The Columbia team has a first-class defense and some good tacklers, and it is likely it will play a defensive game most of the time and depend upon open plays at opportune moments for scores. The Washington team is particularly strong on offensive work and on line-smashing and end runs, and will try to march down the field on line bucks and end runs.

Cobb League's Best Punter.

In a freakish game Friday Lincoln High School won the unquestioned title to the laurel of championship by losing to Portland Academy 6 to 14. Scores were made on touchdowns by Cobb and Wilson, of P. A., had intercepted forward passes on their own 10-yard line and sprinted the length of the field. P. A. was outplayed in most stages of the game, but played a defensive game almost entirely and watched for any opportunity to steal the ball. The ball was stolen all right, with disastrous results, to the High School team.

Cobb continued his stellar work of the whole season in the punting department and demonstrated he is the strongest and most consistent booter in the league.

The victory of P. A. over the old West Side institution brought great joy to the hearts of the Academy rooters, for it was something like the days of old, when the P. A. team was lord over allcomers and invariably wiped the gridiron with the High School team. Next year the new Jefferson High School team will be a strong factor to reckon with in the fight for the championship among the prep schools.

TICKETS TO REACH FABULOUS PRICES

Holder of Pasteboards to Yale-Harvard Game Can Name Own Figure.

40,000 WILL BE PRESENT

Interest Is at Fever Heat in Great Struggle in Which Blue Seems to Have Slightly Better Chance of Victory.

BOSTON, Mass., Nov. 12.—(Special.)

Forty thousand people, the seating capacity of the mammoth structure, will crowd their way into the Harvard Stadium, next Saturday afternoon, to witness the big struggle of the year in Eastern football—the annual meeting of Harvard and Yale. The game will decide the first of the season's championship titles between these two arch enemies in the four major branches of sport. It will also have a very large bearing in the settlement of the Eastern championship for this year, for beyond the winner of this game only Pennsylvania can possibly advance logical arguments in support of any claims for the title.

The exigencies of newspaper work and of telegraphic transmission demand that this story shall be written early—while Harvard and Dartmouth are fighting in the Stadium and Yale and Princeton are involved in an argument on Yale Field—and the foregoing assertion regarding Yale, Harvard and the title is contingent upon wins for the Crimson and Blue. But it is in no wise probable that either Yale or Harvard will suffer defeat today; for either to lose would upset all of the season's calculations.

Thousands Cannot Get In.

The game in the Stadium next Saturday will be a study of human nature under the development of the highest development of the new football. No gathering of 40,000 people, especially when it is made up so largely of college students and college alumni, wrought up to the highest pitch of partisan enthusiasm, can be lacking in human interest. And the crowd at this meeting of Yale and Harvard would be twice, even thrice, as large were accommodations sufficient. The interest in the game is best attested by the fact that the Yale and Harvard alumni, the rival university affiliations for the much-tariffed tickets.

The nominal price of tickets for this game is \$2. That is the rate at which each undergraduate of each university may procure two tickets; it is the price at which each alumnus may secure one ticket. The demand for the alumni of either university does not exceed the university's allotment. For all such tickets application had to be made a week ago, yesterday the applications exceeded by thousands the supply and that is why, today, there are so many alumni who feel certain they will be unable to have seats. The inclosures when the rival elevena trot upon the field.

Stringent Rules Evaded.

The very stringent rules that have been adopted to prevent speculation in the tickets have been unavailing in a large measure. Every ticket in the big stadium is numbered, and a record kept by the Harvard Athletic Association of the person to which each ticket is assigned. Announcement is made broadcast that all tickets bought of speculators must be invalidated at the athletic association's office, but few of those purchasing of speculators regard that announcement.

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Contest Well Worth Seeing.

But what of the game itself? That it will be a contest worth while goes without saying. Few Yale-Harvard games there have been that have not resulted in desperate struggles, nor is there any indication that the contrary will be true this season. As good football brains as the East possesses have been at work for weeks in preparation for the game. New plays made possible by the new rules, new modifications of old formations have been evolved and carefully practiced behind barred gates for use next Saturday afternoon.

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MAGNATES MEET MONDAY

Owners of Pacific Coast Clubs Will Elect Officers and Appoint Scheduling Committee at San Francisco Session.

BY W. J. PETRAIN.

Tomorrow San Francisco will be the scene of the annual meeting of the Pacific Coast League, and the occasion will be marked by the election of officers as well as the appointment of a scheduling committee and the announcement of the length of the season. Other matters of more or less importance will also occupy the attention of the directors.

Of primary importance to Portland will be the matter of a schedule, for the McCredies will insist on more games for this city, and will also request that the schedule be drawn up and promulgated at the earliest date possible in order that the Northwesters may have had in on the road, but with continuous baseball at San Francisco this cannot be equalized to any great extent. Portland will therefore be satisfied with an added couple of weeks at home.

Walter McCredie is now touring the Eastern states, where he expects to effect several trade deals, and he will prove advantageous to his two clubs. He has several high-class youngsters in view and his many friends among the Eastern players are anxious to see him home than abroad. The Coast League schedule should be drawn so that each club plays an equal number of games on the road and at home, and in the event of a tie, the team with the most wins on the road, but with continuous baseball at San Francisco this cannot be equalized to any great extent. Portland will therefore be satisfied with an added couple of weeks at home.

Some of these days the tall manager will drift back home with a long string of surprises for the bugs. Walter is acknowledged as the best purveyor of managers in the business, and his faculty of picking up speedy youngsters of more than passing promise is too well known for further comment at this time.

J. Cal Ewing, who has acted as president of the Pacific Coast League for the past four years, and who is now in the idea of retiring at the meeting tomorrow, should reach San Francisco today from Memphis, where he has been attending the meeting of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues. J. Cal always has enjoyed the reputation of being a great jollier, and his reported intention of retiring from the league is a surprise to many of those who believe everything they hear on the vaudeville stage. Ewing may have positively set his mind on retiring, but you can never tell with J. Cal. It will not take a great amount of "persuasion" to have him reconsider his declaration. It is also a cinch bet that he will have plenty of provocation in changing his mind, for California friends will be "delighted" to entertain him as chief executive of the league for one or more years to come.

Mr. Ewing would be a most acceptable president of the league if he would only wipe off his specks in order that he might occasionally catch a glimpse of something beyond that San Francisco fog.

The recent meeting of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues emphatically demonstrated that baseball players are no better than slaves as far as personal liberty is concerned. The association, in order to punish some ball players who had violated the signing of contracts, had voted to suspend them from the league. It also makes it compulsory on players who had violated no contract to play at least one season with the former club.

Instead of punishing the magnates who make it possible for the players to violate their contracts, the association asks the players and gives the magnates everything they ask. Such action seems farcical to the outsider, but it is only a small instance of baseball justice. A ball player is nothing better than a slave. If he doesn't like his manager, and his manager doesn't like him, he is not free to join more congenial company, for he is bound more or less to play for that man or be suspended without salary.

Hogishness on the part of the major league teams, which carry 20 and more players than are really needed on a team, and the fear of the minor leagues of losing their whole club, are responsible for the present condition in baseball. The ignorance and unreliability of a large number of ball players is also a factor in making conditions as they are today. A solution of the problem is not at hand, and neither has it been searched for very hard, and probably will not be for many years.

Heavy Vote Expected in Astoria.

ASTORIA, Wash., Nov. 12.—Registration will close here Wednesday, when it is thought, the largest vote ever cast in the county will be polled. The election this year is especially significant, as the voters are to determine whether they will have a water system.

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Some Recent Events of Interest in the Sporting World, as the Cartoonist Sees Them

