

Varsity Stars to Make Last Stand

Famous Oregon and Washington Football Men Keen for Final College Game.

Championship at Stake

Winner of Game in Seattle Will Have Clear Title—Eugene Contingent Takes Four Days' Rest at American Lake Resort.

Thanksgiving Day Football Games of Northwest Colleges.

University of Oregon vs. University of Washington, at Seattle. Washington State College vs. Whitman, at Walla Walla. Oregon Agricultural College vs. Multnomah, at Portland. University of Idaho vs. Boise Athletic Club, at Boise.

BY OBSERVER.

In the history of Northwest football there have been few occasions when greater interest centered on the outcome of a single game than that which attaches to the result of the annual contest between the Universities of Oregon and Washington next Thursday at Seattle.

It will be the first time in several years that the actual championship has been in doubt up to the very last game of the season, as this will be the season Washington had the race sailed down a full two weeks prior to Thanksgiving.

But this year both Oregon and Washington have gone down the schedule with a clean string of victories, leaving the final game to decide the supremacy between them. Whichever eleven wins will have an unmarred title to first place among the college colleges; for all their games have been won by such decisive scores that no possible loophole has been left through which another team might put a claim for consideration.

This Thanksgiving game will mark the last appearance in their college lineups of many great stars whose playing has made them famous in the Northwest. At least ten men on the two elevens will never again take part in an intercollegiate game.

Five men whose names have become familiar to football fans through their work in this and previous seasons will graduate from the Oregon eleven after Thursday's game. Captain Dudley Clarke will be playing his last varsity contest. So will Louis Pinkham, the sterling tackle who last year gained honorable mention from Walter Camp in his All-American line. Dodder and Kitz, two of the fastest ends to come from the Oregon varsity since the days of Gordon Moore and "Weary" Chandler, with George Sullivan, are in their senior year and will play their last game.

The fact that so many of these players will be playing their last game will help to make the Thanksgiving contest the fiercest and most interesting of the season. No more training to look forward to and the realization that it is their last time on the gridiron, and that in the decisive football battle of the year, will lead the football men to take chances they would not have dared to risk earlier in the season when injury might have put their college out of the race.

Moreover, both elevens should be in superb condition. Washington has been resting up and practicing on its own field since defeating Oregon Agricultural College a week ago Saturday. The Oregon men had their hardest game of the season only Friday, when they went against the Aggies and beat them 12 to 6. So Coach Forbes and the long-sighted trainer, "Bill" Hayward, have had the squad to American Lake near Seattle, where they can rest and perfect their teamwork in easy practice for the remaining four days.

Forbes' System Justified. At least one valuable feature of Coach Forbes' system of developing early in the season two men for every position on the team was strikingly brought out in the Oregon-O. A. C. game Friday. With Clarke and Walker, two of his best back field men—Clarke especially because of his punting ability and great power as a line-smasher being considered the mainstay of the lineup—out of the game, the ordinary eleven would have been pretty well "busted."

during all the rest of the contest. A big crowd will no doubt turn out next Thursday to see the fast eleven that Metzger has developed out of what was anything but promising material at the beginning of the season.

There was an interesting incident in connection with Multnomah's defeat by Oregon at Eugene three weeks ago that is worth recalling. It was the first time since the two teams have played each other that the collegians have ever out-weighted the clubmen. Oregon averaged 173 pounds to the man in this game as 175 for the clubmen. The time was not very long ago when the spectators at a Multnomah-Oregon game felt almost sorry for the varsity men when they trotted out on the field—they looked so overwhelmingly outweighed by their club opponents. And they were. Up to two years ago it was rare for Oregon or any other Northwest college to turn out a team averaging more than 165 pounds, while this season Whitman, the lightest of the conference elevens, averages 185. It is not that the clubmen have been growing any lighter, but the college teams have been growing heavier. It is only one sign of the remarkable growth most Northwest educational institutions have enjoyed in late years.

Light Men Were Once Stars.

Football fans will remember the time when Seth Kerron, who played guard and full for five years, never weighing more than 180 pounds, and McKinney at 187, were the heaviest men in the Oregon lineup. Today Oregon has four men who can make 190 or better. Jack Latourrette made All-Northwest quarter four successive seasons weighing about 185. His brother Earl at 156 is the lightest man on the Oregon squad today. When George Hug played center on two championship elevens he weighed between 155 and 175, while Frank Templeton never tipped the scales for more than 155. When Dick Smith coached Oregon in '04, he turned out a championship eleven that only averaged 135 pounds to the man.

The same thing has been true of the other colleges. In place of comparatively heavy men like Keck and Weir and Evenden, O. A. C.'s star players of a few years ago were all light men. Rube Williams played half at 160, and Root and Pilkington were considered huge players at 170. Doves Walker, the famous A. C. cultural guard, would, of course, be a big man in any lineup.

At Washington, men like Mucklestone, Eakins, "Polly" Grimm and Baker, all weighing from 175 to 190, were inheard of three or four years ago. Around '05 and '06 Washington had men like Tilley at 145 and Winsor at 150 playing half. Crim was center for four years at 155 pounds. It was the same Crim who once accomplished the unique feat of breaking through the opposing line on an attempted punt, catching the leather at the exact instant when it was balancing on the end of the kicker's foot, and running 40 or 50 yards for a touchdown.

Coast Men Are Speedy

Athletes at Notre Dame Do Excellent Work. Dolan of Albany Considered Best Guard Football Team of University Has Had Thus Far.

BY JESSE H. ROTH. NOTRE DAME, Ind., Nov. 20.—(Special Correspondence.)—The University of Notre Dame is known in the West, and chiefly along the coast, through the affiliation of the University of Columbia, at Portland, Or., and also through students and athletes that she draws from that portion of the country. One of the best students that Notre Dame ever had was Ignatius E. McNamee, of Portland, Or., who was president of the senior class of '05, and winner of the Breen oratorical prize. He also won the state oratorical contest, and was kept out of the interstate contest on account of a technicality.

Two of Notre Dame's greatest athletes, after leaving school drifted out to the Pacific Coast and won considerable recognition for themselves on various athletic teams. One of these was Lonergan, and the other Kirby. Forrest Smithson, the world's champion hurdler, who is now at the Benedict Institution in '06-7, winning the 120-yard high hurdles in the western conference games at Chicago in the latter year. After his departure from Notre Dame he came to Yale.

This year Notre Dame draws four of her best athletes from the Coast. Mathews, of Fairbanks, Alaska; Philbrick, of Los Angeles, Cal., who is better known as the mainstay of the Whitman football and track teams; Dimick, of Portland, and Dolan, of Albany, Or. With these four men, three of whom are young giants, Notre Dame has been able to startle the whole football world by her phenomenal work on the gridiron.

The gold and blue have not only beaten the strong secondary colleges of the West by large scores, but have taken the measure of some of the fastest elevens that are playing football this season. On Oct. 23, by not coming with giving Pittsburg a good trouncing, went to Ann Arbor, November 6, and defeated Michigan, one of the strongest elevens in the country, by a 20-0 score. By winning from the Wolverines, the Irish received a ranking with the championship eleven of the East. Walter Camp watched the Coast in action, and expressed his surprise at the strength of Coast Longman's warriors.

Mathews played last year on the varsity, and though barred from good many of the contests by the freshman ruling, showed that he had the right material, and this year Coach Longman placed him at end, where he has more than held his own with the best men playing at the extremity. Fast, a sure tackler, and an elusive runner, he has won praise from most of the football critics in the Middle West. "Mat" has two more years on the varsity. This is Dolan's last year. "Rosy," as he is best known about the campus, has played for the gold and blue three years, and is the best guard that the Irish have ever had in putting it mildly. He is always in every play, either upsetting the opponents' formation or helping his own mates alone. Eckersall, All-American quarter back, and former Chicago University star, said that he is one of the best defensive men in the game here in the Northwest. Dimick, played a great athlete, he is also a popular student. He is class president, and also won a position on the Dome staff. This is the second year that Dimick and Philbrick have played side by side on the gold and blue line. Little need be said about these two athletes, as they are both well known throughout the Northwest. Dimick, played a tackle, and has won recognition from the greatest critics of football. Camp and Eckersall both commented on his work in various contests this season. Coach Longman, who is an old Michigan man, said that Dimick would easily rival Maddock, the greatest tackle that ever donned mole skins in the West.

Pacific Coast Players in Football Team of Notre Dame College.



PHILBRICK, GUARD. DIMICK, TACKLE.



"ROSY" DOLAN TACKLE. MATHEWS END.

Costly to Go Outlaw

McCredie, Could Only Make Plunge at Sacrifice.

Mac Rae Explains Financial Pros and Cons of Question—War Would Be Expensive.

men of Portland like the idea of this city being classed with Vernon, an abandoned slaughter-house district, and Sacramento, a city that even on holidays will not send out over 1000 people to a ball game. I know that such treatment does not please Judge McCredie, yet if the business men of Portland can learn to like it, certainly the McCredies can forget the slur in the time. It is not a pleasant bit of advertising to have it telegraphed over the United States and read in every nook and corner where baseball news is read, that Sacramento can get continuous baseball while Portland because of Charles Graham, is denied it. Portland voted Graham's team into the Coast League after it had been kicked out bodily because baseball did not pay. Should his vote deny Portland the right to have two teams and continuous baseball?

"Personally, I would like to see a season of outlaw baseball in Portland, but knowing Judge McCredie as I do, I can say he will not make a move until he is absolutely sure of his ground. Another thing, if Washington's new Congressman bows his neck, he will stick to the finish. If the McCredies owned their own ball park here, it would make matters pretty easy. If the McCredies elect to go outlaw, and the Coasters can get others to finance a Coast League team, it is going to cost them lots of money to get grounds and to build a new grandstand. It will take over \$100,000 as a starter and I don't believe with the fans and business men pulling for the Northwestern League team, any sucker is going to dig up that much money."

"I don't know how much the business For trunks go to the Harris Trunk Co."

O. A. C. Plays Here Thanksgiving Day

Great Football Game Is Scheduled for Next Thursday, November 25.

Society Out in Force

Big Crowd Determined to See Battle for Supremacy Between Two of Strongest Teams in the Northwest.

BY W. J. PETRAIN. Thanksgiving day and football are synonymous in Portland for the good things partaken of on that day, when it is customary to give thanks, do not go to work unless topped off by the treat of seeing two of Oregon's sturdiest football elevens in the struggle for supremacy upon Multnomah Field.

The annual football game has become an established custom, and while the programme has been varied by the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club this season to the extent of playing the Oregon Agricultural College instead of the University of Oregon on that day, the interest in the coming fray is quite undiminished.

Society Out in Force.

Like past occasions, the game promises to be a social event, for Portland's elite turns out en masse to see the gridiron warriors display their science and strength on the field of football supremacy, and so does everybody else.

Thanksgiving day on Multnomah Field is a gala occasion, and this year it will be the usual scene of the gathering of the elite.

Unusual interest is attached to this game, for it may be the last big game of the season in Portland unless Multnomah is successful in securing Denver University as an attraction at a later date.

This fact, together with the well-known spirit with which these rival football elevens engage in annual battle, creates greater enthusiasm among the rank and file of Portland's lovers of football than is usually evinced in any other branch of sports aside from baseball, which endures prestige for a much longer period.

O. A. C. Stands High.

This season the Oregon Agricultural College team is on a par with any eleven that institution has turned out in years, yet it has the misfortune of meeting better drilled and more experienced players than in the past, and its record is not quite so brilliant. However, the "Aggies" are stronger than last year, for they played the University of Washington a much stronger game than in 1908, when they succumbed to the "W" bunch by a 22 to 0 score. As this season's game was won by Washington by a score of 18 to 0, the Corvallis institution can be figured as twice as strong as the previous season's aggregation. Then the game Friday against Oregon also shows the O. A. C. boys strong.

The "Aggies" have been Multnomah's most formidable opponents in the history of Northwestern football, for the Multnomah eleven has gained more decisions over O. A. C. by the margin of one lone point than can be boasted of by any other aggregation in this section of the country. Many have been the nerve-racking struggles between these rival elevens, and the football fans of Portland are always on edge when a game between the "Aggies" and the Multnomah contingent is announced.

Team May Be a Winner.

Down Corvallis way they have a strong hunch that Coach Metzger is at last about to perform the long-cherished feat of sending a winning team against Multnomah—a trick that has not yet been accomplished by the "Aggy" eleven. It is especially galling to the Corvallis students to see their team defeated year after year by Multnomah, when the University of Oregon has succeeded in reversing the usual order of things during the past four years.

The State University's success against Multnomah only stimulates the efforts of the Corvallis boys, who will come to Portland this year with the determination of denting Multnomah's string of successes.

From Corvallis comes the news that Coach Metzger and Captain Evenden are using every means in their power to perfect a football machine calculated to smash the Multnomah line and offense play into smithereens. The "Aggies" are working like Trojans to accomplish their one object in football—that of defeating the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club eleven. If they do it all the defeats of the past and seasons to come will be forgiven, for the old-time rivalry of the two institutions has brought nothing but glory to the O. A. C. In the past, when the clubmen have enjoyed all the smiles resulting from the previous competitions, that Multnomah realizes this state of affairs is evidenced by the strenuous practices being engaged in by Manager McMullan and the winged "M" squad in the past week.

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