TY COBB MAY LEAD ALL BATTERS YET

Steady Climb in Averages Is Shown by Veteran.

SISLER IS OUT OF GAME

Injured St. Louis Star 27 Points Ahead, but May Not Be Able to Continue Hitting.

CHICAGO, Sept. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Tyrus Raymond Cobb, batting champion of the American league for 12 out of 15 years, may realize his ambition to be crowned with that coveted honor this year.

The Detroit veteran, in his flight to overtake George Sisler of the Browns, today is just 27 points behind the St. Louis star, but with Sisler injured and it uncertain as to just how much more baseball he can play this season, Cob has a chance to pass him provided he averages two hits or more for the remaining games of the season and Sisler is unable to continue his normal pace.

Sisler's average, including games of Wednesday, is .418, compared with a mark of .424 a week ago, a falling off of six points. Cobb is collecting hits to the tune of .391 and is displaying no indication of slowing up as the club swings into the final stretch of the race. But Sisler's heart and soul is in baseball and it is almost an impossibility to keep him out of the game, despite physician's orders. He insists upon getting into his uniform, even though he does not get into the line-up, so that he may be ready to take a crack at the ball when called as a pinch hitter. His absence from the game may help the "Georgia Peach" in his quest for the batting honors.

Sisler Leads in Thefts.

Cobb led the American league every year from 1907, with the exception of 1916, when Tris Speaker of the Indians took the honors, and in 1920, when Sisler was crowned king, and last season when Harry Heilmann of the Tigers crowded Cobb out of first place.

Sisler's mark for stolen bases appears to be safely tucked away, as his 47 thefts is 13 better than his closest rival, Ken Williams, a teammate. Williams bagged a brace of home runs during the past week and is tied with Rogers Hornsby with 39 for the leadership of the major leagues.

Other leading batters for 100 or more games: Speaker, Cleveland, .376; Heilmann, Detroit, .357; Tobin, St. Louis, .331; Galloway, Philadelphia, .330; Pipp, New York, .329; Williams, St. Louis, .328; Ed Miller, Philadelphia, .328; Basaler, Detroit, .328; Severeid, St. Louis, .325; Veach, Detroit, .324; Schang, New York, .324; Meusel, New York, .324.

Rogers Hitting .399 Now.

Rogers Hornsby, the St. Louis star, who for the last two years has carried off premier batting honors of the National league, has launched a final drive to boost his 1922 average above the coveted .400 mark.

The St. Louis favorite is on the brink of his ambition, the figures showing him hitting .399. In 1920 he topped the league hitters with a mark of .370, and last season romped off with the honors with an average of .397.

Hornsby fell into a slump early in August, but when Jimmy Tierney of the Pirates and Hack Miller of the Cubs began to threaten he recovered his batting eye and started to pull away. This drive was started about the middle of August, when he was hitting only .374. He has steadily increased and at the rate he is traveling he will easily reach his goal—the .400 mark.

Tierney Suffers Slump.

In his last seven games, Hornsby cracked out 13 hits, three of which were doubles and four were home runs.

Tierney, who has been tagging Hornsby's heels, suffered a slump during the past week, but continues to be the runner-up, with an average of .372. Miller of the Cubs is in third place, with an average of .357. The averages include games of Wednesday.

Max Carey of the Pirates has the base-stealing honors easily sewed up for the season, with 44 thefts, his closest rivals being Burns of Cincinnati and Frisch of New York, who are tied with 28.

Other leading batters for 100 or more games: Grimes, Chicago, .351; Bigbee, Pittsburg, .348; Hollocher, Chicago, .344; Harper, Cincinnati, .340; Daubert, Cincinnati, .339; Carey, Pittsburg, .334; Young, New York, .334; Walker, Philadelphia, .333; Meusel, New York, .330.

NEW YORK HAS NEW BOXER

Dane, 19, Seeks Meeting With Jack Dempsey.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—Make way brothers, another likely-looking chap has thrown his "John Henry" into the select circle. Knute Hansen, a strapping young Dane of 19 summers, standing over six feet and possessing a perfect boarding house reach, chanced into the town of Gotham a few days back in search of action, caring little as to what kind it was or from whence it came. The "unknown's" main ambition is to swap man-killers with none other than Jack Dempsey.

The gentleman in question is a native of Copenhagen, coming to this country with his parents when a wee child, landing with his parents at Racine, Wis., and making his residence there ever since.

He's a novice at the game in the true sense of the word, but, according to reports from eastern boxing circles, he's a real prospect with a bright-looking future predicted for him.

HARVARD NEEDS NEW MEN

Buell's Kicking Big Feature in Grid Team.

NEW YORK, Sept. 23.—Of the 24 Harvard men who earned their letters against Yale last November only 11 will be available for the team this season. Of the 11 players who started against the Elis, Henry Clark at center and Charles Hubbard at right tackle are the only linemen available again, but the entire backfield, consisting of Captain Charley Buell at quarter and George Owen, Phil Coburn and Roscoe Fitts as his running mates, is down to try to hold its 1921 honors.

Harvard is lucky to have a captain like Charley Buell. His drop kicking has pulled the Crimson through several narrow places the last two seasons and has brought his team much-needed points.

SEMI-PRO STARS WHO WILL SWING INTO ACTION ON VAUGHN-STREET GROUNDS THIS AFTERNOON.

Top, left to right—Billy Stepp, Fenne center fielder; Lefty Schwartz, Nicolai's star twirler, who will oppose Left Schroeder this afternoon; Tom Louttit and Driscoll, Fenne ball tossers out for blood. Bottom—Brownie Groce, Fenne left fielder.

BORLESKE'S JOB KNOTTY

WHITMAN SQUAD CONTAINS LIGHT AND GREEN MEN.

Many of 13 Letter Men From Last Year's Champion Team Will Not Return.

WHITMAN COLLEGE, Walla Walla, Wash., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—With only two weeks to the University of Idaho game here on October 7 and four weeks to the University of Oregon game at Pendleton, October 20, which he considers the toughest game on his schedule, Coach Borleske faces the task of turning out a Whitman eleven from a large squad of light and inexperienced men.

With 13 lettermen of last year's northwest conference championship team expected to return and three from previous years, as well as several second-string men of 1921, Whitman counted on having the strongest team in its history this fall. But one blow after another has crippled the squad until now it does not present even a formidable appearance.

Captain Ben Comrada, All-Northwest tackle and team captain, graduated, as did Ralph Emigh, guard. Then came word that Harold Blackman, end and punter, was married and would not return. Next, Herman Leander, the other of Whitman's powerful ends, had to leave school because of the death of his father. Harrison, a 230-pound lad from Seattle, only a freshman, also failed to return. Bayes, a letterman in 1917, was back last spring, but has again dropped out.

So Borleske is forced to start the season minus five of the seven veterans who started in the Montana game last year. Captain Red Heritage, the giant right tackle, and Bill Lucht, fighting center, are all that remain. Lucht has been switched to guard and Ratchford, a letterman last year, placed at the other guard. Boyd of the 1919 team, a weak lineup, will take Comrada's place at left tackle. Art Walther, who broke his leg in the first three minutes he played in the opening game of the season last year, probably will draw the center assignment owing to his passing ability, although he is exceedingly light. Morlock, the Carr brothers, Conley and Woods are second-string lineman, but all are sadly lacking in experience.

At ends Borleske probably will use his two substitute wingmen of last season, Holmes and Schroeder, both light men. Holmes will replace Blackman as punter. Since Ray Dean, end on the 1920 lineup, has turned in his suit because of an injured ankle, hurt in baseball last spring no likely looking end substitutes are in sight. Lackey is a hard tackler, but small and inexperienced.

In the backfield much depends on whether Claude Norris, the negro fullback, returns as he has promised. Roe will be at quarter again. He weighs only 140 pounds, but makes up for that by shiftiness and speed. Earl Tilton, right half, is on the job again after once retiring, but Harold Shepherd, left halfback, has failed to return.

BRYAN PUT IN BACKFIELD

195-POUND U. OF. O. PLAYER IS SHIFTED.

Contest Develops Between Mac Brown and Wallie Dailey for Quarterback.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Sept. 23.—(Special.)—Coach Bagshaw will give Jimmy Bryan, the 195-pound basketball captain, a chance behind the line. In the first week of practice Bryan was working with the linemen, but yesterday Baggy shifted him to the backfield and used him in scrimmage. Bryan played both backfield and line in 1920, but was forced out last year by illness.

While the line seems pretty well fixed, with Captain Ingram, Walters, Kuhn, Petrie, Grimm and possibly McCreary to fill the holes, the backfield still is a puzzle. It is almost certain to be much lighter than the line.

The race for quarterback, in the absence of Hanley, who may go to Stanford, seems to have become a contest between Mac Brown and Wallie Dailey. Brown barked signals for Baggy some last year and Dailey, a brother of Crum Dailey, former Washington halfback and trackman, played quarter on one of the freshmen teams last year.

Dailey is short and stubby, but passes well and is sure on tackles. In practice the other day, Leo Zill was kicking to him an dhe was able to return most of his punts yard for yard.

For the other backfield jobs Baggy has Wilson and Zell, who can kick well. Harper is showing well for the plunging job. Last year's freshmen backs, Sherman, Hay, Abel and Wilson, are not very heavy.

End Rush Important.

Early season attention to football candidates will be directed toward the ends. The end rush under the present style of football has become one of the most important individuals of the game. He is not only called upon to race down the field every few minutes at a ten-second gait on kicks and forward passes, but during his afternoon duties he is called upon often to have defensive relation with players much larger and heavier than himself. During the last few seasons there has been such a scarcity of good ends that backfield material has been taken to fill the demand. As the modern idea of play is worked out each season, the coaches find more and more work for the ends to do.

GIANTS' TRIPLE PLAY ODD

Call of Infield Fly Results in Curious Diamond Mixup.

A triple play oddly put together was turned out by the Giants in the second inning of a recent game against the Phillies. With Lee on first base and Leslie on second in that inning Jimmy Smith raised a fly over the edge of the diamond in right center. Frisch backed out for the ball and Umpire Klem properly called an infield fly, which automatically retired Smith. At this moment Frisch stepped aside to let Young, who had come charging in, make the catch. Instead of catching the ball Young trapped it. Leslie, possibly because he didn't know an infield fly had been called, or possibly because he saw the ball hop on Leslie, was also retired.

Lee, meanwhile, had started for second and Groh whipped the ball across the diamond to Kelly, who tagged Lee, as that young man, having changed his mind, tried to get back to first base. An infield fly having been called, Leslie and Lee could have held their bases regardless of what Young did with the ball, but, of course, they ran at their peril the moment the pellet touched the ground.

BADGER ELEVEN LIGHT

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY SQUAD LACKS OREGON'S WEIGHT.

Coach Frank Has Clever Outfit, but Fears Eugene Gridders Will Have Walkaway.

PACIFIC UNIVERSITY, Forest Grove, Sept. 23.—(Special.)—With the University of Oregon game just a week away, Coach Frank of Pacific university is losing his preseason cargo of confidence. On the field the Badger squad looks like a million dollars as it clicks smoothly through signal practice on McCready field night after night. But when interviewed, Coach Frank shakes his head doubtfully and mutters, 'Not enough beef." He is not able to plug the holes left in the veterans' lineup by such men as Lane and Sheeley, who were graduated last spring. Walker, the 200-pound guard, is not returning to Pacific this fall, and Long, another man of much breadth and thickness, is permanently out of the game because of injuries received last year. The best he is able to do for the squad is to guide the second string.

All this doesn't mean for a minute that Pacific university is not aspiring to victory over the Eugene outfit. The campus spirit is scarcely shadowed by Coach Frank's deep gloom, and a host of the Congregationalists are going to trail down state with the idea of bringing back the Oregon scalp. The 'wise guys" about the place are well aware, however, that the jolt which Pacific university gave Oregon last year is not going to be easily repeated, because the state varsity is not going to be caught off its guard again.

IOWA COACH IS HOPEFUL

Winner of "Big Ten" Conference Is After New Champ Lineup.

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 23.—Facing the task of filling the places of Aubrey Devine and Duke Slater, Coach Howard Jones of the University of Iowa football eleven, 1921 champions of the western conference, is preparing to start his campaign for the development of another winning combination. Practice was started September 15.

With Devine back as freshman coach, the 1921 star is expected to show the varsity a thing or two despite the fact that his official duties will be with the freshmen.

Captained by Gordon Locke, who won all-western renown last fall through his plunging as a fullback, Iowa will have a formidable team again, the most sanguine supporters of which claim it will equal the 1921 machine.

Egan Makes Go of Manager's Job.

Ben Egan is the latest magnate to enter the ranks of the International league. Leaving the Orioles in early April to be manager of the Jersey City club, Egan has done so well at the helm of his new craft that last week it was officially announced that Ben had been made one of the stockholders of the club and that he will shortly become vice-president and one of the directors.

Sox Buy First Sacker.

Lee Walsh, first baseman of the Port Huron club of the Michigan-Ontario league, was purchased by the Chicago Americans. He will report immediately.

SALEM CARD ARRANGED

CLIMAX IS PREPARED FOR PORTLAND DAY AT FAIR.

Jack Davis to Meet Billie Gardeau in Ten-Round Main Event; 32 Rounds Billed.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—As a climax to Portland day at the state fair Company E, Oregon national guard of Salem, will stage one of the best boxing cards ever attempted in this city. The bouts will be in the state armory, starting at 8 o'clock Thursday night, September 28.

Jack Davis, brother of Travie, will take on Billie Gardeau of Boise in the ten-round main event. This will be the first time these boys have been matched, although both have appeared on Portland cards in the past. Davis has been in Salem for several days and was said to be in the pink of condition. Gardeau will arrive here early next week.

Frankie Crites of Newberg and Frankie Webb of Portland will furnish the eight-round semi-wind-up. This looks like a good go. Considerable interest is centered around the six-round special event featuring Chick Rocco and Phil Bayes of Salem. Bayes is a newcomer, having participated in only five or six events and those with local boys. He is little known to Portland fans, but followers of the game in Salem believe he has the makings of a top-notcher. In Rocco he will find a really tough youngster and if he can take the Portlander into camp he will take a long step toward gaining fistic laurels.

There will be two four-round preliminaries, with a total of 32 rounds on the card. Tom Louttit will referee.

Bush League Notes.

Only one more team is needed in each of the newly-organized Spalding senior and junior leagues to round out the circuits. In the senior league the teams must average 104 pounds or less, with no one man weighing more than 150 pounds. The age limit is 25 years. In the junior league no man may weigh over 130 pounds, with the age limit 20 years. Teams wishing to enter should call A. E. Cann, Atwater 6215.

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The teams that already have entered the senior league are: Irving Park, Stevens Athletic club, Woodstock Juniors, Grays Crossing Seniors, Bachelors' club, Portland Independents and Highland Athletic club. In the junior league are: Woodstock Juniors, Grays Crossing Juniors, Albina Aces, Home Athletic club, Japanese Athletic club, Holy Name Juniors and Goose Hollow.

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The Holy Name club will put out a football team for the first time. The club won the 125-pound basketball championship of Portland last year and after winning the cup in the Spalding Baseball league, played the winners of the Honeyman league for the junior championship of Portland and won. Most of the basketball and baseball players are trying for the football eleven. L. Mahoney is manager.

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Former Franklin high football lettermen have organized the Maroon F club and have applied for admittance to the City football league. The following are out for places on the team: Tucker, Barbour, Hallier, Halton, York, Peters, Hogat, Pryor, Brown, Post, Borellie and Thomas. Tucker played end on the 1918 Oregon Agricultural college team, while Brown was Multnomah quarterback in 1920. The team will hold its first practice at 10 o'clock this morning in the Franklin bowl. Manager Hallier asks all former Franklin players who have not signed up to report for practice. H. Busch will coach.

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The following football players will represent Arleta grammar school: Bob Laurence and Fred Krausnick, ends; Douglas Hildreth and Joe Teufel, tackles; Elbert Moore and John Williams, guards; Sterling Thompson, center, and Bob Dugger, Walter Engberg, Wesley Woodham and Jim Adams, backfield. The substitutes are: Ray Mathis, Charles Walker, C. Anderson, Don Gilman, Herbert Day and Perry Goodwin.

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The Macleays and the Camerons will play a soccer football game at 2:30 o'clock in the Franklin bowl today. This will be the first game for the Macleays. Bob Clark has been elected captain of that team. Frank Billington will referee.

PUNTERS TURNED LOOSE

WASHINGTON STATE COACH DEVELOPS KICKERS.

Captain Duncan Continues Practice in Booting Long, High Spirals.

WASHINGTON STATE COLLEGE, Pullman, Sept. 23.—(Special.)—For the first time this season, Coach Welch has turned his punters loose and begun concentrated work in developing the kicking department. Up to this time the men have been held in check by the coach, being allowed to work only for kicking form.

On account of the ability of Captain Dunton, tackle, to boost long high spirals, Coach Welch is continuing to have him practice in that capacity. Dunton was pulled out of the line last year at critical times to deliver.

Hickey, Tryggvi, Cook and Wheeler are showing exceptional early season form. All Thursday's practice was devoted to the fundamentals of tackling and blocking and chasing down under punts.

Hickey and Wheeler are showing well in kicking, and Welch also has good punters in Tryggvi and Cook. With these men so strong, Washington State will not be weak in that department.

The first scrimmage was held Friday, one week after the opening of practice, four teams participating.

DIPS TO REDUCE HEAVIES

Innovation in Training Is Inaugurated at Santa Clara.

SANTA CLARA, Sept. 23.—Swimming to reduce the waistline.

That's the latest stunt being tried by Trainer Gus Peterson of the Santa Clara varsity in an attempt to keep the rolls of fat from parking around some of the Mission stalwarts.

There are several husky linemen and a few backs who had accumulated so much excess weight that Coach Buckingham started to worry about them. Finally he turned them over to Peterson, who has made quite a reputation as a trainer and also as a swimming instructor. "Pete" thought of the swimming stunt and forthwith ordered the heavies to take a dip in the varsity pool every day.

Peterson won't divulge the names of the men, but he claims that the scheme is working.

Brief Still Hitting.

Bunny Brief is still slamming home runs into the stands in the American association. There are few harder hitters in the game. The names of some of the pitchers Bunny has hit for circuit clouts are still familiar to the fans of major-league cities. A few of them are Bedient, Lowdermilk, Sallee, Cullop and Rube Schauer.

Training Is Not Easy.

Football training isn't easy. The preparation lacks the stimulus of a real game and requires a lot of courage, determination, self-reliance and self-control.

R. L. Mathews, new head football coach at University of Idaho.

BUSH WORLD SERIES TO RESUME TODAY

Double-Header Is Billed for Vaughn Park.

NICOLAI TO PLAY FENNE

Leaders of League Face Stiff Opposition; Bars Are Down for Lining Up Players.

Wright and Ditson League Standings.

	W	L	Pct.		W	L	Pct.
Nicolai	4	0	1000	Fulton	2	2	.500
Fenne's	2	2	.500	Arleta	0	4	.000

Today's Schedule.

Doubleheader, Vaughn street—Nicolai vs. Fenne's; Fulton vs. Arleta. First game starting at 1:30 o'clock.

The bush league world series will resume this afternoon in the Vaughn street park. Four picked teams having the strongest semi-pro lineups in the city have been battling for several weeks in a special post-season series under the colors of the Wright & Ditson league.

The object of the league was to select the leading bush teams and insert them into a series that would be worth seeing. To date every game has been a battle. The Nicolai club has been the unbeatable club, leading the league with four straight wins and no defeats. But although it has won every game the Nicolai team has had to play ball to do it.

A double-header will be played at the Coast league park today, starting at 1:30 o'clock. All four teams of the league will take part. Fulton will clash with Arleta in the opener and in the second game Nicolai will play Fenne's All-Stars. Fenne's team has won two and lost two and is out to bump off the league leaders.

The bars are down in lining up players for the teams. The club managers can go out and get any players they want and put them in the lineup three minutes before the start of the game, even Coast leaguers if they can get them. The sky's the limit. Fenne has been bolstering up his team all week for this game with Nicolai. Lefty Schroeder, the no-hit, no-run king, is to work in the box against Lefty Schwartz, the Nicolai mainstay.

Drake probably will start for Fulton and Solyan will work for Arleta.

Nicolai—	Fulton—
Kowalski, 2.	Akers, m.
Garbarino, s.	Spidell, 2.
Foss, r.	C. LaMear, c.
Bottler, m.	L. Simon, l.
Riepl, 3.	Steiger, 1.
Negsted, 1.	Sunderleaf, r.
J. Lipstich, l.	E. Jones, 3.
Feldman, c.	F. LaMear, s.
Schwartz, p.	Drake, p.
Fenne—	Arleta—
Yett, 2.	F. Harkins, l.
Stepp, r.	J. Faust, r.
Groce, 1.	Thomas, 1.
Schroeder, p.	Rathjen, s.
Perkins, c.	Zimmerman, 2.
Snoots, 3.	Fegan, c.
Smith, s.	Gribble, 3.
Clifford, m.	Solyan, p.
Blanchard, l.	

Batting averages in the league to date follow:

	AB.	R.	H.	Pct.
Hanlon, Arleta	1	1	1	1.000
King, Arleta	4	0	3	.750
J. Leptich, Nicolai	13	2	7	.539
C. LaMear, Fulton	4	0	2	.500
Blanchard, Fenne's	11	2	5	.455
C. Brooks, Fulton	5	3	2	.400
Garbarino, Nicolai	5	1	2	.400
Brier, Fulton	8	1	3	.375
Negsted, Nicolai	17	6	6	.353
Shoots, Fenne's	3	0	1	.333
Sunderleaf, Fulton	3	0	1	.333
E. Simon, Fulton	3	0	1	.333
Young, Nicolai	3	0	1	.333
Schwartz, Nicolai	3	0	1	.333
Barr, Fenne's	9	3	3	.333
Stranahan, Fenne's	3	0	1	.333
Perkins, Fenne's	3	0	1	.333
J. Leptich, Nicolai	10	2	3	.300
N. Johnson, Arleta	7	0	2	.286
Thomas, Arleta	7	0	2	.286
Kowalski, Nicolai	16	3	4	.250
Feldman, Nicolai	16	2	4	.250
Foss, Nicolai	8	0	2	.250
Akers, Fulton	8	1	2	.250
Steiger, Fulton	8	3	2	.250
Loutitt, Fenne's	4	2	1	.250
Nielson, Fenne's	8	0	2	.250
Donaldson, Fenne's	8	0	2	.250
Yett, Fenne's	13	3	3	.230
Roberts, Fulton	9	1	2	.222
Stepp, Fenne's	14	4	3	.216
L. Simon, Fulton	14	3	3	.216
Hein, Fenne's	10	0	2	.200
Rathjen, Arleta	16	0	3	.188
Zimmerman, Arleta	16	1	3	.188
Spidell, Fulton	16	6	3	.188
Bottler, Nicolai	11	2	2	.182
Fegan, Arleta	11	0	2	.182
J. Faust, Arleta	12	2	2	.167
Groce, Fenne's	13	1	2	.154
Clifford, Fenne's	7	1	1	.143
F. Brooks, Fulton	7	1	1	.143
Haight, Nicolai	7	1	1	.143
Jones, Nicolai	7	1	1	.143
J. Harkins, Arleta	10	0	1	.100
F. Harkins, Arleta	13	3	1	.077
J. Fenne, Arleta	8	1	0	.000
Gribble, Arleta	12	0	0	.000
Goodwin, Arleta	5	0	0	.000
Darden, Arleta	8	1	0	.000
Solyan, Arleta	1	0	0	.000
Boytana, Fenne's	4	0	0	.000
Driscoll, Fenne's	1	0	0	.000
Peterson, Nicolai	2	0	0	.000
Davis, Nicolai	3	0	0	.000
Honeyman, Fulton	5	0	0	.000
R. Baker, Fulton	1	0	0	.000
Drake, Fulton	4	0	0	.000
Smith, Fenne's	1	0	0	.000
McKeen, Fenne's	4	0	0	.000
Carroll, Fenne's	4	0	0	.000
Tuma, Nicolai	3	0	0	.000
R. Simon, Fulton	3	0	0	.000
Rache, Fulton	0	0	0	.000
F. LaMear, Fulton	4	0	0	.000
J. Baker, Fulton	2	0	0	.000
L. Scott, Fenne's	2	0	0	.000
Riepl, Nicolai	2	2	0	.000
Schroeder, Fenne's	7	0	0	.000

Dempsey-Carpentier Bout Looks Like Failure.

Jack's Trip to Europe Blamed for Lack of Interest.

BY ROBERT EDGREN.

JACK DEMPSEY'S trip to Europe seems to have knocked him out of a match with Carpentier in either England or France, although a bout was tentatively arranged for next June. Since Dempsey's return to America the promoters have been listening to public comment and find there is little confidence in Carpentier's ability even to make a good showing against the champion. People have seen Dempsey and they know he is too big and rugged to be beaten by a small man like Carpentier.

Carpentier has signed a three-year moving picture contract with Stuart Blackton, now in England, and it's likely he won't fight again after his match with Battling Siki, the Senegalese heavyweight. Siki, a big, rangy fellow, not quite as dark of complexion as Sam Langford, took up boxing when he came to France in war time with Senegalese troops. He has beaten many middle and heavyweight boxers and boasts that he will knock Carpentier out in less time than it took Dempsey to turn the trick. Running short of opponents in France, Siki was offered a match with an American negro boxer, but announced that he was of superior stock, his ancestors having been free from the time of Caesar down, and that he draws the "color line" on that account.

Siki is said to be a dangerous opponent for Carpentier. The match has been postponed several times and is now on for the end of September, but may be postponed again, indefinitely, because of Carpentier's movie prospects.

If Carpentier drops the Siki match it's a sure thing he won't risk having Dempsey knock him out of the pictures.

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I see that a Frank Moran-Joe Beckett match is causing some excitement in England, where Moran has won a lot of fights in the last ten years, and is still regarded as one of the best American heavyweights. Moran was a rugged citizen for several years, although never anything more than a slugger, but his star dropped into the sink with a loud splash when Fred Fulton knocked him out four years ago. In his few succeeding ring battles he never was anything but a punching bag for his opponents. If Beckett can't beat Moran it's time for England to look up some new heavyweight.

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When the New York boxing commission ruled that Johnny Dundee would lose his New York boxing license if he boxed Johnny Kilbane in New Jersey it performed an acrobatic stunt. Dundee was proclaimed featherweight champion—in New York—because Kilbane ignored his challenge and posted forfeit. Kilbane's world title was annulled in New York state—for the same reason.

Both Dundee and Kilbane are in good standing in New Jersey and to a mere outsider it seems absurd that the New York commission should claim any right to control or even influence boxing outside its own state.

In any case it is entirely illogical to punish Dundee for boxing Kilbane, after condemning Kilbane for not boxing Dundee.

Billy Miske, whose knockout string was broken by Bob Roper, who fought a 12-round draw with him at Oklahoma City, says he sees no reason why he shouldn't be Dempsey's next opponent. Miske has been fighting in the best form of his life. He might beat Brennan or any of the other heavyweights boxing around the country and still not be a match for the champion. Miske told me after his first fight with Dempsey years ago that he didn't know what happened after the fourth round and that Dempsey "must have held him up."

"That fellow can knock me out in half a minute any time he wants to," was Miske's exact statement.

Perhaps he changed his mind later, for he fought Dempsey again and did his share of fighting until he was knocked out. He was game enough to take it. For all that the only question to be settled in another Miske-Dempsey match would be just how many rounds Miske could stay on his feet. And that doesn't make a very interesting bout.

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Jess Willard is still in training in Hollywood, determined to get the return match for the championship that has often been promised him. He has taken off a lot of weight and looks very good, but as yet he has not shown any promise of the speed he'd need to win back the title. Willard is absolutely confident that he can beat Dempsey any time and the country would be glad to see him have his chance if he first proved to the public that he can get back into fighting trim after so many years out of the ring. There's only one way he could do that. If Willard would beat a couple of men—say Brennan and Miske—and do it in championship style, he'd have the public behind him and Dempsey would be forced to give him his return match. But no one who knows the good-natured big fellow wants to see him beaten up and knocked out again as he was at Toledo.

Strength and bulk, even backed by such gameness as Willard displayed, won't beat Dempsey. Dempseys' greatest ring asset is his speed. When he loses that or when he meets some fellow who can beat him to the punch he'll go down like anyone else.

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SPORTSMEN WILL SHOOT

DUCK HUNTERS GET CHANCE TO TRY OUT THEIR AIM.

Special Events Will Be Feature of Extra Trap Tournament for Portland Gun Club.

Sportsmen who expect to go in for duck hunting after the season opens, October 1, will have an excellent opportunity to steady their aim at the special trapshooting tournament scheduled for the Portland Gun club today.

This will be the last registered shoot of the season. The programme will be augmented by two special events. The feature of the day is the Everding 25-target event in honor of Henry R. (Hy) Everding, after whom the day is called. Six prizes will be up in this special event of 25 targets, two in each class. Shooters will be divided into classes A, B and C, according to their rating on the 1923 averages.

The other special number will be the Dr. O. W. Elliott handicap. Prizes totaling $90 will be split among the high men in the shoot. A trophy also will go to the winner.

The E. J. Jaeger trophy, valued at $50, will be presented to the shooter with the best total score on all the registered targets shot in the eight 50-target events at the Portland Gun club this season. The totals will be figured out at the completion of today's 50-target event. The race has been close to date and today's shoot will have quite a bearing on the award of the trophy.

There also is a prize for the shooter scoring the greatest number of runs of 25 straight in the six months of competition.

TUG-OF-WAR DEFI HURLED

Reed Freshmen Challenge Sophs to Brain and Brawn Test.

"Know all sophomores by these presents: That we, the undersigned representatives of freshman brains and brawn, with due respect, do hereby challenge the Reed college sophomores to a tug-of-war to take place on the banks of Crystal Springs lake within three weeks."

Such was the substance of a challenge flung at the sophomore class by Reed college freshmen in their first class meeting Friday. Of course the sophomores will accept.

Meanwhile the huskies of both classes are in training. In front of the gymnasium the freshmen are acquiring form and teamwork. Behind the gym the sophomores, with one end of a rope tied to a tree, are preparing an "impregnable defense."

In weight the teams will be almost balanced. The sophomores have lost four of their heavies of last year, when they pulled their rivals through the lake after 11½ minutes of hard work. The freshmen, although somewhat smaller, can find 15 men as weighty as the sophomores.

William Brewster of Portland will captain the freshmen and Aden Jones, also of Portland, will lead the sophomores.

FIVE AGGIE SQUADS IN DAILY TRAINING

Line Will Weigh More Than 200 Pounds the Man.

HARD RIVALRY IS AHEAD

No Individual Yet Looms Prominently Above Other for Quarterback Position.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Sept. 23.—(Special.)—The Oregon Aggies have more than five squads in daily football practice under Coach Rutherford. Ten minutes of scrimmage for each man is a part of each afternoon's routine.

The Aggie line will weigh more than 200 pounds per man this fall and combined with that weight will be an abundance of speed. The quarterback position is causing more worry to the coaching staff, for as yet no individual looms prominently above the other prospects.

More than half of the men are trying for line positions, with Captain Percy Locey heading the list at tackle. For collection of ends there are Murius McFadden, a two-year letterman; Millard Scott, who was on the freshman team two years ago; Moose Lyman, a basketball player, and Fred Tebb, with the rooks last fall. Big Mush Hjelte also will get a chance at end, where his height would help him in pulling down passes. Gordon Mitchell of last year's rook team is working at end.

Rich and Pierce Try Out.

So far it is a neck and neck between Herb Rich and Walter Pierce for center. Rich is faster, but in scrimmage Pierce has been doing best. There are plenty of men for guard and tackle, but not one with previous experience. Ed Clarke, a 210-pounder of last year's team, is a comer. Dean Micklewait is showing promise at tackle. Both were in the lineup long enough to make their letters last fall.

Juddy Ash, Bob Johnson, Carl Bullen, Jim Weatherford, Harold Johnson and John Pound are fighting for guard. In every case these men lack experience, which is their big handicap. Line coach Rathbun is drilling them in charging and holding on defense. The first real chance for a line on the men will be given Saturday when the varsity prospects go through a full four-period game against the subs.

The entire squad is being combed for a quarterback. Cecil Angle, Dick Garber, Claude Christenson and Harold Moore are showing up best. Garber and Christenson have played with the freshmen, but Angle and Moore are novices.

Miller Appears Fine.

Everett Miller, the flashy Aggie half of last year, seems due for a great season. Miller is good all-around stuff. He kicks, passes and carries the ball well. Luke Gill is another of whom much is expected. Hugh McKenna, the diminutive half and quarter, looks much better than last fall. McKenna has added about ten pounds, bringing his weight to 150 pounds. Oliver Jessup, Irving Day and Russell Stearns are the other halves.

Coach Rutherford has four fullbacks who show promise. Ben Carpenter, a hurdler at track; Reginald Tousey, a letterman from last year; Ray McCart, who played on the 1921 freshman team, and Bert Winne, a new man, are putting in stiff licks at practice. Ray Stevens has also been given a chance at full, but is a little lighter than the others.

Games for Saturday, September 30, with the Astoria American Legion and October 7, with the Chemawa Indians have been arranged, which completes the Aggie schedule.

COLLEGE BASEBALL LAUDED

Jack Barry Says Players Entering Pro Ranks Elevate Game.

Jack Barry, former star shortstop of the Philadelphia Athletics and of the Boston Red Sox, and an alumnus of Holy Cross college, is one of the great many who give the college players much credit for uplifting baseball in general. While discussing the subject recently Barry said:

"It surely is true that the college players have done more to elevate professional baseball than any other factor in the development of the game. The college player has helped to make the national sport worth while. He has helped to make the professional baseball player respected everywhere, and his influence has tended to eliminate most of the rowdyism from the game. Of course, from time to time there will be flareups, but there are only natural when players are working under a great strain.

"In the old days it was customary to look down on the professional baseball player. He was not considered a proper person in certain quarters. Conditions that surrounded the game were far different from what they are at present. The greatest improvement has taken place during the last 20 years, and the influx of college players in great numbers has been responsible for this to a great degree. Furthermore, college baseball, as it is conducted today, not only sends players into the professional game who have been polished in the classroom, but also players who have been taught to play the game properly.

Filipino Leads Harbor Batters.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Sept. 23.—(Special.)—A Filipino stripling leads the Grays Harbor Commercial league batting averages. Panuncialmon, dusky outfielder for the Cosmopolis team, head the batsmen with an average of .577 in 46 times at bat. Mock, pitcher of the Smoke Shop team, is on his heels with .571. Dean of Cosmopolis is third with .517, and Rubottom of the Hoquiam legion and Graham of the legion are next, with .500 and .426, respectively.

O'Dowd Is Skeptical.

Evidently Phil O'Dowd doesn't take much stock in Joey Lynch's performance on Labor day, when he kayoed Memphis Pal at Michigan City. O'Dowd, the Columbus string bean, has posted $2500 with the boxing commission in New York as a forfeit for a match with Lynch. A little over a year ago O'Dowd tossed a fine lacing into Lynch at Lexington opera house in the big city by the Hudson.

Penn's Football Squad Out.

The Pennsylvania football squad started its training with a squad of 22. A university such as Pennsylvania should be able to turn out triple that number.