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## FOOTBALL OUTSTRIPS BASEBALL FOR MONEY

TEN MILLIONS ARE SPENT IN SIX WEEKS

If baseball can boast of the expenditure of \$17,000,000 in six months, football can do it one better by calling \$10,000,000 out of the pockets of the people in six weeks. That sport has not yet been found which is as much of a drawing card for the people and their money as football. With all its wonder, football has never been able to draw a crowd of 40,000 people through its gates. With the gridiron it is different, and more than once it has passed that mark, calling out enough enthusiasts to people a city the size of Akron, Ohio, Brockton, Mass., or Dallas, Texas.

All the roads of the football world lead to the great climax, the annual Yale-Harvard game. Those two giants of the gridiron play other games, but they are all incidental to the great contest between themselves. As an index to the cost of football throughout the United States, it is said that a cool million dollars changes hands on the result of this one game. To begin with, the two teams spend about \$60,000 getting themselves in readiness for the preliminary struggles with other teams, and the final game with one another. There is the training department, which calls for heavy outlays for coaches and trainers, of a size of a small army. Even the men who rub the players down come in for a thousand-dollar allocation of the team funds. The training department of administration calls for the cost of advertising, printing and other promotion expenses. Hotel bills, railroad fare, trophies, and an endless variety of other things amount to an outlay of thousands of dollars. Each team squeezes the life out of a full 100 footballs in the course of a single season.

**Spectators Pay More.**  
But these expenses of the teams themselves are nothing, a comparatively small amount to the people who go to see this great classic of the football world. Some men have traveled seven miles to see the game, and others have traveled across the continent once more. The New Haven railroad counts on an annual revenue of at least \$60,000 from the game, and then there are the trolley lines, the hotels, the haberdashers, and many other interests which expect enough profits out of the Boston football game to add to it the biggest crowd that ever witnessed a baseball game, and the resulting mass of people would be but a few thousand larger than the crowd which has attended a British football game.

China is now having a taste of American football, and in the Philippines they are playing it with all the zeal and vigor that characterizes the American gridiron hero.

Football holds the distinction of being the only sport that ever became the subject of a conference at the White House. It was a few years ago, when the mass play had reached its highest development, and the game had ceased to be a mere pastime, that the president urged the rules committee to take steps to break up mass play, and to scatter the players more. They did so, and what threatened to be the end of football was averted.

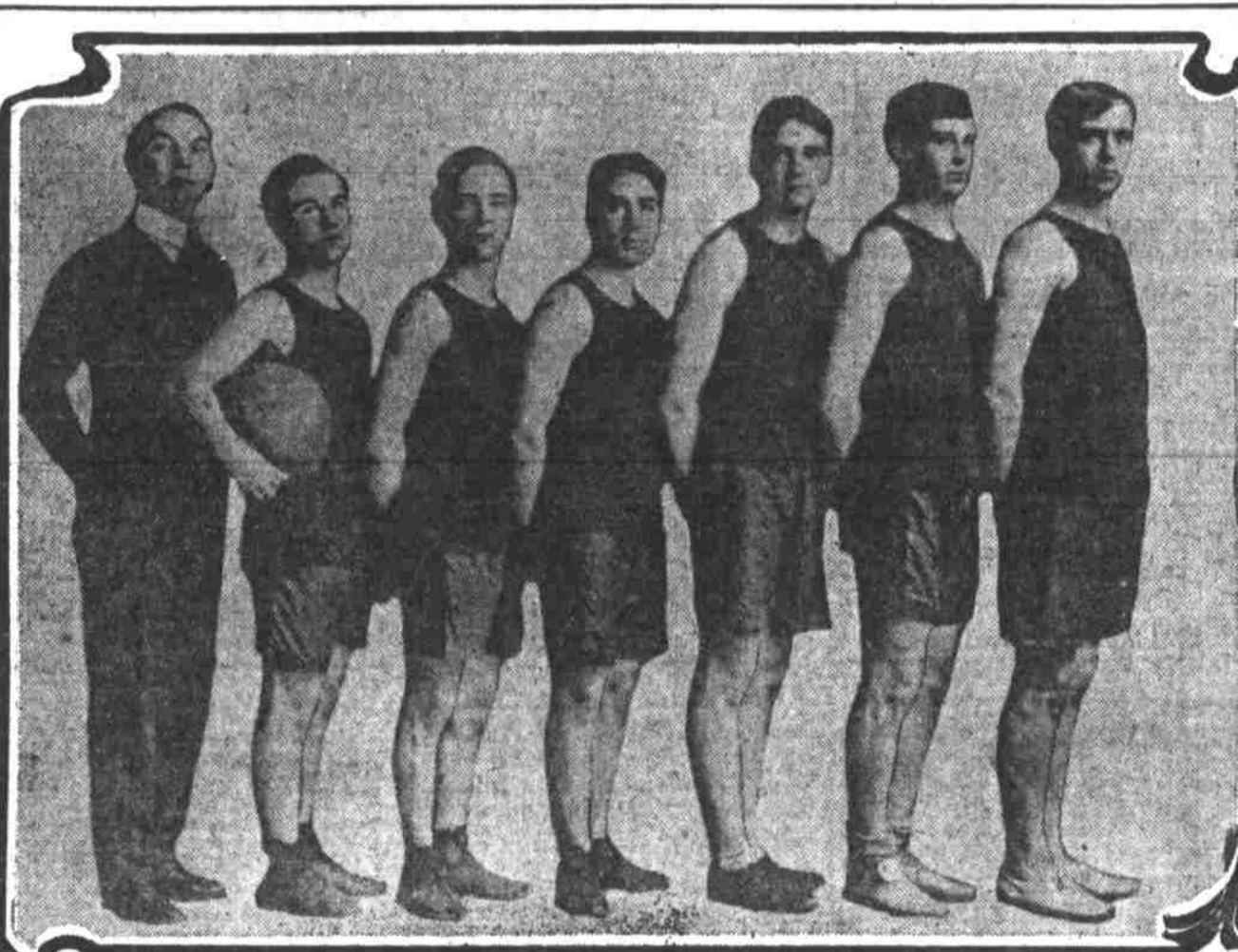
The idea of selecting an All-American football team was an interesting chapter in the history of college sports. Prior to 1874 the big universities had been playing what was known as the Boston game. The ball was round and made of rubber and the whole end of the field constituted the goal. There was a rule which applied to "turfing," which provided that a player in the opposition territory must walk or run toward the goal, or at right angles to his own goal line. Another curious rule provided that a player in possession of the ball did not run with it unless he was "chased" by the opposition, but must strike it or kick it.

If a player had the ball and was running toward the goal with it, and the moment the opponents found he was outstripping them they stopped, and he was then compelled to stop also. Imagine a present-day player having made his way safely through the defense of the opposition, and ready to kick at right angles to his own goal line, and the other fellows rushing to get over to the navy camp and chew up their billy goat. So the army stuck to its rule—and lost the game. This year West Point is looking for a properly demoralized Teddy bear, and they will pin their faith to him when they meet the navy. On the other hand, the Annapolis aggregation of pigskin-kickers are too loyal to the traditions of Neptune to even think of superseding their goat with any sort of mascot.

That rule of the game is a fall is often illustrated in football games.

**Sports Students Cleaned.**  
Sometimes the student body of a big university concludes that their team is just as sure to win as the sun is sure

## EAST SIDE BASKETBALL TEAM



The East Side Athletic Basketball team of 1908, who completed a very successful season last winter, have reorganized with able reinforcements. The team this winter will consist of the following players: Forwards, Sweeney, (Capt.) Thayer, Kautz; centers, H. Vinson, Melburn, Guards, F. Vinson, E. Bruce, Hutchings, Dr. Bruce, Coach, M. Ringler.

## FOOTBALL PLAYERS, PAST AND PRESENT

After all there is little or no superiority over the western football player in the east after his latest possibilities have been brought to the surface by the high-class eastern methods of producing football men. Since Dick Smith, the old Oregon player, electrified the easterners at Columbus several years ago, hardly a season has passed but that some nor-westerer has not brought attention to himself. Just now Ham Corbett of Portland, who is pronounced to be the greatest player at Harvard since Dibblee, is getting the lion's share of applause. Men of a different physical quality grow out here in the northwest.

Sam Dolan, Ralph Dimick and J. W. Philbrook, all of Oregon, are playing there.

Stanley Borlesko, who attended Whitman last year and who is now enrolled at Michigan, is declared to be one of the stars of the scrub team and surely will make the varsity football eleven next year. He is negligible this year on account of the one-year residence rule.

Years ago we used to look with great interest toward the annual California-Stanford football game, but that was in the days of the intercollegiate or American style. Today hardly a hundred eyes in Oregon are scanning the sport-ing pages for some news of the annual contest next Saturday with anything akin to interest. In days past Oregon sent some great football players to Stanford and Berkeley, but it is hardly likely when the present trio of stars graduate that any more of high-class scholastics will face toward the south.

Coach Tost of Michigan, will not allow players to play cards. His method was to play cards when he was raided it with this admonition: "Card playing is not conducive to quick thinking and lightning thought is a big part of football." The latter clause is true enough, especially in the new game. Tost, however, seemingly never has read the memoirs of Old Man Greenbush or sat in a bridge game when he had to decide quickly between spades and no trumps on a passed make.

Advises from New Haven state that Jack Owsley, who left Seattle several weeks ago to assist his old teammate and friend, Bob Forbes, in coaching the University of Oregon squad, has arrived on the Yale campus and is coaching the quarterback of Old Eli for their struggle with Harvard and Princeton. Frank Butterworth, the famous plunging full-back of Yale, is also back at his old school, helping to bring the team into shape for the big fight.

## JOE CORBETT MAY HANDLE SAN FRANCISCO IN 1909

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)  
San Francisco, Nov. 7.—The baseball situation is as badly muddled as it was three months ago, and until President Ewing does something at the coming meeting of the national commission nobody will know just how the Pacific Coast league stands. From present indications the chances are that the league will be on by the time opening day for 1909 rolls around.

A big shakeup is due on the San Francisco team, and the latest story to break is that Joe Corbett, the old-time Baltimore pitcher, will succeed Danny Long as the manager of the team. Corbett is a very popular man in this city, and has a host of influential friends working for him, and therefore he stands a very good chance of landing, provided that the stockholders make up their minds to seek a new manager.

Although the game paid well here during the last season the fans were anything but satisfied. After their team had started out with a rush, and kept at the top of the heap for so many weeks, it turned around and slumped badly, finishing in the rut next to Oakland.

## PAPKE-KETCHEL GO BEST IN MANY DAYS

NELSON DECLARES FOR LONG REST PERIOD

**By Will J. Slattery.**  
San Francisco, Nov. 7.—Billy Papke, the Illinois thunderbolt and the champion middleweight of the world, and Stanley Ketchel, former holder of the title, will battle 20 rounds before Jack Gleason's club of this city on Thanksgiving evening. This is the first classy bout that has been carded for San Francisco in many a day and, therefore, the fans are looking forward to it with unusual interest.

It is very likely that Papke will close about a 10 to 8 favorite over Ketchel. At that, these are very good odds, considering what has been on the bill of late for the last few months. Every fight of note recently was a 10 to 4 shot or worse. For instance, when Nelson beat Dan Dan, who is now expected to be the Dan, the odds were 10 to 3, as everybody figured that the Dan could not stand the gauntlet. The next time they started, the odds were 10 to 1.

Already the betting is even money and there is plenty of coin for the takers on each side. From present indications, the mill will be the greatest wagering proposition that this city has known since Bill Squires and Tommy Burns got together for half a round. Though this mill was an awful bloomer, still everybody fell for it and something like \$100,000 was put up on the chances of both men.

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What Papke does not know about the fine arts of the boxing game would furnish a vast field for study and reason. He sees at his work like a big boob and really, he does not know how to lead. Nobody who sees him working for the first time naturally turns away in order to hide a smile.

They say that McFarland never will be as good as the lightweight limit. 123 pounds includes the first three months. Paeky is still only a youth and he has been growing fast of late. He is a tall, rangy lad and has some time he tried to make the weight for Cross in New York, he had to show a round of the contest. What makes it even worse is the fact that Paeky writes every time he is a pound over and this does him no good.

According to popular rumor Ketchel is broke and down and out financially and if he loses this fight, he will be done for as far as the prize ring goes. Ketchel went over route as fast as any young man who ever won a fortune in the prize ring and during the year that he was a popular idol he had all the fun that could be had in gay San Francisco.

His last chunk of money went for a big American racing car, which he purchased in Los Angeles a few days before he hooked up with Papke. This was a very costly investment for the ex-champion, according to facts and figures, at least thought he did in about an hour and from that time on, he gave the big racing machine a whirl. The car has a costly cost him \$1,000 or more for repairs, but still he has it on his staff and is evidently laboring under the delusion that he will become a great driver some day.