

Coast Conference Schedule for 1928 Gives Trojans Big Advantage

ONLY 1 GRID TILT AWAY FROM HOME

PORTLAND, Dec. 8.—(A.P.)—When coaches and graduate managers of the Pacific coast conference finally completed tonight the task of compiling the 1928 football schedule for the ten member colleges, it was to find that the University of Southern California had walked away with all strategic honors.

The Trojans emerged from the conference round table with a carefully selected list of football dates, so spaced with long rests between the hard games that they will enter next year's championship race with an enormous advantage, many coaches agreed.

List Cut Down One

Southern California plays five conference opponents next year, instead of six, meeting Oregon State Aggies, California, Stanford, Washington State and Idaho, but the dates are such that the team gets a week of rest before every game listed as "tough," and only at the far-end of the year are two conference contests played on successive Saturdays.

The Trojans also make only one trip from home, to Berkeley against California, October 20.

As against this, Washington State college drew a prize seven game schedule in which five of the seven games are away from home.

Aggies Take Long Trip
Oregon State Agricultural college takes on a five game conference program which requires, in the first three weeks of the season, trips on successive Saturdays to Los Angeles, Pullman and Seattle.

And University of California at Los Angeles, the "baby member" of the new coast "big ten," in a four game schedule plays three of the four contests away from home. One of the road trips is to Moscow, Idaho, against the University of Idaho. Another is to Portland to play Washington State college, November 10.

The conference schedule, with a few additionally scheduled games with such non-conference members at St. Mary's, Santa Clara college and Gonzaga follows:

Webfoot Badgers Opener
Sept. 23—Olympic club vs Stanford at Palo Alto; Pacific vs Oregon at Eugene.
Oct. 5—St. Mary's vs California at Berkeley; Stanford vs Oregon at either Eugene or Portland; Washington State vs Montana at Pullman; Oregon State vs Southern California at Los Angeles.

Oct. 13—St. Mary's vs Southern California at Los Angeles; Washington State vs California at Berkeley; University of California at Los Angeles vs Stanford at Palo Alto; Montana vs Washington at Seattle.

Oct. 20—Southern California vs California at Berkeley; Idaho vs Stanford at Palo Alto; Washington vs Oregon at either Portland or Eugene; Oregon State vs Washington State at Pullman.

Aggies Meet Huskies
Oct. 27—University of California at Los Angeles vs Idaho at Moscow; Oregon State vs Washington at Seattle; Montana State vs Montana at Missoula; Olympic club vs California at Berkeley.

Nov. 3—Oregon vs Oregon at Berkeley; Stanford vs Southern California at Los Angeles; Washington State vs Idaho at Moscow.
Nov. 10—California vs Washington at Seattle; University of California at Los Angeles vs Washington State at Portland.

Nov. 17—Washington vs Stanford at Palo Alto; Washington State vs Southern California at Los Angeles; Oregon vs Oregon State at Corvallis; Idaho vs Montana at Missoula.

Nov. 24—Stanford vs California at Berkeley; Idaho vs Southern California at Los Angeles; Montana vs Oregon at Eugene.
Nov. 29—Oregon vs University of California at Los Angeles at Los Angeles; Washington State vs Washington at Seattle; Oregon State vs New York University at New York.

Dec. 5—Washington State vs Gonzaga at Spokane.

Webfoots Have Good Sked
The University of Oregon got its most favorable schedule, so far as intervals between games is concerned, in several years, although the list contains few so-called "money" games. Starting against Stanford October 6, the Webfoots got a week of rest before tackling Washington October 20. Another week of rest elapses before the California game November 3, and with still another open week prior to the Oregon State game November 17. Then comes Montana and University of California at Los Angeles on successive weeks, making a six game total.

Stanford, Oregon and Washington all play six game conference schedules. Washington State leads all with a seven game schedule. Southern California, California, California, Oregon State, Idaho and Montana play five games each and University of California, at Los Angeles takes four.

The coaches and graduate managers adjourned until tomorrow when several matters will be discussed, one being whether radio broadcasting of football games should be continued.

Facilities Meet Today
The real session of the conference, the meeting of faculty representatives by the various institutions, also opens tomorrow. One

subject before the conference will be the matter of transfers of athletes from one college to another.

This has been brought to a head by the situation at California. The California Agricultural college, at Davis, is officially a part of the University of California, though it has its own football team in another conference. But California has affirmed the right to transfer athletes from Davis to Berkeley, and play them in football with the same freedom as if they were registered originally at Berkeley.

This has caused some protest and the conference will try to thresh it out. A rule making all transferred athletes ineligible may result.

BERLENBACH FIGHTS J. DELANEY TONIGHT

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—(A.P.)—Paul Berlenbach and Jack Delaney, whose rivalry in recent years for the world's light heavyweight championship, resulted in the most stirring battles in the history of that division, will come together for the fourth time tomorrow night, engaging in a 10 round encounter at the coliseum.

The match will draw upwards of \$50,000 at prices ranging from \$3 to \$16.50, in contrast with the \$442,000 gate at their last encounter when Delaney defeated the one time "Astoria assassin" in their 15 round battle at Ebbets field, Brooklyn, to win the world's heavyweight title.

Their previous contests resulted in each winning a decision over the 15 round route, with Delaney scoring a sensational knockout in four rounds in their first battle. Berlenbach is considerably annoyed over the insinuations that he is only a "hollow shell" and that he should retire from the ring.

FIGHT COMMISSION ASKS FLAT RENTAL

A flat rental of \$35 for the use of the armory in which to stage boxing cards will be offered the armory board by the city boxing commission, it was decided at a called meeting of the commission yesterday. It is also planned to eliminate the granting of passes to members of the national guard.

Under the present arrangement the armory board gets 10 per cent of the gross receipts which in some cases amounts to as much as \$100 while the standard rental is only \$35 per night.

If the offer is not accepted by the board, the commission will consider staging the bouts on the third floor of the city hall, which it is said has a seating capacity sufficient to care for the cash customers. Alderman Wenderoth, member of the boxing commission, indicated yesterday that permission might be secured to hold shows there, since the boxing is under the auspices of the municipality.

The armory board has indicated that it should receive a greater rental sum from the commission than from others who use the building for the reason that boxers use the basement for training headquarters.

It was suggested at the commission meeting that the fighters be assessed an amount of about \$1 per month for the permission to train there. The commission assumes no responsibility for providing training quarters for the men.



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Minor Leagues Ordered to Abolish Draft System

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 8.—(A.P.)—Possibility that baseball might see another controversy, such as that which shook the game before the present major-minor league accord was reached was seen here tonight when the National Association of Professional Baseball clubs ordered five of its members to discontinue their modified draft agreement with the major leagues.

The American association, the International league, the Pacific Coast league, the Three I league and the Western league were ordered to discontinue the modified draft immediately, 14 leagues voting in favor of the resolution and five no. Those which voted against the resolution were the Pacific coast league, the Three I league, the Western league, the Western association and the Mississippi Valley league.

By its action the association automatically put the American association, the International league, the Pacific Coast league, the Three I league and the Western league in a strictly non-draft classification.

When the major-minor agreement governing relations between the upper and lower strata of baseball was adopted in 1921 it was accepted with the understanding that it could be altered only with the consent of all parties. At that time all minor league clubs were given the option of accepting the draft, or definitely rejecting it.

The American association, International Coast, Western, and Three I leagues at that time refused to accept the draft while the other minors agreed to it. Later, however, John Conway Toole, president of the International league charged today, pressure was brought to bear on these clubs through the refusal of major league clubs to send them players or allow them to obtain players from the other minors.

As a compromise the five non-draft leagues finally accepted what is known as the modified draft, under which they can obtain players from the major leagues, with the understanding that such players can be drafted back to the majors. Players belonging to the leagues who have not come to them from the majors, however, are not subject to the draft.

Under this system, representatives of the other minor leagues charge, the majors have scouted every college, sand lot and industrial team, signed a majority of the new crop of players every year and then placed them with the five clubs under the modified draft, knowing that they can reclaim them through the draft. The smaller leagues complain that the practice has made it difficult for them to obtain promising young-

FRISCO CLUB BUYS CATCHER

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 8.—(A.P.)—The San Francisco baseball club today announced purchase of Joe Sprinz, a young catcher for \$15,000 and three players from Des Moines of the Western league. It is said to be the largest cash transaction ever to take place between two minor league clubs.

In addition to the money, the Seals will turn over Earl Kups, right hand pitcher, Johnny Zaefel, infielder and Johnny Shinski, outfielder.

LOUTTITT TENDERED REFEREE POSITION

Tom Louttitt, of Portland, will be offered the job as referee on the next armory boxing card.

The Salem boxing commission so decided at a special meeting yesterday noon.

The action was perfunctory, no discussion preceding the change in officials.

It was a gesture to Salem fight fans who feel that Stanley Frye committed a serious error on the last card when he failed to call several apparent fouls on Maxie Pels in the semi-windup, choosing rather to penalize Pels by awarding the decision to Terry Kileen when the fray was over.

Kileen decidedly got the worst of the fight. The decision was unpopular with the fans, and so displeased Jack Wagner that he flatly refused to permit his battler, Benny Pels, to appear in the main event until another official was substituted for Frye. Even then so irred was he, that only a threat from Joe Levy, Portland matchmaker, made the main event possible.

It is believed that Louttitt will accept the refereeship. He commended himself to fight fans here last year. He has a ring personality which inspires respect for his decisions whether they appeal to the throng or not.

YOUNG GRIFFO DIES PENNILESS AT N. Y.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—(A.P.)—"The fastest and most perplexing boxer who ever performed under the Queensberry rules," is dead, an apparent victim of his own and Broadway's indulgence. The late veteran referee, Charlie White, is authority for the rating.

Thirty years ago Young "Griffo" fought the pick of the nation's featherweights at 126 pounds to be hailed as title contender and one of the fastest boxers in the ring. Today he dragged his 200 pound body from a rent-free West Side basement room to die in the hallway before medical aid could reach him.

Born 56 years ago as Alfred Griffith in Sydney, Australia, Young Griffo came to this country in 1893 after reaching the peak in the Australian boxing world. He fought as a featherweight and lightweight, with most of his best battles ending in draws against such men as Joe Gans, Young Scotty, George Dixon, Jack McAuliffe, and George Meemic. He was rich insofar as purses of that day went, but his worldly goods today consisted of the clothes he died in. More than once his trainer discovered him in a bar with barely time to reach the ring on foot in a race that was both sobering-up and training stunt. Most of the purse money later went for celebrations "for the house."

Griffo's ability to stand on a handkerchief and keep his head clear from blows held him to the ring until 1897 and later served to win him food and drink when increasing weight pushed him off the canvas.

Griffo mostly thought in terms

SPORTS DONE BROWN

By NORMAN E. BROWN
(Exclusive Central Press Dispatch to The Statesman.)

ROAMING AT LARGE

This section of the country, like every other, is passing from football to the winter sports—basketball, bowling, etc.—these days. But it's hard to hit a town hereabouts that doesn't bring you back to baseball.

If a poll were taken, the chances are that Texas would run well in the lead as the birthplace of major league stars. The present major league lists indicate that.

Just look over a part of the list:

Bib Falk, White Sox outfielder, whose home is in Austin. Sammy Hale, of the Athletics, who was born in Glenrose. Rogers Hornsby, who was born in Winters, Tex.

Emory Rigney, who threatened once to become the game's greatest shortstop, and who hails from Groveton. Tris Speaker, born in Hubbard, Tex., and whom Doak Roberts, president of the Texas league, had to liberally force onto the Red Sox to get him his big chance.

Curtis Walker, Cincinnati Red outfielder, born in Beeville. The Blankenship boys, Ted, Homer and Cliff, hailing from Bonham, have all had their whirl in the big leagues for longer or shorter periods.

"Rip" Collins, who labored to break through the crust with the Yanks, Red Sox and Tigers, a native of Weatherford. Then there's Pete Donohue, Cincinnati Red pitcher, who's proud of his home town of Athens.

And Sammy Gray, who was headed for stardom in the big time until a tragedy in his private life checked his rise, was born in Van Alstine.

Slim Harris, who might have been one of the great pitchers of the game, had he had more confidence in himself, is a Brownwood boy.

And Fred Marberry, famous pinch pitcher of the Washington Senators, is a Lone Star native. Lil Stoner, born in Bowie, had high hopes of writing his name in the book of fame when he went up to Detroit from the Ft. Worth club.

Griffo mostly thought in terms

21 YEAR OLD BRIDE PLEADS NOT GUILTY

Mrs. Velma West Denies Having Murdered Husband With Table Leg

PAINESVILLE, Ohio, Dec. 8.—(A.P.)—Deserted by the nonchalant that bore her up for 48 hours after the killing of her husband and carried her last night through the writing of a detailed confession, Mrs. Velma West, 21 year old bride, was in the Lake county jail tonight awaiting a preliminary hearing Monday, on a charge of first degree murder.

She entered a plea of not guilty today to warrant alleging that she beat her 26 year old husband, T. Edward West, to death with a hammer in the bedroom of their bungalow at Perry, Ohio, early Tuesday night after a quarrel over whether she should attend a bridge party in Cleveland. She attended the party, leaving the body of the man she married just a little more than a year ago, covered with the sheets from his bed on the floor of the death room.

Arrested late yesterday in Cleveland after a shopping tour in which she bought a Christmas present for her husband, she admitted after several hours questioning that she had killed him.

Most of these men got their start in the Texas and other lesser leagues in that section of the country.

Some, like Bib Falk and Donohue, jumped to the majors from the college campus.

Ross Young, one of the most popular players the game has known, and who died after a valiant fight against Bright's disease, was a Texas lad, too. Born in Shiner.


Failure of Byron Eby, Ohio State backfield star, to draw serious consideration for a place on a published mythical all-star eleven of the Big Ten, points out again how players can bluish unnoticed when playing with melocore teams.

Eby, to my mind, is one of the most brilliant backfield men in mid-western football today. Given a brainy, capable team to work with, I am confident that the young Ohio Stater would have broken into the limelight with a bang this year. He is a great open field runner—the nearest approach to Chick Harley, in that line, that State has produced in recent years.

The selections give Michigan and Minnesota the biggest representation, which is natural, in view of the fact that they boasted the outstanding teams of the conference.

PORTLAND BUYS STAR CATCHER

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 8.—(A.P.)—Bill Rogers, new manager of the Little Rock team in the Southern association announced tonight that he had sold Eddie Ainsmith, veteran catcher to the Portland club of the Pacific Coast league for an unnamed consideration.



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