

West Grid Supremacy Undoubted

Pacific Coast Becomes
Paradise of Coaches
and Men; West To
Win New Year Tilt
Is Belief.

By JOE PIGNEY

California's simple victory over Georgia Tech Saturday merely added another pillar to a football foundation supporting the definite supremacy of Pacific coast eleven.

Coaches, climate, men and emphasis has brought the far west out of gridiron mediocrity into the clear light of sensationalism. No section of the country has such an outstanding collection of coaches. Doc Spear at Oregon and Howard Jones, both drafted from eastern fields, easily rank along side the best in the middle west, the south and the east.

The attractiveness of the Pacific coast lured Jimmy Phelan, Washington, from the 1929 championship Purdue team. Navy Bill Ingram, California, who no longer can be called "Navy Bill" left the academy for the Golden Bear. Farther back in the history of the conference Pop Warner gladly shook off the east for Stanford. Spaulding at U. C. L. A. tossed in his resignation at Minnesota just before Spears took over the job.

Even Paul J. Schlatter rose out of the middle west, and then hurried to the Pacific coast when called by Oregon State. Hollingbery, W. S. C., and Calland, Idaho, at least, are coast products.

The climate of this west with its mild falls and winters improves in every way the possibilities of developing teams in practice.

It is comparatively young west—new and ambitious—still unsaturated by the criticism of the game comes out of a football-weary east—no wonder the Pacific coast has become such a paradise of football.

The two remaining football games of the year, U. S. C. vs. Tulane at Pasadena and the East-West contest for San Francisco on New Year day lean toward the favoritism of the west. The East-West should be a difficult one to "pick," but Troy should vanquish the Green Wave of the South by at least 21 points.

The boxing commission of Klamath Falls recently accepted the resignation of Bill Elliott and appointed Herb Owen, Eugene, and Medford promoter, to the job of match-making, needs defining. Its functions are almost purely supervisory and advisory. It operates under the state laws of Oregon for the purpose of keeping the sport on a high, clean interesting basis.

Six per cent of the gate receipts at each athletic program are turned over to the commission. The percentage goes to charity, but in Klamath Falls the commission is in the hole and has had to use the funds to pull itself out.

The commission's cut is divided on a 60-40 basis. The 60 per cent goes—or is supposed to go—to the various veteran organizations in the region, and the remainder to local charity designated by the city council.

In a community the size of Klamath Falls the commission is permitted to retain a \$750 surplus for reserve. Since the game has not been profitable here for some time, there has been no surplus established.

Hugh Rosson, graduate manager of the university of Oregon, has generously designated the Webfoot-Santa Clara game for Hayward field as the only contest approaching major interest in Eugene. That, of course, will be better than nothing for a student body which otherwise would have to huddle around its radios.

WOMAN'S RELEASE SOUGHT IN CHINA

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28, (UP)—Authorities negotiated today for the release of Miss Harriet Halversadt, American Methodist Episcopal missionary, whom peasants have threatened to hold hostage.

Miss Halversadt was not believed in danger, as she was not held by bandits. She was seized by farmers 20 miles south of Foochow, while on her way there to spend Christmas. Her abductors were disguised as sailors. No ransom was demanded, the captors merely threatening to hold her until the provisional authorities abandon an irrigation project that would increase their taxes.

Creator of Famed Stage Role Dies

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 28, (UP)—Frank Jones, 85, the actor who created the role of "Cy Pinders" died today in his home at Baden, Pa., near here.

Schmeling Plans Two Battles In Coming Year

WALKER SURE OPPONENT OF WORLD CHAMP

NEW YORK, Dec. 28, (AP)—Max Schmeling plans two defenses of his heavyweight championship this year, the first, definitely, against Mickey Walker in Miami in February; the second, tentatively, against either Jack Dempsey or Jack Sharkey in June or September. And the promoter in each case will be Madison Square Garden.

Articles for the Miami match with Walker will be signed either tomorrow or Wednesday, says Joe Jacobs, manager of Schmeling. They will call for a 15-round bout the last week in February. The exact date will be fixed later.

Arrangements for the second match necessarily will have to await the outcome of the battle at Miami. Jacobs and the Garden, however, plan to open negotiations with Dempsey around May 1, proposing a match in June. If Dempsey asks for a little more time in which to get into condition the match will be held over until September. If he declines to permit Schmeling to fight him, Jacobs should fall then Schmeling plans to give Sharkey a "shot" at the title.

Award of the Walker match to Miami ends a hot three-cornered fight in which Los Angeles and Chicago were the other bidders. A week ago Chicago seemed to have won out but negotiations between Jacobs and Nate Lewis of the Chicago stadium broke down when Jacobs demanded a \$50,000 guarantee that the Illinois boxing laws would be amended to permit 15-round bouts. He declined to sign Schmeling to a championship defense at a shorter route.

HUFFORD NAMED TO LEAD WEST ELEVEN

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28, (UP)—Merle Hufford, ace of University of Washington's backfield, was appointed captain of the Western All-Stars for the East-West Shrine gridiron game New Year's day.

He will share honor of leadership with Nick Bican, of the San Francisco Olympic club, who was named captain along with Hufford.

During practice with the western team, Hufford, who is a 170-pounder, was said to have shown exceptional ability as field general and halfback, according to coaches Percy Loecey and Dana K. Bible, of the West team. Bican is a center.

Coaches for the East and West teams tonight announced beginning of real scrimmaging Monday.

Slowly the two teams are taking shape for the classic contest, which was inaugurated Jan. 1, 1925, and in which more than 100 All-Americans have participated since.

INTRIGUE STOPS CITY PAY ROLLS

FAIRVIEW, N. J., Dec. 28, (UP)—Political intrigue has deprived 42 school teachers, road employees, and firemen of their Christmas pay, it was learned today.

At a recent election Henry J. Johnson was elected mayor as an independent to take office Jan. 1. He resigned from city council, leaving a membership of two democrats and three independents. Then to forestall the independent majority from electing an independent to take office Jan. 1, Johnson and Democratic Mayor Owen O'Connor absented themselves from council meetings.

Wealthy Chicagoan Dies In Evanston

CHICAGO, Dec. 28, (UP)—David R. Forgan, who started his business career as a messenger boy, and became one of Chicago's wealthiest bankers, died Saturday from a heart attack that followed a three weeks' illness of pleurisy. He was 69.

Forgan, who was co-chairman of the board of the Central Republic Bank and Trust company, had not considered his illness serious enough to go to a hospital. He appeared to be recovering satisfactorily until this afternoon when he collapsed and died a short time later at his home in Evanston.

Arm Lock Didn't Hold Key to Title!



It didn't look good for Wrestling Champion Jim London (facing camera) when Challenger Ray Steele got this arm lock on him during their third match in New York's Madison Square Garden. But the title-holder came back to throw his California opponent with a croch-and-body slam after 37 minutes of exciting grappling.

New Faces To Be Seen Among World Champion St. Louis Cards

By SHERMAN McNALLY
ST. LOUIS, Dec. 28, (UP)—New personalities, full of attraction for fans, will be seen in the 1932 lineup of the world champion St. Louis Cardinals.

Chief among the additions are Hack Wilson, former Cubs fence, who will attempt a comeback to the home run heights he scaled in 1930, and Dixie Dean, eccentric mound star who struck out more than 300 batsmen for Houston in the Texas league last season.

Wilson always has been a drawing card. Younger by several years than Burrell Grimes, veteran pitcher for whom he was traded, Hack is confident he can regain his lost batting prestige. Reports of physical examinations indicate there is nothing wrong with his eyes, and he blames his 1931 debacle on "manager trouble."

Dean, who admits "I might be dizzy off the ball field but I'm not dizzy out there on the mound," turned in 26 victories for Houston last season with an earned run average of 1.33 per nine innings. Eleven of his victories were shutouts. Other newcomers will include Lee Cunningham, third baseman from Danville, Ill.; Pat Crawford, Columbus first-sacker who led the American association last season in homers and runs batted in; Eddie Delker, infielder who for Rochester last year; Joel Hunt, first-batter Columbus outfielder; Tex Carleton, Houston hurler who won his last 13 starts in the 1931 season; Ray Starr, roney pitcher coming up from Rochester; and Bud Teachout, southpaw moundman obtained from Chicago in the Grimes-Wilson deal.

With the exception of Grimes and Andy High, utility third baseman, and Wally Roettger, outfielder sold to Cincinnati, the 1932 Cardinals squad bids fair to report in force for the coming season.

Chick Hafey, leading National league batsman, and the redoubtable Pepper Martin will be on hand together with the regular infield of Jim Bottomley, Frankie Frisch, Charley Gelbert and Sparky Adams. Jimmy Wilson is the mainstay behind the bat. Jim Collins will give Bottomley a race at first.

Paul Derringer and Wild Bill Hallahan, look to be the mainstays of the hurling staff.

Sad-eyed Bernie Halts Pessimism With Nice Smile

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 28, (UP)—The frown was a little less deep tonight between the eyes of "Bemanning Bernie" Berman, Tulane's coach, an expression those who know him interpreted as a smile.

Berman's pessimism was partly dispelled by the appearance of the famous southern California sun, arriving as advertised, but one day late.

The turf at the Rose Bowl, where Berman's charges meet the University of Southern California on New Year's day for the national championship, was a little faster today than just after yesterday's deluge.

LEFT-HANDERS HEAD NATIONAL PITCHING LIST

NEW YORK, Dec. 28, (AP)—Southpaws dominated National league pitching during the 1931 season, the official averages reveal.

In point of effectiveness, the three leaders in the older circuit all are southpaws—Bill Walker and Carl Hubbell of the New York Giants and Ed Brandt of the Boston Braves.

Walker, pitching 289 innings, allowed 2.36 runs per nine innings. Hubbell was second with 2.65 and Brandt third with 2.95. Hack of the three southpaws trailed three right handers, Helme Melnie, Pittsburgh, 2.93; Sylvester Johnson, St. Louis, 3.00; and Fred Pitsasimmona, Giants, 3.03.

On the basis of games won and lost, Paul Derringer, Rookie right hander of the St. Louis Cardinals, was the leader with a record of 13 victories and 8 defeats. His team-mate, Bill Hallahan was runner-up with 19 and 9.

Hallahan, in addition to tying Melnie and Jim Elliott of the Phillies for the most games won, 19, struck out the most batsmen, 159, walked the most, 112, and made wild pitches, 11.

FOOTBALL FEELS 'BIT LOW' NOW

NEW YORK, Dec. 28, (AP)—Football is feeling a bit low, as it always does at this time of year, and the physicians have gathered around to see what can be done about it.

The physicians, coaches, officials and college athletic heads, gathered for the annual meeting of the Official Association, the National Football Coaches Association, and the National Collegiate Athletic Association, already have proposed, informally, a few changes deemed to remove some of the hazards of the game.

There has been a widespread demand for rule changes as a result of the nearly 50 deaths charged to football this season.

Most of the suggestions have been designed to remove the hands on the kickoff and its attendant possibility of the wedge form of interference.

"Rabbit punches" by defensive linemen have been blamed for some injuries and it has been suggested that the defensive linemen be forbidden to use his hands on the head or neck of a charging rival.

These and other changes will be discussed at the meetings of all three organizations.

CALIFORNIA TRIMS ORANGE HOOP TEAM

BERKELEY, Dec. 28, (UP)—California Golden Bears' basketball team defeated Oregon State college here at Harmon gymnasium Saturday night, 27 to 22. The score at the half was 14-11.

The Golden Bears showed that Coach "Nib" Price may have another championship contender this year.

Co-Ed Cueist



Champion of women pocket billiards players in the ambition of Miss Ruth McGinnis, above, pretty 20-year-old student of the State Teachers' college at Stroudsburg, Pa. Miss McGinnis has challenged members of her sex to meet her on the billiard table. She has been a star player since she was 10 years old.

NAVY OMITTED ON ARMY GRID LIST

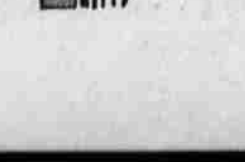
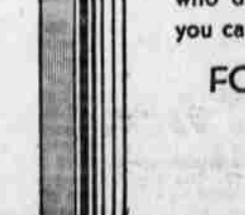
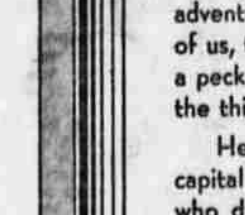
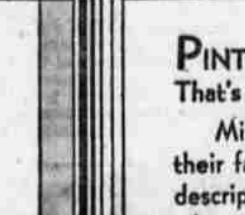
WEST POINT, N. Y., Dec. 28, (UP)—While hopes for a 1932 football game between Army and Navy are still strong, the contest does not appear on the Army schedule, announced today.

The schedule follows: October 8, Carlton college; October 15, University of Pittsburgh; October 22, Yale at New Haven; October 29, William and Mary; November 5, Harvard at Cambridge; November 12, North Dakota State college; November 19, West Virginia Wesleyan; November 26, Notre Dame at New York.

THIS DEPRESSION!

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Mrs. Martha Ash hopes the depression ends soon. Charles Ash hopes it lasts quite a while yet. The reasons are that Mrs. Ash, in an alimony verdict, agreed to accept \$10 a month from Charles until times are better.

Adventure With A Capital "A"



Florida Opens Winter Season

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 28, (UP)—Florida's winter racing season opened at Tropical park, Frank Bruns' new track at Coral Gables, today.

Races went according to form during the afternoon, with favorites stepping home in front in a majority of the events. The feature contest, the Tropical park opening handicap, with \$2,000 in added money, was won by J. C. Mills' Leroy, which raced six furlongs in 1:13 to defeat Calif Roper, Gracious Gift and two other sprinters. He paid but \$3.50 for a \$2 ticket in the mutuel.

Present plans call for a 16-day meeting at Tropical park, ending January 16. Heliseah is scheduled to open January 14, for a season of 39 days running through February 27, with the spring meeting at the first named course slated to open February 20 to run 25 days. Both factions are hopeful for a revision of dates and will doubtless reach an amicable agreement which will receive the sanction of officials.

"STEER" IS COW
HOUSTON, Tex.—I Gross was appealing a \$15 fine imposed on him for shipping three steers into the cattle tick eradication area without dipping them. Gross' fine was cut to \$10 when Judge Berges found the charge faulty. It was shown one of the "steers" was a cow.

ST. LOUIS CARDS BEAT OUT GIANTS

NEW YORK, Dec. 28, (UP)—By a margin even smaller than that which decided the individual batting championship, the St. Louis Cardinals nipped out the New York Giants for the 1931 club fielding honors of the National league.

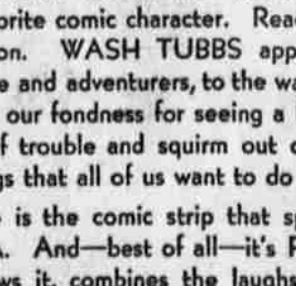
Official averages released today showed the Cardinals two tenths of a point better than the New Yorkers. The margin by which Chick Hafey of St. Louis, defeated Bill Terry of the Giants, for the 1931 championship of the circuit was three tenths of a point.

Tennis Meeting To Be Turbulent

NEW YORK, Dec. 28, (UP)—The most turbulent meeting ever to be held by the United States Lawn Tennis association will occur at New Orleans in February, it was indicated today.

Contentions will center about three main subjects: Election of officers, in which spirited balloting is expected; the Davis cup controversy which involves criticism of Sidney Wood, last year's Wimbledon winner, by Davis cup Captain Samuel Hardy; and a project to group major United States tournaments into a single "American Wimbledon."

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