

All-America Team For Football Has Now Been Named

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—(United News)—The following is an All-American football team for 1926 and not necessarily the All-American team.

Even before the death of the late Walter Camp, the "father of football" as well as others had come to realize the fact that no one man could with perfect fairness select 11 men whom he could name beyond question as the greatest players in the country.

And so the post-season sport of selecting All-American teams has come to be a matter of saying: "What a whale of a team this would be."

- L.E. Swanson, Syracuse.
- L.T. Wickhorst, Navy.
- L.G. Hess, Ohio State.
- C. Daly, Army.
- R.G. Shively, Illinois.
- R.T. Lassman, N. Y. U.
- R.E. Broda, Brown.
- Q.D. Connors, N. Y. U.
- L.H. Stevens, Maryland.
- R.H. Single, Princeton.

The selection of Single for the fourth man in the All-American back-field needs no apology, despite the Tiger star's absence through injuries a good bit of the season. In the writer's opinion, Jake is the greatest natural football player in the east. Having been in scrimmage less than one minute in six weeks, he stepped in against Harvard in what may be the last football game between the Crimson and the Orange and Black and showed all his accustomed ability as the most valuable of triple threat men.

What opposing quarterback would like to pick a weakness in a line which had the triangular Gibraltar of Hess, Daly and Shively as an impregnable center defense, with Wickhorst and Lassman, powerful, rangy and aggressive tackles, and such fleet, hard-hitting flank men as Swanson and Hal Broda.

There would be no stopping the backfield, composed as it is of four triple threat men, any of whom is capable of irresistible line bucking when a couple of yards are necessary. From the first kick-off to the last of a hypothetical game, it is hard to see what would prevent this team from constantly scoring.

Incidentally, this is the first All-American team within memory that does not include a Yale player.

Ty Raymond Cobb Greatest Player Retires From Game

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—(United News)—About the time when the sap from the trees and the saps from the bushes come to us again as harbingers of another season of baseball, will not the lure of the game be too much for Ty Cobb of Georgia?

One can conceive of many ball players retiring at the end of such a long and distinguished career on the diamond, especially if they had half a million dollars saved away against a rainy day, but not Ty Cobb of Georgia.

Outplaying the great ones of a generation ago, and then outlasting them all, Ty Cobb gave all he had to baseball and was rewarded. But the minute it came to pass that a youngster could out-hit him and his players couldn't get along under him, the Georgia Peach was sacked. His retirement no more was voluntary than that of Jack Dempsey from the heavy-weight throne.

Cobb's troubles as manager of the Detroit Tigers lay in the fact that he couldn't make Cobbs out of all his mediocre ball players. He ranted and raved and the players rebelled.

So Ty says he is through with the game at which he proved one of the greatest.

There is reason and plenty to believe he will find it hard to keep away from the diamond. He still can play ball with the best of them, although his batting eye is slightly dimmed and his legs no longer carry him as swiftly about the base paths. But to take baseball away from Ty Cobb is like taking the sunshine out of California.

Yet Cobb is far from an ideal manager, and the Boston Red Sox, for instance, surely would be ill-advised to figure upon the fiery Georgian getting the red hooded boys out of the second division. It may be that Cobb will have to stay out of major league baseball whether he wants to or not.

There is only one more unusual character in baseball than Ty Cobb and that is Babe Ruth.

A world series hero as a pitcher one season and as a batter ten and fifteen years later is something even Ty Cobb was unable to be. It merely remains to be seen, when the Babe's time comes, whether the inexplicable, surprising Mr. Ruth does not suddenly blossom out as a manager. It would not be astonishing.

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Eastern Football Players Say They Lead Middle West

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—(United News)—One of the interesting post-season discussions this winter will have to do with the superiority of eastern football teams over those of the middle west and south.

When the coaches from all parts of the country get together it will be interesting to hear their explanations.

A few years ago, the sturdier material and a certain indefinable attitude towards the game, gave the western conference elevens a decided edge over those in the east.

This year, amidst a series of upsets which only could be explained by the fact that the winning team played the better football, the east had a decisive edge in the inter-sectional contests which fortunately are becoming more and more frequent.

True, it was a season in which the under-dog did all the hitting. There has been something in the air this year, fatal to favorites. Every branch of sport had its victims, and football was among the rest.

When Navy beat Michigan and Brown beat Yale and Harvard beat Dartmouth and Columbia beat Cornell, there was nothing left at which to be surprised. But something besides superstition must explain the rise of the east in comparison with the middle west. Changes in the rules have not materially affected the game. In the forward pass is still a weapon of attack.

Those who have watched the western teams say they are really relying this season upon power. In the east, variety, the triple threat, and speed have been the keynotes.

New Football Deal All Around May Be Anticipated Soon

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—(United News)—A new deal all around is the prospect for next fall's football.

Besides the break between Harvard and Princeton which put an end to a somewhat moth-eaten institution known as the "Big Three," there is the word war between Brown and Dartmouth over the latter's feeling of superiority and there are the legitimate demands for successful small elevens for recognition.

The severance of athletic relations between Harvard and Princeton, while it was brought about by the latter, played into the hands of the Crimson for this season.

Harvard already has announced its desire to have but one major football game each season—that with Yale. The athletic authorities at Cambridge also wanted to put a western eleven, Michigan, for example, on the schedule, even if it meant shattering tradition and taking a trip to the middle west every other year. Neither of these ambitions could have been realized if Princeton had remained on Harvard's football schedule.

The recent break was the fourth in athletic relations between the Crimson and the Tiger. The first came in 1885; the next, five years later, when they parted with mutual charges of professionalism; in 1897, after three years of friendly relationship, Harvard charged unnecessary roughness; since 1919 the two universities have been firmly welded into the "Big Three."

There is no doubt but that in the recent Harvard-Princeton game the Tigers played with what at times seemed unnecessary roughness. But when it came to a comparison of manners, there seems to be even less doubt as to who was the real offender.

Dartmouth has been crying for a "big game." The Green plays Yale and Harvard and often bests them, but the Hanover bunch knows that the game is not regarded seriously by the boys of Cambridge and New Haven. Which, to a dyed-in-the-wool and coon-skinned college man, is a painful situation.

Brown could give the Dartmouth eleven all the "big game" required, but the Dartmouth crowd turns up its collective noses and tells the Brunonians impolitely to grow up. The fact that Brown walloped Jess Hawley's men this fall didn't hurt as much as it might, because Harvard and Yale did the same thing.

The reason Dartmouth cannot get a big game—except with Cornell, which used to be more than sufficient—is because of its inaccessibility.

Two elevens which should be accorded a hearing by anybody's schedule maker next fall are N. Y. U. and Boston college. Chick Meehan and Frank Cavanaugh have done wonders at their respective institutions.

DROPS DEAD JUST AS HE ENTERS PRIZE RING

BROOKLYN, Nov. 24.—(United News)—Jens Sorenson, a Swedish sailor, dropped dead from heart failure in the boxing ring of the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday night, just as the gong was about to call him for the first round of a friendly bout.

Tinkerers Will Soon Be Busy In Doctoring Rules

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—(United News)—In a few weeks now, the time will be at hand when the tinkerers get busy with the football rules.

There are some members of the rules committee who feel that they are not doing their duty if they don't make some changes each year. If they were physicians they would be around trying a few major and minor operations just to keep their hand in.

What the football rules need is doctoring after the Chinese system. The wise Orientals pay their doctors only as long as the patients keep well. The rules committee should be similarly treated.

What little tinkering with the forward pass rule last winter probably worked out satisfactorily, although the writer has seen half a dozen games in which the team that was behind was not deterred by the five yard penalty from throwing passes as fast as the backs could get their hands on the ball.

The answer to the forward pass menace has been found in the natural way—not through the rules.

Defense is what stops a team from passing, not penalties. Man-to-man or zone defense, some coaches like one method, others the other, but properly played by racy backs, "loose" tackles and a roving center, the aerial game can be broken up. Navy proved this against Michigan, Yale against Dartmouth.

So the rules committee has had its forward pass problem solved for it, and might well leave this phase of the game alone for another season's trial.

Whole Country Is Watching Result Of Pigskin Game

CHICAGO, Nov. 24.—(United News)—The mid-west is ready to bend its knee and remove its hat for the Army and Navy, who will furnish Chicago with a great and colorful spectacle Saturday, besides giving it a football game of national importance which will draw \$800,000 in gate receipts, the largest in football history.

While the gridiron warriors of the naval and military academies were speeding west Wednesday, Soldiers field, the new \$10,000,000 stadium, where the service classic will be played, was receiving its finishing touches. Electric scoreboards, visible from every one of the 100,000 seats, and a loud speaker system that will carry information about every move in the game to the crowds in the stands have been installed at a cost of \$10,000 and \$25,000 respectively.

Signs directing motorists to the field have been erected, flags have been placed on the ornamental lamps bordering Michigan boulevard. Traffic regulations have been issued by the south park commissioners who are handling all arrangements for one of the most expensive spectacles of this flourishing era.

Chicago has been gripped by the grandiose aspect of it all—the military flare, the precision parades of Middles and Cadets, the gathering of 100,000 spectators into a single enclosure, the knowledge that Chicago will be the center of American attraction.

Discussion of the game itself has been confined to the sporting pages and the betting has been slight. The Navy, with its unblemished record, including victories over Princeton, Michigan, Colgate and Georgetown, hopes to smother the strong army eleven and put itself in line for national championship consideration.

The West Pointers with a team that conquered Yale and Syracuse, but lost to Notre Dame by the margin of a single long run, hope to extend their string of consecutive victories over the Annapolis outfit, to four.

If the Army wins then the astute Knute Rockne's pupils at Notre Dame can lay claim to the national championship. If the Navy wins decisively, then its claim will be stronger.

The game will be played in spite of rain, snow or sleet. A blanket of straw four inches deep and a \$25,000 drainage system have been provided to keep the field dry.

The contest will not be the one in which rowboats or rubber boots will be necessary. The Army and Navy elevens are scheduled to arrive about Thursday noon but Chicago won't get a glimpse of the future officers until Friday when 3,955 middies and cadets roll into town on eight specials.

Dedictory exercises at the stadium will provide the first view of the spectacle. It is expected that the stands will be crowded to capacity, for there are thousands who want to see the soldiers and sailors more than they want to see a football game. Besides, 50,000 school children and their parents have been invited.

Dedictory services include drills by the cadets and midshipmen, speeches by Vice President Charles G. Dawes, Governor Len Small of Illinois and Mayor William E. Devener of Chicago, then the presentation

Football Squads Of Army and Navy Ready For Contest

NEW YORK, Nov. 24.—(United News)—At a time when the dreams of their countrymen are concerned chiefly with a vast, nebulous and mouth-watering turkey, the football squads of the Army and Navy are rushing westward with thoughts only for a pigskin.

Seventy young huskies from West Point and sixty muscular young Middles from Maryland have put all thoughts of Thanksgiving from them and are concerned only with mutual destruction.

Not since a marine landed in Philadelphia and took the situation in hand have the movements of the armed forces of the United States in sport attracted such universal attention.

Saturday's contest promises to be the greatest Army-Navy game ever witnessed and there will be some 110,000 witnesses present when the hollow boom of the first kick-off is wafted out over Lake Michigan by the proverbial winds of the Windy City.

Two of the most evenly matched football teams turned out in any one year from the cliffs of the Hudson and the shores of Chesapeake bay are headed for Chicago and the head-on collision that will provide the real climax to the 1926 gridiron season.

Coach Jones ordered his seventy football players into some modern "chovyux eights" at 5 p. m. Wednesday and the train rolled out of the little station beneath the grey cliffs with the cheers of the cadet corps ringing in the team's ears.

Before entraining, the squad was given a light workout for an hour. The cadet corps, 1200 strong, will leave Thanksgiving day, about the time that the football squad's train is pulling into Chicago.

Coach Ingram's Navy squad will be eased into Chicago from another direction, just as soon as the Army players are safely out of the way.

Chicago, having put up a lot of money and a good deal more squawking to obtain this game, is taking no chances of the gladiators getting at each other's throats where there are no turnstiles.

The Navy is quite likely to win this game next Saturday. But then, so is the Army.

A comparison of their records shows that the middies, while they have not been beaten, have been lucky to escape defeat.

The Army has lost just once, but showed a lot of stuff in the process.

Navy has a great line, a better one than that of the Army, and a review of Army-Navy football games shows that line play has been responsible for victory more often than any other single factor.

Harry Wilson, great back that he is, will not run wild against this Navy line, nor will the other fleet ball carriers of West Point smash the Navy defense.

Army-Navy games are not played that way.

On the other hand, Caldwell, the best ball carrier in the Annapolis squad, and the speedy, versatile Hamilton, will find a different kind of opposition in this determined cadet team from any they have succeeded against this season.

of the field by Edward J. Kelly, president of the South Park board, and its acceptance on behalf of the country's service men by General John J. Pershing.

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Stanford to Play Alabama at Rose Bowl New Year's

PALO ALTO, Calif., Nov. 24.—(United News)—Stanford and the University of Alabama have been definitely named as the opposing teams in the New Year's East-West football classic at the Rose bowl.

Alabama must obtain permission of the southern conference, but it was said here that this was only a formality.

The invitation was extended to Alabama through the president's office. With Coach Glen Warner in the east scouting Alabama's game against Georgia Thursday the Cardinals, champions of the Pacific coast conference, will report next Monday for their first practice since the California game last Saturday.

Coaches Thornhill and Winterburn will have charge of the workouts until Warner returns.

Stanford will establish headquarters for the management of the Rose bowl game at the Pacific Southwest Bank building at Pasadena next week.

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