

Speaker, Cobb Now Plan Libel Suits

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 29. (U. N.)—Realizing that even the fans who loyally supported them when the latest scandal broke will lose faith unless their heroes do something pretty soon, Tris Speaker and Ty Cobb have conferred here with Attorney William H. Boyd regarding their chances of bringing libel and slander suits against organized baseball.

Difficulties arose, however, through the fact that neither Speaker or Cobb is connected with the national pastime in any active capacity. The former Detroit manager is a stockholder in the Augusta club of the South Atlantic league, owning \$500 worth of stock.

With no contracts or direct loss of income involved, a jury would have a great deal of difficulty fixing damages even if the accused players won their case.

Being outside of baseball Speaker and Cobb would have little to gain from winning defamation of character suits. The court could not force any club in organized baseball to give them jobs.

As matters stand at present the two men have not lost much more than they have gained in the estimation of the fans. If they clear their names, they will be tremendous gainers by the whole affair, and accordingly won't need damages.

It is pointed out that one way Speaker and Cobb could get at Judge Landis would be to obtain jobs with organized baseball. They are free agents, and several National league clubs could use them. This would force a showdown, and the whole matter would come out, Tris and Ty might enjoy Landis from interfering with their work.

Coaches Propose Football Changes

NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (U. N.)—Demanding "are we coaching football or basketball?" are a group of gridiron mentors who are prepared to storm the annual meeting of the Football Coaches' association here Wednesday and insist upon a return to first principles.

This is no group of malcontents, seeking to excuse an unsatisfactory 1926 season by loud clamor for rule changes in 1927. It includes two coaches who brought their teams from virtual oblivion to recognition among the best teams of the country. They can produce winning teams under the present regulations, but they want them changed.

While other coaches are aiming their criticism at the shift, which seems doomed, and the huddle, which will remain with us, Chick McEachen, who coached New York university's successful eleven, Tuss McLaughry, who worked wonders at Brown, and many who feel as they do, are expected to support a move to make the game a little more like football of a decade ago. For instance, they point out, one of the most picturesque, breath-taking features of football, the catch and run back a punt, has been well nigh eliminated in some games by the practice of having offensive linemen touchdown the ball.

In game after game last fall the opposing quarterbacks let punts bound and roll, while ends and tackles on the kicking side gathered around deciding when to flop on the ball and end the play. When this rather tame method of receiving kicks was combined with the two or three plays involving rounded forward passes and resembling basketball, the lovers of old fashioned football groaned.

Two proposed rules changes therefore, are:

- 1—Penalize five yards the side whose players having been off side at the time of a punt touches the ball down before it has been handled by a player on the receiving side. If the kicking side touches the ball within the opponents' ten yard line it shall go for a touchdown and be put in play on the 20 yard line.
- This would require the ends to leave the ball alone until the quarterback had at least touched it, and would encourage the latter to at least try for more distance.
- 2—Put teeth into the rule restricting the indiscriminate throwing of forward passes.

Another change in the rules which will have the backing of prominent eastern coaches is the proposal to have the four periods all parts of one game, instead of dividing the game into two parts as at present. Under the present rules the first part of the game ends with the first half, no matter where the ball may be and there is a kick off to start the third quarter. The proposed change would leave the ball where it is at the end of the second quarter, and resume play at that spot in the third quarter, after a 15 minute rest.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 29. (U. N.)—A strong quintet from the Oregon Agricultural college was defeated here tonight by the brilliant offense of the University of California, southern branch, 32 to 22.

It was the Bruins' first basketball victory over the Oregon school.

FIGHTING IRISHMAN WILL BATTLE ST. PAUL BOY NEW YEAR'S EVE Princeton Planning Big Football Team



Tim Callahan, local pugilist who will uphold Klamath honors against the onslaughts of Jeff Hammer, St. Paul glove representative, at Scandia hall here New Year's eve, in the main event of a thrilling five-bout card.

Interest in the New Year's eve fight card that is to be staged in Scandia hall, is even greater than that on which Tiny Herman of Portland appeared as headliner, judging from the size of the crowd that last night witnessed the 11 o'clock work.

As the St. Paul fighters and local boys will have their last workout in the regular ring at Scandia this evening, it is expected by Matchmaker Johnny Sylvester that the crowd of onlookers will be even greater.

Among the other good bouts on the card will be a special four-round tilt with Frankie Doyle of Bend, and Pat McFadden, city, as principals.

Sylvester signed up the Bend fighter yesterday, and this bout will make five good fights on the New Year's card.

The St. Paul fighters, Jeff Hammer, main eventer, and Dutch Krieger, signed for the semi-windup, have made a very satisfactory appearance in the workouts here and according to fans who have been watching the boys go, will make local scrapers hump to keep on top.

Tim Callahan will fight Hammer, while John Fugate is slated for six rounds with Krieger. The local boys represent the cream of their class in local ring circles, so the glove classic with its introduction of St. Paul talent will undoubtedly measure up to earlier predictions of the matchmaker.

In the four-round special between Cyclone Williams and Mike Daly, fans will see a real scrap that will start when the first gong rings and continue as long as the boys remain upright. This fight is likely to be on a par with the McFadden-Doyle battle in point of flash and speed, although with their added ring experience and cleverness, the latter pair will offer a better all-around tussle. Doyle fought here on the Labor Day card and made a very presentable showing, while McFadden is always good for an interesting scrap.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 29. (U. N.)—Princeton may abandon scouting altogether next season and probably will have a better football team as a result, William O. Roper, coach of Tiger eleven, told the American Football Coaches' association Wednesday.

Fraining a gentlemen's agreement among coaches, whereby the practice of spying on opposing eleven would be eliminated, the aggressive Princeton football mentor sounded a new note at the close of what had been otherwise a routine meeting.

Earlier in the day the convention went on record as opposed to the "shift" play as it is used at present, and recommended a change in the rules whereby the attacking team must halt for at least two seconds after lining up before the ball is snapped.

Four hundred coaches representing nine districts through the United States attended the day's meeting at the Hotel Astor. Although many of them had ideas for changing the game, the recommendations regarding the shift play only were adopted.

The "huddle" system of giving signals was attacked by Pete Reynolds, Syracuse head coach, but was warmly defended by Roper later in the day. It was the Princeton coach who swayed the large gathering with his vigorous eloquence, and although no formal action was taken, it was apparent that the "huddle" will remain.

BROOKLYN DISCARD TO DRAW BIG PAY

BOSTON, Dec. 29. (U. N.)—Jacques Fournier, hard hitting Brooklyn discard who has been signed to fill a berth in the Boston Braves 1927 infield, will draw down \$12,000, it was reported here.

Fournier signed only after a lengthy dickering with Judge Emil Fuchs regarding salary. The club is banking on his hitting ability to fill a long felt berth in the Braves infield for the coming season.

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Alabama and Stanford Football Teams Prepare for 11th Annual East-West Championship Battle

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 29. (U. N.)—The eleventh annual clash between the east and west for the mythical gridiron championship of the country will bring together the crimson tide of Alabama and the Stanford reds of California, two eleven teams that have previously made their debut in the rose bowl classic on New Year's day.

Stanford has a black spot to its off its record in the form of a game lost to Notre Dame two years ago, while Alabama must fight to retain the pace of last year, when the team defeated the University of Washington.

A win for Alabama will uphold the prestige of eastern football, bringing as it will the number of games won by both sections to four-11. Since the first game in 1915, when the State College of Washington defeated Brown, the west has won four, the east three, two resulted in tie games and two were service team games, the latter during the war.

Pygmies vs. Giants.

The coming battle might be billed "pygmies vs. giants" in comparison of the two teams. The reds from Stanford are broad shouldered, rangy—beefy men, while the Crimson Tide presents short, stumpy—shiftily south.

Power, drive and trickiness of the westerners will be pitted against deception, agility and shiftness of the southerners.

While Coach Wallace apparently is happy over the manner in which his charges have thrown off any sign of pullman-weariness, "Pop" Warner expresses his typical discontent over the appearance of his Cardinals, who he claims, are out of condition following a lay-off over the holidays.

Both teams are quartered in Pasadena and are alternately using the rose bowl for practice.

The one cloud on the Alabama horizon is the absence of "Sherlock" Holmes, left in a hospital at El Paso.

Holmes was expected to arrive here today but had not yet put in an appearance tonight.

According to reports, he has suffered frequent attacks of appendicitis during his football career, and it was intimated that he would be put into the game if the need arose.

One thing appeared certain and that was that he would be on sidelines in uniform.

Money Even

Pacific coast followers are favoring Stanford to win but few odds are being offered and most money is being placed at even figures.

When the Arroyo Soco, site of the rose bowl, comes to life for another year from its picturesque shoulder strewn bed, the annual rose bowl will probably set its greatest record for attendance. The bowl will hold only 23,000 fans and every available seat has been sold for weeks.

History of the annual east-west clash follows:

- 1916—Brown 0; State College Washington 14.
- 1917—Pennsylvania 0; Oregon 14.
- 1918—U. S. Marine Corps 19; Camp Lewis 7.
- 1919—U. S. Naval Training Station 17; Marine Barracks 0.
- 1920—Harvard 7; Oregon 6.
- 1921—Ohio State 0; California 28.
- 1922—Washington and Jefferson 9; California 0.
- 1923—Pennsylvania State 3; U. S. C. 14.
- 1924—Navy 14; Washington 14.
- 1925—Notre Dame 27; Stanford 10.
- 1926—Alabama 26; Washington 19.

Promoters Battle While Champ Rests

NEW YORK, Dec. 28. (U. N.)—Humbert J. Fugazy has announced that Gene Tunney will fight against Jack Delaney under Fugazy's management next summer.

Tex Rickard capped this with the announcement that the heavyweight champion will meet the winner of a bout between Jack Dempsey and the boxer who survives an elimination tournament now under way.

It is a case where the fans may take their choice, for they will pay their money anyway.

Up in the snow-capped forests around Moosehead lake Gene Tunney is remaining silent and letting the promoters fight it out. Unlike the fans, he will be paid either way. Billy Gibson, who still remains ostensibly the champion's manager, said he knew nothing of the arrangement which Fugazy grandiloquently announced. Nor would he commit himself regarding Rickard's insistence that Tunney will fight for gold, for glory and for Tex next Labor day.

"Gene Tunney has accepted my terms and will be here Thursday for official announcement," announced Fugazy.

"Gene Tunney will take on the man who has proven himself the best of the challengers," countered Rickard. "He will fight for me around Labor day, after I've selected his opponent."

Fugazy and Rickard differ in one important respect. The ambitious Italian wants Jack Delaney recognized as the logical contender for Tunney's crown, as in all fairness the Bridgeport boxer appears to be at this time.

Tex wants the matter left in decided abeyance so that he can keep smacking up his various other bouts at Madison Square Garden, under the guise of elimination contests. He will be making money and will be keeping the fans guessing.

Tunney, while he wants to keep Fugazy hiding, as a sort of ace in the hole, is inclined to favor the Rickard method of not being too exact about the matter of an opponent.

Fugazy's one hope of landing Tunney is that the fans will demand Delaney and that Bridgeport Jack will sign with him rather than with Rickard.

Tunney will be passing through town Thursday, and while it is a safe bet that Fugazy's optimism will not bear fruit at this season, some light may be thrown upon what the champion intends.

College Will Stop Paying Gridsters

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Dec. 27. (U. N.)—West Virginia Wesleyan has been compensating members of its football squad at the rate of approximately \$500 a year, but proposes to drop the practice and put sports on a voluntary basis.

This frank declaration by Dr. Homer Webb, started the college Monday and made fair to have a far reaching effect upon athletics in the smaller colleges of the vicinity.

The declaration came in the form of a letter to alumni and other interested persons, explaining the recent moves at Buchanan which eliminated two members of the athletic staff.

Dr. Webb, in his letter, admitted that "it was a bad practice" for the athletic board to pay players, however indirectly, by giving them room, board, tuition and books. There were 31 men so cared for, he said, and pointed out that practice called for the expenditure of more than \$15,000 annually.

West Virginia sporting writers claim that this was the first instance that a college president had declared football players had received pay for their services.

The world knows, one of them said, that many colleges pay players in one way or another, but the practice is usually considered as a sort of necessary evil incident to development of stellar football teams.

Eastern Judge is Ready Help Cobb

DETROIT, Dec. 29. (U. N.)—Judge James O. Murfin, formerly of the Michigan circuit court bench and at present a regent of the University of Michigan, announced late Tuesday he would defend Ty Cobb and clear his name of the scandal charges brought by "Dutch" Leonard. He expects Cobb here Wednesday for a conference.

"I am accepting Cobb's case partly as an attorney and partly as a friend," Judge Murfin told the United Press. "I know he is as honest as they make them and before I am through I will re-establish that fact with the public which used to hold the same thought."

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FORTUNE IN PLAYERS INVOLVED IN DEAL



Valuation of players exchanged in one of the largest deals ever recorded in baseball is estimated at \$500,000. Frank Frisch, star second baseman (left) and Jimmy Ring, pitcher (center), are sent by the New York Giants to the St. Louis Cardinals, world's champions, in exchange for Rogers Hornsby, manager and star second baseman. Hornsby had failed to agree on salary terms with Sam Breadon, chief owner of the St. Louis club.

By NORMAN E. BROWN, Central Press Correspondent

Two greatest drawing cards in baseball today will wear New York uniforms next year.

Babe Ruth in his usual Yankee "monkey suit."

And Rogers Hornsby in the garb of a Giant.

The campaign of 1926 will tell which is the greater box attraction. Other slants at the biggest deal in baseball history.

It was the first time in baseball's history that the star second baseman and manager of the team which gave its home town fans their first league and world's pennant was "sold down the river" be-

fore another season. What will be the flare back for the Cardinal owners?

Hornsby is the greatest batter in the National league—led the circuit six consecutive seasons and batted over .400 three of those six years. Frisch is a better infielder—a brilliant second sacker and more versatile than Hornsby. Can play third or short.

My feeling is that the Cardinals got the better of the deal in actual playing strength, provided they win in the gamble on Jimmy Ring having a good year in the box. McGraw did not strengthen his pitching staff.

How long will Hornsby pull the

crowds into the Polo Grounds if his presence on the club fails to carry the Giants along at a good rate, as does Ruth's mighty bat?

How long will the St. Louis fans string with the Cardinals if that team hits the tologgan, thanks to the departure of the mainspring—Hornsby?

What did owner Sam Breadon of the Cardinals gain by backing Branch Rickey against Hornsby? The gate receipts the next couple of seasons will tell.

In the meantime—bring on the baseball season while the fans still recognize some of the teams and the players in the uniforms they wear.

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