IF THE GAME IS PLAYED IN A SEA OF MUD, THE ADVANTAGE IS ALL WITH THE NAVY

PENN STATE PLACED FIRST, PENN SEVENTH IN FOOTBALL RATING

Strength and Versatility of Bezdek's Eleven Warrants Honor Roll, According to R. W. Maxwell. Syracuse Second, Dartmouth Fourth, Then Pitt

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ONE of the greatest of all indoor sports is selecting a championship football team of the East this fall. All of the big teams, with the exception of Harvard, were defeated one or more times, and the entire situation is tangled up. However, we have received so many queries as to which team deserved the title in this section of the country that we are submitting our guess. This is from personal observation, and we wish to state right here that there will be no arguments. If the ranking is satisfactory, nil well and good. If not, have a heart. It's only a guess

To my mind, the ten leading football teams of the East rank as follows:

7. Pennaylvania

8. Harvard

- 1. Penn State
- 6. West Virginia
- 2. Syracuse
- 3. Colgate
- 4. Darimouth
- 5. Pittsburgh
- 9. Princeton 10. Washington and Jefferson

Penn State deserves first place because it is the strongest, most versatile beam in these parts. Dartmouth administered a 19-to-13 defeat early in the season, but State at that time was in poor shape. Bezdek had not selected his varsity, team play was conspicuous by its absence and Dartmouth couldn't help winning. On November 1, however, the team found itself and waded through everything with little difficulty.

The unbeaten Penn team was first to fall, State taking the game by the brore of 10 to 0. Then came Lehigh and Cornell, and last Thursday Pittsburgh was defeated 20 to 0. This last victory was the greatest of all. Pitt, after losing to Syracuse, had won from Georgia Tech, Lehigh, Washington and Jefferson, Carnegie Tech and tied Pennsylvania. The team was in good shape for the Thankagiving Day battle and Penn State had to be good to win.

Berdek's team is given first place because it looked to be the best at the end of the season. The men played great football and showed their superiority in every department. I believe State could have besten any team in the country last Thursday.

CAPTAIN BOB HIGGINS is the best end playing the game today. and there are other stars on the squad. In addition, Besdek developed a powerful attack and a strong defense, and, with the men to carry out his ideas, the team just HAD to win.

W. and J. Helped Ruin Syracuse Record

STRACUSE, because of her victories over Pitt and Colgate, gets second place. There are many who believe the Orange and Blue should be located at the top of the heap, but that's just a matter of opinion. Buck O'Neil had a good team, but that 13-to-0 trimming at the hands of W. and J. ruined the record. The Colgate victory was a wonderful achievement, but after that the barnstorming trip in the West resulted disastrously. Syracuse and State would put up a great game if they ever met

Colgate was a disappointment. Starting out like a house afire, every one believed the Maroou would go through the season without a defeat. At Princeton, however, the Tigers played them to a standatill, and although Roper's men tost, 7 to 0, a violation of the rules prevented a tie score. Durtmouth played a 7-to-7 tie and Syracuse won the final game. At that, Colgate showed so much class that it is hard to keep the team out of third place.

Dartmouth defeated Penn State, Cornell and Pennsylvania, and showed some good football. However, Brown won the last game, and that smear toppled the team into fourth position.

Pittsburgh comes next. Two defeats caused this, but despite the reverses the Panthers had a wonderful season. Individually the team was not impressive. In fact, the players were far below the usual standard, but the creat coaching of Gleun Warner pulled them through. valled the greatest coach in the world, and he proved it this season. He molded poor material into an aggressive aggregation, went through the toughest schedule attempted by any college team and slipped only twice. It was a great record, but, more than that, a personal triumph for Warner.

the running again. The Mountaineers were exceptionally good, but lost to Center College and Pitt.

Penn is awarded seventh place. The team was rather unfortunate in the State and Dartmouth games, and although Pitt was tied and Cornell defeated in the final game, the season's record does not warrant a higher ranking.

There will be a howl when Harvard is discovered in eighth place, but the Grimson went through a weak schedule and would have had trouble with any of the teams placed above them. Princeton had the nerve to meet all comers this year, and, after losing to Colgate und West Virginia, came back strong, tied Harvard and defeated Yale. The Tigers were the grittlest team in the East this year.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON, Yalo and Lajayette finish in the order named and their records speak for themselves. It will be noted that Center College is not mentioned here. The team played all of its games in the Bouth and it was hard to get a line on them.

Army and Navy Will See Action

FOR the twenty-second time in the history of the government institutions the football teams from West Point and Annapolis will clash on the gridfron in New York this afternoon. Admirals, generals, gobs and privates are intensely interested in the affair, which is the first since the Cadets and Middies started to prepare themselves for the big fuss on the other side. Football was played at both institutions, but the rival teams did not get together, Officials in Washington refused to take any unnecessary risks in transporting the teams to New York in wartimes.

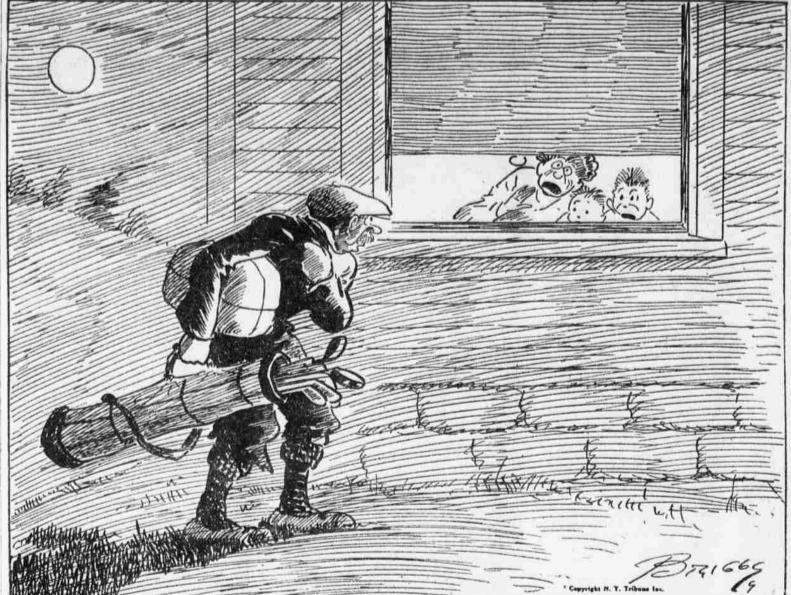
Today the old struggle will be resumed and the Navy is anxious to wipe out the defeats of the past. They have not won a game since 1912, when the score was 6 to 0. In the next four years they were walloped by big scores, and the Middles are anxious for revenge. They want to score a touchdown, something which has not been done once since 1907, when Captain Ben Douglas crossed the Army goal line and won the game by the score of 6 to 0. In 1916 a touchdown was scored, but it had no effect on the final result. Three of the last seven games were won by the Navy on field goals. Dalton registered one in the 1910 and 1911 games and Babe Brown booted two from the field in 1912.

This year the Middles have a good team. Gilmore Deble has developed formidable machine and expects to trample all over the West Pointers, Doble is a good coach and in his three years at Annapolis has had great Huge scores were run up, the men have played good football and the teams have been considered the best in the country. The Army has not fared so well, but this year, with Charley Daley on the job as head couch, the Cadets have shown better form.

Judging from the records, the Navy should be the favorite, but you never can tell what will happen in the old game. When those teams get together it is a fight from start to finish, with quarter shown on neither side. Perhaps the team play of the Navy will be slightly superior, but the Army will dispute every inch of ground. It will be a great battle, with the players in exellent condition and ready for the game of their lives.

DOBIE probably will start Captain Ewen and Woodruff at ends. Mirray and King, tackles; Denfield and Moore, guards; Sanburn, enter, and Kachler, Clark, Cruise and Watters in the backfield. The Army The-up still is in doubt.

PAPA'S RETURN



READING FIVE HAS MANY NEW FACES

Bilson, Bredbener, Beggs and Cross Appear There Against De Neri Tonight

AT MUSICAL FUND HALL

EASTERN LEAGUE W.L. P. C. G. L. S. T. Rending S. L. S. T. Fertin L. 4. J. 100 De Neri Schedule for Tonight Reading at De Neri,

The Reading Bears will make their first appearance of the season at Musi-Fund Hall, Eighth and Locust streets, this evening to meet Bill Myers's De Neri club. The same teams main reasons for the falling off of in-clushed on Thanksgiving Day at Pret- terest in the cue game. Nothing is zeltown and Reading was a winner by the slender margin of a single point,

The line-up of the visitors is far different from any other which has ever appeared here before. At forward is Figgie Bilson, connected with other Eastern League teams at various times, and Eddie Bredbenner, a local Reading product. Reading has won its last two pages and on each occasion the head. and Eddie Bredbenner, a local two product. Reading has won its last two games and on each occasion the headings read: "Bredbenner's Goal Wins."

Ray Cross, who was traded to the up-state five for Lou Sugarman, will also be in action. The former Greystock guard played wonderful hall in his initial appearance. De Nerl is a hard club to beat on the home court and in all probability the same teams that played Thanksgiving Day will face the referce.

Sodern and Friedman

No player in the Eastern League is closer to Barney Sedran and Marty Friedman than Lou Sugarman. The latter was traded for Ray Cross this week, but he refused to report to the North Phillies. He was later traded to Camden, but unless he suddenly receives a change of heart he will not be seen in action in Skeeterville, either.

And Lou advances the opinion that the assigning of Sedran and Friedman to North Philladelphia is about worth the paper it is printed on. In other words, they will not report to that club. Friedman and Sedran are at present playing for Passaic and as Suggy is without a club he will take a trip over to see his chums play tonight and will learn definitely just what Barney and "Muddie" intend to do, but he figures they will not come here. but he figures they will not come here.

Germantown Goes Down

Germantown dropped its second straight game last night at Trenton when the Potters took the locals into camp by the score of 22 to 18. The Bennis-Fitzgerald combination was forced to play in a crippled condition. Billy Black is in bad shape and "Cy" simindinger is on the sidelines with a pay it was estimated that 15,000 fare-presented weight.

sprained wrist.

In an emergency Armstrong, of De Neri, was signed. The score of the game was 22-18 and was decided in the last few minutes when Eddie White, the Bridgeport boy, who had already made four field goals, boosted the total to six. White made all the Potters' field goals but one.

Germantown was held to five field towers as against seven for the home. Germantown was held to five field tosses as against seven for the home team, and the margin of two goals advantage accounts for the four points difference in the figures, each club getting 8 fouls each. Lawrence and Black played the best ball for Germantown, and with Simindinger in the line-up, there is little doubt that the locals would have been returned a winner.

YALE WEEKLY RAPS SYSTEM

College Organ Blames Defeats on

Antique Football Methods New Haven, Conn. Nov. 20.—The up its hands and agreed with the sport-ing editors of the country that Yale lost the Princeton and Harvard games

lost the Princeton and Harvard games because it stuck to football of the antique and discarded type. It said editorially:

"The old traditional hammer-and-tongs football, in which Yale's name was paramount on the gridiron for generations of Yale players, has gone by the board not to return. Open play, represented by the forward pass, is the new order of things on the football field, and Yale must accept the change, however difficult it is for her mentors, who have been brought up on the old system. Yale has learned this lesson, we hope."

MAY BAR SAFETY IN POCKET BILLIARDS

Officials Plan to Eliminate This Monotonous Shot in National Tourney Here

TEN STARS ENTERED

By JAMES S. CAROLAN THE latest improvement in pecket

billiards the elimination of the One of the most monotonous parts of

the pecket-billiard game probably will be among the missing in this year's national championship tourney which opens at the Parkway Building on Monday afternoon The safety shot has been one of the

more tiresome to the spectator than to witness an exhibition of any style of billiards between a pair of safety artists. It kills the chance to make

Former Titleholders

in Pocket Billiards

The following is a list of the winners of revious pocket billiard championship tour-Phon in New York, April 8, 1878. Wahlstrom in New York, June 6, 1881. L. Malone in New York, January 10, 3. L. Malone in New York, January 10, 1884.
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Sherman in Boston, February 6, 1991.
Clearwater in Brooklyn, March, 1992.
De Ore in St. Lou's, October, 1994.
Sherman in Chicaso, November, 1994.
E. L. Ralph in Philodelphia, April, 1912.
Blankenship in Chicaso, February, 1916.
John H. Lavion, second: Taberski, third.

Lud Wray and Little Would Play at Massillon

It's all wrong, boys; the Penn foot-ball warriors have not turned profes-sional.

After two days of mysterious reports, in which half of the Penn squad was reported to have signed with proteams in Ohio, the first authentic statement has been made.

Heinie Miller, brilliant Red and Blue and steed as vockserse for

ment of the Massillon eleven wired Miller, Wray and Little while the Penn team was in training at Whitemarsh. This was last Tucaday.

boys answered "Nothing doing."

Miller, Wray and Little were willing to play pro football, but not while they were still in college. It also is known the three realized that it would be an awful reflection upon Penn athletes, and decided to sacrifice personal financial gain for the honor of their alma mater.

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NO PRO FOOTBALL

Heinie Miller Denies That He.

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end, acted as spokesman for the Penn athletes. His message came by phone.

"It's all off." phoned Heinie. "Lou Little, Lud Wray and myself never signed with a professional team; in fact, we never replied to the telegram they sent us."

It has been learned that the warrange. It has been learned that the manage-

Yesterday Massillon again wired the Penn trio, and it was then that the boys answered "Nothing doing."

STAR QUARTERBACKS FOUND ON THE SMALL COLLEGES THIS FALL

Boynton, of Williams, and McMillin, of Center, Rated as the Leading Football Generals of This Sizzling Season of Gridiron Surprises

IN THE SPORTLIGHT-BY GRANTLAND RICE

To the Waning Football Season

Although the Dope eluded un And pop-eyed Fate excluded us From picking winners through the fall Where we were on the run. Yet good old Syracuse for us Has framed a good excuse for With proof at Indiana that It simply can't be done.

YOU don't hear so much in the larger centers of Boynton, of Williams, and Weldon, of Lafayette. Yet there are keen judges who tell us that Boynton outclassed any quarterback in the East, and that if he had been on one of the so called major league teams he would have been heralded as one of the season's sensations, off in a class by himself.

No small part of fame consists in sticking your head up where the bulk of the crowd has its sights adjusted.

Bo McMillin

"HARLEY MORAN, the Duke of Horse Cave, Ky., and the coach of Center's famous cleven, drops us a few lines concerning Bo McMillin, his

"McMillin," he writes, "is a wonder of wonders. He is always in perfectcondition, as he has never smoked nor has he ever taken a drink in his life. How he can run a team! He is better than two assistant coaches, as the spirit he puts into a club is worth three or four good men.
"In addition to this he is a wonderful backfield man, both upon attack

and defense-a great broken-field runner, a great line-plunger and a defen-

"WITH McMillin at quarter see had eleven men working as one.

Look Out for Center

CCORDING to Moran, nearly every man on the Center team will be back A CCORDING to Moran, nearly every man of the play, Roberts has three years next year. McMillin has two more years to play, Roberts has three years left, Weaver has three. In short, no less than fourteen regulars and reserves will be back from one to three years longer.

THOSE looking for trouble next autumn are hereby instructed about where they can find a landing

Two Backfields

THERE is no particular controversy between the East and the West this I fall in a football way, as the intersectional side of the game was somewhat

But in the way of rival backfields, how would this clash appeal to you: Elastern Boynton, Williams. quarter. McMillin, Center Trimble, Princeton. halfback. Harley, Ohio State Casey, Harvard. halfback. Oss, Minnesota Rodgers, West Virginia. fullback. Roberts, Center

The Star All-Arounder

THE all-around star of the year was undoubtedly Harley, of Ohio State. Rodgers and Trimble, among others, were flaring lights, but Harley could turn in one or two additional tricks.

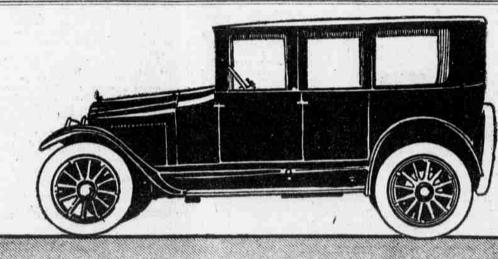
He was not only a great broken-field runner. He could also bit a line with effect. He was a fine punter, a great forward passer and a star drop-kicker. Add to this great defensive strength.

NOTES FROM THE CAGES

Joe Forarty is out of a job in the East-rin League as player, although he is coach-ing at Swarthmore and Aberfoyle, of Ches-er. And rechaps some manages won't make wise move to sign the old boy as an

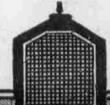
George Zahn, the well known local conch, leaves today for Hanover, N. H., where he will begin preparations to coach the Darkmouth five. It is said that the material is very poor. The schedule calls for twenty-aix games. Zahn's friends are confident he will make good.

Camden has a wonderful defensive re to its credit thus far. Of the seven gu played three have reculted in giving opposition two field goals, three six goals and one eight.



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SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS By LOUIS H. JAFFE

were in attendance at four local matinee shows. Considering that boxing was not the only attraction for fans filled with crimson corpuscles, popular-ity of pugilism was even more evident. ty of pugitism was even more evident. There were something like 27,000 spectators at the Penn-Cornell game, while hundreds, yes, thousands of fans were attracted by more than a score of independent football and soccer matches. No other city in the country supports boxing as well as does Philadelphia, and the fans here are rewarded with leading talent in the fistic world.

Pal Moran is a corking good boxer. He's going to make things interesting for the best of the lightweight crop. While the New bricans lad was shaded by Willie Jackson on Turkey Day there were a lot of specia-tors who believed the Louisiana lad was the winner. Moran is clever and punches fairly bard, but his big asset is that he pleases.

an who proved he had lots of class. Sub-for Willie Hannon, Cole, went along and Freddy Rees, who is not the best in the world look very foolish. Cole ed the ring unknown, but he showed lent form to make himself a big die here.

avorite here.

Preddy Spangle, of Atlantic City, has coined the stable of Rocky Ford and Mike trains under the guidance of Stove Marcoe. Willie (Kid) Welfe is preparing for a re-urn to the ring. He is a featherweight and will fly the colors of Pat O'Malley.

Tommy Stage is conditioning himself for comeback. He is training daily with Δientown Abis Attell and Otto O'Keefs. Max Williamson and Ben Goodia will be nudger of a fox-trot contest at a dames given the Happy Four Club December 19.

BOXING in Philadelphia is in full and some one is returning the "hello" to make it all even. One would think a lot of lives depended on San or, rather, Sammy was depending on a lot of lives.

CUE CHAMPIONSHIP MEDAL

This is the trophy, emblematic of

the championship, that will be pre sented to winner of national pocket

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ship engagements.

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Forty-five games will be played dur-

Forty-five games will be played during the tourney which runs from December 1 to 13. The entries follow:
Bennie Allen, Kansas City; Ralph Greenleaf, Wilmington: Jerome Keogh, Rochester; Morris Fink, Pihladelphia; Edwards I. Ralph, Hightstown, N. J. Joseph Concannon, New York; John M. Layton, Sedalia, Mo.; James Maturo, Denver; Louis D. Kreuter, New York, and Charles Seeback, Hartford, Connthe games will be for 125 noints each with Charles C. Peterson acting in the capacity of referee.

ular championship tournaments.

The Dunder-Leanard dance is to be put on gaint only this time it may not be a waits, a s referee will give a decinion after twenty ounds, if a verdict is nectswary. They box 1 New Haven January 16.

A Patronizer-Willie Edwards managed Max Williamson before he changed handlers. Bub & Rob -- Lew Edwards and not Charley it's is recognized as Australia's lightweight

Mickey Devers, a sensational upstate ban-tam, will inake his debut at the Auditorium Tuesday night. His opponent will be Junny Lavender in one of the prelima to the Eddle McAndrews-Joe Weish star scrap. Othe-bouts are Danny Ferguson vs Herman Mil-jer, Charley McKoe vs. Al Eursy and Harry (Young) Brown vs. Young Marino, This is a splendid card. Pater Johnson will be Champion Pete Her man's opinions will be champion Pete Her-man's opponent in the star set-to at the Osympia Menday night. Johnson has put on two semantional scraps recently. Young Sacco vo. Lunidam will be the semi. Other bouts vo. Lunidam will be the semi. Chief bour Waiter Johnson vs. Tominy Ketchell and Young Parise vs. Kad Wagner. Johnsy Gill and Kid Sheeler are matched or a bout at York, Pa. December 2.

Johnny Dundee and Willie Jackson are to neet again. They will box at a Detroit club

Young Jack Teland has decided to re-enter to ring. Willie Edwards will book the outhpaw lightweight's bouts,

ANSWERS TO QUERIES

Anxious -It is reported that Scoodies plans sut married none.