

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, all 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:
1. Penn State
 2. Syracuse
 3. Colgate
 4. Dartmouth
 5. Pittsburgh
 6. West Virginia
 7. Pennsylvania
 8. Harvard
 9. Princeton
 10. Washington and Jefferson

Penn State deserves first place because it is the strongest, most versatile team 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 score 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 Thanksgiving Day battle and Penn State had to be good to win.

Bezdek'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 beaten 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, Bezdek 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

Syracuse, 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 Maroon would go through the season without a defeat. At Princeton, however, the Tigers played them to a standstill, and although Roper's men lost, 7 to 0, a violation of the rules prevented a tie score. Dartmouth 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 near topped 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 great coaching of Glenn Warner pulled them through. Warner has been called 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.

West Virginia's victory over W. and J. last Thursday placed the team in 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 Crimson 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 and West Virginia, came back strong, tied Harvard and defeated Yale. The Tigers were the grittiest team in the East this year.

WASHINGTON AND JEFFERSON, Yale and Lafayette 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 South 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 gridiron in New York this afternoon. Admirals, generals, gods and privates are intensely interested in the affair, which is the first since the Cadets and Midshipmen 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 wartime.

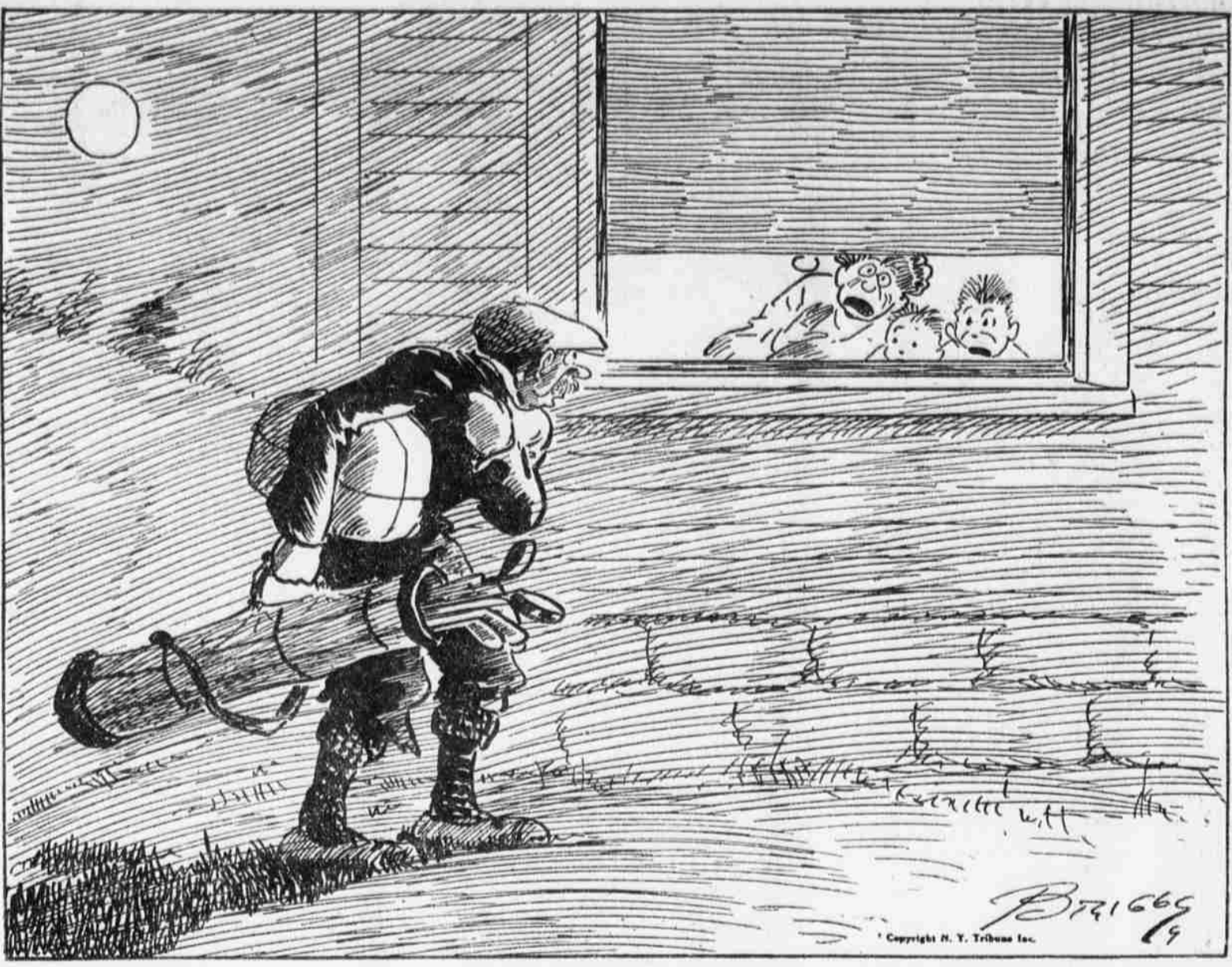
Today the old struggle will be resumed and the Navy is anxious to wipe out the defeats of the past. They have not won a game since 1912, when the score was 6 to 0. In the next four years they were walloped by big scores, and the Midshipmen are anxious for revenge. They want to score a touchdown, something which has not been done 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 Midshipmen have a good team. Gilmore Doble has developed a 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 success. 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 coach, 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 excellent condition and ready for the game of their lives.

DOBLE probably will start Captain Eben and Woodruff at ends, Murray and King, tackles; Denfield and Moore, guards; Sanburn, center, and Kohler, Clark, Cruise and Walters in the backfield. The Army line-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

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SEIDMAN AND FRIEDMAN

No player in the Eastern League is closer to Barney Seidman 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 Stevensville, either.

GERMANTOWN GOES DOWN

Germantown dropped its second straight game last night at Trenton when the Pottery 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 sprained wrist.

YALE WEEKLY RAPS SYSTEM

College Organ Blames Defeats on Antiquated Football Methods

New Haven Conn Nov. 29.—The Yale Alumni Weekly last night threw up its hands and agreed with the sporting editors of the country that Yale 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 members, 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

NO PRO FOOTBALL FOR PENN STARS

Heinie Miller Denies That He, Lud Wray and Little Would Play at Massillon

NEVER ACCEPTED TERMS

It's all wrong, boys; the Penn football warriors have not turned professional. After two days of mysterious reports, in which half of the Penn squad was reported to have signed with pro teams in Ohio, the first authentic statement has been made.

FORMER TITLEHOLDERS IN POCKET BILLIARDS

The following is a list of the winners of previous pocket billiard championships:

Edwin in New York, April 8, 1878.
J. Washburn in New York, June 6, 1881.
L. K. Malone in New York, February 10, 1884.
F. J. Fee in New York, January 14, 1887.
G. Gray in New York, February 25, 1890.
Sherman in Boston, March 18, 1891.
Cresweller in Brooklyn, March, 1902.
De Oro in St. Louis, October, 1904.
Sherman in Chicago, November, 1904.
No other city in the country supports pocket billiards as well as does Philadelphia, and the fans here are rewarded with leading talent in the field.

SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

Boxing in Philadelphia is in full bloom. In fact, the pugilistic pastime has sprouted as it never has before. For instance, on Thanksgiving Day it was estimated that 15,000 fans were in attendance at four local matinee shows. Considering that boxing was not the only attraction for fans filled with crimson corpuscles, popularity of pugilism 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 field.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES

A Patronizer—Willie Edwards managed Max Williamson before he changed handlers.

Bob & Rab—Law Edwards and not Charley Pitts is recognized as Australia's lightweight champion.

Old Times—John L. was knocked out by Jim Corbett in twenty-one rounds. The bout was held in New Orleans, September 7, 1902.

Florence—Yes, Baby Reynolds has retired from the ring. His real name is Israel Guidici.

Amidons—It is reported that hoodlums plan to get married soon.

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 SPOTLIGHT—BY GRANTLAND RICE

To the Waning Football Season

Although the Dope excluded us 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 us 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

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

"McMillin," he writes, "is a wonder of wonders. He is always in perfect condition, 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 defensive star."

Look Out for Center

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

Two Backfields

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

But in the way of rival backfields, how would this clash appeal to you:

Eastern Quarterback..... McMillin, Center
Western Quarterback..... Harley, Ohio State
Eastern Halfback..... Casey, Harvard
Western Halfback..... Oos, Minnesota
Eastern Fullback..... Rodgers, West Virginia
Western 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 hit 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

Eastern League players who have scored from the field in every game played are Peter, Bredbener, Bilson, Armstrong, Cross and "Kickman." Grumsted is the best of the punters, as he has participated in every game and is the only player in the league enjoying this reputation.

Reading believes working in pairs. The Fritz group their first two games and on each occasion the score was 22-21. In the last two games played they hit two and the totals each time were 19-18.

Joe Foxarty is out of a job in the Eastern League as player, although he is coaching at Swarthmore and Aberfoote, of Chester. And perhaps some manager won't make a wise move to sign the old boy as an extra man and adviser.

Joe Droufos has fallen way off in his shooting in the last three games. The St. Norbert captain has only made a single field goal in three starts. Something unusual for Joe.

Three Germantown players have scored in every game but one. They are Black, Lawrence and Franckle. "Cy" Simindinger, who has participated in every game, but last night's and has only compiled two field goals in eight games.

George Zahn, the well-known local coach, leaves today for Lancaster, N. H., where he will begin preparations to coach the Dartmouth team. He said that the material in very poor. The schedule calls for twenty-five games. Zahn's friends are confident he will make good.

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

Morris Tome is away off in shooting and this accounts in a large measure for low Trenton scores. The big center has not scored a single field goal in the last four games, something decidedly unusual for him.

Eleven field goals in two games is certainly a record for a player. That is the effort of Eddie White, the Bridgeport boy, in the two games he has played for Trenton, and which were both won by his individual effort. The Pottery has only used him when in a pinch but he appears to be a top value to be acting the role of pinch hitter.