

ONLY ARMY-NAVY MEN WHO COULD BE RECOGNIZED AT POLO GROUNDS WERE DANIELS AND BAKER

ARMY AND NAVY GAME MARRED BY TOO MUCH "SAFETY-FIRST" PLAY

Brand of Football Was as Impressive as the Drab, Damp and Dismal Atmospheric Conditions, and Both Sides Used Old-Style, Slam-Bang Attack

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

The Navy refused to fall for the old Army game Saturday and annexed a victory on a sloppy, slippery, slimy gridiron by the score of 6 to 0.

Taking it all in all, the brand of football played by the rival schools was as impressive as the atmospheric conditions. It was a terrible day for any kind of sport, a steady drizzle falling throughout the four periods, and a nice, healthy, strong fog settled over the field in the last half just to make it more uncomfortable.

There was nothing spectacular in the contest, everything being drab, damp and dismal. The only heroes were the several thousand spectators who sat in the open stands with stoic indifference to the rain, which spoiled a couple of million dollars' worth of wearing apparel.

Both teams played "safety first" football. They refused to take any chances on the attack or defense, froze on to the ball and waited for the other side to make a mistake.

The Navy had the ball most of the time because the West Pointers usually kicked on the second or third down. That was pretty good generalship, for it forced the Middies to do lots of work and the backfield men were all used up when the ball was carried inside of the 25-yard line.

SUBMARINE football was used almost exclusively. Most of the plays were directed at the line and there was no open football. The few forward passes attempted were very bad and not one was completed.

Navy Team, Though Light, Was Well Trained

IT MUST be said, however, that Gilmore Dobie, head coach at the Navy, had a well-trained team. The line, from end to end, outplayed its opponents and worked beautifully with the backfield. Outweighed many pounds to the man, the smaller athletes had it all over the big guys like a tent.

Dobie probably had many open plays, but none was attempted because of the rain and wet field. When it was learned that ground could be gained on straight line plunges, everything else was forgotten and the attack consisted of bucks through center, off tackle, an occasional end run, two reverse plays and one lateral pass.

The value of a direct pass was proved by the Navy. The backfield men got the ball from the center and, despite the mud and slippery condition of the oval, only one fumble was made, and that was recovered by the runner.

The only new stunt pulled during the game was a quick kick from punt formation by the Army. This was a very effective play, and with a man like McQuarrie to boot the ball, many yards were gained.

Had the field been dry, perhaps the Navy would have done better work and scored a couple of touchdowns. As it was, the Middies had to use up all of their energy carrying the ball down the field on straight line plunges and could not produce that final punch to put over a touchdown.

THE fact that the Navy made sixteen first downs to none for the Army and was unable to push a man over the line for a score shows there was a lot of useless running in the game. That was because the Army always kicked the ball out of danger, while the Middies carried it down the field against stiff opposition.

Rules Should Compel Numbering of Players

WHEN the rules committee meets this winter it should adopt a rule making it compulsory for every player on the football field to wear a number. At present the only thing in the rules is a note in italics which says: "The committee recommends that all players be numbered."

In the Army-Navy game some 45,000 spectators were present and nine-tenths were unable to identify a single player. As a result no one knew what was going on, no one knew who was carrying the ball and even the newspaper men had to do considerable guessing.

If the newspaper men are unable to identify the players, what chance is there for the public to find out? It must be remembered that the public pays the expenses and makes possible the building of huge stadiums and should be satisfied to some consideration.

At present only five teams refuse to adopt the system. They are Yale, Harvard, Princeton, West Point and Annapolis. It is claimed that numbering the men gives the opposition scouts a better line on the star players. This is all bunk.

WHEN teams like Penn State, Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Cornell, Dartmouth and W. and J. wear numbers, why not the others? It's up to the rules committee to do something.

Successful Season for Independent Football

INDEPENDENT football had a big season around Philadelphia, because the teams played clean games and adhered to the highest standards of sportsmanship. Once upon a time an outside football game was considered too rough to be taken seriously, and as a result the fans refused to attend because of the constant squabbling.

This year, however, things have changed. An independent football game is as well conducted as the college contests, the fans turn out in big numbers and thoroughly enjoy the sport. There are no fat fights and every game is decided on its merits.

There is no reason why an athlete who never has been to college should be deprived of a chance to play football. He can join an independent club and derive the benefits of the game the same as his more fortunate brothers.

Around Philadelphia we have such teams as Vincoise, Holmesburg, Conshohocken, Frankford, Ewing, Hobart and Victoria, and in Jersey there are the Riverside and Rivercrest clubs. These teams plan to play all this month, and followers of football will make no mistake in attending the games.

It is a pity that Vincoise called off a regularly scheduled game this fall and now Holmesburg refuses to listen to overtures for a post-season battle. Manager McDonald, of Vincoise, admits he made a big mistake and takes all of the blame, but hopes to straighten out the difficulties in a short time.

FINK AND MATURO OPEN CUE JOURNEY

Ralph vs. Layton, Allen vs. Kreuter and Greenleaf vs. Concanon Clash on Inaugural Card PLAY AT PARKWAY BUILDING

By JAMES S. CAROLAN

The national pocket billiard championship gets under way at the Parkway Building, Broad and Cherry streets, this afternoon.

Eight of the ten entries will take part in the opening day's play, four competing this afternoon and four this evening.

As a result of the draw, Morris Fink, of the Iowa Philadelphia entry, opens the play against James Maturo, of Denver. They cross cues at 2 o'clock.

The day's schedule follows: 2 p. m.—First game, Morris Fink, Philadelphia, vs. James Maturo, Denver; second game, John M. Layton, Sedalia, Mo., vs. E. L. Ralph, Hightstown, N. J.

The other two entries, Jerome Knogh, of Rochester, and Charles Seaback, of Hartford, will get under way tomorrow. At the special meeting between the officials and the players no action was taken on the suggested elimination of the safety.

A special set of ivory balls will be used exclusively in the championship play. Charles C. Peterson, of St. Louis, will be the referee. He officiated in the national billiard and three-cushion tournaments. H. B. Benjamin is general manager of the tournament.

Each match will be 125 points. Willie Hoppe, world's billiard king, will be among those present this evening when the cueists clash. The cue wizard will journey over from New York for opening night.

URSINUS IS PENN'S FIRST CAGE RIVAL

Red and Blue Tossers Open Season With Collegeville Team on Saturday

Basketball is ready now to blossom forth as the leading college sport, succeeding football, the 1919 gridiron season having ended with the Army-Navy game on Saturday.

At the University of Pennsylvania Coach Lou Jordan is preparing to avoid together another title-winning quarter. If Jordan's tossers can annex the intercollegiate cage title again this season, it will be given permanent possession of the Hoppe trophy.

Penn's cage season will open this coming Saturday night when the Red and Blue tossers meet Ursinus, at Weightman Hall. Eddie McNeill, a former Penn cage star and captain, who is coaching the Penn freshmen basketballers, announces that the yearlings will play La Salle prior to the Penn-Ursinus contest.

With the Ursinus game, Penn will start an active cage season. In addition to the league games with Cornell, Yale, Princeton, Columbia and Harvard, the Red and Blue tossers will meet Swarthmore, Penn State, Delaware, Lafayette, Haverford, C. C. of N. Y., and other colleges.

EIKS' BOXING TOURNAMENT

The next of the series of amateur boxing tournaments conducted by the Athletic Association of Philadelphia will be held on the nights of December 10 and 11 at the University City Y. M. C. A. building.

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WHEN A FELLER NEEDS A FRIEND



SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPS AND SCRAPPERS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

THERE is to be no change in the wind-up at the Olympia tonight. Patsy Johnson, the booming bantam who hails from Teenton, N. J., will start from the opposite corner against Champion Pete Herman at the tingle of the gong beginning the headline fight.

Joe Lench, who suffered a sprained hand against Jack Wolfe, has been matched for a bout Saturday night at the National against Roy Moore.

Two American boxers are on their way across the deep blue. They are Pat Moore, bantam, and Johnny Griffith, welterweight. The former is due to meet London, the Frenchman, in London December 28, and Griffith will box Johnny Hanson the same night.

Jack Britton and Billy Ryan, of Cincinnati, box in Canton, O., at the McKinney A. C. It was at the same club Britton won the waterweight title by knocking out Joe Lewis.

Lesler Jackson—Terry McGovern was guaranteed \$500 for his bout with Battling Nelson here. The bout was staged at the National Club. Joe Gann was supposed to have been the hardest puncher and clearest boxer in the game.

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AMERICAN COLLEGE GAMES FAR OUTDRAW THOSE IN ENGLAND

Big Football Skirmish Will Draw Ten Times as Many Spectators as a Rugby Title Clash Will Attract. British Professional Matches Draw Big

IN THE SPOTLIGHT—BY GRANTLAND RICE

The Song of the Rattlesnake

I make my way by woodland here, Or lie at rest by lonesome larch, And those who linger by will hear My tail strike up the Funeral March.

Just one word from my bitter tongue— A coil—a leap—a sudden dart— And cold breath clogs within the lung— The blood congeals around the heart.

God pity him who stops my dream By moor or meadow, cape or fen; By barren hill or singing stream, For he shall never dream again.

But only one shall lightly trip Across my seas, or mock my view, Whose carrier at his lip A quart or more of Mountain Dew.

THE thrill, the color, the dash, the general ensemble, the human yearning to go with the crowd—all help to put football out in front.

IF ONE were to make a list of the exceptional achievements turned out by football eleven in the way of heavy scoring the following would be included:

Pittsburgh, 29; West Virginia, 0. Syracuse, 24; Pittsburgh, 3. West Virginia, 25; Princeton, 0. Georgia Tech, 27; Georgetown, 0. These were all eleven supposed to be equally matched.

YET in these individual contests the winners happened to be at top form and the break of the game was such they were able to make a runaway contest of what ordinarily would have been a 50-50 mix-up.

Crowning Achievements

EVEN in the East, without covering more ground, one might select an all-star backfield and then pick another just as good. One favorite selection has been Boynton, of Williams; Trimble and Caser, of Princeton, and Harvard, with Rodgers, of West Virginia.

But who can say this is a greater backfield than Way, of Penn State; Davies, of Pittsburgh; Erwig, of Syracuse, and Robertson, of Dartmouth? For a third group there would be Strubing, of Princeton; Ellison, of W. and J.; Braden, of Yale, and Gillo, of Colgate.

THEY are as numerous this season as the brown leaves that flutter down from the maples and the oaks.

Wake Up!

Pink sunlight on the whin; A fairway, green and far; Two shots up to the pin— A putt that shatters par— Then some one yells, "WAKE UP!"

Table listing various theaters and their shows, including Alhambra, Apollo, Arcadia, Bluebird, Broadway, Capitol, Colonial, Empress, Fairmount, Family, 56th St. Theatre, Franklyn, Great Northern, Imperial, Leader, Liberty, 333 Market, Model, Overbrook, Broad St. Auditorium, and Eureka.