Eastern Championship in Collegiate Football Is Awarded Penn State Team by Robert W. Maxwell

PENN STATE RANKED FIRST AMONG TEAMS IN EASTERN SECTION

Nittany Eleven Had Harder Schedule and Played Best Football, Says Bob Maxwell—Lafayette Is Placed in Second Position

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THE 1921 football season which has just ended furnished the usual thrills and upsets that usually characterize the greatest of all autumn sports. Good teams which had pleasing prospects at the start of the schedule did not look so good after a few games were played, and others seemed to improve with age. Now that everything is all washed up and only a few exhibition contests—meaning nothing, remember, we have four undefeated teams in this section of the country, and each of the four not only desires but demands serious recognition for championship honors.

Every year a few of the jurisdictional critics step out in the open, hand out their official guess on which teams were the best and then listen to the frantic howls from the teams which have been overlooked. Anyway, there is nothing official about it, and perhaps none few will be pleased. Therefore we are ready for the ranking of the first ten teams in the East, according to our idea.

Having won a big majority of the Eastern teams in action at close range, in the capacity of a guarantee bill, we take the liberty of submitting the following:

1. Penn State	6. Navy
2. Lafayette	7. Yale
3. Cornell	8. Princeton
4. Harvard	9. Pittsburgh
5. Washington and Jefferson	10. Syracuse

Penn State, to us and, always, the Eastern champions, Hugo Bezdek's team went through the season without a defeat, one the toughest opponents they could and succeeded in doing what the fans wondered if they had a home grounds and the edge on a rain at Syracuse.

When Harvard was going good and strong the Crimson athletes were in good shape. State won the Crimson game and gave a 21-0 win. This was a great accomplishment, for it was a mighty good team to beat Harvard even on Soldiers Field. The team were the team traveled to New York and defeated Georgia Tech. The Atlanta eleven is considered one of the strongest in the country, and that game was a real victory. After that Carnegie Tech and the Navy were defeated, and a victory over Pittsburgh Pitt.

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THE OLD Gold and Black, Penn State, not all opponents, dodged no opponents, won through a hard schedule and has yet to lose a game. A record like that is a thing not to be mentioned, and we believe the Nittany Nomads are entitled to all the honors which honors that are lying around loose.

State's Opponents Harder Than Lafayette's

LAST Thursday, after the Penn State game in Pittsburgh, a number of coaches gathered in the Schenley Hotel and spelled a lot of talk about the last season. Lafayette was mentioned, and Foster Sanford, the Rutgers tutor, defied anyone to pick a better team than the Maroon and White.

"Lafayette could trim State any time they played," said Sanford emphatically. "That team is the best in the East, by far. Sutherland's eleven would have an easy time of it."

Sanford was serious about it, and his knowledge of football cannot be questioned. However, we are inclined to put the Engineers in second place, not that we doubt the ability of the team nor have we any idea of belittling the wonderful record, but because of the schedule. Lafayette defeated Pittsburgh early in the season, and after that the hard games were against Rutgers, Penn and Lehigh. True, the team won all of its games and played wonderful football, but the caliber of the opponents was not the same as State's.

There has been some talk about the eligibility of some of the Lafayette players. We are not taking this into consideration, nor are we paying any attention to it. Every time a small college turns out a good team the finger of suspicion is pointed at it. Without going into any lengthy discussion or arguing for either side, it seems to us that the college has eligibility rules, knows how to enforce them and it is their business and no one else's. The day of the ringer has passed. Students play the game and the college authorities should know which is which.

Cornell is awarded third place, before State and Lafayette, despite its string of victories. The Ithacans had a powerful eleven, but it is our opinion that State and Lafayette had to meet harder opponents in the season. Gil Dobie came through with flying colors and built up a wonderful team from poor material.

There is likely to be some argument over the selection of Harvard for fourth place. The Crimson lost to Centre and Princeton, but that was all. A very hard schedule was played, the best teams in the East, South and West were met and consistent football was played.

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WE BELIEVE that Harvard, on the day we played Yale, could have given any team in the country a stiff argument, and it is on the condition and playing at the team on November 19 that we are placing the Crimson above Washington and Jefferson.

Washington and Jefferson Undefeated

BECAUSE Washington and Jefferson also went through without a defeat, Greasy Neale's team is given fifth place. There is no doubt that the Presidents had the goods this season, but it was impossible to get a line on them through comparative scores. Syracuse, Lehigh, Pitt and West Virginia were defeated, but other teams also scored victories. Just the same, W. and J. stands out in front and should be congratulated on its showing.

The Navy had three hard games this fall. Princeton and the Army were defeated, but Penn State won by the score of 13 to 7. The Middies had a powerful eleven. The offense was consistently strong, the backfield men were well coached and the line did well on the defense. It was one of the best-balanced teams we saw in action.

Yale lands in second place despite the fact that only one game was lost. The Blue had a fairly easy time of it this year and the schedule was not at all difficult. Tad Jones has laid the foundations for a wonderful team next year, but in 1921 it was one year away.

Princeton had a bad season, due chiefly to injuries. Lourie and Garrity were out of the game most of the time and, in the final battle with Yale, Keck was taken out. The Tigers lost to the Navy, Chicago and Yale, but won from Harvard. It seems strange to place them in the eighth notch, but according to our dope that's where they belong.

Pittsburgh lost more games this year than at any other time since Glenn Warner took charge in 1915. In six seasons previous to this, Syracuse and State won games. This year Lafayette, Nebraska and Washington and Jefferson triumphed. The team looked very good at the start, but could not get going.

Syracuse closed. Two games were lost to Pitt and Washington and Jefferson. For the season was considered a success because of victories over Dartmouth and Colgate.

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NOW, one last, all hope. Percentage games were not used in selection the teams, but the work of the players in the big games taken as a season.

Quakers and Frankford Play a Scoreless Tie

THE best exponents of soccer in this city are idle, and will not be until a week from next Saturday, when, it is rumored, the Philadelphia Quakers and Frankford will clash again in the Pitt game. Last Saturday the teams battled on a slippery gridiron in a drizzle of rain, and neither side was able to score.

The game was played during one of the heaviest weather, and the 10,000 spectators were in for a real treat in the performance. The former college stars could not get going, but the local professionals showed and carried the ball well.

Old—[illegible] Quakers and Frankford should be tried and true made consistent gaining drives. Both sides had the upper condition of the half, forward passing was used to draw the secondary defense closer to the line of scrimmage. This encouraged the defense against line plays and there was little gaining.

Modern football begins from the forward pass circus. The secondary defense usually plays about 5 yards back to guard against unexpected passes, and this weakens the rush line. With the right passing, it is impossible to stop the line attacks. State was fairly lucky in this in the Pitt game last Thursday.

Heinie Miller was majestic throughout in the third period of pleasing soccer football. He ran after the ball on a forward pass, but he had a good excuse. The signal for a fair was given and Heinie ran down the field to catch the kick. Instead of boosting the ball, Miller hurled a forward pass, and when it was grounded Miller placed it as he would a punt.

The game was hard fought and the Frankford fans were out in good numbers. They like football as well as they do support the game.

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NEXT Saturday the Quakers will play the Canton Bulldogs. The Westerners are expected to arrive tomorrow and will begin work for the contest.

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CANTON BULLDOGS WIN

Defeat Washington Eleven 15 to 0 To Come eHere Tuesday

Washington, Nov. 28.—On a slippery gridiron, the Washington and Canton football elevens fought a great battle yesterday at American League Park, the visiting team winning, 15 to 0. Harry Robb, former Penn State and Columbia player, was the mainstay of the Canton offense.

Robb, only a month ago one of Washington's best backs, turned on his former teammates yesterday, and carried the major portion of the Canton attack. Were the all-American tackle of 1919 on Colgate scored the three points for Canton in the first period, on a placement kick from the 21 yard line.

Manager Ralph Hay, of the Bulldogs, [illegible] and arranged a game with the Philadelphia Quakers to be played in Philadelphia next Saturday for the professional football championship of America.

Canton leaves here on Tuesday morning and will practice in Philadelphia the rest of the week. Caius and Guyon, noted Indian players, were in the Washington line-up against the Bulldogs.

LEONARD IS SORE AT N. Y. COMMISH

Champion Threatens Not to Defend His Title Unless Rules Are Changed

BENNY GIVES REASONS

By LOUIS H. JAFFE

BENNY LEONARD has started a little "war" all his own over in New York. This means, and it is intimated by the champion, that he will not be seen in action there—much, until the commission changes some of its rules. The titleholder's grievances toward the board controlling boxing in Gotham will result in Benny appearing more often in Philadelphia rings and other places where the art of fisticuffs is permissable.

Having decided absolutely that he will not defend his lightweight crown under the present code of the New York State Commission, the only chance of Leonard boxing in the big city will be against welterweights—in other words, in matches where there will not be a chance of jeopardizing his 135-pound diadem. Benny has a number of reasons for taking this stand, and he isn't at all backward in mentioning at least two of them.

It isn't that Leonard is afraid to give any of the lightweight contenders a chance at knocking him from his throne—far be it from that, says Benny. But Leonard doesn't like the idea of having his title decided away in a secret blanket verdict of two judges and a referee. Rather than that the titleholder will show his wares in "no-decision" localities, which means that Philadelphia will be one of his favorite spots. And Benny has a tremendous following in this city.

Money Reason

But the "secret verdict" isn't the real reason for Leonard being "all burnt up"—as they say, at the Commission. Leonard is a regular champion and has no fear for any of the lightweights looming on his trail at the present time, despite the fact that he might be slipping. Not one man in the lightweight group is being credited as a dangerous foe for the clever, experienced and hard-punching Benny. Really, he is in a class by himself.

Chief of Leonard's complaints against the Boxing Board in New York is its recent rule in which guarantees are being eliminated and limiting promoters to offer only 50 per cent to star attractions. Benny feels that this regulation is a direct blow at his earning ability, and he can't see it at all.

For instance—as Leonard explains—if a bout in which he is a principal draws a gate of $150,000, his share would be limited to a division of $75,000, while the other 50 per cent goes to the promoters. He figures that his unusual ability to attract big crowds should not go to fatten the bank rolls of any promoter—in this case, Tex Rickard in particular.

Interprets Rule

This rule, as Leonard interprets it, amounts to dictation to him and his manager, Billy Gibson, as to the price he deems his services worth. There is no other constituted body in New York or anywhere else, he says, that would attempt to limit the earning capacity, of, say, an opera star, or any other public entertainer of extraordinary ability. Why, therefore, should the board attempt to regulate the value of his unapproachable talents? Leonard asks, when the public is willing to pay for them.

Leonard is being supported in his contention by a number of other star boxers and their managers, and it may mean a general "war." If it does, Philadelphia will reap the benefit of seeing top notch mittmen perform, and it will mean a big boost for the game in this city.

Scraps About Scrappers

Johnny Kilbane [illegible] Philadelphia [illegible] the National Sporting Club [illegible] Lightweight crown [illegible] Harvard, the best [illegible] Harvard [illegible] Tech [illegible] toughest [illegible] Harvard [illegible] Tech [illegible] punisher of the Philadelphia lightweights and may make a successful comeback toward the top of the game if not rushed too quickly.

Two boxers under the tutelage of Johnny Kilbane will make their respective debuts in this city at the National Saturday night. They are Johnny Mellenhill, lightweight, and Owen O'Malley, bantam. Mellenhill's opponent will be Eddie Demmer and O'Malley's [illegible] Jimmy Livingston. Both bouts are [illegible] Sammy Dorfman of New York, and Bobby Abrams of [illegible] Mellenhill.

Al Zeimer, [illegible] at the La Palaire [illegible] Young Mahoney [illegible] Harry Fox [illegible] Young Mahoney [illegible] Harry Fox [illegible] Harry Fox [illegible] numbers.

William Finney, former amateur [illegible] boxing [illegible] Baltimore [illegible] Tech [illegible] in the ring [illegible] Finney [illegible] Tech [illegible] Finney [illegible] Tech [illegible] Finney [illegible] Tech