

WEST VIRGINIA MOUNTAINEERS' DEW TO DISCOVER MORE THAN BLIND TIGER AT PRINCETON

BEATING GREEN ON HOME LOT BIG JOB EVEN FOR COLGATE

Larry Bankhart's Boys Have Real Task Tomorrow, as Dartmouth Has Lost Only Two Games at Hanover in Last 19 Years—Undefeated Since 1905

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UP IN that little town of Hanover, situated in the New Hampshire hills, will be played tomorrow afternoon the most important football game in the country. Colgate, conqueror of Cornell, Brown and Princeton, will meet Dartmouth, another undefeated team, and the result will go a long way toward deciding the championship of the East. There are other "big" battles on the card, like Princeton and West Virginia, Penn and Penn State, Lehigh and Pittsburgh and Lafayette and Cornell, but this tilt staged up in that one-horse town has it on them like a tent.

At this time of the year all of the football teams are far advanced, they have completed their preliminary training, the varsities have been selected and everything is in readiness for some pretty stiff games. For that reason we must pause for an instant and note in passing that Yale is risking everything in a game with Maryland State and Harvard is taking a big chance with Springfield Training School. It takes a lot of nerve to stage games like that so late in the season.

However, colleges outside of the exclusive set are occupying the spotlight these days, and Colgate and Dartmouth have the center of the stage. According to the dope, Colgate should win; but when the old tradition is dragged out, Dartmouth has the edge by a wide margin.

Here is the low-down on the conflict: Dartmouth is playing on its own home lot and the Green eleven is mighty hard to beat up in Hanover. This is not hearsay, but can be proved by the musty old dope. In nineteen years Dartmouth has lost exactly two games. That's a pretty good record for any team. Back in 1901 Amherst put over an unexpected victory and in 1905 Colgate turned the trick. If the Hamiltonians win it will be the first defeat suffered by the men of Hanover in fourteen seasons.

THIS wonderful record is due, of course, to the fact that Dartmouth plays most of its big games away from home. Just the same, it is very unusual and no one would be greatly surprised if Colgate bit the dust.

Colgate Was Prepared Early in Season

AS WAS said before, Colgate is the favorite in the conflict, but such should not be the case. Dartmouth has an exceptionally strong team and cannot be counted out until the final whistle blows. The line is considered the best in the country, and the backfield, with Robertson on the job to boot drop-kicks any place inside the 55-yard line, will cause trouble for any eleven. Colgate has had considerable luck this season. Not that the team is not a good one or anything like that, but the "big" opponents have been woefully weak. Cornell is not up to her usual standard, Brown was played early in the season and Princeton has not yet hit her stride. Larry Bankhart had his eleven ready three weeks ago and just walked over the others.

That game with Princeton, however, gives one food for thought. The Maroon team won by one touchdown, but those who saw the battle say it should have been a tie score. Perhaps Princeton was stronger than was expected or Colgate was overrated, but whatever it was, the Hamiltonians did not appear so formidable as was expected.

Dartmouth, on the other hand, played a very impressive game against Cornell in New York and proved beyond question of doubt that the team must be seriously considered. Colgate will not have an easy time of it, and if it plays like it did last Saturday it is our guess that Dartmouth will win. At any rate, the game will be a hard one and a victory for either side will not cause much surprise.

Penn and Pitt Face Strong Teams

THE University of Pennsylvania has a very good team this year and will have a hard tryout against Penn State. The latter eleven is coached by Hugo Bezdek, manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates, and Hugo is a big league coach. He has a husky gang of athletes on his eleven and will give Penn a tough battle. State was defeated by Dartmouth two weeks ago, but has improved considerably since then.

Penn, however, has the best eleven in years and will not be taken by surprise. Bob Folwell has the players working together and is not worrying over the outcome.

Pitt will not have an easy time of it against Lehigh. The Panthers, after going through four seasons without being defeated by a college team, were smared by Syracuse, but came back strong against Georgia Tech last Saturday. Lehigh, however, will be a different proposition. Tom Keady has a well-coached team and, playing on the home grounds and before a home crowd, there will be plenty of action.

Pittsburgh is not so strong as in previous years. The players are not there and the only thing that gets them by is the coaching of Glenn Warner. Here is one case where the coach virtually makes the team. Warner has worked hard with his men, learned the things they can do and coached them along the lines of least resistance. His backfield is not in the best of shape, and that is the strongest part of his team.

Lehigh beat Rutgers early in the season and is confident of handling the same treatment to Pittsburgh. Still, you never can tell, in football.

No Soft Game for Princeton

NO MATTER what happens, you must hand it to Princeton this year. Bill Roper started the season with only one letter man on his squad, developed an entirely new team and played the hardest schedule of any of the so-called "Big Three." Tomorrow he mingles with the powerful aggregation from West Virginia, and there will be something doing.

The Mountaineers are strong this year, despite the 26-to-0 defeat handed out by Pitt. They are every bit as good as Princeton, the players have been together longer and are more advanced in team play. This is the big game on West Virginia's schedule, while Princeton must be careful and take no chances with the Harvard game only one week away.

For that reason the Southerners will have a big advantage. They can try everything they have, use up all of the players if necessary and take chances, while Princeton must be careful for the game on November 8.

Rogers is one of the best backfield men in the country and will surprise the crowd at Princeton. He does everything—punt, run the ends, buck the line, throw the forward pass and back up the line on the defense, and will be very much in evidence.

Harvard Already Preparing for the Tiger

WITH only tomorrow's Springfield game between them and the Princeton battle, the Crimson players are already hard at work for their annual tilt with the Tiger. The Harvard coaches who saw Princeton play Colgate are of the opinion that the Tiger offense is very weak as far as straight football is concerned, and with this idea in their minds, they have been giving the Crimson long and thorough drills in the art of breaking up the Princeton forward pass.

Princeton has a bunch of fine tossing plays, and it is not impossible that these may be used as the nucleus of Princeton's offense against both Harvard and Yale. At any rate Harvard fears nothing, apparently, from Princeton except these plays, and the secondary defense has been well drilled in blocking down, intercepting them and diagnosing a play which has the forward pass as a possibility.

SOMEBODY IS ALWAYS TAKING THE JOY OUT OF LIFE



WEST VIRGINIA TEAM HERE TO POLISH UP ROUGH EDGES

Team Works Out on Franklin Field Preparing for Old Nassau Battle Tomorrow at Princeton

PLAYERS ARE IN SHAPE

By SPICK HALL
WEST VIRGINIA's Tiger-hungry squad of footballers arrived in Philadelphia this morning. They were scheduled to take their final workout for tomorrow's tilt with Princeton on Franklin Field this afternoon by special invitation of the Penn team, which was booked to do its finishing for Penn State at Haverford.

The West Virginians had their last hard tussel yesterday afternoon on the home turf at Morgantown. The team is not in the best of shape, according to rumor, but, of course, this is old stuff. An eleven these days is always on the verge of physical collapse just before the big game. The star performers are crippled and general depression radiates from the gridiron camps.

Strong Eleven
But when the whistle blows for the opening kick-off in Palmer Stadium up at Princeton tomorrow, West Virginia will have a powerful aggregation in the field against the Orange and Black.

Princeton again has been working all week behind barred gates, but it is known that there has been a lot of improvement even over the good form they displayed against Colgate last Saturday. All that the Tigers want tomorrow is to get the decision over West Virginia. They are not attempting to rival Pennsylvania in piling up a record count. Their object is to beat Harvard and Yale. Other things don't count.

Roper gave the Princeton just emerging from the Colgate encounter, will be a real Tiger.
"West Virginia's special prepara-



—Photo by White
Captain C. W. McGraw, of the West Virginia team, will lead his team against Princeton tomorrow afternoon in the stadium at Princeton. He began the season at tackle, but has been shifted to guard.

a month. The mountaineers on the eve of the Pitt game were in the best shape, physically and mentally, that any West Virginia eleven has ever been for a big game. Yet Pitt won 26 to 0 in a game in which Pitt, of course, played great football, but in which the big feature was the poor playing of the mountaineers.

Coach Saw Tigers
"Every follower of the West Virginia team believes it is a great eleven. They believe that fact is going to be demonstrated at some time during the present season, and many think that the Princeton game will be the occasion for the demonstration. But the majority of people, including Coach McIntire, believe that Princeton has a decided edge for Saturday. West Virginia has had two easy games, while Princeton, just emerging from the Colgate encounter, will be a real Tiger.

English Champ Beats "Gunboat"
San Francisco, Oct. 31.—Ray McCormick, light heavyweight champion of England, was given a decision over "Gunboat" Smith in a four-round bout here last night.

Hard to Dope Out Eleven's Strength After Crushing Defeat by Pitt Early in Season

BACKFIELD IS STRONG

tion for the Princeton game has been satisfactory. Coach Shelton, who watched Princeton play Colgate, did not get back till Tuesday.

"Rogers is playing the greatest football of his career and who is leading players of the whole country at scoring, is going like a house a fire in practice and in the comparatively easy games that the varsity has had both before and after the Pitt struggle. Harrick, Batley, Joe, Archer and the other linemen and ends are likewise in as good shape as any trainer could ask of a team at midseason. In the backfield Hite at quarter and Hill at halfback, the two new men injected after the Pitt game to speed up the offense, have shown excellent form and with King and Rodgers make a combination of backs that has never been excelled at West Virginia for all-round brilliancy."

The men who made the trip were Captain Rodgers, fullback; King, Hill, Leutz and Dawson, halfbacks; Hite, Neale and Lewis, quarterbacks; Hager, Mills, Martin and Brooks, ends; Harrick, Archer and Setron, tackles; Joe, Kay and McCue, guards, and Bailey and Emsweller, centers.

Ban Would Ban Shine Ball, Spitter and Freak Pitching

Chicago, Oct. 31.—President Ban Johnson, of the American League, last night requested August Herrmann, chairman of the National Commission, and John A. Heydler, president of the National League, to call a joint meeting of the rules committee of the two leagues to take action in regard to the abolition of the "spit ball," the "shine ball" and other freak pitching deliveries.

President Johnson said these deliveries should be legislated out of the major leagues. He also has several suggestions to make on the scoring rules.

SHOOTERS TO SPEAK UP

Annual American Trapshooting Body to Meet in Open Session
New York, Oct. 31.—The annual meeting of the American Trapshooting Association will be held at the Hotel Astor on November 6 and 7.

The trapshooter will for the first time have a chance of airing his views on the sport that he makes possible. Some of the topics that will come up for discussion are:

The sending of a representative American trapshooting team to the Olympic games in 1920.
The 1920 Grand American handicap trapshooting tournament.

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PENN SHOULD SHOW AS ONE OF GREATEST TEAMS OF ALL TIME

More Than a Few Observers Believe Red and Blue Has Best Eleven in America—J. Predominates Among Heavyweight Champions

IN THE SPORTLIGHT—By GRANTLAND RICE
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Confessions of a Tackling Dummy
When you think that Fate has croaked you
Or that Destiny has soaked you,
And that Life is full of indigo and trouble;
When you're jolted hard or faded
And the outlook's worse than faded
And the luck that goes against you seems to double;
Ere you start in yelping vainly
Or to clamoring profanely
With a wail of woe across the dreary dunes,
Pause a moment, I beseech you
And permit this point to reach you—
Only think of how I spend my afternoons.

When your labor finds you weary
With the future dim and dreary
And you envy some one else's occupation,
When your brain begins to throbb
And you're dead sore on your job,
As a list of others comes in contemplation;
Ere you think how soft the big
Of the other fellow is
Herein note a healthy tip that I am giving—
You should take your work up gladly
And begin to cheering madly—
Only think of how I have to earn a living!

WHY does the J predominate in the fight game? There was or is—J. Mace, J. Kilrain, J. Sullivan, J. Corbett, J. Jeffries, J. Johnson, J. Willard and J. Dempsey. Every heavyweight champion for the last thirty-five or forty years has had J. for his leading initial with the exception of Fitzsimmons. In digging up a suitable opponent for Dempsey the first move should be to locate the letter J.

DEMPSEY was keen enough to interpolate the winning letter before he struck a blow in his first fight.

Penn's Test

THERE are more than a few wise observers who believe that Pennsylvania has the best eleven in America. Penn now has a great chance to carry this proof well forward in her next three games when she tackles Penn State, Dartmouth and Pittsburgh in order. Coach Folwell undoubtedly has a brilliant backfield and fine ends. He has an attack of unusual speed and power. In fact, unless all indications slip a number of cogs, he has the best Penn eleven of many years, one of those old-time Red and Blue machines that were not to be beaten.

LEHIGH has held up notably this season, and if it can slip by Pittsburgh on Saturday it must be given serious consideration as one of the star teams of the East.

WHAT'S the matter with W. and J.? writes a W. and J. student. According to Syracuse, there is virtually nothing the matter with W. & J. that the naked eye can detect upon short notice.

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