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Navy Trails Army's Colors in Annual Football Battle--Atlanta Ideal Camp

NAVY VANQUISHES ARMY IN GRIDIRON CLASSIC

Dalton's Goal From Field Turns Scoreless Tie Into Glorious Victory--Middies Have Best of Argument at Nearly All Points.

By WILLIAM PEET. Philadelphia, Nov. 26--Uncle Sam's Middies to-day got sweet revenge over their rivals from West Point for the licking handed out by the Army two years ago.

Navy won the annual gridiron classic in the final quarter of play, a neatly executed kick from placement from the 30-yard line by Dalton, the crack left half back, turning a likely looking scoreless tie into a glorious victory.

Both elevens presented wonderfully strong rush lines, and before the game had gone three minutes it was evident to all that a goal from the field or a fluke would turn the tide.

The ball was carried very little by rushing, and driven back and forth a great deal by kicking. In no game of consequence this year has kicking played so prominent a part in the result and the aspects of the game as they unfolded, and in no game has the relative influence of kicking so exceeded that of the rushing.

The Navy's offense in rushing was just about twice as productive as the Army's, but not good enough to produce a score, while neither team had an offense that was first class, even as offenses go this season.

The rushing game this year has been decidedly ineffectual as compared to other seasons, but taking that as a standard the offense to-day was weak. Play Mostly in Army's Territory. The Navy, however, was pegging away frequently at the Army's goal line, because far the greater part of the play was in the Army's territory.

The Navy often suddenly jumped into an advantageous position by punting on a punt sent well into Army territory, and misbanded by an Army back. Thrown back in their attempts to penetrate the Army defense and get over the goal line by that method, the Navy found it expedient to repeat field goals.

Seven times Dalton tried a field goal, six of them place kicks from scrimmage and one a second kick, and the last time he sent the ball true and gave Navy the latter's three points. In trying these basement kicks from scrimmage, Dalton stood close to his line, and he had to kick quickly. The success of his belated field goal was partly due to the quick, deft handling of Sowell, who took the ball from the center and placed it down for the kick.

Navy Blundered Here. On a previous attempt the Navy was close to the Army's goal line and had less than 2 yards to go for a first down. Another rush might have been better policy just at that time, especially as the Navy had just been doing its best bit of sustained rushing of the game. But criticism always can be made of a move which is not crowned with success.

At still another time there was an attempted field goal by the Navy which, without doubt, in the playing reading up to it, was poor judgment. The ball was in good position for a field goal, directly in front of the goal posts. It was the second down. Another rush was tried, an end run, but it carried the ball to the side of the field and the field goal was tried from that far less advantageous position.

The first quarter of the game was very slow. Plays were run off slowly, and the quarter passed without either team getting warmed up. The second quarter was an improvement, and the third quarter still more of an improvement, with the play quickening as it went along. It became more positive, fiercer, less as the players got out of the feeling of stage fright and out of their apparently hesitating and uncertain attitude.

Through team precision and effective striking in formations, as well as effective formations themselves, were lacking, there was a great deal of splendid individual playing. This was particularly true of the line men. In breaking through, following the ball, and, above all, in clear, hard tackling, the game brought out a lot of good football, which helped the game as a spectacle. In the fulfillment of definite purpose, effort to show clean-cut superiority as a result of a season's drilling and co-operation, the teams made no more progress than other big teams have under the present rules, less than in the Yale-Princeton, Harvard-Yale, and Pennsylvania-Cornell games.

People came away wondering how West Point ever beat Yale. Yet there was plenty of evidence of careful drilling in fundamentals, and that possibly is a quality overlooked a bit in some quarters, perhaps in the desire to have the team together. The Army was outplayed by the Navy, and the Navy ends were better in getting down under the longer punts they had to cover and preventing a chance for a run back. In line play there was little choice either way. The Army's kicking was erratic. Several on-side kicks went only a few yards over the scrimmage line, and then into the arms of a Navy back.

game. The Army's secondary defense was needed at that time and did valiantly in halting the successive advances. There was a blundering play in the third period, when an Army back ran into and spilled one of his own men who had just made a fair catch.

A defense was shown by the midshipmen, which evidenced careful preparation, alertness, and the faculty of being equal to all emergencies. It always kept the Army at a respectable distance from the goal line. The Army's defense, except the back field part of it on kicks, was quite strong enough to have prevented a score. But clean handling of the ball this year is almost a sine qua non.

The end play on both sides was decidedly good and more spectacular than it ordinarily is. The Navy ends excelled on kicking. Long runs either around the ends of running back punts were all, and in line play the ends were evenly matched. In the open the Navy pair did the better work. Dalton's punts attained the high average of 40 yards and Dean's were of good average, yet the ends were nearly always down the field, or else somebody with them to grab the runner before he got under way. The Navy ends had further to go on kicks than the Army outposts, but they were there just as promptly and were better at closing in on the runner, better at anticipating his intended direction. The Navy had more men down under kicks--there were to be a whole flock every time--than is usually the case.

Gilchrist and Wood excelled in end play for their respective sides, the former pretty accurate as a rule, and the latter a hard tackler and a man who would not be blocked off and kept out of the play. Devore and Loflin had a lively and pretty even duel all through the game. Both covered a great deal of ground and were on their toes and busy. Merring, the Navy left tackle, acquitted himself exceedingly well in his first big game. Defensively and offensively he was a strong unit in a very strong line, and on his offense more than a handful for an opponent, Littlejohn.

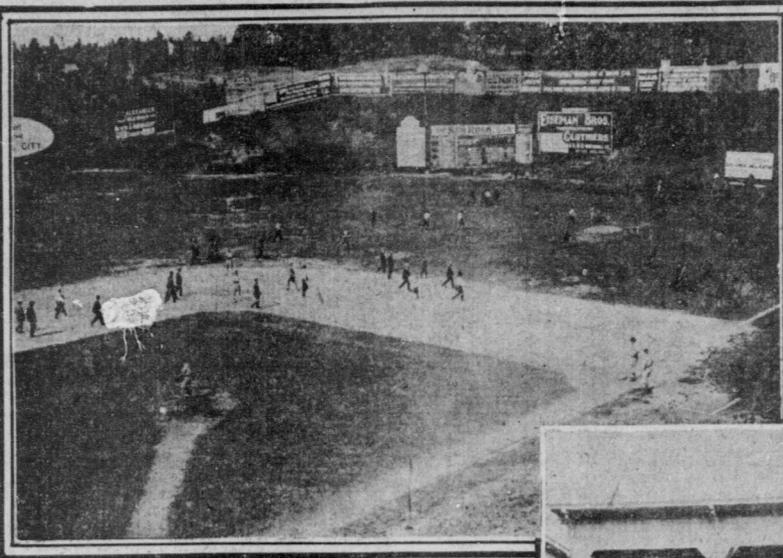
Play of Guards Strong. There was some very strong guard play and some erratic center play. In Wier and Brown, respectively, the Army and Navy had two sterling guards. Too bad they did not play against each other for that would have been an individual bout of giants. Brown, big, aggressive, and businesslike, qualified as an all-American guard by his exceptional play. He charged the instant the ball was snapped, he opened holes, he stuck to the ball like a leech, and broke up plays before they reached the line. His was the most distinctive good play seen this season. Without any fuss or showiness, he was always conspicuous, and a bloody nose neither excited nor tamed him.

Wright and Heston, the other guards, were less in the public eye than Brown and Wier, the former being, perhaps, more difficult for Wier to handle than Heston was for Brown. Wier and Arnold made a strong pair at the Army center, and the latter made himself very useful on the defense from his position back of the line. Once or twice, however, he appeared a bit slow in running to meet the play. He possessed much better than Weems of the Navy. Weems was a poor passer. His tendency was to send the ball too high. Then, again, he wasted time by standing and looking around before putting the ball in play. Apparently he was concerned to know that everything was just right, and he kept a watchful eye on the whole arrangement of men.

Dalton, of the Navy, was the hardest worked of any of the backs. He did most of the Navy's kicking, and was the hardest line plunger on the field. Brown, of the Army, showed more natural ability as an end runner than anybody, and was quick to see his openings.

Forward Pass Used Twice. The Army did not use the forward pass at all. The Navy used it twice in connection with a bluff at a place kick. Once it was successful, the other time an Army man was at the receiving end. In up-to-date tactics there was one play, shifted by the Navy, in which one guard went around to the other side of the line and the backs, in tandem alignment, shifted to the re-enforced side. The shift was used by the Navy in the third quarter when the midshipmen were engaged in the one consistent spell of attack in the

WHERE THE NATIONALS WILL TRAIN NEXT SPRING.



ATLANTA BALL PARK.

McALEER SAYS ATLANTA IS BEST OF ALL CAMPS

Nationals' Boss Predicts Men Will Be in Great Shape for Season's Opening--Other Gossip of Absorbing Local Interest.

A more delighted man last week than Manager Jimmy McAleer, of the Nationals, would have been hard to find. McAleer has obtained what he thinks is the finest spring training camp in the country--Atlanta, Ga. The ball park just suits him, and he believes that the climate will be ideal.

Manager Jim reached Atlanta last Tuesday, and in company with Manager Jordan, of the Atlanta club, visited Ponce de Leon Park, looking over the field and clubhouse accommodations. McAleer was astounded at the first sight of Atlanta's big plant, and that night the deal was closed in big time.

The Washington Herald prints on this page an excellent view of the field, together with one corner of the grandstand.

In one section of the field is a clubhouse, which was built for the New York Americans when Clarke Griffith was their manager, and this, too, suited McAleer to a dot.

The Nationals will report in Atlanta about March 6.

Joe Quirk has been reappointed trainer of the Nationals by Manager McAleer. Trainer Quirk, by his common-sense methods and faithfulness, has made a hit with the players. McAleer will probably always have Quirk with him as long as he himself remains in baseball.

New Bedford will feel the loss of Cunningham, as the following from a New England paper implies: "Tom Dowd, who is to manage the New Bedford team again, has already secured several good players for the 1911 team, and is happy to be back again in the New England League circuit. He will have considerable trouble to replace Second Baseman Cunningham, now with the Washington Americans, and who, Dowd declares, is one of the most promising players in the business. Dowd has been spending the past month shooting in the Berkshires, and intends to spend a few days looking for game in the Rhode Island marshes before returning to his home in Holyoke for the winter."

Baseball and dressmaking don't mix much. Not so that you can notice it. You can't figure a large athlete with spikes on his heels and corns on his hands discussing gores and biases, can you? And can you see Miss Francis or Miss O'Brien deciding whether the hit-and-run is better than the plain bunt for a sacrifice? Oh, picklets!



WEST POINT TEAM IN ACTION.

large burps where all other topics gave way to the world's series, managed to tangle the forms after the Saturday game where the Cubs scored their only win. The story of the glorious battle mixed itself up with the daily fashion hints, and, at last accounts, the bughouse in that city was still overpopulated. Can you blame them? This is how a little of the page appeared: "Trusting to King Cole as they should have done earlier in the great series, the Cubs showed that princess and semi-princess gowns would be in great favor this season. Coming from behind after ten innings of the most desperate fighting, the fine French serge is trimmed with silk and with braid, and made with guimpe portions of lace. It was Jimmy

HIS GOAL WON FOR NAVY.



JACK DALTON, Middies' punter, who put up the best game of his career against West Point yesterday.

Sheppard, who, with two gone and Archer on second base required 1 1/2 yards of material 24 or 27, 7 1/2 or 6 1/2 yards 44 inches wide.

"Bender figured Sheppard as easy, the veteran having done almost nothing so far in the series. The Indian wound up and shot a fast high ball. Sheppard reached out for trimming, 1 1/2 yards of silk souteache according to width. The same model would make up prettily from crepe de chine or inessaline as the immense crowd rushed swooping on the field, breaking through all barriers."

And yet they wonder at crime! National League ball players say that the wonderful Christy Mathewson displays his marvelous ability only in pinches. According to the old league's players, Mathewson is just about the easiest pitcher in the world to hit when no one is on the bases. In fact, the pitching looks so easy it's hard to get it safe. Mathewson always prefers to make the opposition hit and trust to his fielders. If he gets away with such kind of pitching and is able to win, he cares little how hard he is hit.

It's in the pinches, however, that Mathewson shows his best form, and any man who has ever batted against Christy when a hit meant a couple of runs will tell you that he never saw a pitcher who had such dazzling speed, sharp-breaking curves, and mysterious fadeaways. Jack Coombs, who jumped into fame by his triple victory over the Cubs, works something like Mathewson, inasmuch as he always has something in reserve. It's the reserve ball that he hands up in the pinch.

A dispatch from Chicago yesterday tells of Dave Altizer's marriage, as follows: "David Altizer, former National, White Sox, Nap, and last season champion base stealer of the American Association, was married at 6:30 o'clock last night to Miss Margaret Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ward, 625 Ingleside avenue. Altizer is now a member of the Cincinnati National League club.

"The bridegroom was not without his coaches in his steal to Hymen's altar. Among those present to attend Dave were Bill Leibold, Lou Fene, and Barry McCormick, of the Minneapolis club, of which Altizer was a member last season. "Miss Ward became interested in Altizer when the latter was with the White Sox team, and through Mrs. Frank Smith was introduced to the player. The engagement followed several months ago. Mr. and Mrs. Altizer will spend the winter at Ontario, Cal., the former home of the bridegroom."

SCORES OF PREVIOUS GAMES.

Table listing scores of previous games between Navy and Army from 1890 to 1909.

The Cadets and Midshipmen previous to yesterday have met on the gridiron fourteen times. Of this number the Army captured seven games, while the Navy lads conquered their foe six times. The other game resulted in a 6 to 6 tie. The record is as follows:



GRAND STAND

CARROLL INSTITUTE VICTORS

Y. M. C. A. Rovers Are Beaten in Fast Game.

The third game in the Washington City Basketball League was played in the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium last night, when Carroll Institute defeated the Rovers, of the Y. M. C. A., the score being 25 to 12. The superior teamwork of the winners, combined with the goal tossing of Crogan, was the real cause of the Rovers' defeat. The losers had an off night at the tossing game, although they had plenty of chances. The game was clear of all rough playing, and but few fouls were called, and these were due to the fact that two men were playing one. The winners started off with a rush, caging four baskets in quick succession. Before the Rovers had recovered from this surprise Crogan had caged the ball from midfield, making the score 10 to 0 in Carroll's favor. The rest of the half was about even, the Rovers making three goals, while the Institute team caged four, making the score: Carroll, 18; Rovers, 6.

The Carroll quint will play their next game Tuesday night in the Institute gymnasium with the Ingram Memorial quint, which has just re-entered the league. The game will start promptly at 8 o'clock. Line-up and summaries: Carroll Institute. Positions: Y. M. C. A. Rovers. Coleman, left forward; Hall, right forward; Hanna, center; O'Connell, left guard; McKee, right guard; O'Connell, left guard; McKee, right guard; O'Connell, left guard; McKee, right guard. Goals from field: Coleman 4, Crogan 6, O'Connell 2, O'Connell 2, Hanna 2, McDonald 2. Goals from free tosses: Hall 2. Referee: Mr. Hughes. Time--25 minutes. Time of halves--12 minutes.



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MORAN CONQUERS BATTLING NELSON

Puts Away ex-Champion in Eleven Rounds.

DANE DOWN FIVE TIMES

Takes the Count for First Time in Fighting Career.

Rushing with His Old-time Bulldog Courage, Battler Refuses to Be Beaten Until He Falls Helpless for the Fifth Time and is Counted Out--Moran in Line for Fight with Wolgast in the Near Future.

San Francisco, Nov. 26--To-day's battle, which ended in the eleventh round by Owen Moran's right cross, that sent Bat Nelson to the floor for the count, settled the controversy as to whether Nelson could come back, and it also put Moran in line for a fight with Champion Wolgast.

Five times Nelson went to the floor in the latter part of the eleventh round before his bulldog courage gave way, and he submitted to the fatal count--the first time the fighter ever took a count. Even then Nelson recovered rapidly, and rushed back at his opponent, but policemen stopped him. Like a child, he kept repeating, "I wasn't knocked out; I wasn't knocked out," while tears streamed from his eyes.

It was a painful spectacle to those who recalled the grim rage of the old Nelson that wore down the best light-weights of his time by sheer lightning force and ability to absorb more punishment than any man of his time.

Wind-up Spectacular.

There were spectacular incidents in that eleventh round and excitement that caused old-timers at the ringside to stand on their chairs to watch the final struggles of the former champion.

Slowly but none the less surely Moran had been assuming a lead that was bound to give him the decision. His punches had been cleaner cut, although, true to his record, Nelson had been aggressive. Punches that Moran sent in to the face and body were telling blows that slowed Nelson down and caused him to miss as he had missed with Wolgast and again with La Grave.

With the round two minutes gone and both men in the center of the ring, Moran measured Nelson with his left and crossed with his right. The blow landed squarely on the point of the chin. Nelson, stunned by the force of the blow, fell backward, and his back struck the canvas and his legs went high in the air.

Slowly he collapsed as he doubled together. Referee Selig started to count. With eyes glazed, Nelson heard the count and pulled himself together.

Battler Could Not Rise. As he stood on his feet the effort was too much, and he fell back. Once more Selig started to count, and again Nelson stood on his feet.

Moran rushed his man savagely, and lefts and rights to body and face put the Dane down for the third time. Even that was not enough for Nelson, whose will power raised him into something that was an imitation of defense. "Stop it!" yelled Moran to Selig. "I don't want to kill him."

"Stop it!" shrieked the crowd. "What's the use of more punishment?" But Selig did not stop it. The fourth knockdown was more a wrestle than a clean punch, and as Nelson was not on his feet when the final count was made, Moran was proclaimed the winner.

Moran Shows Up Well.

Moran made a splendid reputation as the result of his victory. The Englishman fought a cool, heady battle. He took things easy for the first two minutes of each round, and then closed with a rush. In the last three rounds, doubtless realizing it, he held Nelson down. Owen was more willing to meet the issue from the outset. He outfought the Dane in clinches, was not worried with his "horning-in" tactics, and when the time came proved to the crowd of something like 11,000 people that he had the punch.

FOOTBALL ON HORSEBACK.

Novel Game Played by Guardsmen at Chester, Pa.

Special to The Washington Herald. Chester, Pa., Nov. 25--Mounted football between Troop G, National Guard, of Philadelphia, and the Pennsylvania Military College of Chester, to-day resulted in a victory for the cadet troop, 8 to 4 1/2. The game was played with an immense ball against which the horses of the players were driven, and, true to regulation football, several troopers and two horses were slightly injured. The new game is the result of much thought upon the part of Capt. Hyatt, of the National Guard, who has made it a variation of the old game formerly played by the cowboys on the Western plains. Line-up and summary: Troop G. Positions. P. M. C. Troop. Thomas, Wilcox, center; Campbell, Hyatt (capt.), back; Timmons, Hyatt, forward; Boring, Belcher, guard; Hayden, Doolittle, Howes, guard; Lyle, Gault-Hyatt (lt), Lyle Campbell, Doolittle, Boring, Penalties--Troop G, 2 1/2 points; P. M. C., Troop, 2 points. Total score--Troop P. M. C., 8; Troop G, 4 1/2. Referee--Prof. Berg and Lieut. Burns. Timekeepers--Messrs. Thomas and Brennan. Number of periods--Five. Time of periods--3 minutes.

Football Results. At Richmond, Va.--Randolph-Slocum, 11; Richmond College, 6.

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