

WESTPORTING GOSSIP

SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS BASEBALL, BOXING, WRESTLING, GOLF, RACING, FOOTBALL, AND OTHER ATHLETICS

PRESENT DAY FOOTBALL'S OPEN STYLE CONFOUNDS PROPHETS, DISCOUNTS BEEF AND MINIMIZES CASUALTIES OF GRIDIRON

Anybody Can Juggle Dope but Sure Fire Choice of Winner Can't Be Done These Days—No Cause for Alarm in Recent Reports of Injuries—Nothing Like Hospital Crop From Ancient Smashing, Steam Roller Tactics.

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Oh football, oh football, some game are you.
Because to predictions you never run true.

The proper time sets himself and makes the pass to any eligible receiver who is open. This keeps the defense guessing until the pass is actually made, and by starting it as a running play the defensive is drawn to the play and off the man going down field. When this is accomplished the pass is made and the receiver is well on his way. Another feature this year in forward passing is the manner in which the pass is made. Long 40-yard passes are rare, the pegs being much shorter than in the past. The method used is to aim the pass at the desired receiver, instead of hurling the ball down the field and forcing the receiver to get under it.

It is possible to get all the dope on two competing football teams, compare previous scores, then predict on the best grounds you have and still go wrong. Prophecies in football can't be made, because it is too uncertain a game. Supposed strength of teams, comparative scores, in fact all the dope that should determine the outcome of football games, is liable to fall at any time, because the open style of football has revolutionized the game to such an extent that upsets are possible at all times.

THE TURN OF THE "WORM"
Before the open style of football was instituted, the largest and most powerful teams physically, were returned the winners. The old "steam roller" hit men game required big men and more use of beef and brawn than of one's think reservoir. It was a case of the team capable of crashing its way to victory, by wearing down its rivals, coming out on top. However, the forward pass was instituted, the game took a complete turn.

The big schools that for years had dominated their smaller competitors, were suddenly found to be no longer the "worm" and picked themselves up after the fracas, defeated giants. Kid David had delivered a K. O. to his royal jiblets. Golph and the laugh was on the big eggs. However, the open game was first used, and this may be dated from 1910, are equal to the fatalities of one or two seasons, before that time.

FALSE ALARMS
This year some alarm has been caused by the many injuries sustained by players in recent games. There are about three reasons why this is a false alarm. First, this year's injuries have been given much prominence, because so many star players were put out. The total injuries are no greater than here to fore, but where players are hit in the head, they are knocked out before the stars seem to have received the full benefit of the injuries this time.

Secondly, football was not played to any great extent by our leading schools during the year. This is a fact, and are playing this year after having been out of football training for one or two years, are more susceptible to injuries than would be the case if their training had been continuous. Thirdly, the ball, like other sports, is this year in its banner season. It is being played everywhere, from Oconomowoc to Yakima and from Skokie to Tusculum, and every city, town, village or hamlet has its university, college, normal school, prep school, high school or grade school, is going wild over the pigskin game. When more players than ever before partake in the game, naturally the injuries will multiply in proportion. If our mathematical calculations do not err, as the Bean Eater would quote.

MISUNDERSTAND GAME
Football has been and still is a much misunderstood game. Prejudices have arisen against the sport and as explained before, in some cases rightly so, because of the old style of game. But that game is stone age stuff and the prejudices should be left in the past (in Philadelphia) with it.

All games this year point to one thing, the greater use of open football, particularly forward passing. The aerial route is rapidly taking its place as one of the greatest means of advancing the ball toward the opponent's goal posts that exist. The majority of coaches are using the forward pass after camouflaging it as a running play. The passer starts out with his interference, as in a running play and at

DONIE BUSH AND EVERETT SCOTT FIGURE IN FIRST WINTER LEAGUE TRADE RUMOR



Donie Bush, swinging on the ball, and Everett Scott. A little fresh food for the winter league boys. The dope from the east has it that Owner Navin of the Tigers is ready to swap Donie Bush for Everett Scott of the Red Sox. With Bush a veteran, apparently at the top of his career and facing the great slide, and Scott a comer, known to be a star in the making, the stove league boys have plenty of fuel for argument.

MORE HONOR IS DUE SLIM SALLEE, SLAB MASTER FOR MORAN

Colleges Not Placing Net Game on Par With Other Athletics to Be Crossed From List of National Association.

New York, Nov. 1.—(United Press)—Tennis may be adopted as "letter sport" next year in the big colleges. The National Lawn Tennis Association, through Paul B. Williams, field secretary, is counting on the athletic directors of all the big universities where the court pastime is not listed among the major sports. Many colleges have signified a willingness to go in for tennis on a large scale and provide the equipment and body that wish to indulge.

TIM HENDRYX DUE FOR MAJOR BERTH. SAY A. A. EXPERTS

Early in the season Sallee became a self-constituted god-father to Reuther, Ring and Eller. He worked with them, gave them tips on fooling batters that he had picked up in twelve campaigns through the majors. He painted their chances of success so rosy that instead of warming the bench at every opportunity they were out hurling balls over improvised pans at anyone who would receive them, seeking that which Moran most insisted upon—control.

MOONDOG HOWLS

Reports that serious mine explosions had occurred in West Virginia were denied. The noise was probably caused by some wrestlers or boxers claiming titles or hashing over recent bouts.

BAD PENMAN "KIDNAPS" WALTER JOHNSON.

There, it's gone and been done again. A hack sports writer with a chirography like chicken tracks has put Boise in Dutch with her sister city down the Snake.

OGDEN TO OBSERVE ARMISTICE DAY BY ATHLETIC PROGRAM

American Legion Sponsor for Celebration Including Track Events, Football and Soccer, Banquet and Dance.

A day of athletic sports and festivities is being planned under the auspices of the American Legion to take place at Ogden, Tuesday, Nov. 11, the first anniversary of the signing of the armistice. It is to be known as Armistice Day. Athletes from near and far will participate.

Following this race will be other track events, then a football game between the Freshman team of the Utah Agricultural college and an eleven of the Ogden American Legion. Then comes a soccer game between Salt Lake and Ogden teams, both of which are composed of star players of several years standing.

GOLF PRO POSSESSES GOOD LINE OF HUMOR

Maurice McCarthy of Brooklyn, brother of the well known Eugene K. McCarthy, the golf professional, and himself a golf pro, is about to take the title at the Rochester, N. Y., Country club, which was held by Walter Hagen, the national open champion, who not many months ago went to Detroit. McCarthy is not only skillful with the driver and mashie, but has a reputation as a wit. One day his brother was lamenting a recent score he made in a match. "It was awful," said Gene, "I was out in 37 and came in in 48."

SOME MAGNIFICENT PASSES AND KICKS

A notable feature in many of the football reports of the present season is the brilliant forward passes and long field goals. In the Dartmouth-Cornell game a week ago, Robertson, Dart half, drove a drop kick over the Cornell goal 55 yards away. At Rupert, Idaho, the same day, in a high school game, the Rupert team scored on a touchdown made with a 40-yard pass, and a Jerome back made a perfect drop kick field goal from 40 yards.

STOVE LEAGUE TRADE.

Rabbit Maranville and Hank Gowdy of the Boston Braves are to be traded to the New York Giants for Hal Chase, Heinie Zimmerman and Arthur Fletcher. That's what the stove league bulletins say, but McGraw says it is not so.

TWO MINUTE ROUNDS.

Portland and Seattle promoters are trying out the scheme of two minute rounds in boxing bouts. The first minute is what slows up fighters and dissatisfies onlookers who want action. The Washington boxing commission is allowing show managers to stage six rounds of two minutes each in place of four rounds of three minutes each.

CONVENTION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF MINOR BASEBALL LEAGUE DUE TO ENACT SOME IMPORTANT LEGISLATION

Session at Springfield Next Week Expected to Pave Way for Prosperous Season in Lesser Organizations in 1920—To Attempt Solution of Problem Regarding Development and Promotion of Players and Relations With Majors.

Baseball interest is running higher just at present than is usually the case after the hot stove league has opened. Consequently, the coming meeting of the National Association of Minor Baseball leagues, which will open at Springfield, Mass., Nov. 11, is fraught with all the importance of an international peace parley. This is doubly so because the minor leagues have been strictly up against it for the last several years, and the silver lining of hope has only lately fringed the clouds that glowered above them. Since 1914, a slump, as it had one, hit the minor leagues. Things grew so bad after the United States entered another gave up the ghost and in 1918 only one league completed its schedule. This year there was a revival, as in all sports. No glittering successes perched on the banners of the lesser leagues, and no magnates have retired with bulging fortunes, but there is every reason now to believe that the game will get under good headway again.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS.

So 1920 is being looked forward to as the great comeback year, when business will be resumed at the old stand, new friends as well as faithful old subscribers will be welcomed, and the goose will be suspended among the rafters.

But if this is to be a realization and not merely a rosy dream, negotiations and legislation must be enacted at Springfield, which is the minor leagues, farms wherein are grown the national pastime's most valuable crops, may pursue their way with assurance of harmony, liberty and a reasonable degree of prosperity.

WANT WORKING AGREEMENT.

The Springfield convention, among other things, will discuss the relation of the minors to the majors, a very important matter. At the present time there is a great deal of misunderstanding and confusion regarding the attitude of the big leagues and small leagues are assuming toward each other. A working agreement seems to be needed. For some time the minors have rebelled against the drafting of the big fellows, and the same time, it is that there is no draft today. Majors are supposed to buy players instead of drafting them, while the minors allow the draft for themselves. But the draft for the minors is not panning out so well. Rather stiff figures have been placed on a player selected by a minor league from a club in a league of lower grade, and the result is that the stiff figures mean little or no business. The minors want better recognition from the big leagues, and they are hopeful that the coming winter will bring a better understanding with them, especially on the matter of development and promotion of ball players.

TO GET UP TO DATE.

The National association itself will appoint committees to revise the constitution, and on territorial changes.

HAVE YOU SEEN HIM?

We present above excellent likeness of boxer who claims no title at all at all. He's forced to play but once a year. And then he has the crust to draw. Four thousand bucks, without a tear.

CRUST

The billiard champion has some job. He's forced to play but once a year. And then he has the crust to draw. Four thousand bucks, without a tear.

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It has nothing very serious in mind in the way of the constitution, though changes must be made to bring the association up to date. Territorial changes are likely to cause some discussion. New leagues may be attempted and old leagues are sure to be heard from. The association will also appoint several more committees, on credentials, on auditing and resolutions, for instance, and these committees will be supposed to get down to business early and help expedite matters.

At the world's series talk concerning the Springfield convention showed an optimism of minor league men. Club owners and others interested in the leagues of lower classification expressed great confidence in the future of the game, and to them 1920 was an assured success. President E. W. Dickerson of the Central league was among the most cheerful. "During the war our league and many others were hard hit," he said. "Our league went 'out of business,' and so did several others, but we are coming back, and so are all of them, I guess. Minor league interest with the war over will be much stronger than ever and a good lively meeting at Springfield will start the leagues right. They have all the time in the world to get ready for next year and I'll be a much surprised man if the minors do not do more business next year than ever before."

MANY PROMISING ITEMS

A meeting of the minors is always an interesting one to itself, because of the program to be tackled. This meeting looks more promising than many that have gone before because it comes at the start of a promised revival when enthusiasm for the game is returning strong and when a grand reconstruction period is in view. It is said that there will be a larger attendance at the powwows than there has been for years, for the additional reason that Springfield is easy to reach.

DIVER ATTRACTS ATTENTION IN HIS FIRST BIG MEET



Charles Finkler.