SPORT NEWS

SCATENAS WILL GET A REAL TRYOUT

The Hammond Scatena game with the famous Oak Park Friars Sunday will be a real test of Hammond's football strength, said Coach Ralph Jones today in discussing the fourth battle on the Scatena schedule. "This game against a team considered to be the best in the Midwest league will show what class of football the locals can put up." If the Scatena eleven is able to win from the Friars it can consider itself in the running for the championship title.

Definite predictions as to the result of the contest with Oak Park are lacking among the hundreds of Scatena followers since the many promising reports from Oak Park have been circulated here. Hammond rooters expect one of the hardest fought games of the season, but most of them are at sea as to the probable outcome of the score.

The winner of the Scatena-Friar battle will no doubt be conceded to have the best chance to contest for the Midwest football championship. The Scatenas, who were runners up last year, are out to cop this season and if confidence means anything the Scatenas stand a very good show of coming out on top.

Both the Friars and the Scatenas have not been beaten thus far, each team has claims to three hard victories, with Oak Park boasting that their goal has not been crossed as yet. The Scatena line has been crossed for two touchdowns, but in each instance the Hammond team had scored first.

Oak Park has a very strong combination. Most of the players are former high school stars who have been declared ineligible while in high school or in some college. Frank Winter, former Illinois university athlete and present coach of the Oak Park high school, is tutoring the Friar eleven. Winter's coaching ability is known wherever football is played, and the fact that Coach Jones is some coach himself ought to make the expected heated game an interesting one.

The visiting team is under the impression that the Scatena line is not so efficient, although it is big enough. In the games played thus far the Scat line has shown remarkable ability in blocking and charging. The one fault that the writer has seen is that a few of the linemen have not mastered the art of using their hands in the line. As far as the usage of the hands is concerned, Hammond has been sadly lacking in the line for years. Only one man in Hammond gridiron history, the famous Frank Blocker, now with the Gary Elks, ever thoroughly mastered this wondefrul art.

An unnamed player, a past master of football ability, was out with the Scatena team last night for a long practice session. The new marvel showed plenty of pep and looks to be the real goods. The addition of a new man in the line will assist the Scatena team greatly as the loss of Payne was a sad blow. The team will practice again this evening and it is probable that Saturday afternoon will find the Scats out again for a lengthy drill.

TOE ARTIST IS STAR OF KANSAS TEAM, ONE OF WEST'S SENSATIONAL ELEVENS

Carl McAdams ready to drive the opposition back with long spiral punt.

The University of Kansas grid team, already rated as one of the most formidable in the west, seems set for its biggest year. The team first gained notice in the east when it held the formidable army team to a 13 to 0 score at West Point. The clever booting of Carl McAdams, halfback, kept the Army from scoring more points.

GOPHERS GET HARD WORKOUTS

Hard work and more of it is the schedule for the next two days for the East Chicago Gophers. They will buck up against the heavy eleven from Irondale, known as the Trimble Tigers. Almost everyone around this part of the country know that most all teams that are turned out of Irondale are good or better. The champion going teams at the present time, and all from Irondale, are the Pullman team. The Roseland Panthers, another aggregation of strong men hail from the same neighborhood.

The Tigers have not lost a game this season. They have played to date five games. The last being with the McKinley A. C., who were the tail enders. The Tigers will outweigh the Gophers ten pound to a man. They are well known for their successful aerial playing. From records we get the information that out of the five games they have completed ten passes, an average of two passes a game.

The Gophers are working hard to form a defense against forwards. The line which has been weak has been improved a hundred per cent.

Garvey, the big two hundred pound man will be seen at tackle While the star, Batch, formerly of the White Eagles will be seen at tackle. Cecil Cohen, while being a good backfield man will share the honors of playing quarterback with the speed demon, Shorty Long. Shorty can always be used as a halfback where he can show to great advantage when he starts circling the ends.

Last Sunday he went through the Famous Chicagos for a gain of thirty-five yards.

Jimmy Hassett, the new fullback has the pep and he sure knows how to hit the line, and when he does he usually goes for seven or eight yards. Hassett can also punt a ball which is a great asset to the team.

Swede Martin, an East Chicago product and one time star on the high school, will play tackle. Swede played his first game last Sunday, and showed some real tackles.

Captain Darrow is making his men work hard on account of the hard game which will take place on the 5th of November, at the five points in Hammond where the Whiting Friars are waiting to take the scalp of the East Chicago eleven. Whiting would like to get revenge for the lacing she got from the Gophers last season.

After the Whiting game the Gopher manager will try and book the Great Lakes team for the following Sunday which will be at East Chicago on Sunday, Nov. 12th. The Great Lakes, a whirl of a team, and with the team always comes their big band. The band has about twenty-five men in it. This outfit if it comes to East Chicago will be a treat for the fans.

In all probability there will be a double header at the Arena. The Dodgers will open the bill while the Gophers will close the bill. The opener will probably start at 1:30 p. m. and the closer will start immediately after the first game. This will give the East Chicago fans a chance to see the two teams that East Chicago has.

The field for this Sunday will be wired off and nobody permitted on the field as has been in the past.

The Gophers will put out a brand of ball this Sunday that will equal any of the past games that they have played. The line is stronger, and the backfield faster.

For our backfield we have Madura, Zimmerman, Oswego, Darrow, Long, Cohen, Hassett, Glick and Cavanaugh. We have as many backfield men as we have linemen.

From now on the Gophers will play hard and try to make a team as good as previous years.

Everything is all set for Sunday, so everyone is urged to come early and see both games.

Some human brains are three times as heavy as that of a gorilla.

Germany has 7,000,000 men trained as soldiers, who are capable of being mobilized.

SPORT SNAP SHOTS

By Jack Keene

It's a good bet that if Lew Tendler, crack Philadelphia southpaw, and Benny Leonard, lightweight champion, ever meet in the squared circle again it will be as welterweights.

Several circumstances bring this conclusion.

First of all Tendler has indicated that he will cease to attempt to remain in the lightweight division by signing to meet Dave Shade, legitimate welterweight, at Milwaukee for a battle in the near future. Tendler has had trouble keeping himself down to even the new lightweight poundage of 135 pounds. He has felt, his friends say, that even that weight weakens him. Hence his decision to step into the heavier class.

The welterweight class now presents more opportunities than the lower class. There has been a dearth of good welters for many moons.

Secondly, Leonard, if he fights again, probably will fight as a welterweight. He has not fought at the recognized lightweight poundage for years. When he fought Tendler months ago he weighed in for the benefit of newspaper men a week before the fight and made the 135 pound mark. But secrecy surrounded his weighing in the day of the battle and it is generally believed that he scaled well over the 135 mark.

Leonard showed that he had for welterweight honors when he took a match with the veteran Jack Britton—the match which left a bad taste in the public's mouth.

So, if Tendler, who deserves another crack at Leonard by virtue of his showing in their last bout, ever gets another chance to tackle Benny it looks as though it would be in the welterweight division—possibly for the right to meet the Rip Van Winkle of that division—the aforesaid Jacques Britton.

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Here's a funny one.

When the deal whereby the New York Yankees obtained Everett Scott from the Boston Red Sox was put over the last off season New York scribes wrote columns of matter over Scott's greatness, his value to the team and all that sort of stuff.

During the regular playing season while the Yankees were battling to retain the American League championship, the praise of Scott continued.

But now the song is different. Scott's failure to cover territory around short gave the Giants many easy base hits, these same scribes say. His failure to hit weakened the Yanks' offensive strength.

They don't stop to explain why they did not discover during the 154 games of the regular season that he couldn't cover ground. They don't recall that they said that he was invaluable to the team despite his weak hitting. And they overlooked the fact that Babe Ruth was more helpless and of less value to the team than Scott.

They are inconsistent, at least. It looks as though they were simply trying to find goats to cover up the real weak spot in the team—the management.

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Babe Ruth's miserable showing in the recent world's series—a duplicate of his pitiable efforts in the classic of 1921, will be a blessing in disguise if it turns out that it awoke Ruth to his precarious situation in baseball.

A six weeks' suspension by Judge Landis, several shorter suspensions by Ban Johnson and various disciplinary moves on the part of the Yankee club owners during the past season failed to drive into Ruth's brain the fact that he was on the wrong track and rapidly skidding into baseball oblivion. The changing sentiment of the fans, who quit cheering and began booing him, also failed to impress him as being an indication that he was losing his grip in the baseball world.

His rotten showing against the Giants topped off a rotten year. He found himself booed and even jeered at every time he walked to the plate or took to the field in the fall classic.

Has it finally dawned on the big boy that he must turn over a new leaf if he cares to continue in big league baseball, let alone draw a huge salary and the adulation of millions of fans?

Let us hope so.

CROSS-COUNTRY TEAM WORKING HARD AT PURDUE

Jerry Oye.

A Russian locomotive recently was assembled from standardized parts machined in twenty different German shops with no more difficulty than a locomotive built complete in one shop.

FIGHTERS ON CLABBY CARD

The card supporting Jimmy Clabby and Dennis O'Keefe, who box the ten round windup at Indiana Harbor one week from tonight, has been announced. Frankie Welsh, local welterweight, takes on Jabber Young in eight rounds. Two sixes between Young Porky and Cuple Thembley at 122 pounds and Jack Rudy and Jack Downey, 150 pounders, complete the card.

Johnson to Box Vitas.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25—Floyd Johnson who aspires to the crown now held by Jack Dempsey, has been matched with Joe Vitas, for ten rounds at the Pioneer Sporting club October 31.

BENNIE LEONARD CAN'T FIGHT ANY MORE THIS YEAR

NEW YORK, Oct. 27—"There ain't no Santa Claus," according to Benny Leonard and his manager, Billy Gibson, at least not after what happened yesterday. Bennie and Billy took the former's teeth to the dentist, where the lightweight champion expected to be told that it would be all right to go ahead with a little early fistic Christmas shopping on December 22. Bennie had a little present all figured out for Charlie White of Chicago at Madison Square Garden on that date. Now Charles will have to wait and Matchmaker Flournoy will have to fix up a new card. It may be February before Leonard can fight.

Beware of Sporting Writers, Gotham Ring Board to Referees

NEW YORK, Oct. 27.—Referees and judges at boxing contests in New York state are forbidden, in the state athletic commission's latest edict, just made public, to converse at the ringside with newspaper men or associate with them when off duty. Spectators, boxers, their managers and seconds also must be ignored by officials, the ruling provides.

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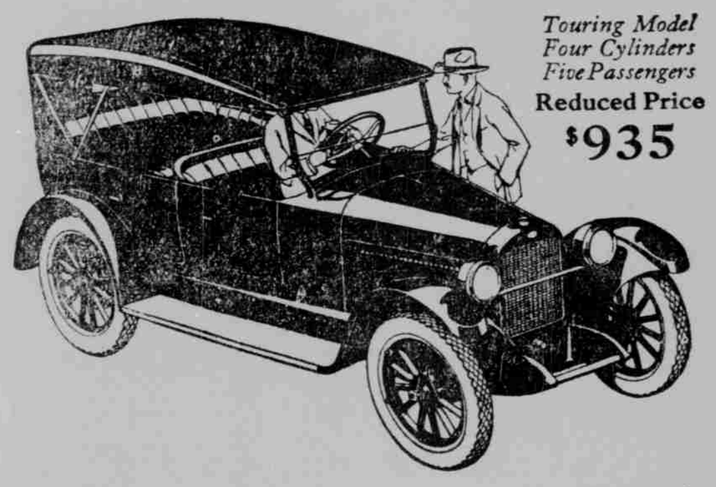

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