

Mountaineers Not to Leave Until Dec. 19

He sought to steal some practice
Before the swimmers met,
But dove into the tank and found
They had not filled it yet.

He found himself a baseball,
But what good did it do,
His face despaired, because he had
No one to throw it to.

TO ARRIVE IN SAN DIEGO TO DAYS BEFORE BATTLE

Grand Canyon Tour Scheduled for West Virginia Players on Return Trip.

BY LARRY
The sad sea waves of the Pacific Coast near San Diego, Cal., will roll over on Christmas Day when a bunch of football rooters from West Virginia let loose with "Mountain, Mountain, Mountaineers West Virginia, men of might, FIGHT, FIGHT, FIGHT!"

Announcement was made last night that West Virginia University would play the University of Oregon in the Pacific Coast City on Christmas Day. Negotiations for the game have been pending for some time, and the final decision was reached late yesterday afternoon.

Already plans are under way for several parties of fans from all sections of the state to make the trip, and there will be more than a mere handful of rooters on hand to cheer for the Mountaineers, when Russell Meredith of this city leads his warriors on the field against the foe from the far west.

According to Harry Stansbury, director of athletics at West Virginia, the party of twenty five will leave Morgantown in a special Pullman car on the evening of December 19 (Tuesday) and will arrive in San Diego on the following Saturday. They will stay there until Monday afternoon to get in shape for the battle. The route will be over the Pennsylvania to Chicago and then over to Santa Fe. On the return trip a day will be spent in Los Angeles, another in San Francisco, one at the Grand Canyon and one in Chicago.

Those in the official party from Morgantown will include Captain Meredith, Phil Hill, Fucy, Setron, Quarles, Mahan, Howard, Davis, Quinlan, Tallman, Graham, Pierre Hill, Hawkins, Bowers, Ekberg, Martin, Simon, McMillan, Narducci and Eugene Coaches, Spears, and Rodgers, Trainer, Cartmell, Harry Stansbury and Manager Board.

Training for the game was started at Morgantown today, and Coach Spears expects to have his men in good shape by the time the special pulls out for the west. The boys have been eating a little heavy since the end of the regular season, but the well-known and formidable "grass drill" is a sure cure for all ailments of this kind, and there will be plenty of "grass drill" between now and the time of departure.

While getting to the scene of the conflict about forty hours before the game won't give much time to get acclimated, it should be remembered that in 1920, the Dartmouth team played Brown in Boston one Saturday and then skipped out to the coast to play Washington the following Saturday. The result was quite gratifying to the Hanover bunch. If Coach Spears thinks the program is all right, it must be, because he has had a wealth of football experience.

Never before in the history of football at West Virginia has a team ridden to the West for a game. Brooks Fleming's team once went into the wilds of Michigan. (Continued on page nine)

Crack Illinois Cross-Country Team Rated High



LEFT TO RIGHT—COACH GILL, M. TOPPER, A. SVIHLA, C. A. THRASHER, RUSSELL SCOTT (CAPT.), E. C. MIEHER, R. S. BOHON, E. S. WELLS, R. H. PATTISON, R. L. BAIRD (MANAGER).

Coach Gill of the University of Illinois is renowned as a maker of track champions. Lack of material doesn't mean a thing in the

life of Gill. When his track teams appear decidedly weak in some particular branch he seems to have the faculty of making a star overnight.

The cross-country team that will represent Illinois on the track is one of the best ever developed at the institution. Gill feels that it will press all the other cross-country

MAKE PLANS FOR PLEBES' QUINTET

Schedule This Year Will Be Less Extensive Than Last Season.

MORGANTOWN, Dec. 9.—Confirming the report that Naty Cartmell, former Penn track star, has resigned his all year position at West Virginia University to take charge of track athletics at Penn State College the Mountaineer authorities announced that Homer Martin, one of West Virginia's greatest all-around athletes, would succeed Cartmell as freshman basketball coach and also that the following schedule would be less extensive than before.

Cartmell came to West Virginia early in the winter of 1920 and has served at Varsity track coach, freshman basketball coach and trainer of the football squad. He has made many friends in West Virginia and laid the foundation for what is expected to be a great track team. The splendid physical condition of the 1922 Mountaineer eleven, which went through the season practically intact, is a fitting tribute to his success as a trainer and guardian of the physical side of the men.

Last year and the season before the freshman floor schedule comprised almost as many games as the Varsity card. However, it has been found that this policy is unadvisable and according to Director of Athletics H. A. Stansbury the schedule will be cut down to at least a third for the coming season. He added that it would call for games with the Pitts, Freshmen, Penn State, Freshmen, Kiski, Indiana Normal, Fairmont Normal, Potomac State College and other strong teams. Homer Martin, the team's new coach, is already prominent in West Virginia collegiate sport circles, having played four years of football, baseball and basketball at the University. He is recognized as the greatest floor star West Virginia has ever had and his many admirers expect him to attain more success as a coach.

EVANS PICKS ALL SOUTHERN ELEVEN

South Comes to Front During Last Ten Years in Football Way.

THE TEAM

Here is the lineup of southern players who received the most first choice votes from more than a score of the leading football experts of that section:

- Center—Kubale, Centre.
- Tackle—Bennett, Georgia.
- Tackle—A. Stator, Georgia Tech.
- Guard—Reagan, Auburn.
- Guard—Davis, Georgia Tech.
- End—Bomar, Vanderbilt.
- End—Roberts, Centre.
- Quarterback—Covington, Centre.
- Halfback—Barron, Georgia Tech.
- Halfback—Shirley, Auburn.
- Fullback—Fletcher, Georgia.

BY BILLY EVANS
During the past ten years the South has certainly made rapid strides on the gridiron.

The class of football played below the Mason and Dixon line compares most favorably with that of any other section of the country. Alabama sprang one of the real surprises of the season when Rex Scott's pupils defeated Pennsylvania 9 to 7. Coming directly after Penn's decisive defeat of the Navy it was one of the biggest upsets of the year.

In the West, Michigan shared the championship honors of the "Big Ten" with Iowa. Unquestionably Michigan has one of the best teams in the country. Vanderbilt held a chip on a score of 10-0. The fine showing of Georgia Tech against the Navy and Notre Dame, Auburn's great game with the Army and Virginia's play against Princeton are a few of the other outstanding features of the great season the South enjoyed on the gridiron.

In selecting my southern honor roll I have had the advice of more than a score of the leading sport experts of the South. While the usual difference of opinion existed, as is customary when picking all-star elevens, the southern critics agreed on more players for their first and second teams than the writers in any other section of the country.

Bomar of Vanderbilt, Roberts of Centre, Davis of Georgia Tech, Kubale of Centre, Barron of Georgia Tech and Shirley of Auburn won a place on practically every first eleven selected from the south. "Red" Roberts of Centre was the most shifted about player in Southland. Most critics placed him at end, others at guard and tackle, while many believed he would do his best work at fullback. Regardless of where he was stationed every expert selected him.

Welch of Georgia, rated the best guard in the south last year by a majority of the experts, suffered from an injured shoulder all season and never reached his form of last year, the southern critics said.

The first basketball game of the season looked for the Normal floor last night between a local colored team and one from Clarksburg was called off. The visitors failed to appear.

DETROIT OUT FOR PENNANT IN 1923

Tigers Expected to Make Hard Fight for Honors in American League.

DETROIT, Dec. 9.—(By the Associated Press)—Detroit baseball fandom, which loyally has supported the Detroit Tigers whether they were "up" or "down," has set its heart on an American League pennant for 1923.

The Tigers, coming from the cellar position to third place in the 1922 race, are expected by the fans to be stronger in 1923 than they were this year. Frank Navin, president of the club, believes that such should be the case.

Poor pitching has been the downfall of the Tigers for several years, in the opinion of observers. Next season, Detroit will start with the best string of hurlers of which the local outfit has boasted in a number of years. In speaking of his team's prospects Mr. Navin said:

"We should have the best pitching staff in the history of the club. 'Rip' Collins, whom we obtained from Boston for Howard Ehmke and other players will give us even greater strength in the box. 'The team will be strengthened at second base by the addition of Del Pratt. Blue is one of the best first basemen in the game and Rigney, with but one year in the majors, already is considered one of the best shortstops. At third, we have Haney and Jones, excellent fielders, Jones, a left handed batsman, can alternate with Haney a right hander."

"In Bassler, we have a great catcher and Woodall is close behind him. The ability of the Detroit outfield is too well known to need comment. "The club, with an oven break, should do better next season than in 1922, when we finished third."

CHICAGO BOASTS OF STRONGEST PLAYER

CHICAGO, Dec. 9.—Chicago's National League baseball club is long on champions. It claims to have the tallest and shortest men in the major leagues and also the strongest player.

Ernest Osborne, a pitcher, standing 6 feet 5 1/2 inches in his stocking feet, undoubtedly is the tallest player in the majors. Earl Adams, who came to the Cubs from Wichita Falls, Kans., is a second baseman, and measures only 5 feet 4 inches.

Lawrence ("Hack") Miller, who came from the Pacific Coast League is said to be the strongest man in baseball. He is the son of Sebastian Miller who for years was known about Chicago and the Middle West as the "strong man," and whose tests of strength are well remembered by the old timers. Hack inherited much of his parent's make-up, but he prefers playing baseball to touring the country exhibiting his strength.

However, for the edification of his teammates, "Hack" has picked up a horse shoe and taking hold of the heels of the iron shoe, straightened it out. He also will push a nail through a two inch plank with his thumb. He is a hitter of the slugging type, his blows having plenty of strength behind them.

CONVENTION ANNOUNCED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The tenth national foreign trade convention of the National Foreign Trade Council will be held in New Orleans on April 25, 26, 27, 1923. O. K. Davis, secretary, announced today.

ARGENTINA BACKS OUT.

SANTIAGO, Chile, Dec. 9.—The Argentine charge d' affairs has informed Foreign Minister Aldunate that Argentina will not participate in the proposed Valparaiso conference.

Billy Evans' Honor Roll

- SOUTHERN**
Ends—Bomar—Vanderbilt Roberts—Centre
Moulton—Auburn Holt—Tennessee
J. Stator—Georgia Tech Lemor—Centre
Neil—Vanderbilt
- Tackles—A. Stator—Georgia Tech Murray—Sewanee**
J. Bennett—Georgia Tech Bradford—Vanderbilt
Tilson—Virginia Poly Pearce—Auburn
- Guards—Welch—Georgia Tech Davis—Georgia Tech**
Reagan—Auburn Wesley—Alabama
Pribble—Kentucky State Kelley—Vanderbilt
- Centers—Kubale—Centre Propert—Alabama**
Reed—Tulane Frye—Georgia Tech
- Quarterbacks—Covington—Centre**
Kahn—Vanderbilt Mufvhill—Georgia
McDonough—Georgia Tech
Bartlett—Alabama
- Halfbacks—Shirley—Auburn**
Barron—Georgia Tech Brewster—Georgia
Tech Reese—Vanderbilt Arnold—Virginia
- Fullbacks—Fletcher—Georgia**
Campbell—Tennessee Chirling
Auburn Hunt—Georgia Tech

Killing Black Cat Is Jinx for Slim Harris

Byron Harris, better known as "Slim," is a member of the Philadelphia Athletics pitching staff. Harris is one of the best pitchers in the league as far as stuff is concerned. He has a dazzling curve ball that breaks sharply and one of the fastest fast balls in major league keeping.

Besides having a great amount of stuff, Harris has an awkward delivery, and this peculiar pitching motion adds to his effectiveness. Harris won 9 games and lost 20 last season. A black cat made a losing pitcher of Harris. It happened down in Texas one day last winter. Harris, amusing himself with a sling shot, took a crack at a black cat that was wandering across a field. His aim was true and he killed the cat.

The killing of the cat happened in the presence of three witnesses and the news spread. It reached the American League this spring and ball players, always eager for a psychological advantage, seized upon the incident and made it part of their attack whenever Connie Mack called upon Harris to pitch. As Harris warmed up he would hear condoling messages such as: "Tough luck, Slim, that a pitcher with your stuff can't win, but it's that black cat you killed that's doing it. Killing a black cat ruins a man for life." "Gee 'Slim,' I'd sooner break a

hundred looking-glasses than even slap a black cat, much less kill one." The thing finally got Harris. He became firmly convinced that it was the black cat that held him back and any time he pitched he kept thinking about the death of the smoky feline so that he could not concentrate upon his pitching, would slow up in his delivery, fail to get the break on his curve ball and lose control.

The story of Harris' failure in 1922 is the story of a slain cat.

FINANCIAL EFFECT FEARED.

WELLINGTON, N. Z., Dec. 9.—The failure of prohibition here is attributed to fear of its financial effect. Complete figures on the licensing referendum submitted to the voters this week show a majority of 16,138 in favor of continuance of licenses. In 1919 the majority against prohibition was 3,322.

SEARCH FOR AVIATORS.

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 9.—Thorough search of the deserts of Arizona for the two missing army officers from Rockwell Field, San Diego, who are believed to have made a forced landing was under way today. Three army planes from San Diego were in Arizona and five more were due from Fort Bliss, Texas.

PROGRESS MADE ON PLANS FOR OLYMPIA

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Satisfactory progress in the preparations for holding the Olympic games at Paris in 1924 is reported in a review received by the American Olympic Commission here today. Albert Geiger, Jr., chairman of the Boston, A. A., athletic committee, who went abroad some weeks ago to investigate conditions from an American standpoint, said that work on both the stadium and tracks was well advanced.

In his preliminary communication to Frederic W. Ruben, secretary of the A. O. A., Mr. Geiger stated that the main running track in the Columbus Stadium has been promised to be exceptionally fast by the summer of 1924.

Reporting on the probable housing situation for the American team Geiger expressed the opinion that the proposed system of small houses to be constructed for the visiting teams would not prove satisfactory from an American point of view.

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Fair Scribe Tells Story of Football's Early Days

Elizabeth Roff, writing in the Huntington Herald-Dispatch, has the following interesting story on football, showing it to be the most ancient of all the sports:

"It is not difficult to establish that football is the oldest outdoor sport known. The fact that Isaiah mentions that God in His wrath might toss his people like a ball in a large country is proof that as early as 700 B. C., as early as the founding of Rome, this game was played. The earliest explorers of the North found the young Eskimaux playing upon the ice with a cleverly made football sewn with a well and filled with moss. Travelers in the South Seas found the natives playing a simple game with a ball made of bamboo fibre and even stout Cortes has recorded such a game as existing among the Aztecs. Such information is easily explained—formally, it is easily explained—early in the history of the world, children forced to find their own toys naturally turn to the same objects.

"The Celt tribes whom Caesar found in Gaul claim that football was once a rite among their ancestors in the worship of the sun god. These tribes not only used the skulls of their enemies for drinking cups but indulged in the gentle sport of kicking their severed heads about as footballs.

"If we were privileged to go back to Ancient Sparta, the land of swift runners and soldiers of great endurance, we would find football a favorite game. Not played, of course, as it is played now, but the unquestioned ancestor of the present game.

"When Rome conquered Greece she adopted this Greek version of football in addition to a form of football which she already had. After Augustus Caesar by his proscription and massacres provided to the Romans his right to succeed to the place left vacant by the assassination of Julius Caesar, he took up serious legislation and ordered a return of football rules.

"Julius Papius, under the Emperor Commodus, would have been a Prince of Emperors had he not been so great an athlete and spent his time in convincing the Romans that he was the greatest character, boxer, gladiator and football player in the whole empire. The description of Augustus football game was for a square field, side lines, center lines, goals marked by posts. The game was played like Roman military tactics, with twenty-seven on each side, fifteen forwards, five defensive backs, four halfbacks and three fullbacks. Goals were changed after each score. Scoring was accomplished by kicking or carrying the ball

across the goal line between the posts and two fools like kicking the ball out of bounds scored a goal. Officials, as indicative of their honored and impartial of age, were clothed in garments composed of one half the costume of each team.

"The game was a grand scrimmage from beginning to end with out order or method. The losing team surrendered all banners and paraphernalia to winners at the close.

"Football survived the fall of Rome and proceeded throughout the middle ages.

"Shakespeare gives repeated reference to the game. He and many sources give evidence that the Romans brought football to England. Law students test that the pathway of English legislation is punctuated by many laws regarding football. A law in 1314 states that the playing is forbidden on pain of punishment.

"Under the Edwards and the Richards and the Henrys, who make England's Royal roll, there was repeated effort to suppress it. (Continued on page nine)

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BASKET BALL QUIZ by Referee

CHOICE

How is the choice of baskets determined?

It is always customary for the visiting team to have the choice of baskets in the first half. In the second half the team changes baskets, so there is really no advantage.

SUBSTITUTE

When a substitute goes into the game what formality must he go through?

He must report to the scorers and be recognized by the referee. He cannot communicate with any player until play has been resumed.

DEAD BALL

If in making a throw for the basket the ball becomes lodged in the supports, how must the ball be put in play, under the basket or in the center circle?

The ball shall be put in play in the center circle.

BLOCKING

What is blocking?

Blocking is impeding the progress of an opponent who has not the ball.

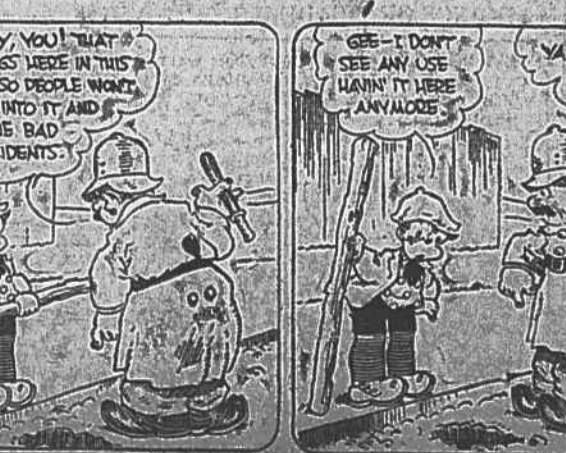
FOULS

What is the difference between a technical and a personal foul?

FRECKLES AND HIS PALS



Why Waste the Stick?



BY BLOSSER

