

# Enormous Crowds Flock to Scenes of Gridiron Encounters Each Saturday

## SPORT IS GAINING IN POPULARITY BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS THIS YEAR

Fields in All Sections of Country Are Packed by Spectators Who, in the Main, Know Very Little

### About the Game.

By WESTBROOK PEGLER  
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NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—When a world series with Babe Ruth in the lineup draws a daily attendance of something less than 40,000 Ban Johnson, John Heydler and Judge Landis all join hands and roll around the mulberry bush, thrilling joyous bromides to the effect that baseball is the national game. They get a lot of money for knowing what they know, so they must be right.

But whose game is football, which will take 80,000 people to the little town of New Haven, Conn., for the Yale-Army game next Saturday, which can fill the big new stadium at Franklin field, and which enables Ohio State to build a football stadium that could swallow any two ball parks in the country and, probably, to fill it now and again with thousands of people drawn from a radius as wide as the State itself?

Nearly every one who goes to the ball parks regularly in the summer time, and a majority of the world series fans, are grand stand experts school by experience to know the delicate plays and the innocent skill work which goes on before them. But among these enormous football crowds which are jamming the stands in various parts of the country, there seems to be a high percentage of people who are only just beginning to learn what football is all about. In some cities the newspapers are publishing expert stuff informing the readers regarding the very rudiments of the game. This is recognition of the fact that football is just beginning to get to the greater crowd—the people who go out to enjoy the clean, fighting spirit of amateur sport, the spectacle of a struggle and relief from the surly rough neckism which big league baseball players have exhibited by "throwing down" unpopular managers and by elaborate sulking on the field.

### Open Game Attracts

From the comments of professional men—coaches and writing experts—it appears that the modern "open" game, which reveals the management of the play as the ball goes into action behind the line, has done much to enhance the drawing powers of football. Probably the business efficiency of the baseball magnates and their surly refusal to take any interest in the game until they were forced to do so, also has contributed to football's popularity. Anyway, the game now vastly outdraws baseball in the crowded sections of the country as well as in the minor league territory. And a large proportion of the spectators are non-collegiate gentry who think a curriculum must be one of those bulgy black nightshirts which professors wear when giving away LL D's. Likewise, in the East at least, the newspapers this fall are going to football even more vehemently than they went to baseball during the warmest part of the pennant proceedings.

Annapolis and West Point contribute the best "tone" to the sport, drawing the service secretaries to some of their games and sometimes having the president as a fixed impartial spectator. The President is invited to the Navy's game with Penn at Franklin next Saturday but even if he doesn't go, the huge park will be nearly filled.

The difference in the popularity of baseball and football is the sporting difference between two conspicuous incidents. You will remember that the Giants once lost a pennant because Fred Merkle technically failed to touch second. The ruling had the musty flavor of a Supreme Court decision, and had nothing whatever to do with sport. You may remember also that a penalty was imposed on Yale for offside play in one of the agonizing, uncertain moments of Yale's defeat by Harvard last year. Some of the Yale players flew at the official, screaming. They didn't believe it.

"Who was it?" they cried. "That fellow there," said the umpire. "I know it," said that fellow there. "I'm not disputing you, am I?" That fellow there was Capt. Mack Aldrich, too game and too clean a sportsman to act any part of a lie, even to beat Harvard.

### GIBBONS KIDS JACK

Offers to Fight the World's "Greatest" Scrappier.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Tommy Gibbons, St. Paul light-heavyweight, is now ready to help Jack Dempsey, the heavyweight king, out of the idle class.

Eddie Kane, manager of the St. Paul boxer, announced in a letter that Gibbons wants to meet the champion in a bout for the title this winter.

### SHORTRIDGE AT WORK

Practice For Richmond H. S. Game Friday at Irwin Field.

Coach Gorton has his Shortridge team working hard for the Richmond Irwin field. Although the Blue and White won from Brazil Gorton is far from satisfied and is smoothing out the rough edges this week. The squad is in fair shape. There were no serious injuries in the game last week. The locals are the favorites in the coming contest.

### BRITTON RISKS TITLE

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—The next championship fight will be Jack Britton's meeting with Mickey Walker, a young Jerseyman who gave Jack a merry thumping in a no-decision fight a year ago. They meet Nov. 1 in Madison Square Garden and this time Britton's title will be at stake with a decision to be given by the judges.

### Mrs. Comiskey Dies

By Times Special  
CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—Mrs. Nan Comiskey, wife of Charles Comiskey, owner of the White Sox baseball team, died Monday. She married Comiskey in 1882 when he was a member of the Dubuque (Iowa) baseball team.

## HOT SHOTS From Big Ten Grid Camps

### Chicago

Maroon coaches are looking for the combination which will work against Princeton. Dissatisfied with the attack, as developed so far this season, Alonzo Stagg drove his warriors unmercifully. A complete new offensive is considered likely, as Princeton scouts have been watching recent games closely.

### Northwestern

Northwestern took things easy this week. Coaches were giving the men a chance to get rid of the bruises sustained in last Saturday's game before starting intensive training for Illinois next week.

### Illinois

Coaches, frankly satisfied with the fighting spirit of the Illini, as shown in Saturday's game with Iowa, put the finishing touches on the team for its battle with the strong Michigan squad. S. Zuppke told the men that Yost's team was probably one of the strongest in the conference and something more than fight would be needed to win.

### Iowa

The expected shift in the back field as a result of the poor showing made against Illinois failed to materialize. Coaches informed the men, however, unless they could develop a fighting spirit sweeping changes would be made.

### Ohio State

The next team that Ohio meets—and that is Minnesota—will face a team that is fighting mad. Ohio is out to avenge the 19-0 Michigan defeat.

### Wisconsin

The Badgers started a two weeks' schedule today to prepare them for the hard battles of the season, which starts with Minnesota a week from Saturday. Wisconsin came out of the Indiana battle with practically no injuries.

### Minnesota

Using Ohio plays the freshmen launched a savage aerial attack against the regulars today. Coaches spent practically the entire session perfecting the defense.

### Michigan

"Hurry Up" Yost isn't going to be overcome when the dope upsets them from Illinois come to Ann Arbor next Saturday. Yost says the Illini team is one of the strongest in the conference. The scrimmage today was spent mainly in drilling the line on defense.

### Indiana

Injuries today slowed up practice. The Wisconsin scrap Saturday put at least three men in the hospital for several days, and may result in Butler stellar guard, being out for the season with a broken collar bone.

### Purdue

Purdue started stiff scrimmages today after an easy session to iron out the bruises of the battle with Maroons.

### REST OVER WEEK-END

Tech and Manual Take It Easy With Hard Games to Follow.

Technical and Manual High Schools rest over the week-end in preparation for hard grid contests to come. Kingsolver at Tech is drilling his squad on defense. The attack of the eleven in the Sheridan game pleased the coach. A tough game is ahead for the Green and White in the Male High of Louisville battle at that city on Nov. 4.

Manual is also resting on its oars after playing the best game of the season against Central of Evansville last Saturday. The Red and White does not play until Nov. 2, when Shortridge is the foe at Irwin field in the first of the intra-city games.

### EAST WANTS CENTRE

Little Kentucky College Has More Invitations.

By United Press  
NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Although dropped from Harvard's schedule after a three-year program in which Harvard won two games and lost one, Centre College still may appear in the East next fall. Boston College, Columbia and Cornell are understood to have invited Centre to come back. Graduates of Centre living in the East are trying to arrange a game with Cornell or Columbia at the Polo Grounds. The Yale-Harvard-Princeton ruling against further inter-collegiate games forces Centre off the Harvard schedule for next year.

### Dr. Slatery Is Buried

By Times Special  
DUBUQUE, Iowa, Oct. 24.—Dr. William P. Slatery, surgeon and sportsman and close friend of Charles Comiskey, Chicago White Sox owner, was buried here Sunday. He died last Thursday.

## CASTNER ONE OF MOST VERSATILE COLLEGE STARS

Southpaw Athlete Big Threat of Irish Eleven—Baseball and Hockey Star.

Castner is the latest and, in some respects, the most unusual of the great half backs that have played at Notre Dame. He is a junior. He was picked by several critics for all-American half back, although he only divided a half back position throughout the latter half of the year. He dropped-kicked from the forty-three and forty-seven yard line against Rutgers in two attempts. He completed four of the six drop-kicks he attempted during the year. His punts averaged fifty-five yards. He coached the informal Notre Dame hockey team which won a clear title to the 1921 mid-west college hockey championship and won recognition as the greatest college hockey player in the mid-west. He pitched a no-hit, no-run victory over Purdue and shut out Michigan, 5 to 0, established a record as one of the best hitters on the squad, and



## IOWA GRID COACHES



LEFT TO RIGHT—HOWARD JONES, MAJOR HIEL.

When Iowa played Yale the Jones family was a bit divided in its sentiments.

Yale, you know, is coached by Tad Jones; Iowa by Brother Howard. Mother Jones hoped the game would end in a tie.

Dad Jones said if anybody must win

he hoped it would be Howard, as the victory meant more to him than Tad.

Well, Howard won, as Dad Jones hoped, and the first one to congratulate him was brother Tad.

Under Coach Howard Jones Iowa has been a big factor in college football for a number of years. One of his valuable assistants is Major Hiel.

## HENRY FORD IS AGAIN WINNER OVER CANADIAN

Crew of American Boat Responds to Appeal of Captain and Trims Holder of Title.

By United Press

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Oct. 24.—

It took the secretary of the United States Navy, a woman's appeal to be a "sport" and much persuasion to get the crew aboard the American schooner, Henry Ford, Monday, for the first "official" race for the series to decide the championship of the North Atlantic fleet, held by the Canadian schooner Bluenose.

And the Henry Ford won.

Sweeping across the finish line two minutes and nineteen seconds in the lead, the American challenger, with her lee rail awash, brought to an end Monday a night and day of wild rumors, doubt and anxiety, resulting from the decision of the race committee declaring Saturday's contest "no race" and the refusal of the Americans to participate further in the race.

Early Monday Captain Clayton Morrissey and the crew of the Henry Ford announced they were through with the race. "There'll be no race today,"

played outfield when not pitching. So much for 1921.

Last spring Castner turned down a major league offer and was elected baseball captain in 1922.

He has reached the pinnacle in three sports and has another year to play in each.

Rockne has a back field of stars this season and Castner was not used against De Pauw last week. He will be ready for Georgia Tech. His running with Crowley is proving a sensation.

Castner kicks, passes, pitches, bats and shoots pucks from the portside. He is a consistent left-hander and a candidate for the title as the most versatile college athlete.

### LITTLE GIANTS NEXT

Butler Meets Wabash at Irwin Field Saturday.

The Little Giants of Crawfordville are the next opponents of the undefeated Butler Bulldogs in their fight for a State championship.

Singleton, the wonder man in the Scarlet back field, has a worthy opponent in Hal Griggs. Both men played last year, but Griggs has developed much in a year's time and his superiority in the kicking game should be demonstrated this Saturday.

The Butler line held Illinois and feels that it can hold Wabash.

Little footballs decorated with the slogan, "Beat Wabash," and with blue and white ribbons, have made their appearance on the streets of Indianapolis. Wherever you see a Butler student or booster, you see the slogan.

### GRIDDER MAY DIE

Drops Unconscious on Field of Play. Rushed to Hospital.

By Times Special

ASHLAND, Wis., Oct. 24.—Injuries received in a game of football with Bessemer High School may cause the death of Robert Nelson, Ashland High School football player. During the play Nelson dropped unconscious on the field. He was rushed to a hospital where an operation was performed. It was found that he was suffering from a rupture of the small intestines.

### Christamore Meeting.

The Christamore Juniors will hold a meeting tonight at 7:30. All members report at 901 King Ave.



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The Program

Tommy McDuff vs. Tony Ross, 128 pounds.  
Louie Lavelle vs. K. O. Circus, 133 pounds.  
Jimmy Dalton vs. Alex Novecky, 135 pounds.

It's up to Jimmy Dalton tonight in the Washington A. C. boxing show at Tomlinson Hall to solve the crouch of Alex Novecky, the Cincinnati pole. The fighter from the Buckeye State has been treating them rough in his battles here and fans are anxious to see what Jimmy can do. Jack Elliott and Jud Miller were put away in short order by the Cincy plumber, but it is thought he has a tougher nut to crack tonight. The show starts at 8:30.

Thirty rounds of boxing are on the card—three ten-round bouts. The fight followers are prepared for lots of action. Louie Lavelle, the popular Anderson scrapper will meet K. O. Circus of Pittsburgh in the second tilt of the evening. Louie will have to step out as Circus recently fought a draw with Dalton.

Two featherweights open the bill. Tommy McDuff of Indianapolis and Tony Ross of Pittsburgh are the little fellows.

### RUNNERS-UP GET CHECKS

Second Place Clubs Draw Down Tidy Little Sums.

By Times Special  
CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—Checks were mailed Monday to the players on the clubs finishing in second place in the American and National leagues. Each player on the St. Louis club got \$62.44 and the Cincinnati players got \$713.41. The Browns divided their twenty-eight ways while the Reds split twenty-five full shares and one was cut four ways.

### SPEAKER TO MANAGE

To Lead Cleveland Again Next Season President of Club Announces.

By Times Special  
CLEVELAND, Ohio, Oct. 24.—Tris Speaker will again lead the Cleveland Indians in the American League race, it was announced by E. S. Barnard, president of the club. There have been reports that Tris would not manage next season. He took charge of the team in 1919 and finished second that year. In 1920 he won the world's championship, finished second in 1921 and fourth this season.

## FOOTBALL SCOUT PLAYS VERY IMPORTANT PART IN MODERN GRID GAME

Sherlock Holmeses Sent Out by Coaches Take Into Consideration Style of Play—Pick Out Weak Spots of Opponents.

By "BO" MILLIN

The scout has come to play a very important part in modern football.

It used to be that when a scout was sent out to see a rival team play, his main thought was to get the signals of the opposition.

Today it has developed into a much finer art to properly scout a team, and the man doing it has to take many things into consideration, aside from the matter of mere signals.

As I said in one of my former articles, football is still in the experimental stage. Because of this fact, the coaches are employing different methods of attack each year. They are trying to develop a new style of play, one that will be distinctly their own, and with which they will be able to spring something new on their opponents.

Scouts are sent out each season to note the developments and not only to learn the method of attack and defense of the other team, but to get new ideas of their own.

Before I scouted the Harvard game in 1920 I was totally ignorant of the Harvard style of play. I was very much surprised to see their quarterback taking the ball from under the center. Nearly all the teams in our section of the country, the South, used only direct passes to the man carrying the ball. I saw them use only straight plays, but there were highly developed; that is, very available man interfered for the man with the ball.

On my return to Danville I went into the office of our athletic director, Bob Myers, and said: "Chief, it is going to be a battle between two systems. If our tricks and passes can offset their weight and knowledge of old-style methods, we will win. I was right in my prediction, except the Harvard line gave use a little more than we could stand, and we lost."

A football scout is open and above board with every move that he makes. Those representing most of the larger institutions usually go in and have a chat with the coach of the opposing team before the game.

Eddie Mahan, famous Harvard star, spent about seven days in our camp in 1920. In 1921 Harvard detailed one of their coaches to come to Danville, where he spent a week with us before the big game.

Seldom is a football scout able to get much of a line on any of the deceptive features of a team's offense. Such plays are rarely uncovered in the minor games.

The scout, however, by watching a few games, is able to get a good line on the general style of play. Likewise it is possible to pick out the weak and strong sections of the line against certain style of play.

Play Tie Game  
The Grapplers and St. Phillips team played a 6 to 6 score Sunday, at Woodside Park. The Grapplers were handicapped due to the illness of several players. These players are expected to be in condition by next Sunday. Tonight and Friday evening practice will be held and all are requested to be present. Next Sunday the Grapplers will play the Brookside Cubs at Woodside Park. For games call Circle 2268, ask for Paul

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