

FOLLOWING FOOTBALL

with
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Cecil Isbell, Galloping Hope of Purdue, Takes Football in Same Stride With His Studies; Goes to Movies in Spare Time.

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind., Oct. 7.—He's six feet tall, has curly red hair, friendly eyes, weighs 184, and his name is Cecil.

That's his first name. The last one is Isbell. Remember? He's the gentleman who scored four touchdowns in the Purdue-Ohio U. game a week ago last Saturday. He's all ready to try the same stuff on Wisconsin here Saturday afternoon.

We spent an hour with Cecil (he'd rather be called just "Cecce") yesterday at the Phi Delta Theta house. Like all football stars Mr. Isbell is one of the head men around the house. Pledges go out of their way to do little things for him.

But Cecce is no egotist. Far from it. He takes his football the same way he takes his history and economics, the subjects in which he is majoring. Of course Cecce gets a bigger kick out of football than anything else. He said so. Football is the reason he came to Purdue. Football and Eddie Dugan.

Eddie used to coach Franklin. Now he's coaching at Sam Houston High School in Houston, Tex., where Cecce and Cody, his brother, went to school.

WHEN they were through high school and wanted to play football in a big university, Eddie suggested Purdue. So the Isbell boys came to Lafayette. And Purdue is not sorry they did. Cody is in line for the quarterback position and Cecce has the fullback's job pretty well sewed up.

Up until last spring, Cecce had played halfback. In spring practice Coach Noble Kizer tried him at full and when the recent shower room tragedy brought death to McGannon and Dahlbeck, the revised backfield placed Cecce in his present position. He likes it better than halfback. He does right well, too.

In the Ohio U. game he carried the ball 12 times for a total of 158 yards, almost one-third of all the yards gained by the Purdue team. His average was 13.2 yards each time he grabbed the ball.

ALTHOUGH his high school career yielded him a wealth of fun and fireside lore, his biggest thrill came, he said, when he was told he would start the Northwestern game last year, the first game of his varsity experience. But during the first quarter of that game Cecce had his shoulder dislocated. He was advised to quit for the season. But that's not Cecil Isbell.

He said he was either going to play or he wasn't going to play. So he stuck the season out with one arm strapped to his side.

He tells of one high school game played by Sam Houston High against their Galveston rivals. The game was played at night and just as it started the fog came in from the coast. What a night that was for passing!

Cecce's team-mates would signal for a pass, tell the fellow where to go. All he had to do was go there and stand and wait for the ball to drop out of the clouds.

AFTER football practice is over Cecce usually goes in for a round of table tennis or billiards or any old game that happens to be around. His hobbies are few. He eats, drinks and sleeps athletics. That is, all except when he goes to the movies. He likes the flickers. And most especially, he likes Ginger Rogers. And that's not just because she's a Texas gal either.

Back in Houston Mama and Papa Isbell listen to the radio whenever Cecil and Cody are playing, if they can get the station. Papa Isbell is a barber and the two little shavers, Larry, 7, and A. W. Isbell Jr., 15, are all scheduled for football fame. A. W. is playing his first high school ball this year.

The Isbell brothers are the essence of courtesy. Every answer is "Yes, sir," or "No, sir." They claim it's that Southern hospitality. But just let anybody crack off about it!

THINGS ought to be pretty wide open when Harry Stuhldreher's Wisconsin eleven faces Mr. Kizer's Boilermakers Saturday in the annual Purdue Homecoming scrap. Both Kizer and Stuhldreher were members of the famous "Four Horsemen" team at Notre Dame in 1924. Harry was one of the horsemen. Noble was one of the "Seven Mules."

Both men employ revised editions of the Knute Rockne system.

The Wisconsin team won its first game from South Dakota State and dropped its second to Marquette Saturday. Mr. Stuhldreher may have to appeal for a "Cecce and desist" order this coming Saturday.

Open Midget Car Racing Circuit

Official opening of midget indoor racing in the Midwest circuit is scheduled at the Coliseum at the State Fairground tonight when some of the country's premier pilots will compete in a six-race program.

More than 20 drivers are expected to participate in these ten-lap elimination races for the right to enter the 25-lap feature event. Because of the hazard created by a congested track, only the 12 fastest cars will be allowed to start in the feature race. Other events on the program are a 10-lap consolation race and a 10-lap handicap event.

Among starters in tonight's races will be Wally Zale, national outdoor champion; Pat Warren, Coast star; Art Hartsfield, Toledo, O.; Emil Andrews, St. Louis, Mo.; Harry McQuinn, Indianapolis; Pete Alberts, Chicago; Everitt Rice, formerly of Crawfordsville; Cowboy O'Rourke and Harry Lewis of Chicago, and Duke Nelson.

Qualifying trials tonight are scheduled to start at 6:30.

Clever Frosh

Times Special
MILWAUKEE, Oct. 7.—Quite by accident, Marquette University's football squad discovered a sure touchdown play during practice—except that the play works to the foe's advantage.

A sophomore back, on receiving the ball from center, turned to give the ball to a teammate on the right to enter the end zone. In the meantime the defensive end on the frosh squad broke through, grabbed the ball from the varsity back, and sped for a touchdown.

A substitution was immediately made in the varsity backfield.

De Pauw Drilling for Baptist Tilt

Times Special
GREENCASTLE, Ind., Oct. 7.—With a record of one victory and one defeat, De Pauw's football squad is back at hard training for Saturday's game here with Franklin.

Coach Gaumy Neal anticipates tough opposition from the Baptists. He hopes to have several injured veterans in shape for the battle, although Gus Villapiano, halfback, is nursing a knee injury in the opener at Miami that may keep him on the bench for some time yet.

Coach Neal used 27 men in winning last Saturday from Oakland City 36-0, and is developing his reserve material fast.

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HOOSIERS GROOM FOR BIG TEN OPENER

Irish to Be in Top Shape for Bear Tilt

Injuries Suffered in Tech Game Have Mended; Rivals Heavy.

Times Special
NOTRE DAME, Ind., Oct. 7.—With his squad once more at full strength, Coach Elmer Layden intensified scrimmage sessions of the Notre Dame football team today in preparation for the invasion of the Fighting Bears of Washington University.

Favorable reports were forthcoming from Trainer Eugene Young, who indicated that all of the casualties suffered by Notre Dame last week probably would be ready for action against the Missouri eleven.

Frank Kopczak, right tackle, was out of the infirmary and on crutches but he may be ready for Saturday's game. Denny Emanuel, shock troop lineman, who hurt his leg on his second play against Carnegie Tech, was in uniform yesterday but did not scrimmage.

Members of the Irish varsity squad who did not see action in Saturday's clash with Carnegie Tech were sent through a practice session yesterday on a rain-soaked field.

Coach Layden seemed dissatisfied with the work of two departments of the Irish eleven against the Tartans. He sent his linemen through a lengthy drill yesterday in an effort to improve their blocking and put his backs to work on pass defense.

The Carnegie eleven made 145 yards on nine completed passes against the Irish. Notre Dame, on the other hand, completed only three of its passes for a total of but 25 yards.

Coach Jimmy Conzelmann of the Washington team, who played 60 minutes without relief against Illinois, is expected to present an attack similar to that of the Irish in Saturday's conflict.

The St. Louis team, which will outfight Notre Dame seven pounds to the man, last Saturday battled Illinois to a 7-all tie going into the last five minutes of play. The Illini then uncorked a passing attack which netted a touchdown and a 13-7 victory.

Mustang Eleven to Practice Here

THE Southern Methodist football squad of Dallas, Tex., will stop in Indianapolis tomorrow for a brief practice at Butler Bowl. The S. M. U. gridgers are to play Fordham in New York Saturday in one of the feature intersectional struggles of the week.

Coach Madison Bell and his Mustangs left Dallas today on the long trip and will reach Indianapolis by Big Four at 1:25 p. m. tomorrow and remain until 4:40.

S. M. U. made a clean sweep of 12 games last year and then lost to Stanford in the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day. The team's specialty is a puzzling aerial attack. Coach Bell is a former Central College star. The Southern Methodist Band of 50 pieces is making the trip with the squad.

Williams Placed on Amateur Bill

Another Golden Gloves champion has been added to Friday night's weekly amateur boxing program to be held at the National Guard Armory on N. Pennsylvania-st. Jimmy Williams, 1936 flyweight champion, will meet William Reed, the Bess A. C. scrapper who last week defeated Bill Cummings.

Bob Bell, South Side Turner welterweight, is to tackle Dave Williams, Bess A. C. battler. Williams last week defeated Bob Wallace of Lafayette.

Tommy Thompson, East Side heavyweight making his first appearance since winning the city championship in 1934, will face Ed Carpenter of Richmond in the top three-rounder.

Matchmaker Wallace is searching for a fast battler to send against Bud Cotter, Golden Gloves featherweight champion, in one of the feature four-rounders. The other main event will bring together the hard-punching Richmond Negro, Lee Lewis, and Johnny Denison, Golden Gloves middleweight champion.

I. U. Harriers Meet Bulldogs in Opener

Times Special
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Oct. 7.—Butler University will provide the opposition for the Indiana University cross-country team in its opening meet here Saturday.

Don Lash, Tom Deckard and James Smith, veteran members of last year's Hoosier team, are expected to run against Butler. Other members of the team are Mel Truit, Earl Applegate, Harry Robins, Lloyd Kleffler and Charles Cunkle.

The remainder of the I. U. schedule follows: Oct. 24, at Purdue; Oct. 31, at Michigan State; Nov. 7, Illinois; Nov. 21, National A. U. championships; Nov. 23, Central Intercollegiate championships at Lansing, Mich.

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Manual Redskins Gird for Shortridge Rivals



Coach Harry Painter of the Manual Redskins has been spending a great deal of time this week working out a strong attack to put up against Bob Nipper's Shortridge crew. One of the Manual mainstays in the attack as well as on defense is Robert Looper, shown above. He plays end. The Manual-Shortridge rivalry grid battle is to be staged at Delavan Smith Field Friday afternoon.



When Shortridge backs start around end Friday they are to meet up with this formidable-looking gentleman. His name is John Hanning and he plays end on Harry Painter's Manual eleven. The clash between the Red and the Blue is expected to attract a big crowd to the South Side. Both schools are "steamed up" over the affair.

Heavies Even in Mat Bout

Mr. Orville Brown, from Wichita, Kas., and Mr. George Zaharias, from Pueblo, Colo., exhibited all their wrestling qualities last night at the Armory as they grappled to a draw in their main event bout, neither willing to risk a decision in the other's favor.

While referee Frank Buchanan whistled a few accompanying bars of "Hearts and Flowers," the two hulking behemoths of the grunt and groan industry tussled and tumbled about the ring for one hour and a half and wound up glaring at each other from neutral corners.

Stage Brother Act

Mr. Chris Zaharias, another grappler and a brother of the famed "Cry Baby," added to the glare somewhat when he climbed into the ring at the conclusion of the match and displayed an eagerness to substitute for George and continue hammering on the anatomy of the already exhausted Mr. Brown of Kansas.

In behalf of Mr. Brown, it might be mentioned that he declined Referee Buchanan's offer to disqualify Mr. Zaharias when some of the tactics employed by the latter in the combat became questionable and seemed hardly according to Hoyle.

Brown after declining the offer—a decision worthy of Horatio Alger—went to work in an effort to render George "hors de combat" as it were. Thrice Mr. Zaharias became a victim of the Kansan's touted Indian deathlock and three times he failed to show the slightest tendency to call it quits.

Both Men Exhausted

During the closing minutes of the match, both grapplers, glassy-eyed and rubber-kneed, had a hard time staying within the squared circle and once on the inside were prone to conduct themselves on their hands and knees, a procedure most extraordinary from gentlemen of Kansas and Colorado.

Meanwhile several hundred howling fans indicated their sentiments by hurling papers, boxes, cigars, cigarettes and one small glass bottle into the ring. Ignoring the taunts and boos, however, Mr. Zaharias, under the sheltering arms of a police sergeant, stalked haughtily to his seclusion sanctuary.

In the other bouts on the program, Jerry Burns, Dallas, Texas, defeated Dick Lever, Nashville, Tenn., with a slam and a body press after ten minutes of wrestling, and Big Boy Davis of Columbus, O., tossed Rowdy Rudy Laditzki, Poughkeepsie, N. Y., into the aisles, where he was counted out.

Ask Stanford for Written Charges

By United Press
SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 7.—Herb Dana, Commissioner of Pacific Coast Conference Football Officials, asked Stanford University football players and officials to make written charges if they wanted an inquiry into actions of Bobby Morris of Seattle.

Officialing in a Cardinal-Washington State game last Saturday, Dana said he could not proceed upon "mere verbal charges." Stanford University officials indicated they would take no further action.

Morris was referee in the game at Pullman, Wash. Players, most of whom have preferred to remain anonymous while newspapers quoted their protests, claimed Morris made decisions which favored the Washington team. Stanford was beaten by one point.

Harmon Pritchard Is High in Pin League Matches

BY BERNARD HARMON
Bowlers taking their fling at the maples last night again failed to produce any outstanding scoring feats in local league circles, Harmon Pritchard's 646 being good for individual honors and Vollrath Cafe's 2924 the top team total.

Pritchard's topper came in the Patrick Henry loop's session at the Pritchett Alleys, resulting from games of 244, 193 and 209, and with a 615 from Clarence Myers gave Half & Half a sweep of their series over Salem. Beers also nabbed three games, Bottles being the victims.

Kegs dropped their only tilt to Office through a three-pin margin in the second game, with Les Martin furnishing the best solo series of the match, a 622. Warehouse also turned in two victories, Ales being the losers.

Drill Techites for Loop Fray

Despite adverse weather conditions and a rain-soaked field, the Technical High School football squad was to undergo another intensive scrimmage today under the direction of Coach Robert L. Ball.

Coach Ball stepped up the tempo of the practice sessions in an effort to put his team in tip-top shape for its tilt at Muncie Friday night in a North Central Conference encounter.

Muncie is the only team in the league with a perfect record. Coach Walter Fisher's athletes have scored a total of 50 points in defeating Noblesville, New Castle, Anderson and Kokomo, all of whom failed to score.

Park Will Entertain Frankfort Team

Coach Lou Reichel was to send his Park School eleven to the town and their staff workout today in preparation for its game with the Frankfort High School B team Saturday at the Park field.

Coach Reichel reported his varsity lineup was in good condition as no injuries were incurred in the opening game with Sheridan. Tackling and blocking were stressed in a scrimmage yesterday.

Irish Prepare for Washington

Coach Joe Dienhart sought improved blocking and tackling today as he drilled his Cathedral High School eleven for its game with Washington Friday afternoon.

Frequent shifts were made in the lineup during yesterday's scrimmage, which was one of the longest held by the Irish this season.

Coach Dienhart stressed passing and punting in yesterday's practice. Sal Calderon, halfback, and Leroy Vondersaar and Dick Krackenfels, linemen, were outstanding.

Attucks Will Meet Kentucky Team

New plays designed for its tilt with Covington, Ky., Saturday afternoon, were to be tried today by the Attucks High School eleven.

Passing came in for considerable attention in yesterday's extended practice session. Coach Alonzo Watford plans to take 30 players on the trip to Covington.

Indiana Chief on Hunt for Point Kicker

Toe Artist May Come in Handy at Michigan; Davis Doubtful.

Times Special
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., Oct. 7.—Working to gain better timing and execution of plays before the Big Ten opener Saturday against the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, Coach Bo McMillin held a short kicking scrimmage yesterday in addition to the regular practice drill.

Remembering the stunning 7-0 defeat at the hands of the Michigan eleven last year, the Hoosiers are working hard to get in shape for the contest. Ball handling has received more than its usual share of attention, and the offensive tactics are being thoroughly gone over.

McMillin is still searching for an adequate placement kicker, for Indiana missed four out of six attempts at converting against Centre, and also missed a field goal attempt. George Miller, center, and G. L. Fowler and C. W. Norton, halfbacks, are being schooled in kicking goals.

Although he used 36 men against Centre College here last Saturday, McMillin still is in doubt as to who he will select to start against the Wolverines. Both of the first two combinations, he used showed lack of ability to properly execute the McMillin formations.

It is still problematical whether or not Corby Davis, fullback, will be able to play Saturday. Suffering from an infected arm, he was operated on last Friday. Don Heistand, expected to see a great deal of action Saturday, still is on the sidelines from a muscle and shoulder injury received in the Centre encounter. Otherwise, the team apparently is in good physical condition.

Heistand will be unable to get into the Michigan game, according to McMillin. Vernon Huffman worked at the quarterback post in flashy fashion yesterday and new running and passing plays clicked.

Tim Campbell Gets WPA Recreation Job

Tim Campbell, former basketball coach at Technical High School, has been appointed director of the Works Progress Administration Recreation Department for the Third Indiana District, according to announcement by WPA officials here.

Mr. Campbell will establish offices at Muncie where he will direct recreation activities for ten counties.

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