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FOOTBALL SEASON OF 1927 REVIEWED BY WHEATLEY

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A. A. Stagg, that grand old man of the University of Chicago's football destinies, completing his thirty-sixth year as football mentor and adviser of young men's careers both on and off the gridiron, deems it more important that "his boys" go forth equipped to win in the battle of life honorably and courageously as on the chalked field. Just when some Chicago grads were trying to oust the "old man" a thousand voices shouted "no" and Stagg remained. And incidentally, Mr. Stagg is one of those men for whom his gridiron warriors will fight to the last ounce of strength "for the old man's sake."

and then failed to show promise as a result of that first victory. Maryland, starting with a 26 to 0 victory over South Carolina, stumbled before North Carolina 7 to 6. Out on the Coast things were moving about as usual when St. Mary's handed the 1926 Coast Champions, Stanford, a 13 to 0 beating. Missouri sneaked a 7 to 6 win over a powerful Nebraska eleven and Purdue smeared Harvard 19 to 0. The Crimson Tide of Alabama, three times Southern Champions, were tied by Louisiana State 0 to 0 and then fell before Georgia Tech 13 to 0. About this time a powerful but crippled Penn eleven began to skid. Penn State romped over them 20 to 0. Chicago handed them a 13 to 6 defeat and Navy won 12 to 6. However, Penn's last three victories over Harvard, Columbia and Cornell showed the true worth of this Quaker eleven. And here the Big Green team of Dartmouth landed on the Crimson with a crash, Harvard taking a 30 to 6 lacing. Loaded for bear, the Hanoverians descended upon Yale but the fleet Green backs couldn't circle the Bulldog wings nor pass and Yale surprised the doers by sending Dartmouth back to New Hampshire with a 19 to 0 lacing. Just before this game Yale's line had stopped a powerful Army team winning 10 to 6, which was not exactly according to Hoyle.

Football crowds today would stagger the imagination of one, who, peering into the future twenty years ago could scarce have dreamed the many thousands of moleskin warriors who now chase the pigskin across this broad land. Many more thousands are viewing the contests weekly from the vast stadia throughout the country. This annual struggle of brain and brawn, nimble feet and dextrous hands, lures millions to be held thrilled and spellbound throughout its reign of eight short weeks as autumn's greatest sport. He gets in the blood, this die of America's young, never to die.

Some years ago the writer saw Yale humbled before a great Princeton eleven. The last play of the first half was a spectacular 50 yard dash for touchdown by Princeton's All-American quarter-back. As that thrilling play was completed an old Yale graduate stood with hat in hand and yelled his unstinted praise for a brilliant and spectacular run. In defeat, this old man's opinion in response in the thrill of the game itself.

And from a small beginning, Autumn's king sport has swept the country like a prairie fire. No longer do the "Big Three" dominate where once they held undivided sway; for great numbers of the gridiron are not now confined to a favored few. This is evidenced by the fact that in 1889 when Walter Camp selected his first All-America team only Yale, Harvard and Princeton filled the roster named before his death. Mr. Camp, with unbiased judgement, failed to place a member of the Big Three in his Hall of Fame. Nearly every week found some David of the gridiron, with a sling full of speed, tricks and passes, smite a hitherto invincible Goliath, and gleefully exact the evident discomfort of his greater adversary.

With the last crash into the line, the last pass nestling in eager arms, the final, desperate stand on the goal line, the last sweep of an end run, and the last dash for the victors drifting away in the crisp autumn dust, we can look backward to an sensational and hectic season as ever emblazoned the history of football's annual struggle.

There appear to be six sections of the country that produce teams of about equal calibre among the leaders. The East, Mid-West, Far West, South, Southwest and Missouri Valley. With the exception of the East these sections are represented by Conferences. The Mid-West Conference, known as the Big Ten, presents such leaders as Illinois, Minnesota, Michigan and Ohio State. The Far West, represented by the Pacific Coast Conference acclaims such top notchers as Southern California, University of Washington, Stanford and Idaho. Leaders in the South are Georgia, Georgia Tech, Tennessee and Vanderbilt. Strong teams in the Southwest are Texas Aggies, Southern Methodist, Texas Christian and Texas U. In the Missouri Valley we have Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma Aggies, Oklahoma and Kansas. The East presents a more familiar list of such head liners as Pitt, Yale, Army, W. & J., N. Y. U., Penn., Georgetown, Dartmouth and Princeton.

There are many parts of the country not covered. For instance, St. Mary's on the Coast, Far Western Conference champions tripped Pop Warner's Leland Stanford Cardinals. The Rocky Mountain, Pacific Northwest and Southern I. A. A., all boast of excellent teams. Do not by any means forget that roving Nomad of the gridiron Notre Dame, a member of nothing but the select, in its annual charge across the barred field. From the first shrill whistle to the bark of the final gun, every season flaunts a goodly number of unexpected ties and wins and this season was no exception. Before the fans had started to look for more than the ordinary, Georgia had defeated a strong Yale team 14 to 10; the only defeat the Blue suffered in one of its greatest years, Penn score an impressive 8 to 0 win over F. & M., and Oklahoma tripped Chicago 13 to 6. Duke traveled to Boston, handed Boston College a 25 to 9 trouncing

Kibler's All Stars To Try Pentagon

The Washington College basketball season will get underway a week earlier than had been planned when Coach J. T. Kibler takes his all star five into action against the varsity on Saturday of this week. The game will give Kibler a chance to get a line on his new players as he expects to use many of them on his all star aggregation. Dumschott, star at the college for the past several years and now graduate manager of athletics will also perform for the star five. He and Kibler will form the nucleus around which the youngsters will spin. The regular training season opened on Monday of this week when a large number of aspirants for court honors reported for the squad.

Marth Chosen As Football Leader For 1928

Pete Marth, guard, was elected as captain of the football team at Washington College for the 1928 season. Next year will be Marth's third upon the gridiron. He is a steady player and though weighing but 145 pounds is considered one of the best linemen at the local school. Marth is the boy, who under the name of Student Marth, is fighting his way through college. With the money received from participating in bouts at neighboring clubs Marth pays his collegiate expenses. Incidentally he is one of the best scrappers at his weight on the Eastern Shore.

Soccer Tilt Goes To Easton Team

Easton easily put North East out of the running in the Eastern Shore soccer title race on Monday at the local high school field when they were winners 9 to 0. The game was all Easton from the start. The North East boys put up a better game in the first half than they did in the second. At half time the score was 3 to 0. By winning over North East in such a decisive manner Easton is installed as the favorite to win the championship of the shore.

Parrott Announces Centreville Fight Card

Matchmaker William F. Parrott of the Centreville Athletic Club announces the following card for Saturday evening. The main bout will bring together Student Marth, 148, of Washington College and Bobby Crafton, 140, of Camp Meade. Ed Shurtle, 160, of Centreville and Walter White, 158, of Stevensville, will meet in the semi-windup. Other bouts will be between K. O. Unsworth, 148, of Ruthsburg, and Battling Capel, 152, of Starr. Young Everhart, 155, of Easton, and Killer Tarbuton, 152, of Cordova. On December 17 the Lightweight champion of the service, Willie Ptomney, will battle at the Centreville Club.

A college physiology class has succeeded in training a bunch of mice to turn to the right and it is hoped that people who use the sidewalks may in time also learn this important lesson.

President Coolidge says he wants to whistle after leaving the white house, but some folks feel that he can do a better job by remaining and whistling on the budget.

The scientist who is hunting for cold light surely never faced the dawn on the "morning after."

Col. Lindbergh has been presented with another medal, but what's a medal in his young life?

Basketball Should Be Popular This Year

With the several new armories on the Eastern Shore basketball is assured of a big season on the peninsula. At Easton the National Guard unit is planning to get its five on the floor within a few days for practice. It is also said that a team composed of former college players will be formed in Easton.

Centreville with a nice new armory should develop a team that will draw well for Centreville is a good sports town.

Cambridge and Salisbury have several fives on the floor every season. A Chestertown quintet may be organized to play against some of these teams during the Christmas season. Several former college stars will be home and with a couple of players from the Washington varsity squad the team should give a good account of itself.

Meekins Wins First Start As Pugilist

Battling Jimmy Meekins, Chestertown boxer, was victorious in his first appearance last Saturday evening when he won a well deserved decision over Kid Russell, of Greensboro, at the bouts staged by the Centreville Athletic Club. William Parrott, a former Chestertown boy, is match maker for the Centreville Club.

Meekins, who is under the tutelage of James Kirby, also of Chestertown, floored his opponent on three occasions. The only thing that saved Russell from being knocked out was Meekins' anxiety to finish the job.

Bouts Now Staged At Centreville

The first professional fights, ever to be held on the Eastern Shore of Maryland were staged on Saturday evening, November 26, and was witnessed by a packed house, many failing to get within the doors of the arena room some time before the fights were started. The main attraction of the evening was the fight between K. O. Lister, heavyweight champion of the Eastern Shore, and Dan McBride, of Washington, D. C., which ended in a draw after both men had given each other all they could. Lister weighed in at 225 and McBride at 195. Other bouts on the card were as follows:

Harvey Morris 129, versus Kid Cosden 129. Cosden won by a knockout in the second round.

Wright Evergam, 143, versus Kelley Green, 151. Green was awarded the judges' decision.

Russum Lord, 120, versus Jimmy Meekins, 125. Meekins won by a knockout in the third round.

Robert Cosden, 141, versus Harry Rice, 134. Rice won by a technical knockout in the first round.

Gump Matthews Visits Home Folk Here

Henry "Gump" Matthews, Kent County track star at the University of Maryland, was a holiday visitor of relatives in the county. Matthews is busy preparing for the indoor season of track at the State University.

With Matthews on the visit was "Snitz" Snyder, Maryland gridiron star. —BEN HUR—at the Lyceum Theatre, January 5th, 6th and 7th.

SPLASHES IN SPORTS By H. S. ARE

The Navy didn't beat the Army last Saturday but they darn near scared them to death.

During that first half even the Army mule, Bessie, hid her head in shame.

But in the second spasm the Army turned "Light Horse Harry" Wilson loose.

Harry after seven years of playing against the Tars certainly knew his way around the Navy Yard.

Even if probably the above statement isn't very nice.

men next year.

Johns Hopkins University conducted a clinic last Thursday and once again proved the superiority of brain over brawn.

It was rather tough on Maryland that they were chosen to represent the brawn side of the argument.

At the same time Penn was putting up an argument in favor of conducting the next war in the air, exclusively.

Now that the football season is over we want to thank Pat Schnauer, Washington's Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, for his backward run.

It provided material for a number of paragraphs when all was quiet along the Chester.

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