

GRIDIRON SEASON ONE OF SURPRISES

BIG ELEVENS HAVE HARD TIME DEFEATING THEIR WEAKER OPPONENTS.

MICHIGAN HAS CLOSE CALL

Capt. Allerdice's Playing Alone Saves Wolverines from Humiliation by Marquette Eleven—Coach Speik Quits His Job at Purdue.

The football season of 1909 has been one of surprises. Teams that did not figure to have a chance with their stronger opponents in the west and east have gone on the gridiron and put up a struggle that has been amazing to the critics.

With only a week more of the season there may be further surprises in store for the followers of the game but it seems certain that Yale has the championship of the big eastern colleges clinched.

Of the surprises in the west the close call Michigan had with Marquette probably was the greatest. It was one of the worst shocks ever experienced when the final whistle blew and the score was found to be only 6 to 5 in favor of the men from Ann Arbor.

Juneau's men, primed to the minute, gave the Wolverines a tough battle all the way, succumbing only when Capt. Allerdice booted his mates to victory by a brilliant goal.

In the east Princeton caught a tartar in Lafayette and fell in defeat, 6 to 0, when a substitute, Frank Irmschler, rushed over the Tiger line with the winning touchdown.

Slowly the modern style of play, introducing the forward pass, the lighter players and improved tricks is working a change in the execution of the great college pastime. The high scores of former seasons have given way to the low figures, injuries are becoming scarcer, and coaches throughout the country see the dawn of a new era in football.

Indiana, in its game with Wisconsin, which the Badgers won by a 6 to 3 count, played one of the best contests any Hoosier eleven has put up since Jimmy Sheldon has been coach. That Indiana lost the game was due to the lack of a safety man on its forward passes.

Indiana worked its forward pass plays and inside kicks to good advantage. The work of Gill, Cartwright and Paddock in this department was deserving of great credit.

Another hard-fought battle was the Notre Dame-Michigan Aggies struggle at South Bend. By winning this game by a 17 to 0 count, Notre Dame put in a big bid for the championship of the western non-conference colleges.

It is the annual custom for Notre Dame to be represented by strong aggregations and this year's team looks stronger than any of recent years. Coach Longman, the old Michigan player, has instilled a fighting spirit into the players which makes them one of the strongest aggregations in the west. The team is composed for the most part of veterans who have had plenty of experience and know the points of the game thoroughly.

Iowa and Nebraska had a hard-fought battle at Lincoln which resulted in a 6 to 6 tie. Neither team had a great advantage and as this game was considered instrumental in eliminating one of the teams from the Missouri valley championship race, the tie is more involved now than before.

Ames and Missouri, two other strong contenders for the title in the Missouri valley conference, played a 6 to 6 game at Ames. These two tie games are likely to necessitate the playing of post-season contests to decide the title in that section.

Before their invasion of the east Coach Stagg of Chicago and Coach Yost of Michigan put their men through practice under electric lights.

Dr. Fred A. Speik, coach of the Purdue football team for the last two years, has handed in his resignation to the athletic association. Inability to get the best results out of the men placed at his disposal and constant friction with self-appointed critics are the reasons assigned for his act.

Since Speik has been in charge at the Boilermaker institution Purdue has not won a game of note, and his ability as an instructor did not meet the expectations of members of the association, who assert that Speik had splendid material from which to pick an eleven.

As a player, Speik was one of the best ends ever developed at Chicago, and he knew football thoroughly. When he coached Chicago he obtained good results and was especially good in sizing up plays of Chicago's future opponents. These formations he readily taught to the freshmen or second teams, and it was this ability that made him such a valuable man on Stagg's coaching staff.

When Speik's announcement was

made known to the players on Stuart field they revolted and it was a hard matter to keep them from turning in their suits. The coach was greatly appreciated by the players, who feel that it was as much their fault as his that Purdue has not had winning teams.

The graduate coaching system was employed for the remainder of the season. Fred Reibel, an old star of the 1904 team, and Leslie, one of the best players who ever wore a Purdue uniform did the coaching. Assistant Athletic Director Jones was head coach.

ENGLISH GIRL WINS GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP

Miss Dorothy Campbell's Victory in America Commented on by a Scottish Critic.

Writing of Miss Dorothy Campbell's victory in the American ladies' golf championship contests a Scottish golf authority says:

"Miss Dorothy Campbell has considerably enhanced her reputation by her victory in the ladies' championship of the United States. It is singularly gratifying that this should have happened in the year of Miss Campbell's first triumph in the British championship.

"Few lady golfers have had a better record, and none has equalled her performance in winning both events. It is true that the excursions of our lady golfers to the States have not been nearly so frequent as those of their cousins across the Atlantic to this country. Miss Rhona Adair in the zenith of her golfing powers had a successful tour over the most notable American courses, but she did not



Miss Dorothy Campbell.

come back with a championship. Miss Campbell, however, literally conquered all along the line. Her success is no matter for wonder. Trained in one of the finest Scottish schools of golf, she has steadily forged her way to the front rank. For four or five years Miss Campbell has been the best golfer of her sex on this side of the Tweed, and she came within an ace of winning the ladies' open championship several times before that honor ultimately fell to her at Birkdale in May last. Considering that the courses in America present many difficulties to the visitor from this country, it is no easy matter for British golfers to do themselves justice there, but Miss Campbell has evidently become familiar with them very speedily, and playing at the top of her game won all her matches with something to spare.

"Miss Teacher, one of the other British golfers who took part in the championship, acquitted herself well. These interchanges of golfing courtesies tend to strengthen the bonds between devotees of the royal and ancient game all the world over, besides greatly enhancing the interest in open tournaments. It is to be hoped that Miss Campbell's victory in the States will have the effect of sending more American ladies to this country next year. The ladies' open championship has yet to be won by a player outside the United Kingdom."



Bill Lange, the Australian puglist, knocked out Bill Squires of Australia in the twentieth round. They fought for the heavyweight championship of Australia, at Melbourne.

It was announced that the fight planned for Thanksgiving between Battling Nelson and Ad Wolgast has been declared off. Nelson refused to enter the ring with Wolgast before January.

Senator McCarren, who died in Brooklyn last month, had been admitted to the bar, but did not practice his profession after he became the

CAPTAIN OF WISCONSIN'S FOOTBALL TEAM



John Wilce, leader of the Badgers, made one of the most sensational plays seen on the western gridiron this season in the game with Indiana. He saved his team from defeat when he interrupted a forward pass on his own 25-yard line and ran the entire length of the field for a touchdown.

leader of Kings county, he was devoted to horse racing and at one time he owned a large stable, his colors being one of the best known at the local tracks.

Bob Hedges, owner of the St. Louis Browns, is in a predicament. By releasing Jimmy McAleer from the management of the Browns he was forced to take on Jack O'Connor. If O'Connor fails to produce the goods it is claimed that Hedges will sell out. And if McAleer makes good at Washington St. Louis fans will realize, no doubt, that it pays to let a manager alone.

From across the deep blue sea comes news that Antonio Pieri, importer of foreign wrestling talent, is coming back to America with another Turk, with whom he expects to dethrone Frank Gotch from his high and lofty perch as world's champion. This same Pieri was the man that brought Yousouf, the mighty Turk who swept the boards clean many years ago, and only last winter he brought Yussif Mahmout here to beat Gotch. He failed by a wide margin, but when he departed said he would yet get a man to beat the Iowa farmer. Maxout Murat is the new man.

To Renew the Grand Prix.

Automobile manufacturers in America have for two years contended that racing pays and they have supported their belief to such an extent that from twenty-five to thirty road races a season are contested. It is gratifying to the Americans to have the foreign manufacturers decide that next year will see a renewal of the French Grand Prix, a classic international in character and considered the greatest automobile contest of the world.

Cravath Awarded Back Pay.

The national commission issued a finding in the case of Player C. C. Cravath against the Chicago White Sox. Cravath claimed he had two days' pay coming to him from the Sox and the commission then looked into the matter and had the money paid him—\$26.66.

Rossmann May Buy Team.

Claude Rossmann, formerly of the Detroit Tigers and St. Louis Browns of the American league, may break into the minor leagues, as it is said he is to purchase an interest in the Saginaw Southern Michigan league team and will manage it next year.

Rough Football Game in Texas.

In a game of football at Brownwood, Tex., between Simmons college of Abilene and Howard Payne college of Brownwood, Capt. Airhart of Simmons was carried from the field with a fractured skull. Daniels and Murphy of the same team were seriously hurt.

Hahn Struck Out by Cupid.

Edgar Hahn, right fielder of the Chicago White Sox, was married to Miss Josie Reese, at Nevada, O.

JENNINGS SIGNS CONTRACT

Report Says He Will Get \$30,000 Provided He Wins Fourth Pennant.

Manager Hugh Jennings of the Detroit American league club signed a contract for the season of 1910. The terms were not disclosed, but it is understood that the manager's demand for an increase in salary was compromised. In the three years Jennings has managed the Tigers he has taken down in salary and profits \$41,500—\$10,000 in 1907, \$14,000 in 1908 and \$17,500 this year.

For 1910, it is said, Jennings asked enough to net him \$30,000, provided he wins a fourth pennant. Official announcement placed the earnings of the club for the season of 1909 at \$166,000, and including the world's series profits about \$200,000.

Pitcher George Mullin and Catcher Schmidt have also signed contracts for next season, and Tyrus Cobb signed for three years. Cobb is to get \$7,000 a year.

COACH OF THE BADGERS.



Tom Barry, who teaches the Wisconsin university boys how to play football, is a veteran of the game and steadily improved the work of his men as the season advanced.

Rebel Athletes Under Ban. The determination of President James E. Sullivan of the A. A. U. to exterminate the newly formed athletic body in the middle west, which is antagonistic to the A. A. U., has met with the approval of all clubs affiliated with the A. A. U. Each and every one of these organizations has pledged its support to the head of the A. A. U., and they all have promised to uphold their chief.

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