SPORTS OF WEEK

ITEMS OF INTEREST GATHERED FROM MANY BRANCHES OF SPORTING ACTIVITIES

BY POLK T. BRAMBLE

The basketball season at Washington College will begin on December 8th, with Philadelphia College of Osteopathy. The schedule for the season is as follows:

December 8—Philadelphia College of Osteopathy, at home.

December 13—Schuylkill College, at Reading, Pa.

December 14—Juniata College, at Huntington, Pa.

December 15—Susquehanna University, at Selinsgrove, Pa.

December 18—Alumni All-Stars, at home.

January 5—Pennsylvania Athletic Club, at Philadelphia.

January 9—Elizabethtown College, at home.

January 11—Pratt Institute, at home.

January 18—Mount St. Mary's College, at home.

January 26—Loyola College, at Baltimore.

February 2—Albright College, at home.

February 8—St. John's College, at home. t

February 14— Juniata College, at home.

February 16—West Virginia Teachers College, at home.

February 23—Baltimore University, at home.

February 27— Mount St. Mary's College, at Emmitsburg.

March 2—Loyola College, at home.

March 9—Alumni, at home.

Boxing still continues to draw big crowds in Centreville. Bob Cosden, who has shown to the writer more class than any other boxer on the Shore, knocked out Fargo, conqueror of Lamski, in the seventh round Friday night. In the opinion of the writer, the boxing bouts are being allowed to go too far by the referee at Centreville. This will, eventually, kill the game there if continued. The fans want to see a good, stiff bout, but beyond a certain point the element of brutality enters. This is caused by the spirit of the boxers in refusing to quit, but it is poor judgment to allow this. When a boxer is injured to the extent that he is partially incapacitated, he becomes easy prey and is literally slaughtered by a stronger opponent. Let's eliminate the element of brutality by stopping the bouts at a reasonable point, and thus put the game on a loftier plane.

Florida took the lead in the scoring of points among college elevens as the result of games played on Saturday, New York University dropping to second place and Georgetown to third. Florida jumped to the top by means of its 60-6 victory over Washington and Lee, its total now being 324 points to 316 for N. Y. U. and 299 for Georgetown.

Points scored for and against some of the leaders follow:

	For.	Ag'st.
Florida	324	31
N. Y. U.	316	71
Georgetown	299	62
Stanford	274	62
Pennsylvania	271	26
Detroit	267	27
Southern California	267	59
Davis and Elkins	266	41
Tulane	264	76
Boston College	263	39
Lafayette	237	44
Tennessee	236	39
Schuylkill	230	66
Southern Methodist	227	78
Temple	224	24
Western Maryland	223	39
Carnegie Tech	220	53

Football enjoyed its greatest season. The 1928 camgaign will be recorded as the most interesting in the history of this very appealing Autumn pastime. It is the element of uncertainty which keeps any sport alive and the topsy-turvy season which has practically ended, although a few games, notably in the South, remain to be played, was one replete with action right from the start.

Reputations meant nothing and it was just a series of upsets and surprises to the very end. No one was spared and the so-called big teams were the worst victims. The so-called little teams, those rising disturbers, showed no indication of a let-down.

Then we have the cases of reputedly powerful teams collapsing early only to rally and come back with a destructive punch. This was a very sad season for the favorities.

A word about the class of football play is timely. The game surely is making progress and the forward pass and lateral pass have done their part. No team can be a factor in modern football unless it has perfected a passing attack with its running game. I have stressed this point, and the more I see of football the more I am convinced that it is true.

With college football over for the season in the East, Ken Strong of New York University is the individual scoring champion. Not only is he the top man in the East but his total of 160 is the highest in the country so he also takes the national crown.

California's undefeated Bears, who lost the Conference title because of two ties, while Southern California was held even only once, will meet an intersectional opponent on New Year's Day at Pasadena. The Eastern team will be Georgia Tech.

The final Coast Conference standings:

	Won.	Lost.	Tied.	P.C.
Southern California	4	0	1	1.000
California	3	0	2	1.000
Stanford	4	1	1	.800
Oregon	4	2	0	.667
Washington State	4	3	0	.571
Idaho	2	3	0	.400
Oregon State	2	3	0	.400
Washington	2	4	0	.333
U. C. L. A.	0	4	0	.000
Montana	0	5	0	.000

With the exception of post-season games, the football season is over and the final reckoning of intersectional games shows that the East is the champion, having a percentage of .588 to .553 for the mid-West. The East won twenty games and lost fourteen, while the mid-West captured twenty-one and met defeat seventeen times.

The Far West, with two victories over the East and one over the mid-West last week, actually tops the standings with five victories and one defeat; but it played only six intersectional games all season, and thus does not compare with the East, which had thirty-nine games, or the mid-West, which played forty-three contests. The Far West gained its victories last week when Oregon State defeated N. Y. U., Stanford conquered Army and Southern California defeated Notre Dame.

Notre Dame played more intersectional games than any other team, taking part in seven. It won four of these and lost three.

During the football campaign which has just closed, nineteen players died as a result of injuries received on the playing field and more than 100 others were badly injured, more than half of these receiving broken and fractured bones. The total deaths is two more than last year, and is only one short of the highest total in the modern game, twenty having been killed in 1920.

While the casualty list is high this season, it is to be remembered that more players than ever before are in the game. So large have been some of the squads in various parts of the country that the larger colleges in the Middle West played two teams on the field this season, an A and a B eleven. As another indication that the sport is not reporting deaths and injuries beyond the normal average is the fact that insurance companies do not list the sport as hazardous.

Although all of the leading college football teams in the Eastern section of the country have already brought their campaigns to a close, several games of importance still remain to be played in the South. Most of these contests are on the schedule for the coming Saturday. One of the outstanding games on Saturday's list is the annual battle between the Georgia Tech and University of Georgia elevens. Other important contests are the Tennessee-Florida, University of North Carolina games.

The annual battle between Georgia Tech and Georgia will be staged on the home gridiron of the former team in Atlanta. When these two rivals faced each other last season Georgia Tech triumphed by a score of 12 to 0 and the Golden Tornado is favored to win again this year.

The game with Georgia on Saturday will be the ninth and final contest of the campaign for the Georgia Tech eleven. Prior to their triumph over the Auburn eleven at Atlanta last Thursday, the Georgia Tech team had a record of seven consecutive victories. Two of its outstanding triumphs were those gained over Notre Dame and Vanderbilt.

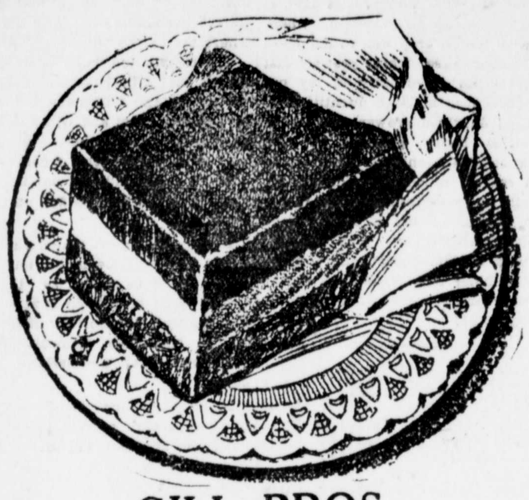
The Georgia Tech players started their present campaign by gaining a victory over Virginia Military Institute by a score of 13 to 0. In their next game they triumphed over Tulane by 12 to 0 and then for the third time in a row they prevented their opponents from scoring a single point when they won from Notre Dame by a count of 13 to 0. The first team to score against them this season was North Carolina, which they met in their fourth game of the camgaign and defeated by 20 to 7. Then they triumphed over Oglethrope by 32 to 7.

A football team that was welded together like a single, white-shirted giant, brought an end to Eastern football Saturday and sent Army's gallant team reeling from the Yankee Stadium battered and smothered on the short end of a 26 to 0 score.

Stanford, from the opening minute of the game, ran through, over and around Army for great, stabbing gains, ripped gaping holes in the Army line and stopped, almost entirely, the running attack of the cadets to score as clean-cut and decisive a victory as the season has produced.

Only the fact that the cadets never for an instant quit and fought themselves to exhaustion so that third string men were called in at the close gave to the game any semblance of a contest. As it was, the biggest crowd that has seen a game in the East, 88,000, sat and stood in unbroken rows until the last gun of the game.

Jim Bottomley, first baseman of the St. Louis Cardinals, has been voted the most valuable player to his club in the National League for 1928, and while this selection is not expected to interfere with the nation's era of prosperity or cause international complications with the Latin Americas, it is quite certain to create something of a stir in metropoletan baseball circles where the feeling has been prevalent that Freddie Lindstrom, third baseman of the Giants, should have been made the recipient of this signal honor.



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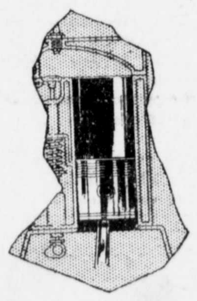

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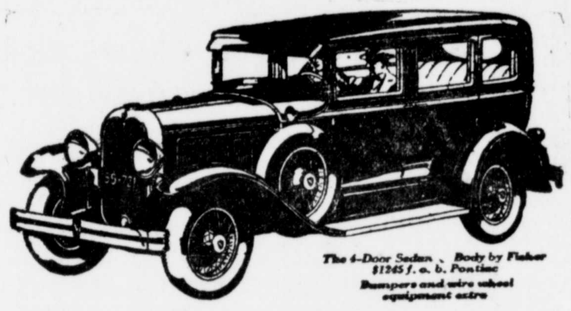

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