

# FOOTBALL FATALITIES HIGH THIS SEASON

## MOSTLY DUE TO LACK TRAINING

### Death or Serious Injury Exceedingly Rare Where Work of Skilled Coaches and Instructors Is Law

By LAWRENCE PERRY (Copyright, 1925, by The Advance)

New York, Nov. 12.—The death through accident in football of a college student at Spokane and that of another student of Lenoir-Rhyne last week emphasized a fact already noted, that the gridiron game this season has been marked by an unusual number of fatalities.

In any game involving rugged physical contact there is bound to be some percentage of mortality. But there this is to say about football—deaths, or serious injuries among players of teams that are well coached and trained are so small as to be negligible.

The case of that promising young man and exceptional athlete, Frank Lehigh, this season was a rare exception. In all their 50 years of the hardest sort of football, Yale, Harvard and Princeton have had few major accidents and no deaths. And this fact applies to most colleges and universities where players are compelled first to be certified by physicians as to their physical qualifications for the game and then minutely coached in the fundamentals of play which includes proper protection such as knowing how to fall, how to brace against shocks and the like.

Again there is the necessity of competent trainers, expert conditioners of athletes whose word is law on all points of fitness and when a man should play and when he should not.

The trouble with football at present is that it is increasing so rapidly in popularity as a game to play as well as to watch that the country is filled with eleven tees upon the gridiron without adequate knowledge of the game or any idea of the basic elements of self preservation which thoroughly grounded coaches teach first of all.

And the question of disproportionate weight, particularly in high school games also is a factor. Some small half-backed high school eleven faces a team of a larger and better coached school and the wonder always is that several of the small school players are not killed.

Where players are mature, uneven weight conditions are not so important, especially where coaching and conditioning have been skillfully applied. But where preparation has been inadequate, it is little short of criminal to permit games to be played and this applies to colleges as well as to schools.

What to do about important football games when gridirons are practically unplayable is a question that curiously enough has sprung up both in the East and West this week. It is perfectly true that eleven play in quagmires, elements such as coaching, material and the like do not count for much and the outcome of contests is decided mainly upon



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breaks and flukes.

Wisconsin played Iowa last Saturday in a blinding blizzard with the thermometer way below freezing and a 30 miles gale blowing. Michigan and Northwestern played in a veritable morass and Chicago and Illinois were not much better off.

Poor playing conditions are as much responsible as anything for the present astonishing jumble of the western conference situation. Minnesota is the only undefeated team and this would seem to be more due to the Gophers' light conference schedule than to any strength they may possess. Notre Dame beat them 19 to 7.

The idea of postponing games where gridirons are in terrible shape has been suggested. But this could not be done because of the necessity of meeting other games of the schedule. Some one has broached the alternative of outright cancellation of contests.

But this would draw loud and frenzied howls from those concerned with the financial side of intercollegiate football. Of course games falling on inclement days might be thrown into late November or Saturdays up to the middle of December but against such an expedient the veto of the faculty authorities might arise. It is all a perplexing problem.

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## He Lost

## YOUNG STRIBLING IS OVERWORKED

### Conditioners Say That Pa in Handling the Boy Has Destroyed Any Heavy-weight Chances Son Had

By FAIR PLAY (Copyright, 1925, by The Advance)

New York, Nov. 12.—Competent physical conditioners in the boxing game say that the way Pa Stribling is handling his son has destroyed any chance the boy might have had of becoming a full fledged heavyweight and possibly a champion. The opinion is that he is being fought out.

He has had over a hundred and fifty battles in the four years he has been fighting and earned \$320,000 in so doing.

Of late Pa has been picking soft ones with a master hand for his son, but even so, Young Stribling's active life has kept his weight down and prevented him from being the stalwart heavy-weight he might otherwise have been.

He was a worried young man when he met Paul Berlenbach two years ago, was weary even before the fight and he was lucky that it went over the short route.

His subsequent showing against Al Stone confirmed the belief that he was burning out and his father did a wise thing in taking the youngster away from the thumping lane and putting him back to school for a six months' period. Now he is out of school and fighting like a slave.

The Striblings are cruising the high roads in a caravan consisting of a big automobile fitted out with living quarters for the entire family. It is a familiar sight all over the country and the elder Stribling is taking on matches wherever a promoter can be found who is willing to match the youngster with a local product. Strib has been knocking all such low-legged out West. His knock-out string is growing by leaps and bounds. Eddie Huffman, the young Navy heavy who met Stribling recently out West, says that he wishes the fight had been set for more than ten rounds as the Georgian was tiring rapidly in the latter frames of their bout. If Huffman is not talking through his hat it looks as though the time will soon come when Stribling must be turned out to pasture.

## Seeks Title



Here is Al Pagan, the latest contender for flyweight honors now held by Fidel La Barba. Pagan hails from Italy. He holds the fly weight championship of that country. Note the striking resemblance to the late champion Pancho Villa.

## ROBBY'S UP TO HIS OLD TRICKS

### Sees No Chance Get Star Batters or Fielders So Is Trying to Build Up His Pitching Strength

By JOHN B. FOSTER (Copyright, 1925, by The Advance)

New York, Nov. 12.—Manager Wilbert Robinson, of the Brooklyn Nationals, whose old-time strong point as a catcher was to build up pitchers until they were able to pitch to the weakness of batters, is up to the same trick again.

"I'll put four pitchers in the field in 1926 who between them will be capable of winning anywhere from 60 to 75 games," said Robinson to the writer today. "There is no chance for Brooklyn to get star batters away from other clubs by paying star prices. Two clubs in the National League are trying to do that already. But there is a chance for any team with high grade pitchers to gain in the circuit in 1926."

"I know I can't change my team in some respects, except as I make a fortunate swap with a manager who thinks I have something he wants. That's why I traded with Boston. I gave them a good catcher, in Taylor, an outfielder, in Brown, who is a good

as there is in the league except a thrower; and an odd man in Johnston who can hit any place on the field. I got a catcher, O'Neill, who is smart behind the bat, to take care of my pitchers; an outfielder, in Felix, who may not score as much ground as Brown, but certainly can help my pitchers by getting the ball back from the outfield; and Jess Barnes, a pitcher who will add between 15 and 20 strikeouts to my string if things go well. Don't look at that string as nothing, wrong with Barlow's arm and it will be the best thing that ever happened to him to get away from Boston, which he thought he was abandoned without much hope for the future.

"If I can build up a team that will back up high class pitching by good hitting, I'm not saying star hitting and by having some who are around 250, I'll have as much to say about the pennant race of 1926 as any of those other birds who think they have the edge."

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