

Today's Sports Parade

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NEW YORK (AP)—Every day, in every way, your modern athlete gets bigger and better—which surprisingly enough is why there has been such a terrific increase in football injuries.

Jesse Harper, who coached at Notre Dame before the alumni had a subway, took one look at the Irish last Saturday and said they made the Four Horsemen look puny. Bob Mathias walked all over Jim Thorpe's individual records in winning the Olympic Decathlon title.

All of which points up the theory of Jim Lee Howell, coach of the New York football Giants.

"We've always had big boys but, like in basketball, as a group your athletes are bigger today," Howell explains. "Not only are they bigger but also they are able to move more quickly."

"This means that they hit harder—and something has to give."

ADMITS GREAT CHANGE

Howell admits there has been a great change even since the days when he was a pro end in the late 30's.

"My wife never saw me play," he explained. "So recently I obtained some pictures of some of our old games. Now, I always thought I was a pretty good player. I never knew, I was such a poor one. We weren't the players then that they are now, I'll tell you."

The greatest difference, he insists, is the blocking department.

"In my day we moved into an opponent and then started to drive them out," he illustrated. "Today those big boys take off like they were shot out of a cannon. They drive into an opponent, sharper and better than we ever did. You don't find the brush blocking much any more, either. It's 'boom' and somebody is on the ground."

Another factor, he concedes, is the great amount of downfield blocking in which the blockers pile into the defensive men under a full head of steam.

COLLEGE PLAYERS BETTER

"Then there is the fact that the college players are better now, too," he added, "and so much bigger and faster."

Nor will Howell, the one-time Arkansas star, hold still for the popular conception that pro football lacks the spirit and enthusiasm of college play.

"We played San Francisco a game this year and didn't get a single pass," he said. "Then we had a 15-minute scrimmage and lost three men with injuries."

"Your pro player today is even more determined to make good than the collegian," he insisted. "Even the ones who have it made play like tigers and I've had guys cry because they wanted to get into a game so badly."

The combination of big, fast athletes giving it the "old college try" whether they are collegians or pros thereby causes most of the physical damage, Howell held. When that immovable object collides with a resistible force, something's gotta give.

Maryland, Louisiana To Battle Saturday

RALEIGH (AP)—Mighty Maryland will try to end the Southeastern Conference's domination of the Atlantic Coast Conference when the Terps entertain Louisiana State this week but the Tigers could prove too much for Maryland to handle.

Maryland racked up an easy 27-0 win over South Carolina last week while LSU bowed to Mississippi 29-26 but the Rebels needed a couple of field goals to beat the Tigers.

SEC DOMINATION

In six meetings between the two conferences so far this season, SEC teams have racked up four wins. Only Clemson, which beat Georgia, and Duke, with a win over Tennessee, boast victories over SEC foes.

Georgia Tech beat Duke 27-0 to hand the Blue Devils their second straight loss. Vanderbilt blasted Virginia 34-7 and Tennessee mauled North Carolina 48-7 last Saturday.

Duke and Virginia face more woe this week as the Blue Devils meet Navy in Baltimore and Virginia goes to Pittsburgh to meet the Pitt team that handed Duke its first loss of the season.

The one conference game on tap sends North Carolina against South Carolina in the Oyster Bowl at Nonfolk.

Clemson, a 19-13 winner over Wake Forest, meets Virginia Tech at Roanoke, Va., while Wake Forest plays host to William and Mary. North Carolina State which beat Furman 33-7, will go after its third straight win against Boston University at Boston.

DEVILS HAMSTRUNG

Halfback George Volkert scored twice in the first six minutes to lead Georgia Tech against Duke. The Blue Devils, operating without first string quarterback Sonny Jurgensen, were never able to penetrate beyond Tech's 28-yard line.

Michigan Still Tops; Duke Drops To 15th

NEW YORK (AP)—Michigan's "thrill a minute" Wolverines, who score their football victories with a script out of an old-time movie melodrama, topped the United Press ratings today for the fourth week in a row.

Oklahoma beat out Maryland for the No. 2 ranking by a slim margin, and Georgia Tech, West Virginia, and Texas Christian moved into this week's top 10 selected by the 35 leading coaches who make up the United Press rating board.

Notre Dame's 21-7 victory over Navy and upset defeats suffered by Auburn, Southern California and Texas A&M caused the shake-up in the top 10. The Middies dropped from fourth to 10th, giving UCLA, Michigan State and Notre Dame an opportunity to advance one notch each to the respective 5, 6 and 7 rankings.

Three Top Teams

For the second week in a row, a comparatively few points separated the three top teams. Michigan's comeback power, which overcame a 14-point halftime deficit and produced a 33-21 victory over Iowa before a nationwide television audience, helped Coach Bennie Oosterbaan's Wolverines "widen" their lead from last week's six points to 10 this week.

This was the fourth game in the past five that the Wolverines were called upon to come through with their best football in the second half in order to preserve their perfect record.

As a result, 15 coaches picked Michigan tops in the country. Oklahoma received only seven first-place votes compared to eight for Maryland, but the Sooners attracted more votes for succeeding places and edged the Terrapins, 291 points to 289. Michigan's total was 301 points.

First-Place Votes

Fourth-ranked UCLA had three first place votes and fifth ranked Michigan State received the remaining two. Points, based on 10 for a first place ballot, nine for a second and so on down to one for a 10th place vote, were distributed: UCLA 221; Michigan State 211; Notre Dame 202; Georgia Tech 117; West Virginia 77; Texas Christian 75; and Navy 53.

Georgia Tech, West Virginia and TCU made the biggest jumps this week as they knocked Auburn, Southern California and Texas A & M out of the top 10. Georgia Tech moved up five places to the No. 7 ranking; West Virginia, making the season's first appearance in the select group, jumped three spots to No. 8; and TCU advanced

This Coach Has A Son On His Team

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP)—It's understandable—and pardonable when backfield coach Paul Short of Lehigh University lets his eye drift from the backs to that section of the practice field where the ends are working.

It's also understandable that he grins a little when No. 88 makes a fine catch of a pass, or hauls down an enemy ball carrier.

The fact is, No. 88 is Austin Short, and "Austy" just happens to be Paul's son.

Paul also happens to be business manager of athletics at Lehigh, and between the coaching chores, he keeps an eye on the ticket sales, athletic finances and the like.

Lehigh Winning Streak Paul stepped in as backfield coach in a hurry this past summer as an aide to Bill Leckonby when Harry Dockham resigned. All that's on his mind this week is Lehigh's five-game winning streak as it readies for VMI at home, plus the gate, and how are the ends doing?

For the record, young Short is doing all right by dad and Lehigh tradition. He's a 20-year-old junior, a six-foot, 175 pound strapping, and a big reason why the Engineers won five after dropping the season's opener to Cornell.

The kid is the big man in the pinch. He's caught 16 passes for 261 yards and two touchdowns. He's the guy they throw to when the game is close and the lift is needed.

He put on quite a show when Lehigh bumped Gettysburg from the unbeaten ranks in a terrific comeback. He caught five passes for 76 yards. Two set up touchdowns which enabled Lehigh to overcome a 12-point deficit in what was regarded as an upset in some circles.

All-Time Great The kid is following a dad who was quite a football player in his own right. Pop was one of Lehigh's all-time greats, a quarterback during the early 1930's, the team punter and a fine broken field runner.

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As an old footballer, Pop remembers what happens out there. He winces a little when Austy takes a hammering, or even when he makes a tackle or snags a pass.

"Sure, he's just a member of the squad," pop reflected, "but I guess that's only on the surface. Well, he's my kid, and I'm proud of him."

In other leading Eastern games next weekend, Cornell is at Brown Dartmouth at Columbia and Princeton at Harvard in the Ivy League; North Carolina State is at Boston University, Colgate at Bucknell, Rutgers at Lafayette, Duke at Navy, Syracuse at Penn State, Notre Dame at Penn, Virginia at Pittsburgh, Army at Yale and Muhlenberg at Temple. Dayton is at Holy Cross on Sunday.

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