

DATE FOR ARMY AQUATIC SPORTS SET FOR MAY 14

89TH HAS SIX PLAYERS ON ALL-A.E.F. FOOTBALL TEAM

Withington, Higgins, Gerhardt, Clark, Laslett and Lindsey Named

CHOICE PROVES DIFFICULT Host of Good Football Material Makes Selection of Men Big Problem

The logical aftermath of any gridiron season is the selection of an all-star football eleven. Walter Camp set the precedent some 30 years ago of choosing a mythical team of players that while they never hatched up in team harness, had demonstrated the highest grade of football in the various positions.

Nothing was ever done with such a team. It never played any games, the wisdom of Mr. Camp's selections never came to an issue, and the football world was never any wiser as to whether he chose well or not. But it came to be a fixed custom and other Walter Camps cropped up all over America with the result that the official football guide is sprinkled with mythical all-American, all-Northwestern, all-Southern, and other teams.

Acting upon the many requests received from various correspondents throughout the A.E.F., the Sporting Editor of THE STARS AND STRIPES has selected an all-A.E.F. football team. He never saw all the football teams. He never saw all the football teams of America in action. Further argument is perhaps unnecessary. The point is plain. And the inevitable avalanche of brickbats hurled this way from all points in Germany, France, and Luxembourg will be received by the mythical "George" or the office boy.

89th Has Great Ends Without a doubt the champion 89th Division had the best pair of ends to play in Paris. Laslett appeared better in the final games than Higgins. He is not a large man, weighing about 155 pounds, but he has the dynamic power of a French 75. He gets down the field on punts like a flash and has a nose for the ball. His recovery of a rolling punt that just grazed the safety man's leg broke the ice of an apparently close game with the S.O.S. team and resulted in a touchdown.

There can be no dispute as to the selection of Capt. Paul Lindsey as all that could be asked and furthermore he was the real genius and moving spirit of the champion Army of Occupation football team. He drove it to its greatest heights. He is THE STARS AND STRIPES' choice for captain of its all-A.E.F. aggregation. Not only was his argument about the right of Malsbet, the great inland player of the 36th Division, to the other guard position, if there was as much unanimity of opinion as there was in the case of Lindsey, the A.E.F. team would be easy. Malsbet's punting and passing featured every game in which he appeared. Able to kick 100 yards with accuracy and in long distance, he was in the backfield much of the time on the offense and in defensive play was a stonewall position in the line.

Gerhardt is not a showy player but as quarterback he handled his machine admirably throughout the big series. He is the 5th, and Carroll, of the 28th, are great players. The choice between these three admits of much argument. However, the 89th Division, which has never been a base port games and Hughes, the brainy little leader of the crack Battery C, 109th F. A. team which got into the Paris finals, proved as exciting a performer as any player in each event while the line was in. The selection of backs is easy. Malsbet, the Harvard and all-American man, was a star that the 89th thought it worth while to keep two and three on him all the time. "Dotsey" Clark, easily gained more yardage than any back in the A.E.F. As far as the line men go, the 89th's A.E.F. was full of good backs. Lindsey is given the preference at fullback because he not only can kick, but passes beautifully. He can hit the line and is a tucker and interference maker and breaker. He is heavy, about 180, and tall enough to pass over the heads of charging ends.

Other good men are Lesore, former Yale star; Major Miller, Eielson, Lookabaugh, Whitney, Woodward, Maharkey, S. Clarke, and E. B. Nichols. The 89th's "Newberry" Gavler, Kelly, Peacock.

S.O.S. SWIMMING MEET IS PLANNED FOR LA ROCHELLE, MAY 6-7

An S.O.S. swimming meet will be held May 6 and 7, probably at La Rochelle, just north of Bordeaux, where there is a big tank 100 by 20 yards as well as the big tank in each event while the line was in.



YANK FIGHTERS NOW IN LONDON

With all eight teams playing, the final basketball series for the championship of the A.E.F. opened Monday afternoon at the Palais de Glace in Paris. Two games were run off in the afternoon, followed by two at night.

S.O.S. MAKES CLEAN-UP IN OPENING GAMES FOR ARMY BASKETBALL TITLE

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CHICAGO CUBS' GREAT PITCHING STAR WINS LAST GAME IN FRANCE

You've all heard of Alexander the Great and Alexander's Rag-Time Band, but Alexander's last game in France as a member of Uncle Sam's overseas fighting forces has escaped notice. We refer to Grover Cleveland Alexander, premier slab artist of the Chicago Cubs, who is down at St. Almann waiting for a transport to take him back to the United States.

Passing the Buck by Franc Terror. One of the wonders of the world war is the way the Americans have carried their sports to the battlefields of France and Belgium. The sports invasion of these two countries is complete with Yankee athletic activity manifested everywhere.

WOLF! WOLF! WOLF! Another wild and woolly Westerner has written us in response to the challenge of Cpl. Jack Ray to meet any man in the A.E.F. in a roping contest.

RAH! RAH! RAH! The A.E.F. educational campaign is going to be a great success. We say this because already the American soldier students, with Yankee "Go get 'em spirit" are exhibiting an admirable esprit de corps.

DREW RETIRES Sgt. Howard P. Drew, 809th Pioneer Infantry, colored wonder of the cinder path, Olympic medalist, and holder of 100 world records for the century dash, has retired from the running game, according to an announcement made last week.

HOT AFTER BONINI These must be busy days for Dominica Bonini, the motorcycle racer of the S.O.S. who has just won the A.E.F. for a race, through these columns, judged by the number of men who are coming forward to take him on.

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GERMANY TO HELP PAY FOR 3RD ARMY ATHLETIC FIELD

City of Coblenz Will Give 40,000 Marks as Its Share of Expense

SITE IS ISLAND ON RHINE

Insel Oberwert, Where Germans Formerly Held Olympic Try-outs, to Be Scene of Big Meet

The city of Coblenz has agreed to contribute 40,000 marks toward the expense of completing the Third Army athletic field, on Insel Oberwert, the island in the Rhine above Coblenz, where the Germans used to hold the Olympic try-outs for the Rhineland provinces.

HUGE SPORT PROGRAM AHEAD FOR ATHLETES OF AMERICAN ARMY

April 11—Tennis tourney, Bordeaux. April 11—A.E.F. basketball finals. April 11-22—A.E.F. boxing and wrestling finals, Cirque de Paris, Paris. April 11-20—Golf tourney, Nice. April 11-20—S.O.S. tennis tournament. April 21—3rd Army athletic carnival. April 27—International rowing regatta, Seine river, Paris. May 2-4—S.O.S. track and field, Colombes Field, Paris. May 5-24—A.E.F. rifle and pistol shoot, D'Avourville Range, Le Mans. May 6-7—S.O.S. swimming meet. May 14—A.E.F. swimming meet. May 19—A.E.F. tennis tourney, Paris. May 21—A.E.F. track and field finals, Colombes Field, Paris. May 25-June 1—S.O.S. baseball championship games.

Le Mans, 37; Paris District, 18

Le Mans got off to a good start in its game with the team from the Paris District and was never near the mark. The men from French capital fought gamely, but the embarkation center players proved just as good on defense as on the offense. Playing honors were shared by Leisse and Pohlman, Mangni and Ganzelle.

St. Nazaire, 27; Second Army, 21

St. Nazaire had to hustle to beat the Second Army representatives, and only nosed them out by three points in a rough and exciting contest. Bergen proved a tower of strength for the winners, registering six goals.

Tours, 46; First Army, 16

If nifty uniforms could win a basketball game, the Tours aggregation would have to come out first in the battle with the team from the 76th Division, representing the First Army. The men from Bar-sur-Seine were very much in the lead in their suits with a streak of lightning pointing against their red jerseys. Tours met their attack with such a rush that before the contest had gone any length of time it was struck to everybody that lightning never strikes twice in the same place. Reid and Pasquero, J. Doyle and Furshman were very much in the line in this contest. Reid made 11 goals and, like Pasquero, was constantly on the offensive. This pair was the most likely looking pair of forwards seen in action in the opening days games.

G.H.Q., 43; Third Army, 25

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GERMANY UP IN GERMANY ANXIOUS TO PLAY BASEBALL

It is a cliché the little town of Carden, Germany, was never built with the idea of ever having the great American national game staged within its limits. For it had been there would have been a better location than the hills and mountains that the hamlet. But when the Army of Occupation moved toward the Rhine, it was the 1st of Company M, 58th Infantry, to be billeted in this town.

POSIES THAT GREW AT G.H.Q.

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At a recent meeting of the Amateur Athletic Union of the S.O.S., the constitution was amended so that an amateur athlete who becomes a paid instructor in Army camps will not lose his amateur standing.



of the pool, but must "coast" and not use either arms or legs for propulsion. Both hands must be placed on the end of the pool at each turn, before pushing off, the same as at the start. The rules governing individual races apply to relay races. In all races except the back stroke, each contestant will stand with both feet on the take-off. Stepping back before or after the pistol will not be allowed and will serve to disqualify the contestant from that event. If the contestant leaves the take-off prior to the firing of the starter's pistol, it will be considered a false start. Any contestant who makes three false starts will be disqualified and no substitute will be allowed for the disqualified competitor.

Must Keep Straight Course

Each contestant will keep a straight course, parallel to the other contestants. The race will be started at least six feet apart and each one will be entitled to a straight lane of water six feet wide from start to finish. Any contestant, who when out of his own lane, crosses another contestant, is liable to disqualification.

Rules Governing Races

According to the rules governing the best stroke, the contestants must dive and swim on their back, both hands must be forward and be brought backward simultaneously and must be used throughout the race. The body must be kept perfectly level and the shoulders kept on a line with the surface of the water. The carrying of one shoulder higher than the other will disqualify the contestant from the race. At the end of the race, the pool and at the finish must be made with both hands simultaneously. If the head is carried under the water, it must come up above the surface after each stroke. The use of any sidestroke will serve to disqualify the contestant.

GOLFERS PLAYING FOR A.E.F. TITLE OVER NICE LINKS

Play in the A.E.F. golf tourney at the Nice Golf Club, one of the prettiest links in France, opened yesterday with 200 officials and enlisted men participants. From morning until twilight the links were dotted with khaki clad players in the qualifying round of medal play.

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RESULT OF WEEKLY RING SHOW DOWN AT CAMP PONTANEZEN

Five three-round bouts were put on down at Camp Pontanezen, Brest, last week under the auspices of the Camp Athletic Council. Ramsdale scored the only knock out, putting Brady away in the third round.

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STARS MAY RETURN

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WALK-OVER SHOES

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