

Playing the Game

with
HENRY J. MCCORMICK

It was eight years ago that Wisconsin made its first and last trip to the Pacific Coast for a football engagement.

The 1938 Badgers played University of California at Los Angeles (U.C.L.A.) in the best available transportation at that time, but the most plush of accommodations, and won a significant victory.

Those 1938 Badgers made the trip on the famed streamliner City of Los Angeles, put up in the exclusive bungalows that are a part of the Ambassador hotel, and wound up by scoring a 14-7 victory over a U.C.L.A. team that included the famed Kenny Washington and Woodrow Strode.

The 1946 Badgers will play the University of California at Berkeley this Saturday, and this time the Cardinals will be airborne.

Otherwise, the schedule for plunk travel and accommodations remains unchanged. Coach Harry Stuhldreher may be careful of the university's money on most occasions, but there's nothing niggardly about the little guy when it comes to taking care of his players on trips.

And for a guy who's so careful of handling the university's money he's about as loose as they come when it comes to personal expenditures.

The Badgers will leave Thursday morning at 8 o'clock on a chartered United Airlines DC-4. This will handle a party of 44 with baggage.

All arrangements were completed last week with a United Airlines representative. The DC-4 can carry a maximum load of 18,000 pounds. Wisconsin party and baggage averages out at about 12,000 pounds.

The party will fly non-stop to Denver, arriving at 11:30 a. m. and leaving at 12:20 p. m. Arrival at the Oakland airport is scheduled for 5 p. m.

Wisconsin's party then will be whisked off to Earl Herrick Ranch at Pleasanton, Calif., a plush spot with private golf course, swimming pool, and other such items. The squad will be quartered there Thursday and Friday nights, working out Friday afternoon on the 18th fairway of the golf course.

The Saturday game at Berkeley is expected to draw around 70,000 people, and immediately after the contest the Badgers will go to the Mark Hopkins hotel in San Francisco, another hotel with a national reputation.

There will be Saturday night dinner for the squad in the Argonaut Room.

Wisconsin's party will spend Saturday night at the Mark Hopkins and will board their plane for the return trip Sunday at 9 a. m. There will be a stop at Denver at 2:55 p. m. and 30 minutes later the big DC-4 will head for Madison, arriving here at 8:30 p. m.

This will be the first time Wisconsin and California have met in football, but it may mark the beginning of an extended home-and-home relationship with California definitely scheduled to play here in 1947.

There will be quite a gathering of Wisconsin people now residing in California, among them a couple of famous football stars of the past, Pat O'Dea (1930-32) and James L. "Jimmy" Bralier (1931-32).

There will be some other people flying out from here on the regular commercial flights. Your correspondent will be one. Also, there will be William Hoard of Ft. Atkinson, a member of the University of Wisconsin athletic board and a fellow I let carry my typewriter at times.

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Badgers Merciful in Piling Up 34-0 Win

These Two Badger Touchdown Plays Broke Hilltoppers Back Saturday



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Stuhldreher Not Satisfied

"We Aren't Sharp," He Maintains

By MONTE MCCORMICK

"We aren't sharp yet. We have to do a much better job of blocking," Coach Frank Stuhldreher said after the Badgers' 34-0 victory over Marquette.

And from Harry's words it was apparent that he was far from satisfied with Wisconsin's offensive play in its opening game.

Harry's lack of enthusiasm over Wisconsin's showing for an opening game was not shared by many of the experts who were on hand either as scouts or spectators.

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Illini Power Too Much for Pitt

Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — The University of Illinois gave a grueling preview of things to come this season by defeating the University of Pittsburgh 28-0 in the opening game Saturday before State fans.

While the inexperienced Pitt team was not a complete test of Illinois' prowess, the game was not shared by many of the experts who were on hand either as scouts or spectators.

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Stalled with regulars off last year's second straight undefeated and united team and reinforced with reserve linemen, Edgewood will field a team that will have only one non-letterman in the lineup.

Vets Lead Crusaders

St. Francis was good enough to place second in the Milwaukee Catholic Conference last year, and this year it is being coached by O'Donnell's son, who turned out to be a star last year.

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