

SMITH THE BEST FIGHTER

Bruiser Who Will Meet Pelkey Soon is Hard Hitter.

PROTEGE OF JIM BUCKLEY

Veteran Manager Takes Gunboat in Hand and Tutors Him Preparatory to His Rapid Rise in Fighting World.

BY W. W. NAUGHTON.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 28.—No Gunboat Smith earned or at any rate received a decision over Sam Langford.

While some of the spectators may not have thought well of the award and while Langford's manager may have sent broadcast telegrams denouncing the verdict as a "Boston ruling" and an outrage, a decision is a decision after all and contributes its share toward building up a reputation.

To those who saw raly-poly Sam Langford in action with Jack Lester at Taft, the idea of Langford calling upon Heaven to witness that he was wronged in his match with Smith is humorous.

As the writer pointed out after the Taft affair, it would require months of earnest effort to place Langford in contention to participate in anything in the boxing line.

According to all accounts Sam was as high in class as Boston as he was at Taft and if he really tried his best and was worsted, he worked an injustice to himself.

He knows that Gunboat Smith is about the best man of any color at present before the public and he should not have risked a hard-earned reputation when he wasn't fit to do himself justice.

In any case, no matter what was behind the Boston bout, Gunboat Smith is the winner and it must be said that he has gone to the ring in a wonderful manner during the last year. It may be urged that there are certain men he should meet and certain men he is none too desirous of meeting, but his record as it stands is more impressive than that of any other man in his class.

It is such in fact, that if a question arose in any foreign country as to who was the best heavyweight in America, eight of every ten followers of pugilism would name Gunboat Smith.

He has victories to his credit over Jim Flynn, Carl Morris, Bombardier Wells, Jess Willard, Charlie Miller, Boer Rodel, Sam Langford and Frank Moran, and this practically means that the only man left for him to try conclusions with is Arthur Pelkey. A match between the pair will take place under Jim Coffroth's auspices this coming January and the winner will come near to being a genuine world's champion.

May Battle with Morris Again. Back east the opinion prevails that Gunboat should do battle again with Carl Morris. Smith himself must know that this feeling exists and if he wins from Pelkey he will no doubt defer to public ideas on this matter. If he fails to do so he will receive many an unpleasant reminder of his remissness as he makes his triumphal tour around the foothills circuit.

Gunboat Smith's success is quite a tribute to the powers of discernment of one Jim Buckley. The latter saw Smith perform a few times in San Francisco and could not very well shut his eyes to the fact that Gunboat was anything but a popular ringman hereabouts at that time.

Showing other things Smith was accused of showing the white feather when the going was rough, although in this connection the writer feels like saying in fairness that he has never seen anything in Smith's case which could be called pronounced cowardice. True, the Gunner has backed away at times when the other fellow went at him pell-mell, but I have seen numbers of the stoutest hearted fighters do that. The courage that isn't qualified with a little caution is more of a hindrance than a help to a fighting man. And as George Dawson once said, "Very few boxes become champions through getting in front of every blow aimed at them."

Buckley heard all that was to be said about Gunboat's "yellow streak" and then said: "I'll take him east with me. I think he will get along all right there and maybe you fellows won't know him when he comes back."

Gunboat certainly has made good under Buckley's direction and many discussions have arisen as to how it was that Buckley saw such promise in Smith, when the supposedly wise men of the west had pronounced him a dud.

Griffith Dislikes Johnson's Working With Kansas Teams

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.—Clark Griffith does not approve of his pitchers doing any work in the winter, such as playing in exhibition games. The Washington manager also states that the great pitcher used poor judgment when he went at full speed against the New York Giants. Here is what Griffith has to say on the subject:

"I am very much surprised to hear that Johnson has been pitching at top speed in games in the west since the season closed," said Griffith. "It seems to me that he should appreciate the effort I made last season to keep from overworking him. He has a wonderful arm, no doubt, but there is a limit to everything, and by pitching these games he is not treating himself or the club as he should."

"I know from experience that it does a pitcher no good to work after the season is over. It shortens his career, and I shall have an understanding with my pitchers in the future on this question."

Brickley Credits Kicking Ability to Good Coaching



Moving picture snapshots of Charley Brickley, Harvard's famous fullback, in the act of drop-kicking a field goal. The Harvard star, who is now classed with the best kickers in the history of the game, declares that he owes his success in drop-kicking to the coaching of Charley Daly, this year's Army coach; Vic Kenard, Harvard's foot ball hero of 1908, and Head Coach Percy Haughton. According to Brickley it was this trio that caused him to develop good form, accuracy and distance in kicking. The Harvard fullback says that he would rather practice drop-kicking than do any thing else in sports.

WESTERNERS NAIL HONORS

Three Western Warriors Secure Positions on All-American Team.

MANY EXCELLENT PLAYERS

Nearly All Players on This Year's Team Superior to Previous Years of Famous All-American Football Squad.

By TOM THORPE.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—The All-American football team for the season of 1913 presents an aggregation of remarkable strength when you take into consideration the caliber of the men who make up the personnel of the first eleven and the unusual number of available substitutes ready to take the place of any of the first string men without detracting one iota from the playing strength of the first combination.

The west as well as the east have by their consistent performances earned places of honor. In fact the brand of offensive foot ball displayed by our western brothers during the last season has opened the eyes of foot ball experts to the great possibilities of the new, open style game. The west excelled at offense, while the east showed a superior defense.

The ends of the last season were only of ordinary class. Seldom if ever before has foot ball seen such a dearth of high class extremity men. O'Brien of Harvard is the first selection. He has been more consistent in his playing than any of his rivals. Of good height and weight, he possesses a whirl of speed in covering kicks and never misses a tackle once he has left his feet.

At the other extremity is placed Avery of Yale. Not playing the early season game that he was capable of, he nevertheless showed his true caliber when put to the crucial test in his championship battle. Strong and with an abundance of foot ball sense, Avery was a player that would only put his supreme effort in his work when he thought it necessary.

Only Needs Experience. Wagner of Pittsburgh is a player who could assume all the responsibilities of the end position and perform in a masterly way. As an open field player and close follower of the pigskin he is a close second to Avery or O'Brien, but lacks a little of their experience.

Gilchrist of the Navy is another who showed real class in all his games. He excels as a receiver of forward passes. Offide of Chicago and O'Hearn of Cornell, as well as Roche of Notre Dame, Leuden of Dartmouth, Markov of West Point, Hammond of Princeton, Pratt of Carleton, Yruvink of Chicago, Raynsford of Michigan and Aylesworth of Minnesota, are ends that deserve a great amount of credit for their excellent work.

Hardwick of Harvard is given special mention. Hardwick is a player that was sacrificed for the good of his team. Possessing remarkable ability as a back field man he was sent to the last moment to the extremity of his rush line to add much needed strength, and has covered himself with a great amount of glory by the way he performed.

Many Great Tackles. At the tackle position an unusual number of players must be taken under consideration before a selection can be made. More strength was shown at this position during the last season than it has been the good fortune of the game to experience in a great many years.

Pontius of Michigan is a player who embodies all of the requirements of an ideal tackle, possessing remarkable strength and agility he proved to be one of the most difficult men for opponents to concentrate their attack upon. He was not one of those stationary tackles whom a quarter delight in finding in an opposing rush line, but he was constantly changing his position and would never play the same any two times during a game. Standing six feet in height and built in proportion he was enabled to play a "standing up" game and was never buried by making the initial charge in too low a position. His use of his hands on defense was one of his best qualities.

Bullin of Princeton as a playing mate would leave the defensive strength of the eleven unquestionable. Bullin is a Hercules in size and has a wonderful quick charge and carries his efforts through at all times. The remarkable defense shown by the Tigers under the shadow of their own goal posts was due to a great extent to the almost superhuman efforts of Bullin. In speed and

All-American Foot Ball Team

By TOM THORPE.

All-American team member and famous captain of Columbia, 1911.

Position. First Team. Second Team. Third Team. Right End... O'Brien, Harvard. Wagner, Pittsburgh. O'Zie, Chicago. Right Tackle... Fenwick, Michigan. Storer, Harvard. O'Zie, Chicago. Left Guard... Brown, Navy. Journey, Pennsylvania. Keeler, Wisconsin. Left Tackle... Bullin, Princeton. Butler, Wisconsin. Abell, Colgate. Left End... Avery, Yale. Gilchrist, Navy. O'Hearn, Cornell. Quarter Back... Dorais, Notre Dame. Wilson, Yale. Russell, Chicago. Fullback... Brickley, Harvard. Richardson, Notre Dame. Tandberg, Wisconsin.

aggressiveness he would prove a leader on any aggregation in the country today. Closely contending the positions with these two sensational players are Storer of Harvard, Butler of Wisconsin, Talbot Sanford type were missing.

Browne of the Navy came closer to perfection at the position than any other player. Standing six feet in height and built in proportion, Browne was a bulwark on defense. On offense his game did not suffer in comparison, possessing speed and ability to check all of his opponent's and Abel of Colgate.

Storer and Butler, All-American selections for last year, did not put the same amount of effort into their game as they were capable of doing. Among the other tacklers whose work stood out prominently were Phillips of Princeton, Gilman of Harvard, Blocker of Purdue, Wynn of West Point, Warren of Yale, Kirk of Iowa and Gifford of the Michigan "Argies."

New Style of Guards. The guards were only of average ability. Perhaps the "hesitating guard defense" taught the men by the coaches during the last season had considerable to do with the more or less average ability displayed by them. Nevertheless, the slashing, fighting guard of the Glass and ponents, he always found time to charge through and pick off one of the second string defenses when his team had the ball. His ability to kick goals from placement added greatly to his efficiency.

Pennock of Harvard, big, tall and massive, yet in no way clumsy, is placed at the other guard position. This player was more of a consistent performer, whose work was more appreciated by the coach on the sidelines than the spectator in the stands.

At the pivot positions were men of only a little more than average ability. The passing of most of the centersmen during the last season called for severe criticism. Time and again would the chances of their respective teams be jeopardized by some abominable pass by one of the centersmen. This was more true in the case of some of the larger teams than the smaller ones. To offset this the work of the pivot men on defense when they would be allowed to play a "revin" game their work stood out very prominent and called for much praise.

Ketchum of Yale, the greatest of the "revin" style pivot men in the country today, is given the preference over his closest rivals. Although not playing the position all during the season, he shines so brightly over the other stars in this position that he could go in and outplay anyone else who might be picked by a savvy margin.

Yale Man a Great Center. Ketchum's wonderful speed in covering kicks is another qualification that would add considerably to his team strength. His ability to pull his teammates together at critical stages of a game, as well as his offensive game, would do doubt tell in any contest.

Dee Jarden of Chicago, one of the greatest centers that the west has ever produced, would prove a close rival to the New Haven captain. His passing was more consistent, but on defense he did not show the ability of his rival.

At quarterback the material for All-American honors is exceptional. The generosity and all around ability of the men occupying this position during the last season, was one of the most pleas-

CORNHUSKERS ARE STARS

Nebraska Men Shine the Brightest in All-Missouri Conference.

HALLIGAN AT TOP OF LIST

His Work Against Opposing Teams Stamps Him as the Best Man in Molekias This Whole Season.

By F. S. HUNTER.

All Missouri Valley Conference Team: Name and Position. School. Back, left end... Nebraska. Kempner, left guard... Missouri. Wilson, center... Missouri. Abbot, right guard... Nebraska. Weidline, right tackle... Kansas. Howard, right tackle... Nebraska. Toward, quarter back... Nebraska. Rutherford, left half... Nebraska. Purdy (C), right half... Nebraska. Stewart, full back... Kansas.

Nebraska, a Missouri Valley team, upheld the honor of the valley this year in a manner that even filled the hearts of her most hated rivals, the Jayhawks, with gratitude. She defeated two teams in the bigger and more elite western conference and showed that the brand of foot ball that was played in this conference was just as good as that played elsewhere.

Nebraska's stars of the valley eridion this year. Seven of the championship Cornhusker team are deserving of positions on the all Missouri Valley team and many believe that at least two of them, Rutherford and Halligan, should be given positions on all-Western teams.

Halligan is the class of the valley. His work ever seen. He is the best player in the valley regardless of position. He is the most consistent ground-gainer and the strongest defensive player who has worn a Cornhusker mole-skin in many a day. He should be unanimous choice for a tackle position.

Howard and Kempner are chosen for the guard positions. How is suggested by some as a first team guard, but How lacks the ability to open holes in the line as Abbot and Kempner do. His defense is about as strong as that of either Kempner or How, but on the offensive he is lacking. Kempner is a bit stronger than Abbot.

Wilson is Choice. Wilson is universal choice for center. He did not play center this year, but occupied the fullback job because of lack of backfield material on his team. But he must be given the pivot position because there is no one else in the valley who could successfully hope to cope against Wilson.

Towle goes the quarterback position. He is the headiest little field general that

BALL PLAYERS FORTUNATE

Despite Constant Kicking, Ball Men Favorites of Providence.

CAN SAVE PLENTY OF MONEY

Many Diamond Stars Would Be Driving Trucks for a Meager Pittance But for Organized Base Ball.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.—Several fans entitled to membership in the winter league by virtue of their failure to forget base ball were sitting in the lobby of a Broadway hotel the other day. "I can't understand," said one between puffs, "why ball players are always kicking. The truth is they don't know how lucky they are." These were words of wisdom indeed. We will admit that there are cases where some players have every reason to become disgruntled. But they are in the minority. The sun and solid substance realize how well off they are, the chronic of the whole matter is the majority don't kickers also forget that it is base ball that has made them, and that if it hadn't been for the national game they would still be struggling in obscurity to earn commonplace livelihoods.

There has been a lot of talk from time to time that the ball player is the most downtrodden of the human race. Slavery has been linked with his name. But there is no such word known in base ball today. While there are trying moments in a ball player's career, on the other hand the opportunities to get ahead offset these. It's up to the man alone to succeed, and the history of the game shows a number of cases where men began with practically nothing who afterward ascended the ladder of success. A volume could be written on this point alone.

Years ago ball players didn't have the same opportunity to make money that they do now. They didn't get the salaries. Few were making their money, and as a rule after they quit the game they were forced to drop into obscurity. But it's different today. The wise men in base ball are awake. And when we speak of wise men in base ball this covers wide territory, for there are many. Enlightened by the lesson of those before them the present generation is putting by the money that seemingly comes in easy to them for a rainy day.

Fallen Star. There are failures in base ball as well as successes. Out on the Pacific coast there is a former star who is working as a day laborer for \$1 a day. Now and then he picks up a few stray dollars tipping off managers to employ, stars. This man is Amos Rusie, whose name is engraved in base ball history as one of the greatest pitchers the game has ever known. Yet it doesn't take the public long to forget the once great New York pitcher. For once he started on the down grade he soon passed to oblivion. Bugs Raymond was another. A truly wonderful pitcher, but he couldn't stick to the straight and narrow path. Connie Mack once said the eccentric Rube Waddell had a \$10,000 arm and a 10-cent head. That accounted for his downfall. Purely as an instance, here are the cases of three great players. Everything was in their favor, but their eyes weren't open.

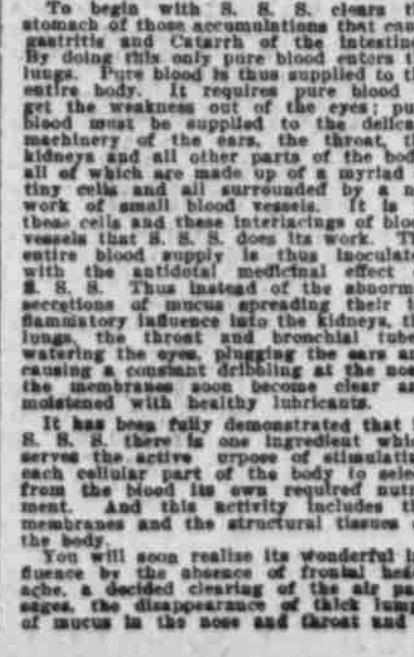
A ball player has plenty of chances to save money. The most of them do nowadays, for many realize that after they have spent the better part of their years in the game it is too late to begin at the bottom in some other line of business. Some of them are beating Father Time while they still play base ball. The unsophisticated fan imagines that the ball player can't do anything else but play ball. The truth is many players, particularly the collegians, were trained for other business before they ever started professional ball careers. Of course, there is that type of player who can't do anything else but play ball, but he is getting to be in the minority.

Davis Brings Luck. The Athletics look to Harry Davis as a mascot. He was with the team when it won the pennant in 1902, 1910 and 1911. He left Philadelphia at the close of the season of 1911 to join Cleveland and immediately the Mack pennant machine was slumped. Back in 1912 Davis got the Athletics in the pennant class again.

Trade Him the Whole Team. Clark Griffith has made Joe Tucker an offer for Johnny Bates, the crack outfielder of the Reds.

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