

WHO WON HARVARD SUCCESS

Answer as to Eleven Victories May Not Come Until Next Year.

SOME "IFS" DURING SEASON

Dozens, Now Busy Pointing Out Why Certain Teams Did Not Achieve Certain Results at Certain Times.

By FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—They buried foot ball a couple of weeks back without holding an autopsy to determine whether it was Percy Haughton's wizardry as coach or the individual brilliance of the Crimson players that was responsible for Harvard's great showing during the last three seasons.

The answer to this question probably will be found in the 1915 season, when Haughton, as a coach, will be put to a real test. Harvard opens the 1915 season with Mahan, Sower, Parsons and one or two more left of the great machine which swept through to championship in 1913 and 1914.

Brickley will be gone, Hardwick will be gone, Pennock, Bradlee, Jeff Colledge, Franke, Trumbull, Logan and a half dozen others who carried the Crimson standard to victory in the past will be gone. Haughton must build anew. And that will be the test.

If Harvard has a championship team in 1915, it will mean that it was Haughton's wonderful coaching skill that was responsible for Harvard's record during the last three years, for if Haughton, with poor prospects, builds a machine in 1915 that whirrs onward to victory, then no one can deny that it was Haughton's teaching power and not individual prowess of the players that was responsible for Harvard's past triumphs.

But if Harvard falls in 1915—if Harvard minus Brickley, Hardwick, Pennock and others does not show then it would seem that it was the players, not the Haughton system, that won for Harvard in the last three years.

Many Will Watch Harvard.

The Harvard showing in 1915 will be watched with much interest.

The trouble with Princeton last season may have been because of the great coaching of the coaches, but there is no denying the fact that Princeton had one weakly weak spot in its make-up. And that was at quarterback position. Ames, who acted as the regular quarterback, is not of variety caliber. His father, "Snake" Ames was a famous Princeton foot ball player, but his son never will rise to his father's height.

Young Ames showed a certain amount of generalship during the season, but no wonderful amount, as is required from a variety quarterback. Ames played back at catching punts and he was mighty poor at running them back. He is a fair wiggler, a fair dodger, but he starts slowly and he cannot throw off tacklers.

Further than this, Ames seemed too tight in these modern foot ball days a smash at the line. Ames tried it several times in the big games and Ames was tossed back as though he were a bundle of tinsel paper. As an end runner Ames showed up fair, but there are a hundred quarterbacks in the country whose work was better than that of Ames.

They took out Ames in the fourth period of the Yale-Princeton game and put Clark in at quarterback. The score then was Yale, 19; Princeton, 0. The game ended Yale, 19; Princeton, 14. It was Glick's generalship at quarterback that enabled Princeton to score. Glick drove his backs against the weak spot in the Yale line. He picked them out instinctively.

Might Have Changed Score. Had Glick been a quarterback throughout that Yale-Princeton game the score might have been different.

Lloyd Blieser, end on the Mount Union (Ohio) eleven, established a record in 1914 that never will be beaten. Thirteen times he was called upon to kick a goal after touchdown and thirty-seven times his inverting boot shot the ball over the cross bar. He went into Mount Union's final game of that season with a record of twenty-seven straight goals. His team made ten touchdowns against Wooster that day and ten times did Blieser come through with a goal, many of them kicked from extremely difficult angles.

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The All-American, All-Eastern and All-Western selections are now all in. And after lamping the several thousand selections made here and there, it will be seen that nearly every selection is different.

There was less unanimity of opinion this year than in any year in which folks have been picking the mythical eleven.

This was due to the fact that the last foot ball season brought to the fore a greater flock of players than any other season. Yet it failed to develop any player who stood head and shoulders above all others. About fifty foot ballers were given consideration this year when the selections were made. All were about in the same class. Picking out eleven from these fifty showed a wide difference of opinion.

Many peculiar explanations were offered by some of the experts for making their selections. One gent, when discussing his All-American team, said that Fogue, the Illinois halfback, was the greatest halfback in the game, but that he couldn't give him a place on his All-American eleven because Fogue was out of two games on account of injuries.

Then this chap immediately gives place on his first All-American to Mahan and Pennock of Harvard, who were out of the game over a lengthier stretch of time than Fogue.

Expanding, as regards foot ball, is a funny, funny job.

Mask and Miller to Go. Kenneth Mask of New York state legislator, will be traded by Miller state legislator, St. Louis Cardinals before spring. The trade according to reports from the St. Louis City is that Miller will be traded to the Cardinals for Mask.

Hearne After Fossom. Hearne of the Rebels is spending the off season at Capitol Hill. N. C. He says the hunting is exceptionally good here in home country. He is in the fire zone within less than three hours. One of these seasons was a clear, beautiful day with a few clouds, and it gave the dogs a terrible battle.

Tyrus Cobb Enjoys His Winter Vacation



These photographs were taken recently at Tyrus Cobb's home in Augusta, Ga. They show how the king of base ball players fortifies himself during the winter months for his summer's work on the diamond.

His little son, Tyrus Cobb, Jr., is his

greatest pal and accompanies him on many roving expeditions in the woods. He is teaching the little fellow to play ball and expects to produce a star in half a dozen years more.

Tyrus is also fond of shooting, golf

and automobiling. There are several beautiful links in the neighborhood of his residence. The roads are good and Cobb and his family are often to be seen out for a joy ride.

Cobb is especially fond of his two bird dogs, which he has taught himself.

PUGILISM SEES CHANGES

Ring Sport Varies as Time Goes on and Conditions Are Altered.

MANY ARE AFTER LANGFORD

Once Terror in Heavyweight Circles Is Now Being Sought Out by White Hope Aspirants from All Over Country.

By RINGSIDE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Time and custom change in pugilism, as they do in every other walk of life. This is typified by the events of the last week, in which Sam Langford is concerned.

Langford has ever been a bugaboo to aspiring white heavyweights. Those Caucasians who had pretensions to preliminary honors avoided the Langford name as they would the plague.

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BENDER MIGHTY FAITHFUL

STAR IN MANY A PINCH

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Charles Albert Bender was for years the acknowledged star of the Athletics' pitching staff.

He was the man upon whom Mack relied in the pinches. It was he who was called upon to bear the brunt of the world's serving and until 1914 he never once failed.

In 1908 he won the only game which the Athletics won from the great old Giant team.

Bender, popularly known as Chief, is a Chippewa Indian. He was born in Brainerd, Minn., May 5, 1882. When 18 years old he began to play first base for the Carlisle Indian team, and in 1903 was pitching for Dickinson college.

He was signed by the Athletics that year and has been with the team ever since. Despite his long base ball career, he is only 21 years old.

Then the Procession Moved On

By F. S. MURPHY

Mexico's Plea. Call us, our score, our all, Langford of 1914 is not the Langford of last year.

Mr. Murphy's statement that he always held his athletes in high esteem should prove interesting to Messrs. Tinker, Evers and Chance.

Warships are blowing up about as frequently these days as old Marty O'Tool's last year.

The Braves have signed up three recruit catchers. Stallions is probably after some hard-hitting youth to take Hank Gowdy's place.

We take it that C. Comiskey signed the yellow pelt shortstop in order to save laundry bills.

"Base ball," says a Boston pastor, "would civilize the heathen." And he says it knowing full well that they play base ball in Wichita.

Or, maybe we're wrong; they don't play it there.

We wonder as each day goes by, "A dozen yards we have, That says that Freddie Welsh was licked. But still he is the champ."

An inquisitive news hound wants to know why a soccer team is called B. H. H. Some people don't know when they're lucky.

It has now been conclusively proven that Harvard is a swell institution of learning. Harvard invites Michigan to play at Cambridge, but not Nebraska.

THE SPORT CALENDAR

Monday—Murphy has quit base ball.

Tuesday—Murphy re-enters base ball.

Wednesday—Murphy quits.

Thursday—Murphy re-enters.

Friday—Murphy quits.

Saturday—Murphy is back.

Jack Johnson may fight in Havana. Which will make Havana about the most unpopular winter resort in the world.

Under the Sign. Years ago our pugilists would swing a vicious fist.

The "we gunners" and "damaged goods" staff promoting from organized base ball rounds one of a superstitious negro whistling as he passes a graveyard.

Walter Johnson is accused by several managers of being mercenary and in base ball for the money. Which, coming from a manager, is a swell laugh.

The following is the weekly knock on Tip O'Neil, the Western press. These knocks are published weekly in this paper which, as stated, before, may be purchased in all parts of the United States, Australia and Lincoln for the sum of five (5) cents.

To Tip, the Umpire Picker. We see the Feds are stealingumps. From all the O. B. chumps. And though you might say that you don't think the Feds are well high through.

There's one thing they're too wise to do, And that is to pile an ump on you.

Western League Batting Record for 1914

Table with columns for Player Name, Team, W, L, AB, R, HR, RBI, etc. listing batting records for various players in the Western League.

Western League Pitching Record

Table with columns for Player Name, Team, G, IP, AB, H, R, ER, BB, SO, etc. listing pitching records for various players in the Western League.

Games Played

Table listing the number of games played by various players in the Western League.

Western League Fielding Record

Table listing fielding records for various players in the Western League, including errors and double plays.

Official Standing of Teams

Table showing the official standing of various teams in the Western League, including wins, losses, and percentages.

Muggsy After Collegian.

Though John McGraw has nearly a zillion pitchers under reserve, he is overlooking nothing of promise. It was learned recently that the leader of the Harry Jennings club, McGraw, is said to have made two propositions to the collegian, one for him to report in March and another for him to report in June.

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