

"Tacks" Hardwick, America's Greatest All-Around Athlete



These photographs show "Tacks" Hardwick's pleasing countenance and the great Crimson athlete speeding down the field with the plain and lacing out a home run.

Hardwick is without a peer as an all-around athlete in America today. He has an enviable record at Harvard. Entering unheralded, he fast rose to the top of the list of prime athletes which Cambridge has produced in recent years.

He is the only man to get four gold foot balls, the reward given by Harvard to the man who plays on base ball or foot ball team that beats Yale. Hardwick has three gold foot balls for foot ball and one for base ball, and he will receive a fifth if Harvard beats Yale at base ball this spring.

HARDWICK ALL ROUND STAR

Menke Declares Harvard Star the Greatest in the Country Today, if Not of All Time.

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By FRANK G. MENKE.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—Huntington ("Tacks") Hardwick of Harvard ranks today as the greatest all-around athlete in America, if not the greatest all-around athlete of all time.

The sporting world knows Hardwick best because of his foot ball achievements. They know that he was the unanimous selection last fall for one of the All-American ends; they know that there never was a man who strode on the gridiron who was a more versatile player than Hardwick.

Hardwick is a ball player of such caliber that if he yearned for it he could get a chance in the big leagues this year. He is fleet of foot, covers a great amount of ground in the outfield, is an unerring judge of fly balls, a fine base stealer and a slugger at the bat.

Hardwick is Harvard's strong man. In strength tests every last fall he scored 1,381 points. His showing astounded the athletic world. The most remarkable feature of Hardwick's work in the strength tests is that he takes but little gymnasium practice. He did but little training for the test.

"How did you do it?" the amazed physical directors asked Hardwick. And Hardwick, modest and not inclined to talk about himself or his deeds, simply replied:

"By doing it—that's the only explanation I can make."

Hardwick, who is the only four gold ball athlete that Harvard ever has had, doesn't look overly powerful. He's 27 years old, weighs 175 pounds and is about an inch shy of being six feet tall. But it seems that every ounce of Hardwick's frame is composed of bone and muscle, and every muscle is developed to its full limit.

Harvard athletic officials usually go into spasms of delight when some wonderful "prep" school athlete enrolls at Harvard. That means that Harvard has secured another athlete who probably will do much to keep the Crimson standard floating from the topmost peak in the athletic world. But when Hardwick entered Harvard there wasn't any wild acclaim. Hardwick entered almost unnoticed. He hadn't made any wonderful showing in his high school days and there was nothing to indicate that he would rise to greatness.

In Massachusetts last fall, Hardwick's honor to his Quincy, Mass. He was prepared for Harvard at Groton school. He played three years on the foot ball team and three years on the base ball team there. Then he went to Harvard, entering in 1911.

Hardwick got out with a bunch of freshmen and made a try for the team. He landed a job, and the way that Hardwick played on that freshman eleven made him a marked man at Harvard. From an almost unnoticed "freshie" he at once became among the most prominent. Brickley, Bennock and Bradlee were among those who entered Harvard when Hardwick did, and it was that quartet that at once was picked to rank among the great athletes at Harvard.

In the spring of his freshman year, Hardwick went in for base ball. He "made" the team and with ease. He became a member of the Harvard freshmen track and field team and scored points in the shot-put and broad jump. Hardwick took the strength tests that year and registered 1,631—a fine showing. In his second year at Harvard the quintet led headed on the varsity eleven. He played halfback and shared honors with Brickley for the great showing of "Harvard eleven" of that year.

In the spring Hardwick "made" the base ball team and played the outfield position. In the fourth-year outing of the Yale game, during his second year at Harvard, Hardwick smashed out a home run, giving Harvard a 4 to 2 victory in one of the most thrilling Yale-Harvard base ball games ever staged.

In 1913 Hardwick alternated between end and halfback on the eleven. But Hardwick's ability as a footballer didn't end there. He could have played at quarterback in "varsity" style if he had been needed there. He could have played on the line as well as he played back of it. There wasn't a position on the eleven that Hardwick couldn't play—and play in wonderful fashion.

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It appears as if Ritchie will have to take up the \$5,000 flat or pass up the match, as Jimmy Johnson declares he will not concede any percentage privilege to the erstwhile lightweight champion.

Nelson Loose Again

Oscar Matthew (Battling) Nelson simply will not hearken to reason. For over two years the once Durable Dane has been informed that he is no longer "there" as a ring star, but the Mayor of Hegewich believes otherwise and is quite ready to prove it with a practical demonstration.

For over a year Nelson has smothered

within him the desire for battle. But the spark was fanned into a flame when, last week, he acted as chief second to Leach Cross in his tilt with young Shugart.

Nelson actually fought a battle by himself while directing Cross' plan of campaign. The old battler thought he was in his glory once more; that he was still the world's lightweight champion, and that the plaudits were all for him. It was a strongly reminiscent scene when Bat went into the corner occupied by Cross.

It revived memories of a Thanksgiving afternoon two years ago, when the same Cross administered an unmerciful beating to the venerable fighting machine, Battling Nelson. Now they are the closest of friends.

In these times of uncertainty it would not be surprising to hear of Nelson breaking out once again and insisting that he is the logical contender for the world's lightweight title.

Omaha Bowlers to Meet Again Today

Omaha bowlers will hold another meeting this afternoon at the Paxton hotel to make plans for the 1915 Mid-west tournament which will be held in Omaha and the approaching city journey. An

organization for that purpose was perfected two weeks ago and today arrangements for all details will come up for discussion.

Enlarge Chiffed Park.

President Weighman is going to enlarge the benches at his Chicago North side park. There will be room for 2,000 more 25-cent patrons. The new benches will be erected in deep left field, it being the plan to raise the brick boarding house which stands directly back of the little green house.

Gift Pleks Training Camp.

The Washington base ball club will train in Charlottesville, Va., in 1915. This announcement was made by Manager Clark Griffith last week.



"A Stern-faced Young Man In a Lonely Apartment"—

"Ned sat by the window in the newly dressed quarters, in the rooms June and he had fitted out. They had planned it as their nest, but his only companion, now, was a miniature of his lovely bride."

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