

TEAMS ARE TOO SLOW

Football Follower Says Modern Play Lacking in Speed.

Contention is Upheld, in Small Way, by Recent Showing of Maroon and Hoosier—Hyde Park the First Real Fast Team.

Ever and anon some old time follower of football rises to complain of the slowness of modern teams as compared with those of a decade ago.

"If teams were as slow as that when I played the game," he declared, "they would have been drilled for speed to the exclusion of everything else.

His criticism was partly justified, for both Chicago and Indiana were lamentably slow getting the ball into action. This was partially explained by the failure of the Maroons to know their signals.

Indiana contributed her share toward slowing up the game by lack of condition. Criticism of lack of speed, however, is not always so just.

There were few teams of ten or fifteen years ago with more than ordinary speed despite every favoring factor. The first "fast" team was the famous Hyde Park High School eleven of 1902, and although the college teams on which members of this squad played later were fairly fast, none of them were much better than the teams of the present.

The growth of "formation" football has much to do with the seeming slowness. It is the exceptional team which goes on the field nowadays with less than thirty formations to remember, while it was the exceptional eleven in the old days which had more than ten or twelve to remember.

Series plays were the rule rather than the exception. One set of signals usually served for three or four successive plays in the old days, and often a team would traverse half the length of the field without the quarter-back calling numbers more than three or four times.

Now the series signals have been abandoned owing to the exigencies of the game. Each play is a separate problem, and its outcome depends entirely upon the position of the ball, the amount to be gained and other circumstances which could not possibly be prepared for in advance.

INDIANA CAPTAIN HURT



Captain Davis of Indiana.

Edward Davis, captain of Indiana University football team, may not be able to play again this year. This was the belief expressed the other day on account of an injury received in the recent Chicago game.

Sensational Colt.

Peter Volo, two-year-old trotting colt, was the sensation of a week of racing sensations at Columbus, Ohio, on the Grand circuit. He raced in the Horseman's Futurity and trotted the first heat in 2:08 1/4 or 1 1/2 seconds faster than any two-year-old had previously. Done. Coming back in the last heat he made it in 2:07 flat.

TWO CLEVER PRINCETON FOOTBALL STARS



E. Trenkman and Pendleton of Princeton.

USE FOOTBALL IN BASEBALL

New Winter Game Invented by Pennsylvania Professor Has Unique Features—Accidents Few.

Baseball may soon be an all-year-round sport, for you can now play it with a football. The new friend of the magnate and the professional player's nemesis is Professor Benscoter of the Wilkesbarre high school.

"The ball is put into play by being kicked from home plate and the runner hikes for first, as in baseball, and is put out by the passing of the ball to first ahead of him, as in baseball, or being touched by it in the hands of a player.

TENNIS IS STRENUOUS GAME

Puts Bigger Strain on the Players Than Football, Says Wrenn, Who Has Played Both Games.

There was once a United States tennis champion named Robert D. Wrenn. Wrenn was also at one time a famous football player, in the days when there were 35-minute halves to that game.

"There is no comparison in the strain the two games put upon the body. It is much easier to go through two 35-minute halves of football than to play a five-set championship match of tennis.

"To be sure, the game can be played in a lazy, lackadaisical manner. But it isn't really tennis.

"Many young players begin too strenuously. The first spring day on the courts calls invitingly for a 'good, long afternoon's sport.' Result—getting over-tired.

"Now the over-tired boy goes right at the game the second day. He won't rest. He won't give his torn-down tissues a chance. Result, a poor game of tennis, not only then, but for weeks afterward!

"The right way to play tennis is to start in easily. Don't play more than two sets of singles and one of doubles the first day out. Don't play those if you feel tired after the first or second set. It is not an indication of weakness, but of strength to stop before you have had enough.

"Should you watch Larned, the wonder of the tennis world, at his first practice you would be bitterly disappointed. Both of these men will pay no attention to the small matter of being beaten."

Judge Jones Trots

One Mile in 2:12 3-4

At a "tin cup" record meeting under auspices of the Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' association at the Lexington track former United States Senator Joseph W. Bailey's Judge Jones, driven by Harold Childs, trotted a mile in 2:12 3/4, a new world's record for two-year-old geldings.

GOING ON A PLEASURE TRIP.



PART OF ATLANTIC FLEET

UNCLE SAM'S blue-jacketed sailor men, to the number of about eight thousand, are going on a pleasure tour. The contemplated outing throws down the gauntlet to well-laid plans of millionaire yacht owners who seek to amuse themselves in regions where the world is most prone to smile.

They are to be conducted to the pleasure land on each unit of which represents a value of \$12,000,000. The ships are to be tied up in the various harbors, with sleeping quarters and food always ready when purses are empty.

So it comes to pass that the ships which will sail from Hampton roads about November 1 will be the Wyoming, flagship; the Vermont, the Ohio, the Arkansas, the Florida, the Utah, the Delaware and two as yet not named.

Carry All Supplies. With these battleships will go three new colliers, the Orion, the Jason and the Cyclops. The bunkers of the battleships will be full of coal when they leave Hampton roads.

This self-dependence of the fleet is intended as a demonstration of the possibilities in time of need. The fleet wants to show that it can go forth and give an account of itself for three months without the necessity of returning to the home port.

When the trip to the Mediterranean was first planned it was proposed that the entire Atlantic fleet should go. Then conditions became so unsettled in Mexico that four battleships were assigned to those waters.

It was at first thought that some twenty destroyers would cross the Atlantic. These little, high-speed ships, the daredevils of the service, do not take the waves of the mighty main with the same degree of ease as do the dreadnoughts.

For all those ships that are not allowed to make the present cruise are to be given later opportunity for cruising in foreign waters, and some of them are to have the privilege of first passing through the Panama canal, an event that will transpire before the new year. They will go abroad at other times. A trip to Scandinavian

POPPER'S ANSWER TO LISZT

Cellist's Gentle Retort to the Composer's Seemingly Attack on the Jewish Race.

Among the anecdotes told about the late David Popper is an interesting one relating to Liszt. It is well known that many of the pages attributed to Liszt were really written by the Princess Sayn-Wittgenstein.

London Lost Musical Honor. There was a period of his life in which Handel, the famous composer, retired from London in a fit of disgust. He went to Dublin and it was there—in the Dublin Music Hall—that his great masterpiece, "The Messiah," was produced.

Thinbles Centuries Old. Thinbles have been known for many centuries. Some specimens unearthed by archaeologists are known to be 2,500 years old. They are of bronze, and their outer surfaces show the familiar indentations for engaging the head of the needle.

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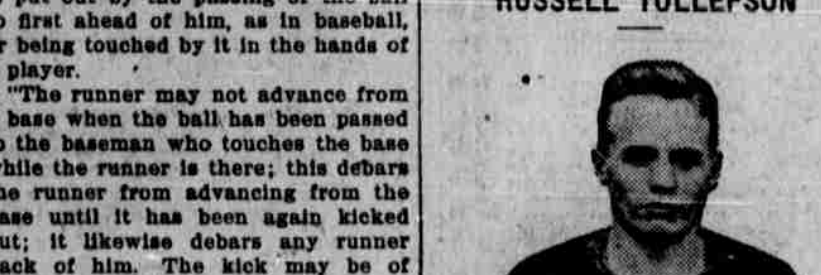
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Yale Loses Captain Because of "Conditions"

Charles N. Snowdon of Pittsburgh, Pa., has resigned as captain of the Yale varsity crew. Thomas B. Denegre of New Orleans has been chosen to succeed him.

This resignation was made at a meeting of the Blue oarsmen. Snowdon's resignation was due to his being ineligible to row in the Harvard regatta next June.

RUSSELL TOLLEFSON



Fast Little Quarter-Back of the Minnesota Football Team.

Wins Checker Championship. M. E. Pomeroy of Clinghamp, N. Y., won the world's championship at checkers from Alfred E. Jordan of England, who had held undisputed possession of the title.

Quigley is Disgruntled. Umpire Quigley, who was given a trial in the National league this season by President Lynch, has returned to his work at St. Mary's college, Kansas, where he is athletic director.

Jubilee Run. John D. Nolan, fifty years old, ran one-fifth of a mile in 55 seconds at Norwich, Conn. Nolan works 15 hours a day on his farm and trains at night. He has been athletic trainer for clubs since 1887.

Aviation Speeders. Emilie Vidrines and Maurice Provost, French aviators, recently made the remarkable speed of 118.5 miles an hour in an aeroplane at Rheims, France.