

GOSSIP FROM THE GRIDIRON

Comparisons of Big Three Become Closer and More Interesting.

WESTERN TEAMS EQUAL TO THE EASTERN

Expert Woodruff Gives It as His Opinion that a Four-Team Tournament Would Result in Favor of West.

The play of the last week in the east has shown that Yale, Harvard and Princeton all have considerable ability as ground gainers, an ability which will be tested in contest before many days, and which will probably give the game to the team possessing it most consistently. Much work will, however, be necessary before either of the three teams is reliable in this respect, as the play at this time is too erratic. The matter of play must be considered in reckoning, and so many points arise when one goes into detail that the reckoner soon becomes hopelessly involved. For instance, Princeton, although it scored twice on Cornell, was not able to make a touchdown, the counts being principally the efforts of the kicker, Dewitt. Yale played a game indifferently and weak on offense and the Harvard men won easily, but defense, although usually reliable, gave way at critical times in a heart-rending manner. Now Princeton, although it did not do the same grade of line-breaking as Yale, showed up strong in defense at critical times. The Harvard men won easily, but made mistakes which might have cost them the game in a close contest. They also played unevenly. If the great games had been played on the 1st, Harvard would not improbably have been the better of the three, with Yale and Princeton about equal. Although Yale showed a stronger defense and made as much ground against the cadets as Harvard did, yet this was done two weeks after the Harvard-West Point game, and even allowing for a great improvement on the part of the cadets, shows Yale has need of considerable betterment.

A critic of the Princeton-Cornell game, who is an authority, has this to say in regard to that contest: "Princeton's offense was made up largely of end runs, and that, with its kicking game, was a large share of its stock in trade. The backs were very quick in starting and very fast and the interference in keeping. Still Cornell often got through and broke up the interference. Needless to say that if a team does that right along to Princeton it will play havoc with the Jersey men. Except on the ends, I could not see that Princeton outplayed Cornell in the line. The Princeton backs were faster than Cornell's, but no better in plugging. I was much impressed with Pearson's playing at quarterback, and think he will fill Burke's shoes. Cornell should have rubbed the ball more and kicked less, for Dewitt outplayed Brewster nearly every time. The Cornell left wing was particularly strong. While the game was on I was under the impression that Princeton would have no chance against Yale, but my views were changed when I heard the West Point score. If the game is close and Princeton has the ball around Yale's thirty-five line, Dewitt will win for Princeton by his kicking."

Princeton was without the services of Kafer, Burke and Henry, three of its best men, which in part counts for the inability of the Jersey men to make a touchdown. Cornell had two good opportunities of scoring, once when it got the ball by chance on Princeton's fifteen-yard line, and again when Brewster caught DeWitt's punt on Cornell's forty-five yard line. DeWitt tried a place kick for goal. The Tigers made such a stand in the first instance that Cornell lost the ball on downs and the place kick fell short.

Columbia is somehow, this season, as before, without some essential adjunct to victory. It may be without luck; it is certainly without something or other. The New York university always starts its seasons well in every branch of sport. There are any number of excellent men, and enthusiasm and money. The coaches are of the best and the work hard, the team looks good in practice and there seems no reason why the school should not finish to the good. But there is. Be it on the water or the foot ball arena, when the time of trial comes Columbia goes down. First, to make this humiliation more striking, Columbia defeats Hamilton, not a bad team, by 25 to 6. It looks good for Columbia, but when the game is played with Princeton the score is 21 to 9 in favor of the latter. And now comes Pennsylvania, which has been drubbed by Brown university and Annapolis, and has only escaped a tie with Bucknell by one point and defeats the heavier Columbia team by 17 to 6. Now why?

The Pennsylvanians have made a marked rally and have perhaps left their teams behind them. It is probable that with their early defeat in mind the victory over Columbia will not make them overconfident and they will be able to make a suitable showing against Harvard. It has been said by a coach whose team has played the Quakers and who thought the latter overworked: "Williams is a hard worker himself, and, judging from the cripples at Pennsylvania, the men have had their full share. I, for one, believe it better after you have taught your men the game to keep them in good spirits by easing up on them now and then."

In none of the big teams is there a pair of tackles such as will warrant a complete

feeling of satisfaction. The selection of good men at these positions is always a serious matter for the foot ball coach, for it is essential that the tackles be strong. There are not now playing any pair in the line equal to Curtis and Blagden, Bloomer and Sillman, or Hillebrand and Church. The tackle position is the most important, and it is slightly better than the men in the same places at Princeton and Harvard. The difference is very slight, however, in the case of Princeton. The Jersey men are green at the game and Eli's pair are not much more seasoned, Kinney being a freshman and Hogan a junior.

"For two years I have been curious to see the Michigan team play," says George W. Woodruff in the Chicago Tribune. "I was filled with doubts as to whether it was really as strong in material and in style of play as scores would seem to indicate. My curiosity was gratified yesterday at Marshall field and yet I am doubtful about the question of Michigan's greatness. "That the team is great goes without saying. That it is phenomenal against second-class eleven is equally apparent from the scores of the last two seasons. And yet I hesitate to admit that the Wolverines could beat many first-class teams which I have seen. As an example, I would note the Pennsylvania eleven of 1897, the Yale team of 1900 and the Harvard team of 1901. My hesitancy about the relative merits of York's men and the teams named above is an evidence that I consider Michigan of both 1901 and 1902 in the front rank of all foot ball teams.

"In fact I believe western teams rank well with those in the east. The best here are evenly matched with the best there. Just at present Michigan, Wisconsin, Chicago and Minnesota would be considered to match themselves as a four-team combination against the 'Big Four' of the Atlantic coast—Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Pennsylvania. Indeed, I believe that such a tournament this season would probably bring victory to the west."

Of the three teams which were in the running for the western championship—Michigan, Wisconsin and Chicago—the second of these was cut off eight days ago at Chicago by Michigan. Chicago now has both Wisconsin and Michigan to play, and unless some tie game or surprising result occurs it looks like a cinch for Michigan. It seems to be the general opinion that while Chicago may win from Wisconsin it will have to develop marvellously to pull out the contest with Michigan. In all calculation there is a big allowance made for the skill of Coach Stone of Chicago. He has without doubt good material, but it is doubtful if he can bring them up to a proficiency which will offset the great speed of the Michigan backfield and its machine-like working. Supporters of the Maroon team believe, however, that Chicago, with its "whon back" and many new trick plays in the line, will be able to subject its opponent's line to a punishment which Wisconsin did not, and which will weaken their power of offense. The Michigan men are not likely to go into the game with Chicago with any fears for the result.

The Maroons made a very poor showing indeed in their game with Beloit college, although the score was 15 to 0. It was made by such tactics as are employed by a high school eleven. The fumbling of Coach Stagg's men was something unusual, the backs being apparently unable to keep the pigskin in their hands. Once Wightman dropped the ball as he was crossing the line for a touchdown, losing it to Beloit, and Beloit got four chances to try for field goals through other fumbles. The team, however, displayed much speed and the substitutes, of whom a number were played, showed up well.

The Michigan team, while it showed no marked superiority over Wisconsin, was very fast and displayed excellent team work. The defense, which had not heretofore been tested, showed up strong and consistent. The offense was strong and at the first of the game the Wisconsin men were rushed back by line plunging. Few trick plays were tried. Later on, in the second half the Badgers were able to make their defense hold and Michigan showed little superiority. The Wolverines showed a tendency to fumble the ball.

At Crete, on November 1, the contest for the championship of the State Intercollegiate Foot Ball League was narrowed down into a fight between Doane and Grand Island by the defeat on that day of Bellevue by Doane college. Grand Island has the heaviest team in the league and has made high scores against weak teams, but has not been tried out by a really severe game. The high score made by Crete against Bellevue—23 to 6, seems to indicate that Doane will defeat the men from the Platte and secure the championship. In the Doane game Moore, Bellevue's left half, by his individual efforts, made the only score for his side and carried the ball for most of the gains made.

The Creighton foot ballists are well pleased with the showing made by them in the game with the Haskell Indians. Although some few enthusiasts predicted a victory for the local eleven, it was the opinion generally that Creighton could be well satisfied if it scored at all. The score of 17 to 6 is probably not all that the redmen could have made it, as was shown by their work in the last of the game. The contest with Creighton was with them, of course, a minor game, and one in which they were satisfied with a respectable showing, and not desirous of piling up a heavy score; while on the other hand it was the game of the season, perhaps, for the local men, and one toward the preparation for which they made every effort. And the play showed that they

were not outclassed. Callahan, the quarter back, proved himself an excellent man at running with the ball and at tackling, also. He dodges with his body and shoulders without swerving from his course, and is a hard man to get a hold of. Eddie Creighton showed good kicking ability. He punted quickly and high and could be depended upon. In this latter respect he excels Sterricher of the High school, who is not so sure of making a good kick.

Creighton is now devoting all of its energies to preparation for the game with the Highland Park team on Thanksgiving. The Highlanders have been playing good ball this season. They have a student body outnumbering Creighton, which gives them a wider field from which to choose their players. Penn college tasted a big defeat from them; Upper Iowa tried its vain to cross the goal, while Highland Park scored four touchdowns, and Amity was beaten 42 to 6 by the boys who will meet Creighton on Thanksgiving.

At the request of a number of foot ball enthusiasts, Creighton and the Omaha High school will both play their games at the Vinton park on Thanksgiving. This arrangement will give all the people an opportunity to see the snappy playing of the High school boys and the solid work of the heavier teams in their great efforts of the season. This is the day on which every foot ball team puts forth its best efforts. No half-played games are seen on Thanksgiving; no team or player is saved for another game; the best that the season has developed will be presented to the people for inspection.

The High school will meet the Kansas City High school in their final game. Both of the local teams will have a hard fight that day and the spectators will see good games.

Wisconsin may have been beaten by Michigan, but it wasn't baffled; not by a darn sight, mister. If you think the esprit du corps at Madison suffered any from that shock over at Chicago, you are entitled to revise your think, if not your thinker. Just read this letter, which came to The Bee on Friday evening:

"To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: We notice Nebraska's challenge to play Michigan for the championship of the West, and that Michigan has ignored it. As Nebraska is so desirous of playing a team we will take Michigan's place. We will play Nebraska any time and anywhere. Nebraska can choose their own referee and umpire and decide the length of the halves. Although we have never played Michigan, we have beaten the University of Nebraska's Junction High School team 40 to 0. Therefore we feel that we are opponents worthy of the University of Nebraska's consideration. As Nebraska has ignored the letter we sent them, we ask you to kindly give them the challenge in your next Sunday's edition. Hoping that you will put this challenge in your paper, I am, your truly, JERRY DAVIS, Captain, Manager of the Madison High School Foot Ball Team.

No real occasion for gloom at Madison exists so long as the presence of Mr. Johnson is felt. His bright, bubbling humor, which apparently is only equalled by his knowledge of English composition, should prove an unending panacea, even in the event of an overwhelming calamity as that which has befallen the Badgers at Chicago. Nebraska's foot ball devotees will, while secretly envious of the fact, congratulate Wisconsin on the possession of so earnest, able and entertaining a champion as Mr. Johnson. If he makes good on his promise he will certainly wear the laurels of the town cut-up before he dies.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Nov. 2.—To the Sporting Editor of The Bee: There is an error in the article about the Interstate Collegiate league in regard to the score of last year's game between Doane and Grand Island. It was 10 to 11 in favor of Doane, as was stated in the article. This I wish you would correct and for proof I refer you to the officials of the game. Crewman of Lincoln was umpire of the last game, and referee the last half. F. J. Howe of Woodbine, Ia., was referee in the first half and umpire the last half. It was understood last year between the colleges that the championship game was between Doane and Grand Island and that is why I call your attention to the error. JERRY DAVIS, Captain.

LAST WEEK WITH THE BOWLERS

Much Improvement Noted in the Work of the Individual Players.

Table with 4 columns: Team, Won, Lost, Ave. St. Charles 5 2 383, Gate City 4 4 382, National 4 4 380, Western 4 4 369, Grand Island 3 4 368, Clarkston 3 4 367, German 3 4 316, Omaha 2 4 316.

Much improvement was shown in the bowling of the last week; not that any truly phenomenal scoring was done, but the play in general was better and more even and it now begins to look as though the regulars at least had struck their gait and settled down to work for the season. There has been another pretty thorough shaking up in the positions of the clubs, but the range of percentages is slight, the highest being 53 and the lowest 46. St. Charles and Gate City teams, which were last week well down toward the end of the list, with the percentages of 44, each won three straight and now head the column with 53. National, Western, Krug Park and Clarkston teams sat tied on 50 per cent, National and Krug Park having added but one each to their list of games won. Western having lost all three and Clarkston having won two. German and Omaha are the low teams, with 46 per cent.

Interesting Case in Chicago Conducted by Austrian Physicians.

An interesting surgical case is reported from Chicago, where, recently, Prof. Adolf Lorenz, of Vienna, the leading orthopedic surgeon of Europe, operated upon the 5-year-old daughter of J. Ogden Armstrong, one of whose hips has been dislocated from birth. Dr. Lorenz was brought over from Europe especially for this purpose, and for a fee said to be \$150,000. With him came Dr. Friedrich Mueller, also of Vienna, who assisted in the operation, and there were present several physicians and surgeons of Chicago. The operation required two hours of time, and unusual measures were taken to insure success. It is thus described by Dr. Lorenz: "The operation consisted simply of drawing the limb down so that the femur, or hipbone, came below the socket of the hip, into which it ought normally to fit. That it is pressed in, until the femur rests against the socket as it should. Formerly, and, indeed, until quite recently, it was necessary to accomplish this result by incisions into the flesh and by removing enough bone from the socket to insure the femur fitting in. After more than 200 such operations which I performed I conceived the plan of accomplishing the same results without any incision and of relying on nature to accomplish results which had formerly been achieved by means of the knife alone. I now use weights and pressure to force the projecting femur into line with its socket. If the socket is not properly shaped to receive the femur, I rely on its growing into shape by means of my specially contrived appliances. After the limb had been drawn down and the hip bone pressed until it rested against the socket, and the limb drawn close to the knee was increased in plaster of paris, and this cast, which is adjusted so

cent, the former having lost all three games of the week and the latter bettered its average by winning two.

A team from this city went to Davenport, Ia., last evening to meet the local players of that place, the Omaha team consisting of M. R. Huntington, A. Krug, Herman Bevelin, King Deuman and W. H. Emery.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Ave., Name, Ave. Mockett 172, Sheldon 172, Bengele 172, Roth 172, William Zitzman 172, Francis 172, P. W. Schneider 172, Denman 172, Emery 172, Krug 172, A. C. Reed 172, Huntington 172, W. A. Keller 172, Weber 172, J. J. Schneider 172, Clarkson 172, Brumke 172, Fowler 172, Tracy 172, Gilchrist 172, Ahmanson 172, Forscutt 172.

Table with 3 columns: Name, Ave., Name, Ave. Hodges 169, H. Krug 169, Wigan 169, Potter 169, Zitzman 169, Ayers 169, W. W. Hartley 169, Belluck 169, C. Conrad 169, Reynolds 169, Ezer 169, H. Bessella 169, M. R. Huntington 169, W. Zitzman 169, P. A. Keller 169, W. H. Emery 169, H. D. Reed each win a prize, a set of tennis, this week, by rolling better than 240.

High scores on Gate City alley: M. C. Sprague, 201; H. Gelman, 200; W. C. Sherwood, 211, 224; W. Wigan, 204; W. A. Zitzman, 211; C. Bessella, 212; Bob Kneel, 215, 205, 202; C. Howard, 202; H. D. Reed, 201, 241; G. T. Zimmerman, 222; C. B. Bridesbecker, 225, 224; M. Z. Forscutt, 200; C. J. Francisco, 201; R. F. Hull, 218, 218, 202; P. Jurgensen, 200; H. H. Jones, 202, 205; G. T. Stearns, 201; W. H. Emery, 200, 245; H. Bessella, 217, 205; M. R. Huntington, 201, 205; W. Zitzman, 201; P. A. Keller, 200; W. H. Emery and H. D. Reed each win a prize, a set of tennis, this week, by rolling better than 240.

AFTER RECEIVING A SHOCK.

How Victims of Accidental Electroconvulsion May Be Revived.

The Electrical World and Engineer is the authority for the statement that accidental electric shocks seldom result in death unless the victim is left unaided too long, or efforts at resuscitation are stopped too early, as in the majority of instances the shock is sufficient only to suspend animation temporarily, owing to the momentary and imperfect contact of the conductors, and also on account of the resistance of the body sufficient to the action of the current. The rules given to be observed and promptly executed with care and deliberation are as follows:

Rule 1—Remove the body at once from the circuit by breaking contact with the conductors. This may be accomplished by using a dry stick of wood, which is a non-conductor, to roll the body over to one side, or to brush aside a wire, if that is convenient. When a stick is not at hand, the dry end of a rope may be utilized to protect the hand in seizing the body of the victim, unless rubber gloves are convenient. If the body is in contact with the earth, the coat tails of the victim, or any loose or detached pieces of clothing, may be seized with impunity to draw it away from the conductors, and place it under accomplished, observe rule two. The object to be attained is to make the subject breathe, and if this can be accomplished and continued he can be saved.

Rule 2—Turn the body upon the back, loosen the collar and clothing about the neck, roll up a coat and place it under the shoulders, so as to throw the head back, and then make efforts to establish respiration (in other words, make him breathe), just as would be done in case of drowning. To accomplish this, kneel at the subject's head, facing him, and, seizing both arms, draw them up and above his head, and then make efforts to bring them almost together above it, and hold them there for two or three seconds only. (This is to expand the chest and favor the entrance of air into the lungs.) Then carry the arms down to the sides and front of the chest, firmly compressing the chest and place the fingers from the lungs. Repeat this maneuver at least sixteen times per minute. These efforts should be continued unrelentingly for at least an hour, or until natural respiration is established.

Rule 3—At the same time that this is being done, someone should rub the tongue of the subject with a handkerchief or other cloth to prevent it slipping, and draw it forcibly out when the arms are extended above the head, and allow it to recede when the chest is compressed. This maneuver should likewise be repeated at least sixteen times per minute. The object to be attained is to free the throat so as to allow air to enter the lungs, and also, by exciting a reflex irritation from forcible contact of the under part of the tongue against the lower teeth, frequently stimulates an involuntary effort at respiration. To secure this, the spine may be rubbed vigorously with a piece of ice. Alternating applications of heat and cold over the region of the heart will accomplish the same object in some instances. It is both useless and unwise to attempt to administer stimulants to the victim in the usual manner, by pouring it down his throat.

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New York Woman Wins a Game Lasting Three Hours.

After bowling steadily for about three hours Mrs. Augusta Amussen of New York won an exciting game of tenpins in the tournament of the German-American Woman's Bowling League at Bronx last week. It was thus that she celebrated her eighty-sixth birthday. "I expect to bowl until I am 100 years old; it's the only thing that keeps me cheerful and in good health," said Mrs. Amussen at the conclusion of the match. She won the first prize, vanquishing a score of women less than half her age.

In competition she used the medium sized ball to exert more speed in delivery, though in the regular weekly practice games she scored her strikes with the heaviest ball in the alley.

"We are old people," he said, complainingly, "and it is not becoming for us to be mentioned in the newspaper. We have bowled quietly for so many years that we will have to stop now because of the newspaper writings. Only our friends knew of our bowling until last week, but now everybody in the Bronx asks about us. Besides we are getting old," he concluded, as he turned again to his paper.

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