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T should not be necessary to enact a law forbidding managers to disclose. prior to time of delivery, the names of players sold or traded. The evil

of such a shiftless custom should be so impremive by this time that managers. for self-protection, would refrain from it.

The Bes has taken this position before. and it believes the reasons that actuated it on former occasions exist and are more patent today than ever. Events of the last low weeks of the base ball season furlished ample evidence for the argument that a manager makes a serious mistake whenever he lets a player know that he has been sold. The effect, too often, on the player is had. It is not necessary to go beyond the membership of the Omaha team to find a flagrant example. One very flashy player whose sale to a big learne team was heralded far and wide ,300 and a splendid fielding and base running average to the mediocre class and wound up the season rather an ordinary will win."

player than the real star he was and had been throughout the season. Other such worked on other things so much that we examples are not lacking in the Western were certainly weak in the cardinal prin- New Hule Gives Advantage to Team league. Of course, all players are not affected the same way. Some don't allow a promotion to affect them, but ball play- adviser, "but I also believe that in the upon and that will carry them through. straight foot ball." If this very Omaha player had put up the same before his wurchase that he did the captain, "if we could do that!" after, his purchase would never have come about. And then there are other reasons that should commend themselves to owners and managers for adopting a more discreet policy with reference to the exchange of players, and the wonder is that it has

not been adopted long ago.

stars under the same conditions might be direst failure if they are continued." expected to compare. Wagner batted .375. Cobb .331. Wagner stole six bases, Cobb, the marvel of speed, two. The comparison is all against Cobb, and many fans have oncluded on the basis of the showing the ay the better ball player; all of which obb himself. Before the series began the oung Tiger reproved a friend for comparng him with Wagner and after the series had got under way he expressed the wish that he might one day become as great a all up; the team will first lose confidence, player as Wagner. But a word is to be said in Cobb's favor, especially as to the matter of base running, the department of the game in which he is so far ahead of any other man in the American league It is a notable fact that Detroit's catching lepartment is not strong and that in every one of the three world's series the atchers have been decidedly weak on their throwing. On the other hand, Gibon of Pittsburg was at his best during ent battle and his best means as

rood as there is, for Gibson throws with feadly precision and is as great a catcher doubted if Wagner would have stolen you will keep at them to the end." six bases had he been running against a catcher of the Gibson class, and the cirsumstances of the case force the question "Might not the results have been reversed had Gibson been behind the bat for Detrolt and Schmidt or Stanage for Pittaburg?" But, of course, a seasoned Wagner is a better ball player than a growing Cobb and that is not disparaging the young Georgian in the least.

THE OMAHA SUNDAY BEE. VALUE OF COLLEGE FOOT BALL Tenacious Hold the Sport Has on Players and Spectators Alike.

> sams in the country were playing "tackleback" plays. In the game of that year CRITICAL PERIOD OF THE GAME Harvard played against Yale no fewer than twenty men. They were considerably

Important Conference and Agreement In Winter of 1890-1900 at New Haven and What it Meant to the Game.

In the winter of 1899-1900, before an open fire at New Haven, with sleet and snow beating at the windows and the wind howling a gale cutside, three men sat thrashing out the never-failing subject of foot ball strategy. One was the captain of the next year's team at Yale, the second the field coach and the third was a gradunte adviser.

"It's the fundamentals we must work on," said the field coach. "The reason, there may be to it-or, rather, to the abuse why we had such a close call last year of it-the history of the sport would indiwas because we have been gradually drift- on the tast it is "here to stay," and the part ing away from the good old principles of, of wisdom both of its advocates and its blocking your man, getting through and critics would seem to consist in endeavordropped from a batting average of far over tackling low. I tell you, any team that ing to eliminate the objectionable feamasters those fundamentals in the first tures -- Walter Camp in November Century. month can then build up a game that

> ciples." "I agree absolutely with that." said the

ers are like the rest of the human family general system the possibilities of offense in many years a new rule has been adopted and some prove too lame to resist the are not half exhausted and that a set of in foot ball that is to the advantage of temptation to yield to the subtle spirit of plays can be given a team that will sim- the heavier team. All of the big sievena indifference under such circumstances, feel- ply annihilate the defense of the oppo- are jumping at the opportunity to put the ing that they have a record to fall back sents, provided, of course, the men know ball in play on the twenty-five-yard line

It will be the hardest for you and the coach to carry it out." "What do you mean by that?" queried the coach.

"Because the plays will be entirely unworld's series about as well as two-such the time spent upon them and predict the them to immediately put the ball in scrim- than a one man track team.

Sure, He Means It.

"Do you really mean that?"

"Certainly ! do, and then it will be up mand of advancing it. If it fails it can to you to 'stand the gaff,' as they say, still resort to the punt, which is just as and carry them through until they begin good as a kick-off from the twenty-fivemen made that Wagner is far and to have their effect. The first week they yard line. In two of the games last Satmay work a little from their very novelty urday the "Big Four" teams put the ball cognize that fact more readily than before the individual members of the team across the field. have had sufficient practice to make them There is always danger in giving the ball complete every movement with precision, the defense will prove the stronger. The scrub will stop the plays or tangle them then ambition, and finally you will find even your best men, while not in rebeliion desirous of dropping the plays and going back to the simple ones upon which they have been drilled in the past.'

'I can't believe that," said the captain "They must see that it is practice-practice that is needed." "But that is just what they cannot be-

lieve, and even you and your coach here will be ready to abandog the plays." "Not if you say they are good." "Well, if my judgment of pace and the

an exists. Manifestly this gives Wagner a sure the plays will come out all right, if ular features of foot ball in these days of "We'll stick to them fast enough," jaun-

fresh men. Such an incident of a foot ball campaign may throw some light upon the reasons Charles H. Wilson, has begun his work why the sport has acquired its tenacious hold upon players and spectators. History shows that the game of fort ball has been severely criticised and dencanced and even forbidden by law, but with singular insistence it continues to assert its vitality. and it never was more popular than in America today. East and west, north and

same 28 to 0, and within a year half the

heavier than the Yale men, and yet the

majority of those who were taken out were

not injured, but rather so exhausted by

their efforts to meet these plays as to

south, it spreads. Whatever objections

letely at sea."

"That's true," said the captain. "We HEAVIER TEAMS ARE BENEFITED

With Most Weight.

NEW YORK, Oct. 2.-For the first time after a touchback, instead of being com-

mage if they desire. This gives the team a chance to keep possession of the bail

until it has tried all the ways at its com-

to a fast squad of opponents on a kick. They are likely to bring the ball back past the middle of the field and the goal will again be endangered. Under this new rule, however, a team can rush the ball out of danger, and then if it is desired punt it out of any kind of danger. All of the big college teams are delighted with this change in the rules. It somewhat lessens

their growing fear of the formerly weak teams who are becoming more of a menace every season. If the rule makers intended to put a

damper on drop kicking or goals from the field when they fixed the value of that kind of a goal at three points their plans

open play are the drop kick and the forward pass. The sight of a ball spinning

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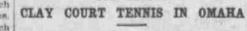
East and West.

and Men He Will Have

"I cannot understand what is the matter phiefly by R. E. Williams, the distance WITH THE COLLEGE ATHLET with my men, 1 never saw them so comrunner, who will be remembered, certainly by some Cornell and Columbia nico. It was The final score was 35 to 0, and the Williams who trimmed Bernie Gallagher

plays had "made good." The Princeton Doings in the Field of Sport in of Cornell in 1981 in the Princeton-Cornel Sport in of Cornell in 1981 in the Princeton-Cornel International Cornell in 1981 in the Princeton-Cornel International Cornell in 1981 in the Princeton-Cornel International Cornell in 1981 in the Princeton-Cornell International Cornell Int dual meet, only a week after the intercol legiate games in which Gallagher walked off with the two-mile race and Williams INDIFFERENCE AT PRINCETON was third. It cost some Cornellians a pit. of money when Williams reversed that Something About Charles Wilson, result in the dual games. Columbia mon

Princeton's New Track Coach, will remember Bert Williams, because it was he who popped up seemingly from nowhere and defeated Cherley Marshall of Columbia in the intercollegiate mile in 1992. when the little Georgian looked to have the race wor. If Williams' judgment of trainers is as good as his judgment of pace was. Princeton has a trainer who deserve sticking to. The situation is pretty much that Princeton ought to hold tight for a time to the man and give him a chance to



Tennis Experts Have at Last Aroused the East to Recognition.

the place with no, great feeling of loss on NEW YORK, Oct. 23.-In many ways it is evident that there is a growing dis-It need not be imagined that this is 'm- position among lawn tennis players to bevariably the fault of the trainer. Some come ploneers along lines which have trainers might easily have known a little heretofore been little explored or not more or might have been willing to be penetrated at all. Among the followers taught by experience. There might have of the sport the continuance of the lawn been a trifle more tast shown or a bit tennis prestige, class and control to a greater tendency toward conciliation or limited numbers of players in the east

make good.

oaxing. The men who tried to build up has appeared unfortunate. Yet this group track teams at Princeton did not fall be- of men, by position of office and playing cause they wanted to. It was a matter of skill, had made themselves the dominant

a living and a pleasant dituation if they factors, it has heretofore been impossible to fairly align against them adequate But there is, for one thing, a fatal in. reasons for changes, except insofars as difference to track sports at Princeton, which comes as a blight on the hopes of and of enforcing tournament management

the average trainer. The men are there, were concerned. "By jove! it would be pretty fine." said "By jove! it would be pretty fine." said the captain, "if we could do that!" "It can be done." said the graduate. "but it will be the hardest for you and the coach to carry it out." after a touchback, instead of being com-pelled to kick off as was required under the old rule. This play may be a little technical to the spectator, but it is of immense advantage to a team that under ordinary conditions has the upper hand But the players of the middle west have ordinary conditions has the upper hand most overywhere but on the track in run-

Under the former rule after a touchback ton's great spring sport is base ball." and leadership, however, of such men as Dr. idea, but without success. Under able had been made the side making the touch- their part in it is to sit on the bleachers P. B. Hawk, now of the University of satisfactory to everybody while they are down was required to bring the ball out to to watch the varsity playing. The ma-Illinois at Urbana, III.; Will M. Wood of being put in practice. By the first of No- the twenty-five-yard line and kick it to terial is there, but it remains still for the Omaha Field club, Omaha, Neb., and Wagner and Cobb compared in the recent vember everyone will critize them, bemoan their opponents. The new rule permits Princeton to show anything much better Ralph Holterholt of the Ohio Lawn Tennis association of Cincinnati, O., it is safe to predict that the plan of a national

Not Enough Application.

Furthermore, some of those men who do tournament upon the hard earth playing ome out appear to feel that track and surfaces will surely be decided and under field proficiency can be gained all in one the sanction and direction of the United States National Lawn Tennis association. week, Husky foot ball men report a week before a meet, as an especial favor, and It must be admitted that the appearance undertake to become first raters in that of the Cantornana anona undertake to become first raters in that stirred every follower of the courts longing to a club in this city-it was not

throughout the country. Their perform-Flanagan, as will appear-went down to ance awakened especially the middle west Princeton once or twice in the last two to the fact that it was quite possible and years to help cosch. His impressions were probable that among its clubs and courts omething like these: "A big foot ball were young players who needed but the nan, who hasn't trained a step since the 'inspiration to bring forth men approachfall, comes out to throw the hammer in ing the skill, courage and hardihood of a the spring, and just because he has a lot McLoughlin or a Long. of strength he and every one else around

They argued as they did two years ago there gets the impression he ought to catch that, whereas, it was impossible for many on right away and be throwing record of their western players to move on to distances in no time. In fact, if he doesn't, Newport, and there experience the disthe college will pronounce him a dub. Just heartening uncertainty of the difference because he has strength they think he between the earth playing surfaces and

should be doing in a week what John Fian- turf, it was quite possible for the situaagan has worked years to attain. That is tion to be reversed and the west, or middie section of this broad country, where the spirit there with the field men." So it is, between indifference and cock- earth courts abound and where glass sureness that Princeton track athletics playing surface is a rarity, to hold a have suffered. If Wilson, the new trainer, national championship of their own under reasonable circumstances and conditions is to do good work there, he will need help. He cannot do everything all alone and un- which would be of material benefit to the from the field and through the goal posts less the undergraduates begin this autumn game in every way. to work for him, he won't have the chance as that the project was brought before the National association two years to do himself justice. It is hardly the right thing to hire a man to coach a team when ago at its annual meeting of the Waldorf-Astoria, the idea was fairly well supthe material isn't supplied to him, too. ported by argument, it being made evident This isn't Wilson's first attempt at coaching a college track team. He just left able scope, because a national championthat the request was quite within reason-Purdue, which is to the middle west what ship tournament was held upon turf, as Princeton is to the east. That is, it is the at Newport, another was held indoors weak track athletic college. Wilson did good work at Purdue the last two seasons, ing on the Seventh Regiment Armory upon boards at the national indoor meetcourts, and that whereas the greater part ion indifference until he strangles it. That of the playing in this country was upon is his only way of making a success of his other surfaces than turf, it was quite term at Princeton. reasonable to promulgate such a tourna-Wilson is much on the type of man that ment. Frederick B. Alexander, the inter-James E. Sullivan said some time ago nationalist last year, who has always been ought to make a good trainer for a college. regarded as the peer of all players upon He was himself an athlete around Chicago the dirt courts, was in favor of this chamfor some years and competed in almost plonship, and it was, as has been said, everything. He wasn't a topnotcher as a fairly well supported except by William performer, but it doesn't take a world's A. Larned, William J. Clothier and a few champion to make the best trainer. Wilothers. son competed for the First Regiment Atfi-National Club Wins in Court.



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This Season. make it advisable to replace them with The new track coach at Princeton,

there. Wilson succeeds such men as Walter Christie, the late Jim Robinson and Al Copeland in a place that is by no means easy to fill. Track sports at Princeton have not been successful at all for years,

either side.

could make good.

barring of course, the team of 1900, which was second in the intercollegiate games. Wherefore many changes in coaches, each in turn being taken up onthusiastically. subsequently to sever his connection with

What does the winter hold for the West-

ern league? That is a question of prime Interest. If the invasion on the part of the some American association teams should transpire by spring then the fate of the Western is a reorganization; if this invasion is delayed a year the circuit out here will, in all probability, remain intact. Without wishing to disturb the equillibrium of the base ball world to the detriment of the game, Omaha hopes for the invasion and the sooner the better. There is no reason why its untimate resuits should be other than beneficial. The base ball world is a big one and is growing ant there is enough patronage in the cities that would be invaded to go around. Omabil's interest, of course, is selfish. It wants to get into faster company, . where it belongs. It has been on a water tank circuit long enough.

A Philadelphia writer asserts that had the Athletics won the American league pennant they would have defeated the Pirates for the world's championship. The same writer contends that Detroit has not plays," said the graduate. been the strongest American league team In any of the three years it has won the will work, and something must be done." pennant. And there is something to his argument. Hugh Jennings could have won the pennant this year with either the Athletics or Boston, in the judgment of some of the wiscat base ball men. But he happened to have Detroit and that, in the popular mind, is, why Detroit won. And the reason why Detroit has not won in any of the three clashes with National league teams, simply is that its caliber was a little lower than even Hugh Jennings could raise to such a high level.

One of the big events of the week was Comiskey's employment of Hugh Duffey as manager of the White Box. It will be position at tackle. The coach said that he highly appropriate for the Old Roman to spring with a pennant-winning team. It's against Columbia. about time for another Cubs-Sox world's sertes, snyhow.

Clarke is looking for another first baseman since Abstein fell down in the world's that time and in that game they did no series. Somebow, we couldn't help feeling a little shaky about that name. By the way, Pittaburg hasn't had a permanent first baseman since Kitty Bransfield left, back field developed. Only one who has It would do well to get Kane back.

Ty Cobb's modesty in expressing the wish that he may some day be equal to Wag- Each knew that failure then meant to ner has nothing to do with the wish he short a time to develop the team along is said to have expressed to President other lines. They had virtually burned Navin, that he might be given a salary their bridges behind them, and were now to equal to Wagner's at the beginning of stake their season on the work of the next Bext BOBBORL

If they do get into the ring it should be understood that both Jeff and Mistah Johnson cease talking at least while the fight is in progress.

They say it's worth a man's life, almost to mention the words, "Charley Adams," in a certain Michigan city.

Cab Murphy hasn't been expelled from professional base ball yet, but the world is getting better, just the same.

Still Meners. Jeffries and Johnson have not yot weighed in.

Comaha is ready to take its place in the American aspaciation.

Wahpo remained loyal to the last.

'It's a bargain then," said the graduate. gives the foot bail enthusiast the same Til lay them out and give them to you." based entirely upon the theory that the to charge forward immediately upon the

so disposed as to make this very charge of each man in his line place him in such large scores. a position that except by tremendous effort the line and made the regular full-back.

Change Brought Criticism.

By the first of November great was the criticism of the team. It was "slow, painfully slow." A respectable end run was certainly out of the question. The back field, to use the expression of one of the coaches, was "slower than molasses in January." Finally the captain called up the graduate one evening and said that he thought they would have to put the full-

back up at tackle again and get a faster, lighter man who could keep up pace enough to keep up with the rest of the quarters of the Giants next spring. At any backs. rate, strong pressure is being brought by

"But that means the abandonment of the

"I know; but every one says they never "Where's McBride?" asked the graduate, naming the field coach.

"Over in his room at the hotel," said the captain "I am going down to see him. Don't do

anything till I see you later." "All right; but things look pretty dark. When the three men met later in the evening, it was a depressing occasion. The captain reported that almost every man on the team had lost confidence. He had talked with them individually, and all wanted the back field speeded up and

Hale, the heavy fullback, put into his old was hearing nothing else from the coaches licate that million-dollar park next who had seen the game in New York

It was indeed a serious time, but it was finally agreed that the present positions and plays should be maintained until the game with the Carific Indiane, and if by show their worth, the graduate was willing to see them abandoned, and Hale sent up into the line at tacke, and a faster either captained or coached a foot ball team dan appreciate the feelings of these three men on the eve of the Indian game afternoon.

Radical Changes Made.

On that evening a still further chance was determined upon. The big full-back was such a factor in himself that the graduate urged an even greater hazard. but a better test of the plays. He suggested that unother man, Dupee, should replace Hale for that game-a man not nearly so powerful, but one who know the plays and would by the experience of a game fit himself to take the place of the full-back in the later championship games with Harvard and Princeton, should any injury incapacitate the regular man. Thi seemed indeed too much, but was finally S.HIRSCH & CO. accepted, and the two teams lined up. From the very start the Yale team, with

its new plays, marched down the field through and over the bewildered opponents six, sight ten, a dozen yatus at a down untill the coach of the Indiana exciatmed

thrill as does a home run in base ball with The winter passed and the spring and two out. The fact that it now takes two immer. Fall practice began, and the series field goals to equal a touchdown has not of plays was put into effect. They were dampened the ardor of the kickers in the based entirely upon the theory that the opponents had been taught to play low and Princeton from being blanked in the game enap of the ball. The lines of attack were with Fordham, and the Carlisle Indiana have used the play repeatedly to pile up

For a while the Yale, Princeton and Harhe could not recover his balance so as to vard teams figured that they need not pay oppose effective resistance to the attack. so much attention to the development of The new plays necessitated a heavy full- drop kickers as in the past, but in the jast back, and no other being at hand, one of few days there has been a rush on the the tackles, Perry Hale, was taken from part of the coaches to dip up booters of class. All of a sudden they realized up Another green player was placed at tackle. at Harvard that it was a field goal that beat Yule last year.

Coach McCormick of Princeton figures, and very sensibly, too, that, while a field goal will not heat a touchdown, the other team must have a touchdown to beat the kick. And touchdowns are not so easily made under the rule requiring that ten yards must be made in three downs.

Stadents to Support Crew.

NEW YORK, Oct. 23.-Savannah, Instead

letic association of Chicago, About eight years ago he quit the amateur side and took up professional training. Wilson's Career.

against the officers of the National Ath-He had a good relay team of the First. letic club to test their right to hold sparregiment at the Pan-American games in ring exhibitions for members of the club Buffalo. After three seasons with the resulted in a victory for the Brooklyn orof Marlin Springs May be the training First regiment, he took up work with the ganization. The club officials had no dif-Central Young Men's Christian association fleulty in proving that the National Athof Chicago and after two seasons with letic club was organized and incorporated

sporting men of the Georgia city to induce those athletes he was engaged by the Uni- twenty years ago, owned its own club-Manager McGraw to bring his aggregation versity of Illinois. After one year Purdue house, worth \$29,009; had a bona fide memof ball tossers to that city. wanted him, and he went to Lafayette for bership of over \$90, and that they con-The plan has already been broached to two seasons.

McGraw by several Savanahites who are So Wilson, who is now only 32 years old, only, and strictly according to haw. now here booming the project. Nick Cor- lean, keen-eyed and hardy looking, comes Two members of the police had borrowed ish, one of the members of the Savannah to Princeton with some experience even if membership cards from two disgruntled club, is interested in the scheme. not heralded as a world beater. Anyway, members of the organization and, repre-

The Savannah club, it is understood, is to it isn't so much what he has done as what senting themselves as those members, had provide itself with an up-to-date park for he will do that counts. Wilson looks as if obtained admission and the arrests folnext season, and is willing to offer Me- he could do much. He has taken hold lowed. The club has an injunction against Graw the best of facilities should he con- well at Princeton and there is enthusiasm interference of the police, issued by Susent to take his players there for the 1910 over his coming. preliminary work.

Wilson was recommended to Princeton stag will be held in the near future.



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