

# Foot Ball Championships Are in Doubt

BY MONTY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The advent of the foot ball season has not yet died out. Feet in the air, as even at this late date, as long as it is not winter, than the original noise. It is the season of squabbles, arguments and boasts that is upon us.

The championship of the east is in dispute; the championship of the west is undecided; the championship of the south is being determined by debate; the championship of the country is unsettled. And the season of 1911 is over.

Both the Navy and Princeton have sound claims for the championship of the country, but since those two teams fought to a tie in the early season, neither can claim superiority over the other.

There should be some way of determining the champion. It could be done—there is no doubt about that. A central body could be created, made up of representatives of the most prominent universities in the country. These experts could gather together about December 1 of each year, consider the claims of each of the teams and by vote come to a conclusion and designate the champion of the year, giving to the winner some cup or banner, for possession during the year, emblematic of the championship. The name of the triumphant institutions could be engraved upon the cup or embroiled upon the banner, whichever it might be. There would be plenty of foot ball enthusiasts willing to donate such a trophy or contribute to it.

As to the championship board, it could be composed in part, at least, of the members of the present rules committee. The institutions represented should include Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Dartmouth, Cornell, Pennsylvania, Army, Navy, Chicago, Michigan and three or four others. The membership should be an odd number. In event that there were several rightful claimants to the title the question could be decided by an elimination vote. The three leaders on the first ballot would be candidates on the second. Then it would narrow down to two and the odd number could compel a majority of at least one. In this way there would be no danger of the committee not being able to select a champion.

The chief objection to such a plan would be that some colleges or several of them would be dissatisfied and might rebel and leave the "national conference" or whatever it might be called. But there is no reason why this should occur. The colleges—every one of them—would be benefited by the decision of a national conference in regard to the championship.

The six leading teams in the east this year could be designated as Princeton, Navy, Harvard, Army, Yale and Dartmouth. Each one of these teams will lose several star players by graduation next June, including of course their captains, who are almost always members of the senior class.

Captain Dalton of the Navy is probably the greatest captain of the year. He was more than half of the Navy team, being its best ground gainer, its only good kicker, and a wonderful end, too, and one of its defensive bulwarks. Dalton is the first man who has been the deciding factor in more than one Army-Navy battle. He will go down to history as one of the greatest drop-kickers of all time.

Duff of Princeton seems to have the unanimous approval for the right guard place. He was an excellent defensive man, and with Hart, formed the main power of the Princeton line. In the Yale game Duff and Hart were the only men besides the Tiger center who showed class in the line. They both worked heroically and saved the Tiger defense time after time. Duff was the most conspicuous and the most work. His immediate position he was sometimes a center, and at the back of the line he made many pretty tackles. He was the class of the line.

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Captains of big eastern eleven whose graduation will be a big loss to their respective teams for next year. Above are Captain Arthur Howe of Yale (on the left) and Captain John of Harvard. Below are Captain Fisher Dalton of the Navy (on the left) and Captain Bob Hyatt of the Army.

Captain Arthur Howe of Yale is probably the next greatest of the retiring captains. His kicking and general all-around work were of a higher order throughout the season and he would have been even a greater shining light if Yale had played on dry fields more of the time. Howe was strictly an open field man and his light weight made him infinitely less valuable in the mud.

Bob Fisher of Harvard, by virtue of his great line play, deserves to rank alongside of Glass and Hoffmeister, the old Yale guards. He was a Gibraltar on defense and a wonder on opening holes in the opposing line for Wendell to plow through. He was really the only strong point in Harvard's line this year and his absence next year will be a severe blow to the Crimson.

Captain Hyatt of the Army, compared with the leading quarterbacks of the year. His judgment was excellent at all times. He handled the ball cleanly, was good on quarterback runs, could punt in a pinch and was one of the stars of the season as running back kicks. He used

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# HOLSTE SELECTS NEBRASKA TEAM

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custom to honor home players for efficient work the writer has selected an all-Nebraska college team, doubtless many will object to some of these selections. The writer has seen all teams play except Cotner and Vera, of which he has made careful inquiry.

Marvel of Hastings is easily the best end. His work last year gave great promise and he has more than fulfilled it. In every game he has been a conspicuous figure, whether running down punts, breaking interference, receiving forward passes or running with the ball. His mind is ever alert and if not watched every second he will pull off something unexpected. Paulson of Bellevue is given the other end position. He is not so sensational a player as Marvel, but is always on the job. He is strong on breaking plays and running down punts.

Rice of Doane deserves a special mention for his hard, conscientious work. Parker of Hastings and Captain Erson of Doane are the choice for tackles. In the Hastings-Doane game they were pitted against each other and it was one of the best tussles seen for a long time. Neither team could gain much through either of these players. Both charge hard, are difficult to box and they tackle all over the field. Curtis of Bellevue and W. Butler of Hastings did good work. The latter, a back, had seldom failed to make good gains on forward passes. He runs the ball and catches it without turning.

For guards the writer has chosen men who have played tackle—Henderson of Bellevue and Swanson of Grand Island. This team would not be as strong if guards were selected, because in colleges where material is very limited, as a matter of necessity, the slower men are placed at guard. Both these men charge and break up plays before they are well started.

Burford for Center. Burford of Kearney is the peer of all centers. He is in a class by himself. That red head of his can be seen tackling a man behind the opponents' line, on the ends, or even down the field on punts. His passing is quick and accurate. It is doubtful if there is his equal in the state. Captain Ruyle of Wesleyan is a hard, conscientious player.

Wilkinson of Doane is the choice for quarterback. His work was fully up to that of last year, when he was a close second to the great Sherrard of Hastings. He is a good general, gets his plays off quickly and accurately, passes and carries the ball well. On defense he handles the punts cleanly and is a dangerous man in returning them. R. Smith of Hastings and Ogden of Cotner deserve special mention for their work. The former is playing his first year in that position and gives promise of becoming a great quarterback. His team has the most varied style of attack in the state, and considering the fact that it had to rely mostly on tricks and forward passes, in which he always figured, his work stands out prominently. On interference and defense he is a regular bear cat. Ogden, playing with a new team, has been a strong man. He has played both half and quarter and looks good in both positions. He is hard to down and sure, especially in the open. In carrying the ball he has natural ability for picking a hole.

Chamberlain in Star. Chamberlain of Wesleyan and Carrig of Kearney are the choice for halfbacks. The former is certainly a star of the first magnitude. Without him his team could not have won one of its big games. Even at that he had few plays that really gave him a chance to do anything. Besides an end run and a tackle back he had few opportunities. With the proper kind of plays built around a man like him, a strong attacking machine could be formed. He is a powerful runner, it is hard to down when tackled, is a good dodger and is an adept with a stiff arm. Carrig of Kearney is given the other position because of his punting and reliable drop kicking. He never failed to make at least one of these in each game and was as accurate from the thirty-yard line as from the fifteen. Under the present rules it becomes very hard to gain the required ten yards when within that distance of goal, and a good drop kicker is indispensable. Although Carrig has been playing quarterback, he has the qualities of a halfback.

Stokey of Bellevue, Yager of Hastings and Korab and Kretzinger of Doane did consistently good work all season. McCandless of Wesleyan is placed at fullback. Although he has been playing halfback, he is a good line player and a hard man to down. His speed and dash could be made use of for end runs from his position. On interference he is a tower of strength. He is also a punter and drop kicker. Fowler of Bellevue and Dunlap of Hastings are good men. The former is a powerful line smasher and the latter is a strong man for interference. As a defensive half he is as good as there is in the state.

What could be made to this team, it must be admitted that it would easily defeat any other all-college team chosen. Every position is filled by a strong man and the team is well equipped with punters, drop kickers, forward passers, end runners and line plungers.

Key to the Situation—See Advertising.

# American Association Batting

STANDING OF CLUBS AT CLOSE OF SEASON.				CLUB BATTING.			
Club	W.	L.	Pct.	G.	A.B.	R.	H.
Minneapolis	99	58	.630	167	5247	969	1271
Kansas City	94	79	.543	169	5484	782	1050
Columbus	87	86	.500	165	5073	748	1012
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## Beaver City Boys Make Fine Record

The high school championship of southwestern Nebraska in foot ball for the season of 1911 is held by the Beaver City high school team, which has not been beaten by a high school team during the season, and it challenged every team in the district for games. The only defeat of the year was given them by the Franklin academy team, which is not a high school team and is in no way connected with the championship.

The final game of the season was played at Alma on Thanksgiving day between Alma and Beaver City teams. Although the score was a tie—4 to 4—Alma has no claim to the championship as it used five players who were ineligible under the inter-scholastic rules.

Beaver City has made 49 points to its opponents. Its record is also remarkable because it has been without the services of a coach the entire season, and in every contest have met with teams who had been trained by one or more coaches. The following is the record of the season:

- Beaver City 10, McCook 5.
- Beaver City 8, Hendley 0.
- Beaver City 12, Hendley 0.
- Beaver City 6, Franklin academy 11.
- Beaver City 10, Cambridge 0.
- Beaver City 5, Alma 5.

Shoot Today at Benson. The Benson Rifle club will hold its weekly rifle shoot for ducks and geese at the Benson Eagle hall park at 3 o'clock this afternoon. Considerable interest was taken in the shoot last Sunday and about forty members and friends were present.

## Hockey Players to Have League if Cold Enough

Hockey, the favorite Canadian pastime, in all probability will show up stronger in Omaha this year than it has in any past year, providing the weather man sees fit to give Omaha enough cold weather to warrant the flooding of several rinks in the city.

At present there is not a square inch of ice on any of the lakes or ponds in the city which would hold an ordinary man on skates. Several attempts have been made to flood the tennis courts at the Country club, but the ground is in such condition that the water soaks in and the weather has not been cold enough to freeze. The movement of putting hockey on Omaha's sport slate is being promoted by A. V. Kinster of the Country club. Mr. Kinster says he is not a player himself but thinks the sport is one which should be recognized by Omahans as he claims that it is the king of winter sports.

Mr. Kinster has talked the matter over with several persons familiar with the sport and all think the promotion of hockey by Omahans would be greatly welcomed by the sport loving public of Omaha. There are several good hockey players in Nebraska and especially at the Field club. Several teams have been formed at the Country club and it is assured that if the weather will permit teams will be organized by members of the Field club.

The hockey question has been talked

# Omaha Amateur Gridiron Warriors



Bottom Row—Snipe, right end; Woolley, right guard; Kunkovsk, center; Watey, left guard; Pearson, left tackle; Foley, left end; Middle Row—Smith, quarterback; Top Row—Kooler, Rapp, Byerly (manager), Tracy, right halfback; Williams, fullback; Hoehner, left halfback; Anderson, Pearce.

The above team, the Superiors, claim the championship of the Missouri Valley. They have played every team with championship aspirations and have rolled away with the sweet-meats. Lately their manager, William Byerly, challenged the Missouri Valley team, but received no answer. The only squad that was able to slip them a package labeled defeat

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