

### Hoppe Thought To Be World's Best Athlete

#### Champion Billiard Player's Place in Sporting Fraternity Compels Him to Do All Things Perfectly.

Followers of sporting dope when asked to name the greatest living athlete probably have some trouble in settling in their own minds just who is entitled to the crown.

On past performances, Jim Thorpe would generally be accorded the laurel wreath, because the Indian has shown in football, base ball and on the track. Base ball fans might nominate "Babe" Ruth as champion athlete, and lovers of boxing doubtless would select Jack Dempsey.

But closer students of all sorts of sport, if they stop and think, will give the topmost rung of the ladder of perfection to Willie Hoppe.

#### Some Will Object.

There will be some who will say that Hoppe isn't an athlete at all because billiards isn't an athletic game. True, it is a far cry from the deft stroke of a Ruth or the crushing punch of a Dempsey. Yet the same qualities enter into the making of each; perfect mental and physical coordination, a sense of time and rhythm.

When Hoppe hits his cue ball, he doesn't try to see how hard he can drive it, but in all other particulars, such as timing and "following through," he does very much the same thing as the mighty "Babe."

One offers the objection, possibly, that Hoppe is a little too old to meet a fast-moving ball and one whose trajectory is erratic. This is offset by the fact that Ruth must simply meet the ball fairly and with force, while Hoppe must cut every inch in such a manner that it will take English of the desired sort and with just the proper amount of force to bring it to a stop in good position for the succeeding shot.

#### Hoppe Makes Many.

Ruth creates a furore in the sporting world by hitting half a hundred home runs in the course of a season. Hoppe makes as many times that many shots calling for the maximum of perfection in a single evening. And if Ruth does not "get hold of the ball" exactly right, he may get a base hit through the infield, or a foul ball that will give him another chance. But Hoppe, if he doesn't make his shot exactly right every time, gets nothing at all.

#### Pinkey Mitchell and Jack Britton Battle To Ten-Round Draw

Milwaukee, Dec. 7.—"Pinkey" Mitchell held Jack Britton, welter-weight title holder, to a draw in a 10-round, no decision contest last night, according to several sporting writers. Some thought Britton had a shade. One newspaper critic gave Mitchell the better of seven of the ten rounds.

Britton weighed 144½ pounds and Mitchell 140 pounds. The title holder had the better of the first and second rounds and in the latter nearly upset the local boxer, with a glancing blow to the left side of his face, unbalancing him. The blow apparently did no damage. Mitchell had to hold his opponent in the balance of the contest, one writer giving him from the third to the ninth rounds, inclusive. One other critic said there was not enough difference to say anything but a draw. Britton played most for the body and Mitchell directed his blows to the head.

#### Brocco and Coburn Team Lead Field in Bike Race

New York, Dec. 7.—With 13 teams in the running and Brocco and Coburn, who lapped the field yesterday afternoon, still retaining their lead, the annual six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden ended its 32d hour at 8 o'clock this morning.

#### Rector Training Hard For Sudenberg Bout

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special)—Roy Rector, formerly of Uncle Samuel's navy, but now a land lubber in Columbus, is training hard every day for his 10-round bout with Johnny Sudenberg of Omaha, scheduled to be staged in this city Friday night, under the auspices of the American Legion. There will be the usual number of preliminaries.

#### To Decide Soccer Title.

Philadelphia, Dec. 7.—Princeton and Pennsylvania will meet Saturday to decide the intercollegiate soccer championship, it was decided tonight. It has not been definitely decided yet where the game will be played.

### Day and Swanson of Nebraska Chosen On All-American Third Foot Ball Squad

#### Open Style of Play Was Developed as Never Before and Few Seasons Have Seen Such a Brilliant Crop of Backfield Players—Three Teams Selected by Jack Veiock.

By JACK VEIOCK, International News Service Editor. (Copyright, 1920, by International News Service.)

New York, Dec. 7.—Foot ball's greatest year! Nineteen twenty will go down in gridiron annals as such and without exaggeration. No season in the history of the game has been so colorful. Few seasons that have gone before have developed such a brilliant crop of backfield stars and never before have the crowds at foot ball classics been as large or public interest in the game as keen as it has been this fall.

With the fading out of the foot ball schedule comes the picking season. The selection of mythical elevens representative of the country's best talent is in order. And what a task this year!

Foot ball came back in fairly good shape just after the war, but the season of 1919 found its ranks filled with new coaches and players. The period given to the coaches to get lined up and mold smooth-working elevens was all too short, and as a result the quality of the game suffered.

This year it was different. Coaches and players stood on solid ground once again and the grand old game came back with greater vigor than ever before. The new style of play—the open game—was seen at its best, and the players who carry the ball had a chance to shine more brightly than ever.

#### Difficult to Choose.

Picking all-American teams is a ticklish task and the opinions of those who do the picking often vary. Yet the selection of one critic or another can be honestly offered for what it is worth in the way of building up a combination of stars.

The elevens herewith presented by the writer have been chosen after careful consideration. Any one of these three teams would undoubtedly be a winner. Each would combine experience with superb driving power, strong defensive ability, a knowledge of the new style of play and an abundance of foot ball sense.

Stars among the wingmen and line-men were scarce this year, when compared with the abundant crop of backfield men who thrilled crowds all over the country with their wonderful and spectacular playing. But there were quite a few good ends, and plenty of seasoned and highly capable line-men.

#### End Positions.

Legende of Princeton and Kiley of Notre Dame are given the wing positions on the writer's first eleven, with Carney, Illinois, and Belding, Iowa, on the second team, and Weston of Wisconsin and Swanson of Nebraska on the third eleven.

Legende and Kiley are speedy, rangy and rugged. Both are great passers of the ball and can play in the field as well. Each would combine experience with superb driving power, strong defensive ability, a knowledge of the new style of play and an abundance of foot ball sense.

#### Best of Tackles.

The tackles, Keck of Princeton and Gulick of Syracuse, are towers of strength in the line. Keck, in addition to being an all-around line-man, is fast on his feet for a big fellow and a hard and sure tackler. He is also an expert place kicker and did most of Princeton's kicking of goals from touchdown.

#### Quarterback Stars.

One of a myriad of great quarterbacks who have flashed across the foot ball horizon this season Don Lourie of Princeton is chosen for the first eleven. Here is a player who has everything a quarterback should have—rare judgment in directing the play of his team, wonderful

### Mythical All-American Elevens

POS.	FIRST TEAM.	SECOND TEAM.	THIRD TEAM.
End	Legende, Princeton	Carney, Illinois	Weston, Wisconsin
Tackle	Kiley, Notre Dame	Belding, Iowa	Swanson, Nebraska
Guard	Gulick, Syracuse	Sedgwick, Harvard	Hickens, Yale
Quarterback	Keck, Princeton	Coughlin, Harvard	King, Navy
Center	T. Callahan, Yale	J. Taylor, State	Woods, Michigan
Center	Griffith, Penn State	Wood, Harvard	Mohr, Illinois
Center	Alexander, Sewanee	Canham, D'mouth	Day, Nebraska
Center	Lourie, Princeton	Byrd, Williams	Miller, Centre
Halfback	Gipp, Notre Dame	Sinclair, O. State	Owen, Harvard
Halfback	Tray, Penn State	Davies, Pittsburgh	Smother, Geo. Tech
Fullback	Horween, Harvard	Crangle, Illinois	French, Army

Players deserving special mention in addition to the above: Ends—Kane, Harvard; Harjick, West Virginia; Hopper, Penn; Brown, Penn State; Smith, Centre; Simms, Cornell. Tackles—Pocell, Nebraska; Faxon, Harvard; Harman, Pittsburgh; Scott, Wisconsin; Hufman, Ohio State; Slater, Iowa. Guards—Tolbert, Harvard; Trot, Ohio State; Brader, Wisconsin; Hellstrom, Illinois. Centers—Callahan, Princeton; Weaver, Centre; Stein, Pittsburgh; Dwyer, Illinois. Quarterbacks—Murray, Princeton; Fitzgerald and Bull, Harvard; Carney, Cornell; B. Fletcher, Illinois; Workman, Ohio State; Deyne, Iowa; Wray, Penn; Brandt, Notre Dame.

#### Guards and Center.

With these ends and tackles place Griffiths of Penn State, and Captain Tim Callahan, of Yale, at the guards, and inject Alexander of Syracuse, into the lines at center, and what a line you would have! It would be a veritable stone wall—a forward defense that no set of backs in the country could be expected to penetrate for consistent gains.

Callahan, though he played with a losing team, stands out above any guard in the country. He is, you might say, in a class by himself because of his fighting spirit and versatility. He knows his position inside out and he has the strength, speed and grit to play it superbly.

Griffith, likewise, is a guard of great value, as good a guard as any coach could ask for. Both men are capable of breaking through the enemy defense to block kicks and in offensive and defensive play they are truly a pair of aces.

Alexander, chosen as a guard last season on many all-American teams, played at center this year for Syracuse and displayed ability that surprised his closest admirers. He is a roving center, an accurate passer of the ball and can play in the line as well. He drives forward with great power and makes himself felt on defense because he can help break up plays on either side of the line or break through to block kicks and nip other plays in the bud.

There are other fine guards and centers to be considered. Taylor of Ohio State, McClure of Chicago, Mohr of Illinois and Woods of Harvard are wonderfully capable players. Cunningham, Dartmouth center, has not made a wild pass to his backs in several seasons, has not had time taken out for him and has played a wonderfully consistent offensive and defensive game. Captain Day, Nebraska's stocky pivotal man, is another great center and he makes up in ability what he lacks in height, for he is one of the shortest centers on the Western circuit.

Crangle of Illinois and French of the Army rank close to Horween. Crangle is a man of great strength and endurance. French is one of the most consistent fullbacks in every big game throughout the season. He ripped up opposing lines for consistent gains and on defense was a tower of strength in Harvard's secondary string. On offense, when he did not carry the ball, he helped the Crimson by tearing gaping holes in the opposing line-plungers, directed against tackle. He is exceptionally fast for a big man and keeps his feet well. Stopping Horween was a man-sized job for any man. In addition the crimson captain is a kicker of great ability, capable of booting the ball with power and accuracy from almost any position within the 40-yard line.

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#### Picking the Fullbacks.

The 1920 crop of star fullbacks was naturally much larger than the quarter-back crop. Gipp and Wray had their competitors for the honor of being placed on the mythical first eleven. Just a few of these were Stinchcombe, Ohio State; Davies, Pittsburgh; Flower, Georgia Tech; Owen and Churchill, Harvard; Walquist, Illinois; Whinnell, Centre; Beck, West Virginia; and Hartley, Nebraska.

The fullback job is given to Captain Arnold Horween of Harvard. Here is one of the most consistent fullbacks of many a season. The Crimson leader was a power in Harvard's backfield in every big game throughout the season. He ripped up opposing lines for consistent gains and on defense was a tower of strength in Harvard's secondary string. On offense, when he did not carry the ball, he helped the Crimson by tearing gaping holes in the opposing line-plungers, directed against tackle. He is exceptionally fast for a big man and keeps his feet well. Stopping Horween was a man-sized job for any man. In addition the crimson captain is a kicker of great ability, capable of booting the ball with power and accuracy from almost any position within the 40-yard line.

### Nebraska Arranges 1921 Grid Schedule

#### Six Games Assured Next Season—Huskers to Play Notre Dame and Michigan Aggies.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 7.—(Special Telegram)—Six games are assured on the Nebraska University foot ball schedule for 1921, according to the announcement of Athletic Director Fred W. Luehring, who returned from Chicago Monday. This list includes four conference games and battles with Notre Dame and Michigan Aggies.

Dr. Luehring stated that in order to insure athletic authorities of other valley schools that Nebraska was in earnest in its desire to return to the conference he had offered every school in the conference games for next year. The four teams, Ames, Kansas, Oklahoma and Drake—found it advisable to accept.

Coach Rockne of Notre Dame tried to get the game with Nebraska at South Bend, Ind., for next year, but Dr. Luehring thought it would be better to have the game here. It is expected that the added attraction of Notre Dame and Michigan giving day will draw the biggest crowd that has ever witnessed a game in Lincoln. There is some possibility that the game with Michigan Aggies will be played in Lincoln again, although it was originally planned that the Cornhuskers should play at East Lansing.

Several eastern propositions are still up in the air. It is probable that the other two or three games on the Nebraska schedule will be played away from home because of the fact that only one or possibly two comparatively short trips are planned.

Pittsburgh, West Virginia, Marquette and Rutgers have all made liberal offers for games at their schools. Thomas "Fat" Matters, jr., a former Nebraska student, living in New York City, wrote Dr. Luehring recently that there is a chance that Nebraska may be substituted in the Harvard schedule instead of Ohio State or Virginia, but neither of these proposals are definite.

#### Hanlon Ready to Sell St. Joseph Ball Club; Says Team Lost Money

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 7.—Edward Hanlon of Sioux City, Ia., here today, announced that under no circumstances would he continue his Western League base ball club in St. Joseph next season. He said he would be willing to sell the franchise and club. The club, he said, lost money last season. Hanlon claims to have offers from Denver, Colo., and Lincoln, Neb., for the transfer of the club, but prefers to sell and advises the formation of a stock company of local men.

#### O'Neil Elected Captain Of Cornell College Team

Mount Vernon, Ia., Dec. 7.—Frank O'Neil of Oleville, all-conference tackle and star fullback, has been unanimously elected captain of the Cornell college foot ball team for the 1921 season.

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