

### Big Task Faces Crimson Mentor

Must Develop Machine to Meet Leading Teams of Country.

New York, Sept. 17.—(Special.)—There is no doubt that Coach Robert T. Fisher and his staff of assistants face the most strenuous task in Harvard football this fall that a Harvard team has faced on the gridiron since the war. A Fisher team thus far has not been defeated. It will take considerable skill in the development of the squad which reports today to maintain that boast at the close of the season, facing in addition to Yale and Princeton, Pennsylvania state, Center, Holy Cross and other formidable teams.

Virtually the whole strength that will be available during the year is expected to report.

Coach Fisher's corps of backfield coaches will have one of the most likely looking and pliable bunches of offensive men to train that has been the case in years. There is no "Eddie" Casey nor yet a "Ned" Mahan in the group, but with Roscoe Fitts, George Owen, Withrop Churchill, Buell Johnson, Vinton Chapin and Francis Rouillard the experienced men as well as "Hank" Gehlke and Percy Jenkins from the freshman team of last year, there appears "makings" of a backfield which will combine a driving attack with a shifty, running advance, supplemented by kicking easily up to the Harvard standard. With "Eddie" Mahan, Billy Murray, and Dick Humphrey among the assistant coaches whom Fisher has called, the group will get plenty of good tutoring.

### Fought Cautious To Save Crown

Wilson Not Stalling But Using Every Precaution Possible.

In holding up Johnny Wilson's share of the purse for his bout with the Downey, the New Jersey boxing commission does not charge the middleweight champion with crookedness. Wilson thought he was doing the smart thing when he played it safe, refusing to take a chance of running into a haymaker from a man who had knocked him down three times in a former contest. The commission's attitude is that Wilson was getting too much money to be allowed to box on the defensive.

The idea is a good one, but it will take some pretty close figuring to decide just how many times a champion must lead and how many times he shall be permitted to step away from an opponent's lunges without landing an effective return. On the other hand it is high time that these cautious champions, who demand big money for their services, be forced to do some real fighting and not merely play safe from beginning to end.

### Foot Ball Team Of Boston College Starts Workout

New York, Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Boston college will officially pay the bid off the gridiron today at Newton today with Major Frank Cavanaugh in charge for his third season. The schedule which confronts the Boston college eleven this year is not nearly as stiff as that of last year but Cavanaugh has lost several good men, including John Heaphy, who was elected captain last winter and then left college; James Kennedy, quarterback, who starred in the Yale game; Herbert Treat, who expects to enter Princeton; Captain Urban, the star end, and several others for various reasons. Charles McGahan, who was expected to fill in some measures the shoes of Captain Urban at one end of the line, is likely to matriculate at Dartmouth, and Coach Cavanaugh may have some troubles uncovering an end capable of keeping step with Capt. Walter Comerford, who was a running mate to Urban last fall.

### Women's Finals To Be 36 Holes

New York, Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Women golfers on this side of the water this year, for the first time, will play a 36-hole final round for their championship tournament. Thus there is little doubt that the competition in the Hollywood Golf club next month will develop the player best fitted to wear the championship crown. That is, unless the fair players decide with the professionals that 18 holes are not sufficient to determine the 32 players best qualified to continue at match play.

### Promoter Loses Money on Bout

New York, Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Local boxing followers evidently sized up the recent Wilson-Downey match correctly. When the full returns were announced it was made known that only 13,636 persons saw the bout. Of these 1,347 were dead-ends. The gate receipts amounted to \$49,685. The state received \$4,968.50.

The boxers in the main event received guarantees that amounted to considerably more than the total receipts. Wilson was guaranteed \$35,200 for his end and Downey \$22,500. There were several other expensive bouts on the card, so that the promoter suffered a considerable loss.

### FRATERS IN MOLESKINS



GLENN DEVINE.

AUBREY DEVINE.

Two football stars in the same family will gladden the hearts of University of Iowa rooters this season. "double threat"—running or forward passing from a and daisy and confound the Hawkeye enemies, for Capt. Aubrey Devine, quarter, and Glenn Devine, half back, for two seasons have been rated among the best

### Walter Hagen Back In Golf Limelight By Recent Victory

New York, Sept. 17.—Walter Hagen has returned to the limelight and is now in possession of the western open championship. His splendid golf exhibition in this tournament, when he was never in the league until the end of the last round shows Walter in old-time form and still the dangerous contender that he has always been in championship play.

Those who had figured that Hagen had gone back must have re-

ceived a shock to see him at the top again leading the best pros in the country. All that Hagen has done this year has been to finish sixth in the British open, second in the American open, and first in the Western open.

### Fordham May Get Yale Grid Star

Fordham and Rutgers university foot ball teams are both busy at practice. Fordham is interested chiefly in the report that "Fido" Kempton, quarterback at Yale a year ago, and rated as one of the headiest pi-

lots in the east, may make a bid for one of the Maroon backfield berths this fall. The Ell star graduated from the New Haven university in June. He is said to be considering matriculation in Fordham's law school.

The newcomers who are attracting attention at Fordham are Bill Stein Leif Sprond and Jack Woodward, a trio of youngsters who saw service on the team of Two Harbors High school, in Minnesota, last year. Each of them seems like a reincarnated Viking, broad-shouldered, and speedy and possessed of that keenness which bespeaks the born athlete.

### Abolition of Guarantee Plan Is Approved

New Ruling of New York Commission Will Prevent Heavy Losses.

New York, Sept. 17.—In boxing circles the new rules of the state athletic commission regarding the paying of boxers received much praise. The rule that in star bouts boxers must be paid on a percentage basis and all guarantees prohibited was passed unanimously.

The new rules will meliorate many of the financial conditions which have been threatening the game here and will protect clubs, boxers and patrons.

The preliminary boys will rejoice on the setting of a minimum wage of \$10. If the truth were known, boys have received less than that for six and eight round bouts, and have had to pay \$50 and \$60 for doctor's bills resulting from them.

The star boxer now has to take an equal chance with the promoter. He will be paid according to his box office value—no more, no less. The lesser known boxer is amply protected. He no longer can be turned away with a couple of "bucks" after receiving a damaging beating to boot.

Incidentally, the commission orders that the space assigned for admission tickets shall be increased at all clubs, and in order that through this increase the promoter shall suffer no hardship, the price limit on seats has been raised from \$15 to \$25.

That apparently is fair and just.

### Frush Almost an Unknown in N. Y.

The making of the Kilbane-Frush match brought a new featherweight into prominence. Ring followers in New York do not know a great deal about Frush and they suspect that he does not amount to a great deal, since Kilbane was willing to meet him with his title at stake.

But Frush may be a better man than is suspected. He holds a referee's decision over Chaney, and the latter has fought shy of a return engagement, although Frush was perfectly willing to give him satisfaction. Frush showed himself at Madison Square Garden on one occasion last winter, defeating Artie O'Leary on points in 12 rounds.

### Professional Soccer Foot Ball Is Ushered in With Eight Clubs From Five States in the League

ORGANIZED professional soccer foot ball on a big scale will come into being in the United States today, when the schedule season of the American Soccer league, an eight-club circuit operating in five states of the east, opens. The sport on this basis is a distinct development in the progress of the kicking game in this country, which has made rapid advancement under United States Foot Ball association government in the last seven or eight years.

The American Soccer league has the sanction of the national governing body of the sport. The league was organized by Thomas W. Cahill just prior to his retirement as honorary secretary of the U. S. P. A., and he is the secretary and guiding spirit of the new venture. It was Cahill who conceived and founded the U. S. P. A. and upon his retirement at Philadelphia, last May, he was made a life member of the national association.

The league has clubs as follows: Philadelphia Foot Ball club, New York Foot Ball club, Celtics of Jersey City, Harrison (N. J.) Coxsack Foot Ball club, Fall River Foot Ball club, J. & P. Coats Foot Ball club of Pawtucket, R. I., Falco Foot Ball club of Holyoke, Mass., and Todd Shipyard Foot Ball club, Brooklyn. The national league ball park in Philadelphia, in Harrison, the former Newark Federal league park, the Jersey City and Fall River ball parks are among the plants leased by franchise holders in the new league for playing fields and the Coats and Farr Alpacas athletic parks. Todd field, Brooklyn, and New York Oval, 149th street, near the Harlem river, have been improved at the expense of thousands of dollars in preparation for the league season.

The league's schedule provides that each club shall battle each other club four times in the course of the season, which will extend to the end of next May. The schedule calls for matches only on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. The winner is to be determined by the point system in vogue in scoring soccer percentages.

Besides Cahill, the officers of the new league are: W. Luther Lewis, Bethlehem, Pa., president; R. S. Cumming, Pawtucket, R. I., vice president; Fred J. Smith, Brooklyn, treasurer; James G. Barclay, New York, recording secretary. Lewis is a brother of H. Edgar Lewis, vice president of Bethlehem Steel company is back of the Philadelphia club, which is the old Bethlehem Steel team, three-times national champions, virtually intact. The

### Development of Long Distance Runners Planned

America Woefully Weak in This Phase of Athletics—To Arrange Mile Events.

New York, Sept. 17.—(Special.)—Paul Pilgrim, athletic director of the New York A. C., has advocated a series of long distance runs to be conducted by the club. The first will be held September 24 at the fall games at Travers Island. It will be for novices who have not competed in a mile or over. The second will be held on Columbus day and the third perhaps indoors during the winter season.

The object, the New York A. C. director stated, was to encourage long distance running among the rising generation of athletes. The creation of competition will develop great athletes, according to Paul Pilgrim and the New York A. C. will endeavor to retrieve some of their lost prestige in distance running before the next Olympiad in 1924.

It was the showing of the long distance men in the last Olympics that made the New York Athletic club realize how weak this country really is in that branch of athletics. It is true that Uncle Sam won the ancient Greek classic, but the victory was not as impressive, insofar as the distance events were concerned, as the ones scored by the United States in Stockholm, London, Athens and St. Louis.

In each of these different years the European coaches who watched the Americans commented upon the well-balanced team that represented the younger nation. There were great sprinters, good middle distance runners, sterling long distance men and equally as great athletes in the track events.

There were some great sprinters like Paddock, Scholz, Murchison and Kirksey, Eby, Ray and Shields in the middle-distance, but in the longer distance we were feebly represented. Kolehmainen of Finland, Guillemin of France and the wonderful little Nurmi of Finland usurped the place once held by the American long distance men. In the 5,000, 10,000 meters and the marathon we failed to win a place.

French women are said to have smaller feet than English women. Opera performed in Berlin and transmitted by wireless telephone was distinctly heard 800 miles away.

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