



CAPTAIN DOUGLAS AND THE STAR PLAYERS OF THE NAVAL ACADEMY FOOTBALL SQUAD

ALL STAR ELEVEN PICKED BY CRITIC

BRIGHT LIGHTS THAT HAVE SHOWN OUT ON WESTERN GRIDIRON DURING SEASON.

STEFFEN AND CAPRON BEST

Great Dodging of Maroon and Remarkable Drop Kicking Ability of Gopher Give Them Preference — Three Michigan, Minnesota and Chicago Men on the Team.

Now that the football season of 1907 is over, the picking of an all-star eleven to represent the west is in order. The following team, according to a Chicago sporting writer, is regarded as the best.

While last year Walter Eckersall of the Maroons stood far above all other players in the west, this season the premier honors must be divided between Walter Steffen of Chicago and George Capron of Minnesota.

Steffen was not such a sensation as Capron, because he was with a better team and received superior backing in all his stunts.

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Clever Indian Sub. Island, the substitute quarter at Carlisle, is said to be as fast and clever as Mt. Pleasant, the regular.



A MUSICAL COMEDY FAVORITE



DANIELS AS AN ADMIRAL.

He Was Hard on the "Crew" Who Is Now Waiting for Revenge.

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STAR PRESS AGENT FAKE.

How Anna Held Was First Brought to Public Notice.

The serious illness with pneumonia of Anna Held recalls one of the best press agent fakes ever successfully worked on the local papers.

When Miss Held first came to this country, and while she was yet known only as the singer of "Won't You Come and Play With Me?" she needed more booming, and on broader lines.

The Author's Risk.

David Belasco was being congratulated on the success of his new G. A. R. drama.

"Writing plays is perilous business," said Mr. Belasco, thoughtfully. "With every fresh play an author risks his all. Past triumphs don't count. He who has written 20 superb pieces is just as likely to be damned on his 21st piece as any tyro.

"The public is critical and just before it is kind, I remember once—"

Mr. Belasco laughed. "There was once," he resumed, "a playwright who sat in the front row of stalls at the first night of a new piece of his. This piece failed. It failed dreadfully. In fact, in the middle of the third act the entire company was hissed off the stage.

"As the playwright sat, pale and sad, amid the uproar, a lady behind him leaned forward and said:

"Excuse me, sir; but, knowing you to be the author of this play, I took the liberty, at the beginning of the performance, of nipping off a lock of your hair. Allow me now to return it to you."

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Mme. Lina Abarbanell, the former grand opera soubrette, has been engaged by Henry W. Savage to sing the role of Sonia in "The Merry Widow."

Charles Richman has returned to the role of Capt. Kearney in "The Rose of the Rancho."

Andrew Robson will succeed John Mason as Alexis Karelnia in support of Miss Virginia Harned in "Anna Karelnia." Mr. Robson was a member of the late Charles Coghlan's company for several years and on the road has starred in "The Royal Box" and "Richard Carvel."

Messrs. Leigh and Pether, authors of "Waiting at the Church" and "Poor John," both of which songs were phenomenally successful after their introduction by Miss Vesta Victoria, have been engaged by Charles Frohman to write a special song for Miss Hattie Williams for the "Fluffy Ruffles" production.

Mrs. Rida Johnson Young is busily engaged rewriting "The Lancers," which is taken from the old "Passing Regiment," for its production in the guise of a musical comedy at Dr.'s theater, New York, in December.

BILLIARDISTS PRACTICING FOR COMING TOURNAMENTS

Professionals Preparing for 14.1 Championship Contest to Be Held in New York.

The professional billiard season opened recently in Chicago, where George Sutton scored an easy victory over Jake Schaefer for the 18.2 balkline championship.

While Schaefer and Sutton are preparing for their second match, plans are being perfected for a big tournament to be held in New York early in January.



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style of game, and will be essentially national, as foreign players will be barred. The 14.1 championship tournament will strike a medium between 18.1 and 18.2.

It was intended to hold the tournament early in December, but this plan was abandoned on account of the Sutton-Schaefer match at this time, and it is the intention of the promoters of the tournament to include every player of note, so as to make it thoroughly representative.

Urges New Football Reform.

Dr. James T. Lees, president of the athletic board at Nebraska university and member from the Missouri valley section of the national rules committee, is agitating another football reform.

COACHES NOW PROTECT PLAYERS IN PRACTICE

Work Indoors on Rainy Days Which Is Something Out of the Ordinary.

Whether this has been a wetter fall than usual is a matter on which the weather bureau is best informed, but the wetness was more prominent in football plans than ever before.

Discretion is the better part of valor, and there are times when needless valor becomes foolhardiness, but it was not supposed that anything short of a cyclone, cloudburst or similar upheaval of nature would postpone a football game.

Columbia and Williams played a game at the polo grounds a few seasons back in which a third of the gridiron was under water.

COBB LEADS AMERICAN LEAGUE

Detroit Outfielder Batted at .352 Clip During Season.

"Ty" Cobb proved to be the best slugger in the American league last season, as he leads with a fine average of .352 in the batch of official batting averages just given out.

Three-sackers were the leading swatters stronghold, as they have 15 and 17 to their credit. Stone of the St. Louis bunch, after making a poor start, got his stride toward the last of the season and finished fifth.

Lajoie, said to be one of the hardest men to fool in the business, missed the charmed circle of .300 hitters by the smallest margin possible— one point.

Detroit nosed the Athletics out of team honors in about the same way as they did the pennant. The Tigers as a whole biffed the ball at a .266 clip, while the Philadelphia lads fell short but ten points.

OFFICIALS CHANGE RULES ON COLLEGE ATHLETES

A. A. U. in New York Meeting Decides They May Compete for School and Home Teams.

After a long discussion at its annual meeting in New York city the Amateur Athletic union finally decided on the status that college athletes are to hold in amateur athletics in the future.

By the resolution which was finally passed it is decreed that college athletes may only register with the union from two places, their colleges and the homes of their parents or guardians.

James E. Sullivan was unanimously re-elected president of the union and Maj. John J. Dixon was continued in the position of secretary and treasurer.

The annual report of the record committee, authorizing the records of the past year as follows, was approved:

Nine Hundred Yard Run—M. W. Shepard. Time—2:01 4-5. Four Mile Run—George V. Bonhag. Irish-American A. C. Time—20:11 1-5.

One Hundred Yard Hurdle (eight flights, first hurdle 50 yards from start)—J. S. Hill. Time—0:12 1-5. One Hundred Yard Hurdle (eight flights, first hurdle 20 yards from start)—J. S. Hill. Time—0:12 1-5.

One Hundred Yard Hurdle (ten flights)—S. C. Northridge, I. A. A. C. Time—0:12 1-5. Sixty Yard Hurdle (five flights, three feet six inches)—S. C. Northridge. Time—0:08 1-5.

Pole Vault for Height—W. R. Dray, Yale, 12 feet 5 1/2 inches. Pole Vault for Distance—M. J. Sheridan, N. Y. A. C., 28 feet.

Throwing Sixteen Pound Hammer—M. J. McGrath, N. Y. A. C., 173 feet 7 inches. Throwing Twelve Pound Hammer—L. F. Talbot, 190 feet, 9 inches. Throwing Fifty-Six Pound Weight—J. J. Flanagan, I. A. A. C., 38 feet 8 inches.

Shot Putting—By Ralph Ross, California; 8 pound, 67 feet 7 inches; 12 pound, 55 feet 11 1/2 inches; 14 pound, 51 feet, 6 1/2 inches; 18 pound, 43 feet 9 1/2 inches; 21 pounds, 40 feet 3 3/4 inches; 28 pound, 34 feet 5 1/2 inches; 35 pound, 49 feet 7 3/4 inches.

C. M. Daniels, N. Y. A. C., was awarded swimming records from 25 yards to one mile, including 31 intermediate distances, his one mile record being 23:40 3-5, with 87 turns.



Wister of Princeton, last year the popular choice for All-Star end and promising candidate this season.

Favor Abolition of Football.

Dean George L. Collie of Beloit college announced the other day that at a meeting of Wisconsin college presidents football had been discussed, and it was the sense of the assembly that intercollegiate games should be abolished.

ALL-AMERICAN END

