SOCCER INCREASING IN POPULARITY—FOOTBALL COMMENT—OTHER NEWS OF SPORTDOM

AMERICANS SHY AT SOCCER, AS WITH ALL ALIEN SPORTS

It's an English Game, Bred-in-the-Bone, but Gaining in U. S .- Phillies Will Maintain This Year's Line-up for 1916 Campaign

BRITISH visitors to this country often have expressed their surprise at the lack of interest taken in soccer football in the United States, particularly

since the people of this country are real sport "bugs." One English citizen could not understand when he looked over athletic conditions why there was this glaring indifference to soccer, when the entire country was half mad over golf, itself an imported sport from the British isles. YALE IS NOT WORRIED To any one who thoroughly understands the sport situation in this country,

it is not difficult to see why soccer has never become nationally popular. No same is really popular unless the spectators and followers have some vital Interest in it. This interest is usually the outgrowth of a liking which had its Inception in the participation of the game itself.

Personal Equation in Sports Most Potent Influence

In England and Scotland there is scarcely a man or boy who at some time in his career has not played soccer, consequently they feel an interest in it, because even if they are spectators at a match they can live the game over and mentally place themselves in the battle.

In this country a very small percentage of athletes have ever played soccer, and, in fact, there are exceedingly few who even know enough of the rules of the game to understand what is happening. Even in Philadelphia, where there is more soccer played than in any other part of the United States, many of the players learned the game in England.

It is true that soccer is becoming more popular since the schools have taken it up, but it will be many years before it ever reaches a point where it can be considered a national game.

Soccer Slowly Gaining Foothold in America

The interest in soccer in England and the lack of it here are just the same, reversely, as in baseball. Americans love baseball because every boy and many girls begin playing it as soon as they can walk, while Britishers who play it have learned it after they were grown, the result being that baseball is the "national pastime" of America, while it has about the same sports rating in England as cricket and soccer have here.

Even with the great and ever-increasing popularity of golf, no one can deny that only those who play it or have played it have the slightest interest in the game. The same thing applies to tennis, those who have never played It not realizing that it takes as quick a brain, as fast and well-trained athlete to play real tennis as it does to battle successfully on the gridiron,

Moran to Stick by Phil Line-up of 1915

Before leaving Philadelphia Manager Moran declared that the Phillies, as they lined up in the world's series, were strong enough for him for the 1916; race, and he expected them to win again.

The team looked good to local fans, and with better luck might have won the world's series. That, however, is not denying the fact that the Phillies need an infielder and an outfielder. It is said on good authority that "Cap" Neal, the Philly scout, signed two players in his recent trip to the Pacific coast, who are sure to fill the bill. One of the men, an outfielder with Vernon, is almost certain to make good if the Phillies have landed him.

About Time for Frank Baker to Be Sold

New Yorkers insist that a deal is under way for the sale of Frank Baker to the White Sox or Highlanders, but Manager Mack, of the Athletics, insists that he knows nothing about it. There is little doubt in the minds of local fans that Baker eventually will be sold, and it is hoped that New York will

The other American League clubs have helped Chicago, a first division team, too much already. New York is deserving of a winner.

Yale Athletes, Conscience Stricken, 'Fess Up. It Is to Smile

With one blow Yale's Athletic Association has deprived its football and baseball teams of five of the Blue's best athletes. On the face of things, Yale did this of her own volition, because in accepting their expenses for playing baseball on a club team during the summer the men violated the col-

But the intercollegiate public seems to believe that knowledge of the Tale men's trangression by either Princeton or Harvard had more to do with the exposure than the troubled consciences of the players themselves.

It seems strange that college students of ordinary intelligence and an average sense of honesty could have persuaded themselves that they were not violating Yale's rules when they accepted their expenses for playing nmer baseball. Consequently, Yale's athletes cannot blame the public if It smiles to itself over their "explanation."

The surest way for Yale and other universities to reduce to a minimum the summer baseball evil they are trying to eradicate is to organize an Incollegiate Baseball Association, adopt uniform eligibility rules and agree upon an intercollegiate schedule.

Record of Drop-Kicked Goal Broken by Westerner

A football record which stood for 33 years was broken at Aberdeen, D., last Saturday when Mark Payne, halfback of the Dakota Wesleyan even, sent a drop kick 63 yards for a field goal in a game against Northern Normal School. Payne is slated to enter the University of Chicago next fall. Western conference officials were officiating at the game and are authority for the statement that they measured the distance of the kick immediately after the ball cleared the cross bar. The longest previous drop kick for a field goal was made by Pat O'Dea, the famous Wisconsin end, who kicked from the 62-yard line against Northwestern on November 25, 1898.

J. T. Haxall, of Princeton, holds the record for the longest field goal of any description. He kicked from placement 65 yards against Yale on November 30, 1882.

Avaunt, Ye Horrors of "Athletic Heart"

For years men who were athletically inclined have been bounded by warnings that some day or other they might contract the "athletic heart." While all this is more or less of a bugaboo, still the findings of an eminent specialist are of more than ordinary interest. Prof. Myer Solis Cohen, a cal expert, has made the discovery that tapping of the spine will relieve enlargement of the heart. Doctor Cohen believes in his remedy, for he has put it to practical test.

If "athletic heart" is a prevalent allment of all athletes then Professor Cohen's cure will come in the nature of a boon to sport. With a certain cure in sight fond parents and relatives might be more willing to let "Johnny" or "Jimmy" follow their own athletic inclination, rather than place them under a handicap at the beginning. The psychological effect of having to fear "athletic heart" even to the sturdiest is certainly not encouraging.

Fritz Pulling for C. H. S. Title

With Captain "Bill" Butler, Central High School's fullback, playing a ing-up game, and Gotwals showing brilliant form in running the team, Coach Harry Fritz believes the Crimson and Gold can regain the scholastic gridiron championship for Northeast High this season. The three-cornered series among Central, Northeast and West Philadelphia is the blue ribbon gridiron event annually in local scholastic ranks.

Harry Legore, declared ineligible to represent Yale on the gridiron or ball field, turned down many large contracts from major league clubs in order to finish his career at Yale. He is now free to sign, but it is hardly likely that he can command the same money. Now he must play professional hall or give up the game, and the magnates will take advantage of conditions.

In the death of Robert B. Ward, baseball loses one of its best supporters. Ward was a true sportsman, and was the first magnate in the history of the who refused to allow his team to play on Sundays, which is always best money-making day of the week in the West,

The injury to Captain Heck, Penn Charter's fullback, has handicapped Little Quakers to a great extent. However, Heck is expected back in the game before the end of the week.

Hard luck is following Coach Jacoby's Friends' Central eleven early. Comerford and Captain Stoddard, both stars, are on the sidelines. e former is suffering a broken nose, while the team's leader has a bad leg.

CORNELL FEARS BATTLE WITH HARVARD TEAM

Ithacans Have Had Easy Time in Preliminary Games-Face Real Test

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

Three teams will face critical tests next Saturday and on the results of the games to be played will hinge the success or failure of the 1915 football season. The time has come for the coaches to get results from their early season tutoring and the week-end battles will bring Joy or gloom to the various camps.

Cernell will go to Harvard, Dartmouth will play Princeton, and Penn takes on Pittsburgh. Yale clashes with Washing-ton and Jefferson, but the Ell coaches

do not fear the result. By far the most important battle will By far the most important battle will be between Harvard and Cornell. The Ithacans have been halled as the great-est team in the world and great things are expected of it. Harvard, on the other hand, has been coming along nicely and now is in mid-season form. It will be a wonderful game, but as far as we can see, the odds are on the Crimson.

Cornell has played several games, but as yet has not been tried out by a good, strong opponent. Gettysburg, Williams and Bucknell were defeated by huge scores, but the attack and defense of Doctor Sharpe's warriors has not been given a thorough test. Any team looks good against a weaker opponent, and this has been the case at Cornell all season. In the game with Harvard, the Cornelian and White will have a chance to demonstrate their prowess, and the demonstra-tion is likely to be rather strenuous.

The Crimson has played hard games with the Massachusetts "Aggies." Carliele and the University of Virginia. The players have been under fire and know how to act in a hard game. They showed their strength on the defenses in the Vir-ginia battle, and their offense was not used to its full extent because of Captain Mahan's ability to kick goals from the field. Then again, Harvard knows that a hard struggle is confronting her and preparations have been made for the

It is the same in the Dartmouth-Prince ion game. The big Green team has run through a flock of weaker opponents, scored heavily against all of them and showed that their plays could gain ground. These performances are likely to give the players too much confidence, however, and may work with reverse English next Saturday. A team must be up against it a couple of times be-fore its real strength is known. Dartmouth has had things too easy and the effects probably will be felt in the weekend matinee.

Princeton is ready to take them on as they come. Having ruined the hopes of Georgetown, Rutgers, Syracuse and La-fayette in succession, Dartmouth does not seem so formidable as she did last year. The Tigers are in wonderful shape and Speedy Rush has a team that can give any of the big ones a hard tussle. The players have been worked up for this game and there is no reason why another victory should not perch on the Tiger banner.

shown anything startling this year, and unless a big improvement is made. Yale should have little trouble in winning the game. There is one thing about the Elis that has been overlooked thus far. The defense has been growing stronger all season, and the offense is said to be working better than ever before. for a time and straight football now is used. The team will be weakened by the loss of Legore, but it must be remembered that the coaches have had him on the sidelines the greater part of the season and a substitute has been trained

New Olympic Club Opens

LA.: CASTER, Pa., Oct. 20.—There was a big crowd in attendance at the opening of the New Olympia Athletic Club, at Conestoga Park, under the management of Jack Milley, formerly of the Lancanter A. C. In the 16-round wit. Jun Tim Droney was returned the winner over Johnny Greiner, as he torced the fighting throughout. Greiner not boxing up to nis standard. Willie Green stopped Young Russell in the semifinal in the fourth round. Wille Franklin made Harry White quit in the third round, and Billy Waltz won from Young McGinnis. Leo Houck refereed the Franklin-White bout.

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Heavy Track at Belmont Causes Postponement of Event Carded for Today

The match race was between Senator James P. McNichol's R. H. Brett, 2.63%. and W. B. Eckert's Peter Stevens, 2.02%, which was scheduled at Belmont Park this afternoon, has been postponed until

The track was declared unfit for the in the past.

R. H. Brett and Peter Stevens will race for a purse of \$1500 a side and a di-vision of the gate receipts. Three other events will be on the card, and some ex-cellent sport is promised. Both pacers have been at Helmont for several days and are reported to be in fine condition for the race.

WEST PHILA. HIGH HANDICAPPED BY LACK OF FIELD FOR PRACTICE

Given excellent material to start the Philly team to practice with the intersenson Jack Keough, former Penn star, who is conching West Philadelphia High's football team, finds bimself handicapped so much by conditions that progress has been slow.

Lack of a suitable practice field has seen Keough's greatest handicap and many days have been lost because the of the school for practice. The West Philadelphians use the old Belmont Cricket Club field at 49th street and Chester avenue for their minor games, but they cannot get this field for practice, as

level stretch of ground in the women's department of the Philadelphia Hospital for the Insane for a limited number of days and this aided Keough for a time. but it was not until two weeks ago that the team got the kind of practice that it needs most through the generous offer needs most through the generous offer of Episcopal Academy to allow the West

Episcopal, since its consolidation with De Lancey School, has a big and ex-perienced cieven, and scrimmage with Washburn's team has caused a great improvement in the work of the West

Philly line. Philly line.

From the start of the season West
Philly's backfield has been strong, but
the line material, aside from the reguthe line material, aside from the regulars, was so weak that the regulars received little practice that did it good. In the game against Norristown High last Saturday the work of the Well Philly line was the feature of the game. Norristown High had been making a great record, and with heavy line-plunging backs, expected to have but little trouble gaining through the local team's line. But in the entire game Norristown with the street control only five first downs. line. But in the entire game Norris-town registered only five first downs, and but one of these was due to the weakness of the West Philly line. Dave Feaster, captain and fullback, is

the all-round star of Reough's team bar Quarterback Welters is not far behind Excellent judges pradict that Walter will develop into the best quarterback in local scholastic circles before the close of the season. Keough was a quarterback at Fenn and his knowledge of the position has caused Walters to impress wonderfully in the last two weeks.

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The team has been built broad ferman from the feater. He is the punter, forward passer and field goal kicker. In the siter department he compares favorably with Vose, of Central High, and his field goal against Norristown High climbathe victory. Feaster is big and attending a good line plunger, fairly effective on end running and handles kicks well.

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Bill Feaster, brother of the captain and star of the team, plays one halfbars while Griffith has been stationed at the other. The backfield as a whole is strong and well balanced. In this department west Philly looks stronger than Northeast, but not quite as strong as Central High.

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