DECISIVE BATTLES ON EASTERN GRIDIRONS TOMORROW—OTHER NEWS OF SPORTS WORLD

MAKE-OR-BREAK FOOTBALL GAMES SLATED FOR EASTERN COLLEGES

Cornell Could Almost Wreck Harvard, W. and J. Could Deliver Last Blow to Yale, and Dartmouth Could Break Princeton Spirit-Penn-Pittsburgh Battle

TOMORROW is the turning point of the season for the big Eastern football elevens. The schedule makers of the larger colleges always arrange their games in such a manner that at this time they meet teams generally considered their equal.

After tomorrow there is a let-down for a week, at least, during which sasler opponents are scheduled in order to enable the "big" teams to rest. The first of November they start preparing for the big games of the season. Sometimes the smaller colleges upset the dope, occasionally turning in victories over the larger universities; but as a rule the big teams reach this period without defeat.

Four Big Battles to Be Waged Tomorrow

As it happens, there is an unusually fine list of games on the schedule for this week-end, and as a result it will be elimination day in collegiate Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Pennsylvania, generally considered the "Big Four," are meeting opponents who have been placed on an equal footing with them in recent years.

Harvard, the champion, meets the powerful Cornell eleven, which is considered by many the best balanced team ever sent from Ithaca; Princeten will play its ancient rival, Dartmouth, which always has a strong eleven; Tale is meeting the "dark horse" of the season, in Washington and Jefferson, and is in poor shape for the battle, while Penn faces the University of Pittsburgh, which has the best team in its history.

On Paper Cornell Has Advantage Over Harvard

A defeat for Harvard would be the first in four seasons. There is no team more likely to turn the trick than Cornell, which is trained now for this one game. After tomorrow Cornell will be content to take it easy until the Penn game on Thanksgiving Day. These two are the only games on the Ithacans' schedule that amount to anything in the eyes of Coach Al Sharpe and the student body.

The Cornell-Harvard contest is the hardest of the day to dope out, as neither team has played the same opponents. Both have well-balanced machines with one star upon whom the play is built. It will be a battle between Mahan, of the Crimson, and Barrett, of the Ithacans. On paper Cornell looks better. But Harvard has a reputation of winning, come who may, A defeat for Cornell would not have a disastrous effect on that team.

as it is naturally not predicting victory; but if Harvard is beaten it may completely wreck the confidence which has been the greatest asset of Crimson teams for three years.

Princeton Faces Make-or-Break Contest

Princeton has been brought along slowly by a new coach. Rush, who has shown nothing in the way of trick plays or new formations. The Tigers played defensive football until last Saturday, when they cut loose a dazzling attack against Lafayette. Even then only straight football was used.

It is surely the make-or-break game of the year for the Tigers. A victory would give the men the confidence in themselves and Rush which is needed would give the men the confidence in themselves and Rush which is needed for the Yale and Harvard games, while a defeat would put the team back in its work to such an extent that its chance will be slim against Harvard

Penn-Pittsburgh Game Holds Pennsylvania's Eye

Third in importance nationally, but foremost in the eyes of Philadelphians, is the Penn-Pittsburgh battle. This is another make-or-break game. Penn is at the stage where it must bring forth all of the slumbering "Pennsylvania spirit" and retrieve a miserable season or have 1915 marked as another dead year in the football history of the Red and Blue.

Penn is not expected to win from Warner's wonderful team; but it must make a strong showing and hold the western Pennsylvanians to a low score, showing a much stronger defense and offense than have been evidenced to date. A good showing tomorrow will revive the hopes of the players and coaches, and the team is likely to come fast for the rest of the season.

Yale, Shot to Pieces, Must Oppose W. and J.

With its team shot to pieces through the disqualification of its greatest player, Harry Legore, Yale has little hope. The Elis have had anything but a good season, and a defeat at the hands of Washington and Jefferson will have a disastrous effect on the wearers of the Blue.

Even without Legore Yale is a team of great possibilities, however. The material is always at hand in New Haven, and if the right combination can to beat the Tigers. But if they get the be found, with the proper coaching. Yale should always have a powerful eleven. | breaks of the game it will be something The impression is growing in New Haven that Coach Hinkey has failed to new in the history of their gridiron sedo as much with the material as he should, and that impression will be ries. Only once in the last atrengthened if W. and J. downs the Elis,

Folwell's Team May Have Been Overrated

Yale has a defeat at the hands of Folwell's team in 1914 to avenge, and will put up a hard fight before succumbing to W. and J. tomorrow. Folwell's eleven has been winning all of its games by large scores, but to date has not played a first-class team, hence its strength may have been

Even if W. and J. is as strong as touted it would be no great surprise if Yale completely outclassed them, as the Blue has a habit of coming into its own when it is apparently facing disaster. Yale will either be an entirely new team in spirit or go into the game demoralized and be beaten. There is no half-way with the Elis now. They have reached the crossroads which mean triumph or disaster.

Penn Track Prospects Are Rosy

Coach George W. Orton, of the Pennsylvania track and field team, is of the opinion that the squad this year will be a great one. Meredith, Kaufman and Lockwood, of the champion mile relay team, are in harness, and with other promising men to develop conditions could hardly be better.

In the field the team will be strong. Pole vaulters and high jumpers are out in large numbers. The athletes are in good condition for the short period of training. The fall track meet is scheduled next Friday, when the first real test of the strength of the team will be made. The dual crosscountry run with Dartmouth tomorrow is the first event on a well-filled

Too Much Golf for Mrs. Vanderbeck

Too much of anything is sure to make one stale. This is particularly true of golf, and to staleness alone can Mrs. C. H. Vanderbeck, women national champion, attribute her defeat by Mrs. Fox in the semifinal round for the Philadelphia County championship yesterday.

Mrs. Vanderbeck has had a particularly successful season on the links and has brought more honors to Philadelphia in one year than this city has known in ten. Hence it is unfortunate that her time to be beaten should come in the semifinal round for a club title.

In playing in these events Mrs. Vanderbeck differs from most champions. When laurels are once won, usually the winner is content to rest, and in many cases is accused of fearing a reverse when not entered in smaller competitions. Mrs. Vanderbeck is a sportswoman of the rarest type, and when defeated congratulations to her victor are just as genuine and from the heart as are her felicitations to a loser.

Last year the University of Pennsylvania soccer team won the intercollegiate championship, while the Red and Blue football eleven was rated close to the bottom of the heap. The chances of history repeating itself at this time look particularly bright or gloomy, depending on whether one's taste leans toward soccer or football.

Very few people will admit that there is any one less beloved of his fellow men than the baseball umpire. If the basketball referee does not hold an equal place in the hearts of fans, he runs him a close second. At last some one has on found who appreciates the eleventh man in the cage at a basketball game. At the recent meeting of the Eastern Basketball League moguls, "Major" Joe Baily eulogized the league's referees, Mallon and Bactzel, in such flattering terms that the magnates were moved to vote them an increase in salary.



CONFIDENT IF **LUCK "BREAKS"**

Princeton Has Always Had Good Fortune Against the "Big Green" Team

MET DOZEN TIMES

By EDWARD R. BUSHNELL

All Darthmouth men hope for when their football team meets Princeton tomorrow is that a fair portion of the luck of the game be vouchsafed them. Granted that they think they have an even chance has Princeton decisively outplayed Dartmouth. That was in 1912, when the Tigers won, 22-7. Yet of the last seven games Princeton has won five and one was a

Last year Princeton won by the score of 16-12, but the consensus of all expert opinion was that Dartmouth not only had the better team, but, except for a few lapses, played the better football. Dartmouth made 11 first downs to Princeton's 2, but a fumble, a blocked kick and poor judgment in another critical moment indirectly gave Princeton all her scores. Dartmouth got hers on good football

Then there was a game in 1911, which Princeton, after being outplayed generally, won by a freak play. With the score 6-6, Princeton tried a drop kick a long way from the goal. It was a last resort. The ball fell short, but as rare luck would have it that pigskin bounded gently along the ground and they have gently along the ground and then just before reaching the goal most obligingly bounced itself hard on the turf and literally hopped over the crossbar for a goal from field. Nothing like it had ever been seen or heard of. Dartmouth protested the goal, but it conformed to the rules and won the game. Such a score was clearly contrary to the intent of the rule makers, and they amended the rules the next year so that it would be impos-sible in the future.

All told, Princeton and Dartmouth have played 12 games, of which Princeton has won nine, Dartmouth two and one was a tie. The record of the series follows:



Attempting to pass judgment on the two elevens now is risky business. They have met no common opponents, and their preliminary scores are hardly a fair guide. The game means everything to both teams. It is the first severe test for Dartmouth. All the Green team's games to date have been fairly easy, and in not more than one instance was the opposition atrong enough to furnish Dartmouth a fair test. In four games Dartmouth has scored 127 points, and only one team, Tufts, has been able to cross her goal line. In the first game of the season Dartmouth met the Masaachusetts Agricultural College and won by the score of 18-9. What makes some of the critics 18-9. What makes some of the critica think this game worth consideration is the fact that this team inter held Harvard to a 7-7 score. Harvard, however, was using a team made up almost entirely of substitutes, so the comparison may not be worth much, after all.

FOOTBALL'S PRINCIPAL FEATURE NOW IS LONG FORWARD PASS

"Spiral" Throw Preferred to "End-over-end" Variety, Declares "Tiny" Maxwell-Talk on Punting, It's Style and Direction

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL

THE forward pass now is one of the games and too much work cannot be principal features of football. Each done to perfect it. year the play grows more popular and is considered one of the chief ground gainers when considerable distance is needed to make a first down.

The rules place no restriction on how far the ball may be passed in any direction, so it is best to practice distance and accuracy from the throw a forward pass is to use the "spiral" is made

instead of the endholding the arm stiff and swinging from the shoulder like a discus thrower. Accuracy and distance are needed and the spiral is the only safe

R. W. MAXWELL The ball should be held near the end with the fingers resting on the seam of the thumb below. it is best to make the throw from above the shoulder, using the same motion as throwing a baseball. But remember to keep the palm of the hand turned up-ward and the end of the ball pointed in the direction it is to be thrown

The spiral, or revolving of the ball, is accomplished by letting it slip off the The spiral, or revolving of the ball, is accomplished by letting it slip off the fingers. It requires quite a little practice before accuracy is attained, but the work is not difficult and can be mastered. Players with large hands and long fingers have an advantage, but it is possible to make good passes if the hand is of ordinary size. Fred Geig, of Swarthmore, regarded as the best forward passer the game has produced, could huri the ball 50 and 60 yards, and had such control of the ball that he could hit the cross bar on the goal posts at a distance of 30 the ball that he could hit the cross bar on the goal posts at a distance of 30

Constant practice means ultimate perfection and two or more players on the team should take up the work. At the start it is best to get a "soft" ball, one start it is best to get a soft ball, one that is not blown up tightly. This will give the thrower a chance to sink his flugers into the pigskin, get control and, best of all, more confidence. After a week or so discard this ball and use the regulation spheroid which is blown up tightly. Fractice accurate throwing first, Place a man 18 or 15 yards away and throw the ball to him, just like a baseball pitcher warming up. After you have mastered this, practice throwing the ball to a player running across the field. This is the most important play to be used in

has proved to be effective. Practice this form as much as possible, but avoid doing too much work in early season. The leg is likely to become sore and lame, and will be a serious handleap during the remaining part of the season. The style of punting to be used depends upon the weather. On a wet, sloppy field it is impossible to get any distance or accuracy. Spirals also are out of the question, so the best thing to do is to kick the ball end over end. This is done by kicking from the front of the instep or hitting the ball from the side. On windy days never try a high spiral when

In throwing the ball to the runner, do In throwing the ball to the runner, do not throw to the man. For example, if the signal is for a pass over centre, hurl the ball to the spot where it is intended to go. A man is supposed to be there to get it, and if he falls, the blame cannot be placed upon the passer. Use the same system that is worked in baseball. When a man on first tries to steal second, the catcher does not throw the ball to the player. He huris it at the bag and the second baseman or shortstop always is on the job to get the ball. There is an element of luck in all forward passes, so element of luck in all forward passes, so it is best to play according to signal and not try to change it at the last

The passer should take as much time as possible before throwing the ball. He should be able to run five or ten yards to either side before making the pass and should practice throwing while on the run. This gives the players on his side more time to get into position and also tards to wake the convention. also tends to make the opponents be-lieve that an end run is about to be attempted. Considerable practice should be held in

catching the forward pass. The catcher generally gets the ball while on the run and most of the time his back or side is turned in front of the pigskin. Do not attempt to catch the ball against the body. Get it with the hands the same as in basketball. If the pass is too wide, or high for the catcher, try to touch the or high for the catcher, try to touch the ball or knock it to the ground so as to prevent the opponents from getting it. The ends do a great deal of this work and should be able to catch the ball from

any position.

The spiral punt is the best form of kicking, as it travels farther and is more difficult to catch. Hold the ball as far away from the body as possible, directly over the kicking foot. Try to get the lace on the upper side, and hold the ball between the open palms. Take one short step, drop the ball and meet it when it is about two feet from the ground. The foot should be expended and the leg swing from the hip. The ball should

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Taylor is a tall, well-formed with and has a kick in both hands, as hay say in the game. He is shifty on his ter and has a way of dazzling his opposets with great speed, considering his weight. Just how well Taylor can find will be demonstrated tomorrow night at the National Athletic Club, when he will be called upon to face Pred Jordan, of the U. S. S. Kansas. Jordan is considerably his mates to be one of the heavyweights aboard ship.

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strike the instep of the kicking foot, and which is swung slightly to the inside, giving the ball a twist. Follow the punt as much as possible with the leg, so as to get full force into the kick.

This is the system used by George Brooke at Pennsylvania and Glenn War-ner at the University of Pittsburgh, and

windy days never try a high spiral when the wind is against you. Use the low end-over-end kick, which will travel nearly twice as far. If the wind is be-

hind the kicker, the spiral is the best

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