

# PENN COACHES HANDICAPPED BY LACK OF DEPENDABLE SUBSTITUTES FOR LINE POSITIONS

## DEVELOPMENT OF WONDERFUL LINE AT PENN ACCOMPLISHED, DESPITE DEARTH OF MATERIAL

Folwell Has Very Few Substitute Forwards Capable of Holding Up Against Experienced Opponents—Backfield May Be Changed

FOOTBALL coaches, critics and opponents of Penn's fighting eleven are unanimous in the opinion that the Red and Blue line is as strong defensively as any in the entire country. They marvel at the rapid development of the Penn forwards, and probably would be amazed if they knew the true conditions. As a matter of fact, Penn is weaker in line material than it has been in years, and the fact that such excellent results have been shown is due to the tireless efforts and clever coaching of Folwell, Dickson, Gaston and Wharton.

Penn has less high-class line material than any other large college eleven, and it really is remarkable that this department is so strong. The disqualification of Hill Neill leaves Penn with only three guards who are capable of holding up their end against a strong attack, and the tackle material is so weak that Wirkman, the substitute guard, moves over to tackle if Mathews or Little retires from the game.

Lud Wray is the only center in the squad who really understands how the position should be played, his younger brother being too inexperienced for an important game. There are only four ends of class in the entire squad, and for the greater part of the season both Crane and Young, the substitutes to Heinke Miller and Urquhart, have not been able to report for practice until after 4 o'clock. By Dickson has had a hard time developing ends this season because of the class work of the most likely candidates and the scarcity of good material.

Folwell has many substitutes for every line position, but they all are below the big college standard excepting the two utility ends and Wirkman. Robinson understands how to play guard, but lacks the physique to put his technical knowledge into operation. Swann is too green to be trusted in a guard position in an important game, and the same is true of Berg, who has been with the squad only a few days. Wagoner, the only substitute tackle worthy of consideration, also lacks experience, and that is why Wirkman, whose regular position is at guard, has been shifted over to tackle.

### Conditions Will Be Different Next Season

NO OTHER coach of a large college eleven is handicapped as much as Folwell in this respect, despite the fact that we hear so much of his wonderful line and line material. It is a wonderful line, but if the old saying that a team is just as strong as its reserve strength is true, then Penn is weak in its strongest department.

At Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Cornell, Pittsburgh, Syracuse and other eastern colleges the coaches have at least four seasoned substitutes for every position, and these teams really are not handicapped so much by injuries to regular line men. If Penn is unlucky enough to have two or three linemen injured in a game it will be a miracle if the opposing team is stopped. And this is realized by the Red and Blue coaches, who are spending more time on the line than on the backfield, despite the fact that erratic play in the latter department has been the greatest handicap to date.

Conditions will be different next season. The old Penn spirit has returned, as was proved beyond doubt last Thursday night, before the Red and Blue eleven departed for Pittsburgh, and again yesterday, when a losing team was given as great a reception as any winner Penn has had in years. When enthusiasm is running high the list of football candidates will be large, and next fall virtually all the big men in college will be candidates for the team, whether they are experienced or green.

The entire student body turned out to welcome the team yesterday. Even Provost Smith, who usually follows the work of the team with only passing interest, has become enthusiastic, and made a stirring speech to the football team and student body during the demonstration. Coach Folwell predicted that Penn would win at least four and possibly five of the remaining games on the schedule, and as "Fighting Bob" is not given to making idle boasts the student body and general public can rest assured that the Red and Blue coach has received favorable reports from the scouts who have been following the work of Lafayette, Dartmouth, Michigan, West Virginia Wesleyan and Cornell. It is said that Folwell fears Michigan more than any other team on the schedule, the Maize and Blue team being touted as the strongest Wolverine eleven since Jimmy's Craig's last year.

### New Backfield for Lafayette Game

PENN probably will have a new backfield again on Saturday. It is believed that Jimmy Bryant, quarterback on last season's freshman eleven, will pilot the team. Light's work against Pitt and his poor physical condition being responsible for the change. Bryant is not the equal of Light in general play, but is a better team director than any man in the squad, and that is what Penn needs most at the present time.

It is said that Light may be shifted to halfback, replacing Graves Williams, whose work has not been up to the early-season standard. If this is true, the burden of Penn's offense will be placed entirely upon the shoulders of Berry, as Deir and Bryant are not strong in this department, while Light has not as yet shown anything out of the ordinary as a running back. Unless Berry's injured knee mends sooner than is expected it would be impossible to make this shift, as Bill Quigley, Berry's substitute, is not versatile enough to carry the offensive burden.

Coach Folwell would like to use Ertresvaag in the backfield, but the absence of high-class line material and the fact that the season is half over makes this impossible. Next season Folwell plans to use Ertresvaag in the backfield, and he believes the youngster will develop into a star. He is a natural back, and had little experience in the line until this season. Considering the short time he has been playing guard, Ertresvaag's work has been wonderful, and Folwell has ceased worrying about his position.

Every season Yale has almost as many coaches as varsity players late in the season, and stars of other years are beginning to arrive at New Haven. Foster Rockwell, the sensational quarterback of the 1904, 1905 and 1906 teams and later coach of Sammy Morse's eleven, joined the coaching staff yesterday. Rockwell will look after the quarterbacks for the rest of the season.

Tris Speaker's presence in Cleveland, at the banquet of Owner Jim Dunn, gave rise to the report that the leading slugger of the American League is to succeed Lee Fohl as manager of the Indians. Just why Fohl should be released is a mystery, as he surely has made good. There are few managers in the game who would have been able to keep Cleveland in the race as long as Fohl did last season, with a badly crippled pitching staff. If Cleveland lets Fohl out there are several owners likely toicker with him at once.

Harry Fisher, for twelve years the leading basketball coach of the East, will not handle Columbia's five this winter. Fisher has decided to give up the game, owing to business pressure. During Fisher's regime as coach Columbia won five intercollegiate titles and tied Cornell once. Fisher also played on the championship Columbia teams of 1903 and 1904. Only one game was lost in these two seasons, and that contest was with an independent team.

Philadelphia fans saw a real little battler last night at the Olympia. Dick Loadman, of Buffalo, proved what a hit an aggressive boxer can make, and even though the visitor was beaten by Lew Tindler he carried the house by storm. Loadman is not a boxer; he doesn't know even how to jab, but cleverness is forgotten when a lad wades into an opponent in a perfectly good imitation of a street brawl. Loadman, no doubt, will be rebuked in Philadelphia and against an opponent of equal height the Buffalo lad probably would make a battle even more interesting than last night.

## AIN'T IT A GRAND AND GLORIOUS FEELING?



## TEN SIXTY-YEAR-OLD ATHLETES FORM FRANKFORD GOLF TEAM; HURL DEFI IN WORLD'S TEETH

By SANDY McNIBLICK

FOR glory and the old man's championship of the United States, ten patriots, unbroken, of wrinkled neck and clear aged eye, threw down the gauntlet today to the whole world-wide realm of goldmine in a challenge over the links for the team title of America.

The sweeping den was issued through E. S. Davis, Select Councilman from his ward, golf fan extraordinary, and captain of the spirited veterans who would go forth to battle. The whole ten of them are from the Frankford Country Club. The combined age of the band of Methusaleans is more than six hundred and fifty years.

The conditions of the match are these: Every member of the team must be at least sixty years old, and no handicaps will be given golfers of extreme age, 100 years or so. Every pre-Adamite on the team must belong to the same country club. The conditions of the play will be determined by envoys from each team, but the spirited Frankfordians don't give a rip whether the play is match or medal, or both.

What the grandfatherly team wants is action. It is distinctly stated in the challenge that clubs such as the Ozone Club, made up of members of different clubs are not eligible. All the fellows must be active members of the same country club.

"Cap" Davis intimated today that, if they had the nerve to accept, there was a flock of old men over in the Cricket Club, right here in this city, that would make "good practice" for his team.

"We'd like to clean up a couple of local teams just to get our team going nicely," said the Frankford Nestor, "and then we can give other teams around the country what's coming to them."

The Frankford line-up, with Golf Association of Philadelphia handicaps, follows: E. S. Davis, captain, 11; Daniel Darreff, 12; Wade Wilson, 8; Emmett O'Neill, 14; A. J. Gilmore, 14; Harry and Fred Buckius, 17; Robert Lewis, 18; Ben C. Tillinghast, 18; and tenth man a "dark horse." Several old men have recently joined the Frankford Club, and among them is said to be a star of the first order.

Plans for the challenge, definitely decided upon today, were first hatched at Northampton last Saturday, on the last day of the tournament of the Country Club of Atlantic City.

by giving their club handicap. For there is on the reverse side, plain as day, the figure of a golf bag.

The surrounding foliage is meant to represent the rough, flourishing on every good golf course.

## WITH TAD JONES BACK AT OLD YALE, ELI FOLLOWERS REASON GLOOM CLOUDS SHOULD PALE

By GRANTLAND RICE

Seven long years of disaster passed o'er us, Seven long years with defeat as their tale, Since Andrus and Gehl and Ted Coy and Lilley Fought for the honor and glory of Yale.

We who have seen them have wondered and marveled At year upon year our opponents' score grew; Shades of Kilpatrick and Sheelin and Rockwell! Where were the stalwarts that once wore the Blue?

Patience waiting, at last came the answer, Flashed from the stands as they rose to the score; We who had lost them so long now had found them—Bingham and Hutchinson, Jacques and Le Gore!

Even if these were not greater than normal, There's still a reason why gloom clouds should pale—Back with that strong heart we used to remember, Tad Jones has come home to Yale.

—GEORGE TREVOR, '15.

Yale's greatness ran more to ends than to quarterbacks. Probably the five greatest ends in American football would be listed as Hinkley, Sheelin, Kilpatrick, Campbell and Snow. Three-fifths of these—the first three—belong to Yale, with Harvard and Michigan represented by Campbell and Snow.

Some, as it Were, Backfield Another sideline asks for an opinion as to the greatest backfield that might be selected from all who have played. Reaching the proper answer here leads one into water too deep for safety. There have been so many brilliant backs that to cut the pick down to four would be almost impossible.

Further proof that golf injures the balling eye was offered this last season. The ball player who played more golf than any other big leaguer was Tris Speaker, of Cleveland. And look what it did to him! It was all Tris could do to hit .322.

Good Idea Today along the grassy beat I missed a putt of thirty feet; And as this cost me several bats, I think I'll give up cigarette.

Even the Winter League doesn't seem the same with Matty, Larry Doyle and Fred Merkle adrift from Giant headquarters. To come upon a winter that carries no days as to whether Matty's pitching arm will be in shape to win for his old team next spring is to come upon a winter that is strange, uncanny and out of gear. For habit is that much of an institution.

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