THE FUTURE ADMIRALS AT ANNAPOLIS SAY, THE RACE IS NOT ALWAYS TO THE FLEE

THLETES OF THE WEST THREATEN TO WREST LAURELS FROM BROWS OF OUR BEST EASTERN PRODUCTS

Success of Teams From Land of the Setting Sun in Recent Years Should Be Lesson to Effete East-Strong for Intercollegiates

RHAPS when Horace Greeley put over his red-hot tip to the youth of our land the going in the West was soft and luscious, but if the great editor were ing a conclave of athletes in this year of grace 1917 he would undoubtedly them to stay east of Pittsburgh if they desired to retain a shred of their letio reputations. We of the effete East have been prone to the belief that per cent of the athletic timber of the country belonged on our side of the River, and we have been so busy digesting this pleasant thought that we ren't had time to keep stride with the progressive West on the athletic field. ly a few days ago the tennis players of the Pacific coast took a picked team n the East and literally ruined it. No later than last New Year's Day Bob olwell took a perfectly good Penn football team to the coast for the purpose of wing the natives some real gridiron work, and the mangled remains staggered ack a few days later without even an alibi. A little less than one year ago the niversity of California and Leland Stanford University sent a flock of track athetes east to take part in the annual intercollegiates, and previous to the meet some our very best eastern coaches sought to patronize them. After the affair had taken place they were too busy thinking up alibis to do any patronizing. All that he California men did was to finish third, with Stanford a close fourth, beating out Pennsylvania, Dartmouth, Michigan, Harvard and Princeton.

And if any more evidence be needed, consider the eight-oared crew sent to the bughkeepsie regatta in 1915 by Leland Stanford. The high-priced rowing tutors the East all but laughed themselves to death at the uncouth bladework of the stors. When Stanford worked out they took their polished pupils out along the sank in order to show the boys how not to row. It was a good thing they were given this chance to see the western chaps in action before the race, for on the big by the only thing they had a chance to see was the wake made by the Stanford boat, which finished a good second to the all-powerful Cornell eight.

ABOUT the only things the Stanford crew had were brawn, heart and speed. They were so short of funds that they took steps to pledge their boat in order to get back to the home circle.

Invaders Will Enliven 1917 Intercollegiates

INTERCOLLEGIATE track and field sport this spring is to be again "enlivened" by another invasion from California. Already the men on the Pacific coast are tuning up for the fray. The athletes of California and Leland Stanford are said be well advanced in their training, and from their recent performances the report appears to be well founded. Therefore, eastern coaches might as well make up their minds that the invaders will be keyed up to proper pitch when they reach here. There appears to be some doubt as to what Stanford will do, and it is not known whether or not it will accept the invitation of Princeton for a dual meet in the East. The aspirations of California are thoroughly understood, however, and it is ing here with the determination to make a bold bid for the honors on Franklin

It is generally conceded that if California had been a bit stronger in the track events last spring it would have given Cornell a bad scare for first place. Both of the western colleges were woefully weak in the sprints, but in the field events they created a sensation. Right now it looks as though California would carry away most of the points in the weight events. Liversedge, winner of the shot, and Gildersleeve, victor in the hammer, are both eligible for competition and will probably show an improvement over last year's performances. In the latter event Richardson, who scored third for California last spring, has improved more than any of his team mates, and he will probably be the man the easterners will have reckon with in this event.

IN A recent competition this young man sent the sixteen-pound hammer just 162 feet 2 inches, and in the bargain defeated Gildersleeve, the winner in the intercollegiates. His throw was more than seven feet over Gildersleeve's best effort on Soldiers' Field.

What the Western Novices Are Doing

With Worthington, of Dartmouth, eligible for the broad jump, neither the western colleges nor eastern institutions need expect much in this event. At the same time, California has a youth named Nichols who can leap close to twentythree feet, and he is a novice. Nicholy is a better high jumper than he is broad umper. Recently he went over the bar at six feet two inches and is said to be improving steadily. There is still another novice at California who is touted as something of a hurdler. His name is Grunsky, but this should not be held against A man who can negotiate the low sticks in 251-5. He has a teammate named Kiessig, who recently raced over the high hurdles in 154-5, a very promising feat for a novice, but not sensational when compared to the work of Murray.

HOWEVER, we in the East can console ourselves with the thought that seldom does a team which is not strong all around collegiates, and unless they have some wonderful track men under cover the westerners do not fill the bill.

Nothing From Hoppe But Silence

WILLIE HOPPE uttered a somewhat bold and defiant challenge a few weeks ago, whereupon the sporting public shouted "Bravo!" And now the same crowd is murmuring "Pacifist" because the cue wizard is advoitly dodging the acceptances which are coming his way. Having taken unto himself all the billiard titles that exist, the champion looked around for more worlds to conquer, and this what he agreed to do: (1) Play any two men any number of points for any side bet, their total points to count against his. For instance, if Hoppe made 1000 its, one of his foes 550 and the other 460, Hoppe would lose, as the count would be 1010 against 1000 for Hoppe. (2) Play any man in the world 5000 to 4000 points for a side bet of \$10,000. No sooner had the challenges been placed before the startied billiard world than Ora Morningstar and Koji Yamada, the Japanese wonger, teamed up with an acceptance. They wired and wrote to Hoppe and his manager, but the two have been strangely silent. And so the billiardists are beginning to conclude that Hoppe never really meant to go through with his defi.

The Hoppe challenge has caused a lot of speculation as to whether it would be sible for a man, even marvelous as is Moppe, to triumph over the combined playing of two men. Certain it is that Hoppe would face the most terrific handicap under which any player ever wielded a cue. With the three men shooting in order, one or another of the partners would always be in position to leave a set-up for his mate. And there is where Hoppe would be unreasonably handicapped. It might be possible for Willie to play two men separately and then beat their total sount. But to play both at the same time-it's a vastly different task.

YAMADA and Morningstar playing in "snucks" against Hoppe surely - would keep him hustling. Playing the "brother-in-law" game, one leaving a set-up for his partner and the other playing Hoppe safe, they look invincible.

Looks Like a Regular Job for Bill Meyer

CCORDING to reports from Jacksonville, Bill Meyer, who caught in the neighborhood of fifty games for the jumbled Mackmen last season, is slated to be regular wearer of the mask and protector this year. One has only to follow danager Mack in the process of building up a team to be convinced that Meyer as made a decided impression on the lean leader. Players must possess something more than a big hand, batting eye and swell clothes to make good with the wisard of Tioga. Mack looks for men with brains, and then demands that they them. Meyer is doing some fine work with the green pitchers and he is a hard-working ball player during the warming-up period. He handles the youngsters in a cool way and seems to have the faculty of getting out of them all there to get. Bill's batting may not reach the .300 mark, but he is a fine, steady atcher for a young pitching corps.

Wally Schang, who was shunted around from one position to another last year ill he was trying to throw out men at first from left field, will return to a regular behind the bat. Pat Haley, whose work last year was all faat could cted, will no doubt be carried along, and Valentine Picinich may be given a to get in the action of some minor league. Valentine is sure to come up min, as he is steady behind the bat and a reliable hitter for a youngster.

Tis said that Ping Bodie's ambition is to equal "Gavvy" Cravath's bome-run record on Philadelphia soil. Aim high, Ping. old boy; aim

Dillon Is "Pussycat" Now Instead of "Bearcat"

W YORK is a great little place for panning the pugs who hall from west of gheples. To the long list of western boxers who have exhibited their tham and have been driven back whence they came by the lash the part of the populace is added the name of Jack Dillon. Less the Hossier boxer occupied a proud place in the limelight, and the Hossier boxer occupied a proud place in the ilmenght, and the nutdid one another in giving him the hearty boost. He had just and slipped the knockout to burly Tom Cowler. Consequently, time being, an ace in the eyes of the New York critics. Then aghte and the spotlight began to shift its focus. Additional and Dillon less ground after each showing. The climax came

BROWN AGAIN ON TOP OF SCORERS

Camden Forward Repeats by Leading Eastern League in Point Getting

ROY STEELE IS SECOND

Eastern Basketball Statistics at a Glance

14 16 18 19 20 33 120 Leading scorer—James Brown, of Camden, with 125 field goals in 40 games.
Average, 3.12 per game.
High scorer, one game—Charles White,
of Breystock, at Reading on March 10.
High score, one game—Creystock, 64
points, 28 field goals and 20 assigts, against
Camden at Cooper Hall on March 16.
Best defensive record—Reading shuts
Jasper out without field goal at Reading on
December 25 and Greystocs did likewise at
Cooper Hall on February 23.

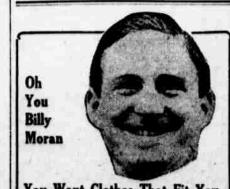
Eastern Basketball League averages, and Jimmy Browne and Roy Steele, who led the scorers last year, are again at the top of the list, but with averages just a few points short of their previous totals. Last campaign Brown finished with a per-centage of 418, making 126 field goals and 31 assists in 39 games. This year he has compiled 125 field tosses and handed the eather to team mates on 39 occasions. Jimmy's average, incidentally, was the same for both halves. In the initial twenty contests he caged the ball on 65 occasions, and, while he amassed only 60 in the second half, he added five more assists to his total. Steele came thundering through the second half at a fast clip. Roy was away off in the stars, and at the conclusion of the first twenty games was only "bat-ting" at a .288 clip, and it speaks well for his second half showing when he could climb to second place for an average of .369

The Greys have three men among the first half dozen in Fogarty, Sugarman and Cross, the latter being second in field goals, with 106. When one looks at the total of the Camden outfit it is hard to understand why that club is not higher up. The lowest man is rated at .225, and that is Neil Deighan. As a scoring combination they are in a class by themselves. Greystock was the "luckiest" club in the league, Sugar man, Fogarty and Lawrence playing the entire schedule of forty games, Cross missed but one, that at Reading the other Saturday night, and McWilliams, their only "invalid," was out of the game but five times,

Misfortune played havor with the house of Kennedy. Linton and Patterson and Jasper was up against it nearly all the Jasper was up against it nearly all the time. Fox missed two games, Friedman and Sedran one, Kerr eleven and Hough twenty-three. It is rumored that Harry Franckle will be let out by the Potters and may be seen with Reading. The Millville boy has been playing sensational ball, and topped the Trenton scorers with seventy-seven baskets. If Franckle does not go to be seen to be a series of the company of the series of t Reading a much heavier scorer will be ob-tained. The Bears are now trying to swing

BASKETBALL AVERAGES Pts. Field Foul As-					
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CLUB SCORING

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"Army" Armstrong proved himself a here with his timely two-pointer, which gave De Neri a 22-21 victory over Reading at Musical Fund Hall on Saturday night

Emerson has captured the pennant in the Camden City League for the third successive

J. FRANKLIN BAKER, BALL WALLOPER IS GOOD FOR BATTING INCREASE OF FORTY POINTS IN NEXT SEASON

By GRANTLAND RICE The Soul Cracker

The drive that goes two hundred yards
Is soft enough for me;
I do not mind the traps that yawn

Beyond the festive tee;
But I can feel my brain careen,
My bleeding soul is cut, The time I meet upon the green A down-hill three-foot putt.

I'll meet a gunman any day And not give way an inch; I've tackled bill collectors w My nerve refused to flinch; I've hit a a line and run an end, I've blocked a runner, but
My knees still shake each time I face
A down-hill three-foot putt.

John Franklin Baker

on the farm.

He had surrendered the bat for the hoe and the plow, and the result was that he got a poor start on the season's run. His average varied between .265 and .280. About the time he got going again, later on in the year, he rammed his stalwart ribs against the even more stalwart grandstand and ceased shooting for an indefinite period. So he was not able to establish any late season such as Eddie Collins and Stuffy Mc-Innis did. The result was that John Frank-lin finished down around .268, nearly thirty points below McInnis and more than forty points below Collins.

This season Baker starts with a better chance. He proved by finishing second in the home-run output that he still carries the wallop. And, as he is only thirty and is in fine shape, he should range again above .300 through the new campaign.

Baker is a natural hitter, and .268 is far below his normal mark. He is good for a rise of forty or fifty points at least if there is anything left in the steamy dope.

The Big Punch

With Baker and Wally Pipp, the Yanks should have a combination this season in the runmaking line equal to any in the game, not even excluding Collins and Jack-son or Cobb and Veach.

This may sound to be an overly extrava-gant statement. But recall these details: Pipp last season drove across more runs than any other man in the league-barring neither Cobb nor Speaker. Baker, up to the time of his accident, was only a brief span

John Franklin Baker

TAST SPRING John Franklin Baker tetake the place held by Crawford and Cobs or Cravath and Luderus,

> Most cricket players in this country stick to their own game. Norman Maxwell, the star young Philadelphia golfer, was cricket player, and so was Harry Vaugha, the old Red star. But we know of no other eminent athletes in other lines who ever is dulged in cricket to any treat extent eminent athletes in other ones who ever in-dulged in cricket to any reat extent. Al-though any number of good cricket players take up other games as a side line, they stick to cricket in the main details.

> The citizens of this well-known Com The citizens of this well-known Commonwealth will sit at a football or a baseball game and pan the equally well-known hide of the athletes where there is bad team play or any tendency to star at the expense of the club. Yet in developing team play in the jarger affairs of the nation the only response is a badly suppressed yawn. sponse is a badly suppressed yawn.

It would be an interesting experiment some day to train a team of crack ball players for a cricket ensemble and observe well they could make out against se well-known cricket array.

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