# FOOTBALL ABOUT TO OPEN ITS GATES FOR THE GREATEST SEASON IN HISTORY OF SPORT

## FOOTBALL DUE FOR MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASON IN HISTORY

Return of Harvard, Yale and Princeton and Increased Interest in Sport Due to Its Popularity in Army

Should Aid in Revival

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TALESS the sport barometer is a trifle worker and registering spurious notches, football is about to step into our of the most successful scasons in history. Gridiron fans throughout the country are anxiously awaiting the opening acts after having suffered through two long, dismal years of mactivity. The big war put the procession out of step because the most promis ing athletes found it more to their liking to shave the Hun all over the man instead of sinking their cleats in a chalk-marked field. Football players did wonderful work in France and served their country as each as any other brand of athletes

While the world was being made safe for democracy, sports in the col-leges did not prosper. A few teams were developed, line Pittsburgh alone played a high-class game. Yale, Harvard, Princeton and Cernell did not attempt to do anything last year, and their withdrawal took the edge off the autumn pastime. War regulations, which prohibited accornigit trips until the month of Nevember, and the influenza epidemic also ruined perfectly good. schedules, and the rabid fan had little apportunity to become referested in his

Now, however, everything has changed. The earlie have been shuffed for s new deal, the "Big Three" have returned to the fold and the players are willing, eager and anxious to don the moleskins and play a games in which their lives are not at stake. Military training will help considerably, for the men are accustomed to discipline and will entry out the orders of their conches

But the big thing is the return of Yale, Harvard and Princeton after two years of that alleged football, label "informal." Those colleges set the partle

THEY are the real leaders and every move is vinsely followed. They give the game the necessary boost, arouse interest in every section of the country and blaze the trail.

#### Expect Protests Over Eligibility of Veterans

IN A SHORT time some one will look over the list of players on the various teams and raise a big bowl about the eligibility of many of the 1910 stars who were supposed to have finished their athletic careers. Three years is Iong time in the athletic world, and it will be said that the old men should be disqualified.

For example, Penn State has three captains trying for the team. After one entered the service, another was elected and when he enlisted the third wanamed. When the last man joined the army, no further elections were held be cause there wasn't a veteran left. The S. A. T. C. students played out the achedule. There also are men on the University of Pennsylvania, Cornell, Dartmouth, Pittsburgh, Yale, Harvard-in fact nearly every college will be

The war wiped out eligibility rules for this year. There should be no question as to the right of any bona fiide college student to play, for he is in college to resume his studies and get his degree. He left school because it was his patriotic duty to do so, and after giving everything he had to his country and gambled with life itself, he should be received with open arms.

In the West, the Conference rules will take care of the eligibility of the players, but in the East'it will be up to the different colleges. If a certain university rules that certain men are eligible, everything should drop right there. The soldier athletes are entitled to the utmost consideration.

Informal football does not count. If a man played two years on Yale, Harvard or Princeton and was not a regular member of the team in 1916, he will is eligible to play three years. If a player made the team for the first time in 1916, he still is eligible for the elevens of 1919 and 1920. This is no more than right, for the men cannot be blamed for entering the war any more than returning to school to finish their educations.

The thing to do is to forget all about the past and start all - or again. Wipe off the slate and forget to protest the star players. Look at a military records instead of those they made in college.

ANYWAY, the college faculties are not las in their methods. They are fair and seldom give themselves any the best of it.

## Eligibility Question Will Not Annoy Princeton

ONE college, however, will not be annoyed by the eligibility question, and tirely new team will be developed. This is something unusual, and the work of Head Coach Bill Roper will be watched with interest. Marion Wilson, captain-elect of the 1917 eleven, has left college, and others went into business at the close of the war.

However, Roper will have his informal team of last year to fall back on, and judging from reports, it was a good one. The Princeton tutor says he will have one of the best teams in the country, and the chances are he will. He knows the material with which he will have to work, and there will be some classy candidates from the scrubs and freshmen teams.

Roper coached the informals last year and got a good line on the men. While his task is one of the hardest that confronts a big college coach, he has some promising stuff to work on. Incidentally, Bill returns to Princeton after an absence of eight years. He was head coach in 1906, '07, '08, '10 and '11, and had charge of Swarthmore in 1915 and '16,

Yale also has a new coach in Dr. Al Sharpe, but the doctor has a nucleus around which to build a team. Jim Braden, Neville, Lay, La Roche, Murphy and French are candidates for the backfield, and Acosta, Galt and Captain Tim Callahan will try for jobs in the line. Sharpe comes from Cornell, where he was very successful. He placed the Ithacaus on the football map after years of fallure, and should do the same for Yale. He knows football and is regarded as one of the best coaches in the country.

Bob Fisher succeeds Haughton at Harvard, and has some good players to help him along. Eddie Casey, the flashy back of 1916, has returned, and Bill Murray. Felton and Ralph Horween also are on the job. Morris Phinney, an end, is another old man ready for work .

THERE are many linemen to select from, the principal ones being Hadley and Woods, tackles on the 1920 treshmen, and Thorndike and Stubbs who played guards on the same circen. Phillips and Morrison are the leading candidates for center,

## Rush Will Rush at Cornell

Taking it all in all. Harvard seems to have the better material and should have a great team this year. Still, it's rather early to make predictions, and it must be remembered in football, as well as baseball, you never can tell,

Corpell also has a new coach. Speedy Rush, of Princeton, will be in charge, with Cool and Van Orman as assistants. Rush will have Shiverick, one of the best backs ever developed at Ithaca, to lean on, and Bretz and Benedict. halfbacks of the 1916 team, will be on hand to fill a couple of the other back. field positions. Gilles, the big tackle, and Miller, a guard, complete the list of veterans.

Dixon, Sutton and Taylor, substitute linemen in 1916, have annuanced their intention of returning, and John Shuler, the sensational halfback on the 1916 freshmen, will give some of the older men a battle for their jobs,

THERE is a spirit of uptimism among the new coaches. Ask any one of them the prospects for a successful season and he will reply; "Fine. Never saw such material. We will have the best team in the country.

## Hush! Hush! Football Commences

THIS is the closed season for football gates. Coaches in many realms where the pigskin flies high and the warriors fall hard have started already to tock the gates on their proteges' work, so only the birds and the high-climbing ids can give the action the once over. Lafayette players cannot escape to showers any more and the same principle is being carried out at Chicago d other gridiron places. The theory is that the results of the play is then t dirulged in a terrible victory over the opposition in the first game. If the bush and highly secretive team loses, then the gates are closed again, and In these days of reconnaissance, it does not pay the bard-working to show too much of his hand before the machinery gets working

I are on all hands, according to the cope, willing at all times to cop Dougia cior new system.

### OH, MAN!













# WEST PHILLY HAS MANY CANDIDATES

Howard Berry Has Tough Job to Weed Out Weaker Football Material

By S PAUL PREP

Ringsessing Recreation Centre, Forty-football the wonder Milburn is to polo.

Milburn is a combination of every-Schools football from this year. There are only three score and ten the Carlisle Indians, the enemy always candidates out each afternoon endeavoring to make a regular betth on the Speedboy cleven. That where Berry to becomes in that of wording out fifty nue of the aspiring you has and tying the tinware out em. All of which is length of the field and take the play the tinware out em. All of which is

small task. For several years West Philly's colbeen trampled on and left the behind.

Players and constituents bave been him about the best poloist of the day. forced, in gloomy displeasure, to see him about the some other school forge to the front Terrific Driver on the gridicon. It couldn't be shelped. Milburn has the respect of every man For some reason or other, mostly be on the field—teammate and foe alike, For some person of poor football material, the He inspires and strikes terror. Once West Philadelphians have been yout he starts after the speeding white

frong for West Philadelphia High nurse the sphere, even with the nearest chool and not because he used to go tok rider many yards away. He's a driv Northeast, where he won undying fame ing demon and he employs that right. sucedboxs from the rut.

Star at Northeast

der his wing, J. Howard ought to have respect of the foe,

rather nifty gridiron gang. Seventy candidates for a Speedboy The Thorpe of polo plays deep. He obball team is a record. Never before never makes a useless move. Every

While Berry virtually has a veteran bullet cleven, he is going to give every one a chance. The men from last year's team to flight when "Thorpe" Milburn takes on Saturday for the open title, who are answering to their names at a smash at the halpless pellet? rolleall daily are Wood and Witherow, tackles; Heintz and Clark, guards; burn, trailed the Barn Mawr quarter Boswell, centre; Welsh, quarterback;
Sweet and Rerry, halfbacks, and
Kneass, fullback. No. Halfback Berry
is not related to Coach Berry. He is a

The score at half time was 4-2 and
the only tallies credited to the Freebooters were made by Milburu.
Then came the fifth period. Milburu former Haverford star.

At Lower Merion

until October 4, at Lower Merion High School, no definite combination has een picked. There are several new candidates who look particularly promsing. Among them are Farr, Young. Buckley, Gordon and Stewart.

The team suffered a severe blow when Young, a half back last year and askethall star, announced that he ould not be able to play this season. Young was badly hurt in an automobile accident late in the summer.

As "Debs" Davis, captain elect of the team, will not return to school, another captain will be elected before

O'Brien to Compete at Ottawa O'Brien to Compete at Ottawa

New York, Sept. 22.—James J. O'Brien of he Loughlin Lyceum, local austrer-mile has mpion, and Pat Ryan, a clubmate, who led is the national 16-pound hammer browing title, will compete at Ottawa, Canada, Saturday, in the Canadian track and field hampionships. This was anticurized today shen the two athletes received permits to save the local district. O'Brien plans to seek two titles in the couling Dominion seek two titles in the couling Dominion seek. He is scheduled to start in the 220-yard danh and the 440-yard run. Ryan will yard danh and the 440-yard run. Ryan will yard danh and the 440-yard run. Ryan will yard danh and the 440-yard run. Ryan will seek, titles in his specialties, the 16-pound hammer throw and the 56-pound weight.

Cornell-Dartmouth Game

# DEVEREUX MILBURN JIM THORPE OF POLO

Meadowbrook Star's All-Around Work Makes Him Game's Best Combination Man

VETERANS HARD AT WORK TITLE FOR ROCKAWAY

By JAMES S. CAROLAN J. Howard Herry, greatest of Philadelphia's athleses, has an awfully big proposition on Yos hands out around Wilburn.

What the famous redskin was to

The street and Chester avenue. Milburn is a combination of every. Howard, you know, has consented thing that goes to make an ideal poloist. to coach West Philadelphia High In the days when Thorpe was ter-School's football team this year, rorizing the opposition as a member of

Devereux Milburn, a dashing, driv ors on the chalked-off battlefield have ing, fearless player, even in a practice

But now Howard Berry, who is Milburn never dribbles. He does not If the

as a footballer, baseballer and every- which resembles a Demosey wing in thing, has come forth to dig up the construction, to carry the play right to the opposing goal. Milburn gave one of his greatest ex-As a gridder at Northeast and at hibtions of driving in an exhibition

As a gridder at Northeast and at Penn, there were few, if any, better than Berry. If he is able to inject than Berry. If he is able to inject won the few of his own football ability into about eleven of the seventy he has un-

Always Effective

the history of the West Philly school time one of his thoroughbred steeds has such a young army of grid aspirants starts in the direction of the white crown. urned out to strive for the eleven pellet something always happens. Either ositions. Berry is pleased to have so forehand or backband Milburn is dearge an audience listen to his football cidedly effective. The ball does not roll—it glides through space like a

rolleall daily are Wood and Witherow. For four periods yesterday the Long a pair of ends: McAllister and Jeffcott. Island Freehooters, captained by Mil-The score at half time was 4-2 and

Then came the fifth period. Milburn led a vicious attack. He forgot it was As the first game is not scheduled crash into the fray with the same spirit

Some Scoring

Milburn started a drive that resulted in the Freebooters tallying six goals during the period which as overtime by nearly two minutes not actually scoring himself he placed the sphere with such accurace that it was easy for one of his mages to send it over for the point.

He made one goal in that fifth period that was a wonder. He virtually picked the sphere off the boards and drove it 100 yards directly between the post; His second goal in this period was made from the 100-yard mark and sailed high and far between the posts. high and far between the posts. This was the first goal of the tourney, which

made a long serial voyage before it long

It seemed strange that one of the youngest players in the game had the assignment to "cover" the powerful the powerful assignment to Young Rodman Wanamaker never failed to give bastle when the chance presented itself and on a num-ber of occasions during the afternoon

# STRAUS IS LOST

Veteran Halfback Suffers Rupture and May Be Unable to Play Remainder of Season

when an examination at the University St. Louis. Hospital this morning revealed that he ad suffered a rupture in Friday's crimmage.

Blue rooters, reported to the team last Wednesday and, though ten days late. he jumped into the drills with so much pep that the coaches were forced to restrain him. Joe was not in the best of condition and for that reason was placed at halfback on the scrubs. A de-

DEVEREUX MILBURN

Cramps' Professionals have September 21

St. Lawrence C. C. is without games for September 27 and October 4. S. W. Faber 2337 East York street;

St. Ceella A. C. is without a game for Saturday. W. Lane, Kensington 6742, between 5 and 7.

Warwick Juniors have open dates at home or saventeen nineteen year-old teams. James cott. 3127 West Huntingdon street.

Darby ex-Service A. C. would like to hear from teams playing Sunday ball. A. Brether-wick. 124 Ridge avenue. Darby. Pa. Young men from seventeen to nineteen years old desiring to join a recently organ-ized club and playing for sport communicate with M. E. Greenspan, 418 Miffiin street.

Dellmar A. A. bas a few open dates. A betrandi, 2310 South Chadwick street.

A first-lass fielder, who can hit, would like to be connected with a reputable team.

N. Altmant 8125 West Diamond street.

Sherwood C. C. has September 28 open James Magianer, 319 North Thirty-fifth

forced to retire to the sidelines. Straus during the months of football sphere the others seem to turn in the though the other casualties are recov-If that fifth period could be crused ering rapidly,

In preparation for the Bucknell game from the records the game would be a very close one. The final count was on Saturday the varsity was driven Freebooters, 11; Bryn Mawr, 5%, and through the bardest scrimmage of the a very close one. The final count was it was that six-goal fifth period which year. The first feam beat the second made victory possible for the Long varsity in a half-hour scrimmage by game without receiving a penalty. The took the other across from the fivehome team lost 11/4 points through sard line.

athlete, has won a permanent berth on the team at guard, according to Fol-Everything will be quiet at the Coun- well. Frank displaced Herb Dieter, h try Club this afternoon. The Coun-try Club team defaulted in the final was sent to the second varsity. Frank the final was sent to the second varsity. Frank He round for the senior title and this en- and Neylon will start on Saturday at abled the Rockaway four, conquerors the guard positions, according to Folof Mcadowbrook, to usurp the senior well Ben Derr, though he had only one

There will be an exhibition match at day's drill last Friday, jumped into the Bryn Mawr tomorrow afternoon. On scrimmage yesterday and played a won-Thursday the opening match for the derful game while his wind lasted, will bring together Coopers-Derr is in better condition than ever town and Rockaway. The winner will before, as he has been working all sumplay Meadowbrook at the Country Club mer at Black Hills, S. D., as a lumber-

Norman Gotwals, a subquarter in 1917. later replaced Derr.

Amateur Baseball Notes Barrick Disappears Indiana Club has September 27 open for mipro home teams paying fair guarantees. he Meiman. 1939 North Thirty-second

Larry Barrick packed his baggage and took French leave from the team last Saturday a la Mule Watson and Joe North Philadelphia Professionals have September 27 and 28 open for such teams as Kaywood, 1, C. B. U. and Scott-Powell, Roger Culliney, 2432 North Sydenham affect. Dugan, of our "A's." Barrick hails from Pittsburgh and played fullback on Hog Island for two years. He will Cramps A. A. has September 27 and Octo-ber 4 open for home clubs. Walter John-son, Kensington 3860, between 6 and 8 p.m. quality. not be missed by Folwell, as there is plenty of backfield material of the same Trouble with his lessons and an in-

Drueding Brothers' A. A. has September 7 open. J. C. Eberle, 1616 North Hope ability to master the Penn signals led to Barrick's sudden departure. No-Stenton Professionals would like to ar-range games for September 27 and Saturday dates in October. James J. Henkels, 4455 North Seventeenth airest. body knows where he has gone and they care less, according to the George H. Frazier, chairman of the

football committee, returned to Franklin Field from an extended business trip in the West yesterday in time to view the scrimmage. Mr. Frazier said that this was his first glimpse of the team and that he had never seen it in better condition at this time of the year, He predicted a winning season.

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## GROH WOULD BE ONLY N. L. ENTRY ON TEAM COMPOSED OF STARS

Great Players of National Pastime Are Clustered in American League-Heydler's Clubs Haven't Hitter to Compare With Cobb, Jackson, Sisler or Ruth

IN THE SPORTLIGHT-BY GRANTLAND RICE

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(BLURB-A dashing novelette in six chapters by the author of The High Cost of Living, Prohibition, The League of Nations and "I'll Say He Is.")

Chapter One .

The Rival Leagues

IN THIS erotic drama, "Who'll Cop the Series?" which almost any reader I can well afford to be without, there is one important detail that should be reached before any interclub discussion begins. This detail is practically as follows: Which is the stronger, faster league—the National or the American?

NATURALLY, the best team in the best league isn't going to be held as any rank outsider when the noisy fanfare gets under way next week. We know which the two best or the two better teams are—but which is the best or better league, as the case may be?

The Old Order

FROM 1905 through 1909 there is little question as to where the main strength lay.

The National had all the best of it. Chicago had the old Cubs-Chance, Evers, Tinker, Brown, Kling, Sheckard, etc .- one of the great clubs of all

New York had Mathewson at his best, Bresnahan, Donlin, Devlin and other eminent athletes who rank around the peak.

Pittsburgh, under Fred Clarke, had the immortal Wagner, Leach, Gibson, Campitz. Adams and a powerful squad all the way through.

In this period the National League was supreme, winning four of the five post-championships with ease.

THOSE were the days of National League supremacy. But by 1910 a decided change had begun to take place.

The New League Moves Forward

A ROUND 1907 and 1908 different American League clubs began to draw in new talent. Such ball players as Collins, Speaker, Baker, Barry, McInnis, Lewis, Hooper, etc.

The American League here was building fast, and as Jackson, Sisler

and other noted stars came on they also were added to the A. L. fold.
So by the summer of 1910 the American League had moved into first place. The old Cubs had begun to fade out. The old Pirate order had drifted through the mist. But the American League was bounding upward with the Athletics and Red Sox especially in charge of powerful clubs. The result has been shown in the figures. Out of the last eight cham-onships the American League has won seven and the National one.

IN MOST cases the American League clubs have non with ease. In turn they have already beaten the majority of National League entries—New York, Philadelphia, Brooklyn and Chicago—all taking sound beatings, with Boston the lone victor.

American League Strength

THERE is no vast difference in the pitching. This department has run to equal strength. But in offensive strength the American League has had a

VIC" FRANK MAKES GOOD vast bulge.

The National League has no batsman—not even Roush—to match against

The Reds. Joe Straus, veteran Penn halfback and here of the 1917 campaign, will be lost to Coach Folwell for several weeks and probably for the rest of the season when an examination at the University.

The National League has no batsman—not even Roush—to match against Cobb, Sisler, Jackson, Veach, Collins, Ruth and Peckinpaugh. The Reds outclassed the rest of the National League by a greater margin than the White Sox outclassed American League rivals—but the latter club was fighting its way against rougher opposition with such clubs as Cleveland and Detroit barring the way, aided and abetted by others, such as New York, Boston and St. Louis.

Here is another detail of comparison. Suppose you were picking an allstar club—if you were, how could you be forced to include, outside of the pitchers, Schalk, Sisler, Collins, Peckinpaugh, Cobb, Jackson and Speaker— Straus, who is the idol of the Red and seven regulars from the nine positions and all American League entries.

GROH would be the sole National League entry to break into the combination, with the pitchers left to an open choice.

## SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

sire to show the coaches that he did not belong there, led him to overdo matters and the rupture resulted.

Forced to Retire

Joe played through the early practice with the scrubs yesterday and ran through a little signal drill when he was forced to retire to the sidelines. Straus

Billy Kramer vs. Joe Borrell will be the feature fracas of the next show scheduled in Philly. It will be put on at the Cambria A. C. Friday night. Puggy Lee will exchange punches with Tommy Jeffries in the semi, preceded by George Christian vs. George Ward, Tommy Cleary vs. Tommy Murray and Charley O'Neil vs. K. O. Reilly.

Fred Jordan, Adam Ryan's big boy,



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