

ROUND THE SPORTING WORLD

SCIENCE OF FOOT BALL

Coach Woodruff Discusses the Technical Points of the Game.

COLLEGES' VARIOUS TACTICS

Yale's is a Bucking Game--Harvard is Theoretical but Not Practical--Combined Strategy and Strength the Success of the U. P.

Coach George W. Woodruff, of the University of Pennsylvania foot ball team, recently gave the first of a series of foot-ball talks which have been arranged by the foot-ball committee.

"The game as played at each of the six universities is surrounded by a different and distinctive atmosphere, dictated by its characteristic feature. At Yale it is essentially a bucking game. She teaches her runners to go through her opponents and not to dodge them.

NO NEED FOR TRICKS.

"To do this we do not use tricks. Tricks don't pay in foot-ball. There is not time enough to practice them. I cannot remember but one instance in which a trick succeeded. Then Haag coached a Young Men's Christian Association team to meet Yale.

"In 1884, when to play foot ball, there was no such thing as interference or team play. Every man who advanced the ball did so through his own exertions. There were only three men in that year who were given the ball to run with it at all.

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BOAT RACE COURSE.

Either Saratoga or Poughkeepsie Will Be Selected Next Month.

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The census returns show that there are in the United States about 15,000,000 horses, over 2,000,000 mules and 49,000 asses.

"There was never any concerted interference. There were individual demonstrations of such conduct as never before. Hecker, while playing quarter, would frequently follow a runner with his hands on his hips and shift him to the right or left to avoid a player. He, however, never thought of instructing another to do the same.

REACHED PERFECTION.

"The idea of a line man interfering was unheard of. I first discovered this possibility in 1889. I hurried to New Haven with it, where it was incredulously received. However, it was later tried in a modified form and gradually reached its perfection.

"In '89 I was coaching the Hill School team at Pottstown. The instructors were permitted to play with their classes, and I played at guard. The idea of a guard's duties were then that he should remain steadfastly rooted in his place, blocking his opponent.

"Communicating my discovery to Walter Camp, he studied it as impossible. Nevertheless (Gale tried to get the full-back and half-backs to precede the runner. In '90 Hefflinger, from his place at guard, tried to block the runner by won for himself and Morrison, his follow-guard, the name of the greatest of guards.

"It was Charlie Schoff who sounded the death-knell of it. Yale, in '92, sent her guards, tackle ends and quarter-back around the end, followed by her back. Around one end of Pennsylvania's line they never failed to gain. Schoff, however, on the other side, ducked his head and striking the forward runners below the knees, tumbled them all in a heap and Yale did not once gain an inch.

"We meanwhile were using every variety of wedges. We had center wedges and end wedges, tackle wedges and revolving 'V's. They were so painfully slow that we were forced to abandon them. Then we hit upon the plan which developed what I consider the best play ever used on the gridiron.

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BICYCLES FOR SOLDIERS

Philadelphia Now Wants a Company of Military Wheelmen.

GENERAL MILES ENTHUSIASTIC

Ten Relays Rode from New York to Washington in One Day--Bicycle May Be Employed in Active Government Service.

FAST MEN TO MEET.

Record-Breaker Hamilton to Be Matched with Michael, the French Champion. Distance Will Be Twenty Miles, Unpowered.

William Hamilton, the unpowered king and holder of the records for the short distances, will be matched against Michael, the great French rider, for a race at twenty miles or less military favor. In Washington, D. C., a company was formed during last summer which was recruited from members of the militia and they took a chief hand in carrying out the project to convey a despatch from the national capital to General Miles at Fort Hamilton, New York, by means of relays of bicycle riders. There were ten relays, two men to each relay, and the entire distance, 24 1/2 miles, was covered in the exceptionally good time of 2 1/2 hours.

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