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BENNION'S WEEKLY FOOTBALL LETTER

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With Thanksgiving day less than three weeks ahead, every football team is being given its final finishing touches for the last crucial games. Next Saturday will witness the magnificent struggle between Yale and Princeton, which ends the season for the latter team and will probably decide the inter-collegiate championship; and the fight for supremacy between the east and the west which will be decided by the Michigan-Indiana game and the Carlisle-Indianapolis game. Today, however, there are contests of almost equal importance in progress, which will probably determine just where the championship title will rest as far as the east is concerned.

CORNELL A SURPRISE.

Of the Army-Cornell game is of the most vital importance, for West Point has already tied Yale, and Cornell defeated Princeton. Cornell has surprised even her most enthusiastic admirers. Two weeks ago, smarting under the unfortunate defeat of the week before at the hands of Penn, state college by 8-0, Cornell, 8-0, over Penn with greatly increased strength, due to spirited coaching, completely swept Princeton off her feet, the latter team being able to score only on a fluke. The failure to kick goal after touchdown lost the game for the Tiger eleven.

On the other hand, the Army has not shown much improvement since her 6-0 game with Yale. Last Saturday Cornell beat the West Pointers to 6-0. This, however, was probably due to the muddy condition of the field, which prevented the usual sharp play of the Army. If Cornell is defeated today, she will be thrown entirely out of the championship line, while if she wins, the victory will place her a long way in the lead. The Cornell contingent are very much elated over the prospects of the team and are giving slight bettering odds on the game with West Point.

LINE ON YALE.

Yale's game with Brown today will give the football world a line on the relative strength of Yale and Harvard. Just a week ago the strong Providence team gave the Crimson a bad scare, the former losing only because of their inability to kick goal after touchdown. Harvard was played to a standstill, and was swept on the defensive almost entirely. Yale's game today with the same team ought to show clearly her chances of victory over her rivals of long standing at Cambridge.

HARVARD VS. INDIANS.

Harvard meets the Indians this afternoon. Just what the outcome will be hard to tell. The Indians are so uncertain that football experts have ceased to predict the exact result of their games. They never can be depended upon except against Pennsylvania, against whom they play their greatest game. Last year, after playing a game against Pennsylvania, almost as remarkable as this year's wonderful exhibition of modern football, the Indians went to Cambridge and played almost entirely straight old-fashioned football, and won a great victory and only one or two feeble attempts at anything of the modern game of forward passes and outside kicks. As a result Harvard won, 5 to 0. Just last Saturday, in the game with Princeton, the same uncertain quality of the Indians was illustrated. It was difficult for those witnessing the contest to recognize the Indians as the same formidable team which a week before had in the most spectacular game ever played on an American gridiron, completed an overwhelming Pennsylvania. For these reasons Harvard, in spite of her weak showing against the Springfield Training School and Brown, is predicted as a winner over Carlisle.

AN EXCITING GAME.

The most exciting game in the mid-Atlantic states today is the one between Pennsylvania and Penn State. Penn State never used to be considered a strong rival, but due to the recent changes in the rules, would have made it possible for a secondary college to have a team almost equal to those of the great universities. Penn State has developed a team capable of winning even from the big five. The fact that she was defeated by the Indians, 18 to 6, while Penn was beaten 25 to 6, and the much more significant fact, that she won Cornell, 8 to 6, who defeated Princeton, 25 to 6, on October 28, has given Penn a higher respect for the strength of her new rivals. The Quakers, by decisively defeating the heavy Lafayette team, last Saturday, clearly demonstrated that they had recovered from the slump which cost them the Indian game. Supported by an intensely loyal student body Penn has strong hopes of winning.

DOINGS OF YEST.

In the middle west no great difficulty is anticipated on the part of Michigan to win from Wisconsin and Chicago from Purdue but Indiana may hurry Wisconsin. Today West will pay close attention to the perfections of the details of his formation, for this is the last game before the Wolverines' most important contest of the season, that with Pennsylvania.

The fact that increased accommodations have been provided for the im-

mense crowds at three of the most important games today shows clearly the corresponding increased interest taken by the public in the keen competition among the great football elevens for supremacy on the American gridiron.

WEIGHT QUESTION SETTLED.

Managers of Lightweights Meet Today To Sign Articles of Agreement.

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"Beat Us, or Bust," came down from Logan this morning. The visitors are a husky lot and are apparently capable of putting up a fierce struggle. The lineup of the teams as announced last evening follows:

Utah	A. C.
Holoway	L. E.
Monahan	Bennion
Home	L. T.
Smyth	L. G.
Morris	Hansen
Palm	McCombs
Bryant	R. G.
Munton	R. T.
Snow	Nelson
Carden	R. E. Holden
Grant	Q. R.
Russell	Egbert
Richardson	L. H. B.
Conville	Anderson
Ferguson	R. H. B.
	Bosnard

The Umbria-Sullivan match is on again. Managers of the two fighters are in session today for the purpose of signing articles, and the fight for 20-pound "quadrangular" session to take place on Thanksgiving. The match has been hanging fire for several days and it looks like the whole affair would be called off, but finally Baybridge Kelly, manager for Crotch, consented to sign up at catch weights. This was agreed to Tom Osborne, manager for Sullivan.

STUDENTS AND CARNEGIE.

Former Give Latter Rousing Reception in Gymnasium.

Princeton, N. J., Nov. 8.—Andrew Carnegie was given an enthusiastic reception in the gymnasium of Princeton university today when he presented to the winning crew of the interclass rowing regatta the silver cup given by himself and the Carnegie. Surrounded by a audience of about 2,000 students and parents who are here for the spring promenade tonight and the Amberley-Princeton football game tomorrow, the donor of the new lake was loudly cheered in appreciation of his gift to Princeton. This lake was constructed at a cost of \$400,000 and made rowing possible at Princeton.

In the excitement of the regatta the first class crews raced neck and neck for two miles, the sophomores winning by half a length.

ON THE RACE TRACK.

New York, Nov. 8.—Aqueduct results: First race, six furlongs—Hession won, Time—1:34.4—5.

Second race, handicap, seven furlongs—Atkin won, Schooner second, Waltham third, Time—1:27.

Third race, the Glenn Cove, mile—Sewell won, Aviation second, Oraclemouth third, Time—1:42.

Fourth race, handicap, mile and five-sixteenths—Right Royal won, Pine and Needles second, Timmy Waddell third, Time—2:13.8—5.

Fifth race, five furlongs—Sandal won, Miss Delaney second, Great Dane third, Time—1:41.5.

Sixth race, mile and an eighth—Ranrod won, Charles G. Gates second, Geo. Hall third, Time—1:43.

SARCASMIC REMARKS HURT.

A short time ago one of the New York Americans was chased by Jack Sheridan. All he said after being called out on strikes was "Look out, Jack, if you drop your watch a blind man will see it first."

Bill Bull Head Dahlman perhaps has been driven to the bench oftener than any player in the country. Dahlman is naging the umpire from the time he gets displeased with a decision until the game ends, and then starts over again the next day. He never is abusive, but he can make the meanest kicks and the most personal remarks in the quietest way, of any player in either league. Every time he gets near an umpire during a game he is sure to be after the umpire, he dishes out a shot.

One of the funniest things Bill ever did was when he was playing with the old Chicago club. Just before the game started he remarked to O'Day, quietly, "Hank, if I run up to you and call you a blank, blank, blanket blank in the first inning, will you chase me out of the game?" "Huh," grunted Hank. "I should say I would." "All right," replied Dahl. "I want to get out to Hartman in time for the fifth race." Hank grinned. For two innings Dahl abused Hank like a pickpocket, but Hank made him stick.

HANDS UMPIRE SPECTACLES.

Big Bill Lange was once thrown out of a game by Charles Snyder, and the crowd was sore over it. Snyder had been going bad for several innings and both teams were kicking mildly. Lange was going out to the field, smiling, and stopped in the diamond to hand Snyder something. Snyder opened the little package, and the first thing the crowd knew he was waving Lange off the field. All Lange had done was to give him a pair of spectacles.

Few spectators have any idea what Muggsy McGraw says to umpires. The chances are that if the crowd could hear some of his remarks McGraw would have been driven out of baseball years ago. He is past master at abuse and billingsgate. He knows the weakness of umpires and hits at them. People who know McGraw off the field as a clean, gentlemanly little fellow hardly can believe what he says. With him it's cold-blooded science. He isn't mad. He wants the next decision and burns the umpire up. His great success is in knowing exactly where to stop, and he can tell by the umpire's looks just when to quit. His remarks about the personal appearance, habits, family life, etc., of umpires hurt, and he has driven more umpires out of business than any one—except possibly the Tebeau-Griswold alliance.

The Aggies would give much to win today's game. They are here for that purpose if it is possible for them to land a victory. They have trained long and faithfully for this afternoon's struggle, Coach Walker has got the team into splendid condition and every member is full of confidence. The Loganiates expect a close score and if such is the case it will be a big boost not only for the visitors but for Coach Walker. The game is the first big one for the Aggies this season. They have played smaller teams and, of course, won. Just how good the team is remains to be seen.

The U. of U. team realizes that in going against the Aggies it will have something to do. The contest will most certainly not be child's play because the Loganiates will dispute every inch of ground and whether they are badly outclassed or not will put up a game fight.

Maddock's men are in better condition than was expected. Anderson will probably not be in the game today. It is said he is still decidedly angry over what he and others term an attack upon the team made recently.

Last evening the boys were out for practice and showed up remarkably well. Conville is still crippled, but will be able to play. Maddock's men will find all the support they could wish from the students. The rooting brigades have been organized and will encourage the team in every way possible.

The Aggies, accompanied by a big crowd of rooters, bearing big badges:

ATHLETICS WILL HAVE FOURTEEN TWIRLERS.

A dispatch from Philadelphia says:

Although the excitements of the season of 1907 have hardly died away, Manager Mack of the Athletics has announced his plan for 1908.

With an eye always starting, he elongated Connie has signed all his men planned his training trip, and with this labor all performed, is shortly to take an extended vacation trip to the Pacific coast.

Mr. Mack arrived in town yesterday after a brief stay in Worcester, Mass. Outlining his movements for 1908, Manager Mack said:

"We lost the pennant last season because I felt our corps of good pitchers right, but the injuries to Bender and Coombs, and Waddell's tough luck left me with only Plank and Dugert, and great as was their work, they could not carry us through. Therefore, my first thought for next season has been to look after the box material."

"I have already spent \$25,000 in purchasing players and most of this money went in pitchers."

"First, I call upon a number of twirlers whom I have strings. Of course, Craig and Frits won't quite do. I want Dugert and Plank will, as usual, form the backbone of my staff. I expect Dugert to be one of the greatest pitchers in the country next season. He came close to that last season, but next season he should be due. It is reasonable to look for Bender and Coombs to come back. Nobody knows any-

thing about Waddell. I shall not count on him, but will hope for him to be right again. Bartley will be retained and I shall give another chance to Vickers."

"My new men now number seven, Peter Schellitzer and Carter, the latter a superb pitcher, come from the New York State League; Maxwell and Billie were stars in Southern league, where I got Dugert, Kline and Hartman, come from the Pacific coast; Kruse is a left-hander, and the club were after him that he cost a pretty penny. Out of this bunch of 14 men I feel sure that I will get seven stars, perhaps more."

"Behind the bat Barry, Schrock and Powers will have to fight for jobs with Bill Smith, from Atlanta, and Ford, from Canada, highly praised backstops, the latter with a record of 100%."

"Of course, nobody can dispense Davis at first, Murphy at second or Nichols at short. Nick should be one of baseball's greatest stars next year."

"Jimmy Collins will be back at third base. He was too heavy to do himself justice last season, but he has promised me to spend the winter getting down in weight and having his knees treated. I think there are many years of good ball in Jimmy yet. For utility, E. Collier is a star infielder."

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