

News of the Sporting World at Home and Abroad

RESULTS OF THE FOOTBALL SEASON

Conditions Much Improved at the 'Varsity Despite Two Defeats.

SPORT ON PERMANENT BASIS.

Growth of this Year Makes Disasters Less Liable to Occur in the Future—Maddock's View.

With the game at Logan today and another Thanksgiving day at Cummings field the football season of this year will sink into history. If Utah wins both of them, her prestige will take another big upward shoot, and will leave still ahead the rosy hope of developing a team which next year can do what it was impossible to do this year—extend Utah's sway over the whole west, and defeat the two strong teams which this year defeated Utah by a decisive score.

Since the defeat by Golden there has been a decided clearing of the atmosphere in Salt Lake football circles. First came the question of authority on the field, and over football matters, and it was decided that the "advisory board" of last year was not taking any responsibility, as it has ceased to exist, or at least to exist actively through the inaction of its members. This was specially noticed in the case of Coach Callahan, who was several times invited to assist in the coaching at Cummings field, but who was too busy to give his active attention to the task, and in the case of Chamberlain, who also was absent from the field after rendering valuable services last year. The advisory board, however, is not dead. It seems, should it desire to be reactivated, to be in a position to do so. At the beginning of the present year President Kingsburg sent its members a note of thanks for last year's services, and invited them to co-operate with the university in athletic matters this year. The board has done but little in response to this invitation, for which reason it has ceased to figure in athletic affairs. The faculty board on the other hand, is now fully aware that the responsibility for the tone of university athletics rest upon it, and the active management of the field upon the student manager. There was a good deal of doubt about these points during the season, and one party seemed to wait for another to act.

From now on, however, it appears that things will go forward in harmony for the improvement of the field and the care of the team.

GYM SOON TO BE READY.

The gymnasium and the new surface, but upon Cummings field are conceded to be the biggest improvements of this season, and factors which will work for the biggest good to the game. The fact that a larger squad is out than ever in the school's history suggests that the disasters of this year will not be repeated in the shape of an exhausted team in the middle of the season. The gym is now nearly finished. A big tank is being placed in the top of the building to hold hot water, and the equipment is being placed on the floors.

MADDOCK'S VIEW OF SEASON.

The season has taught the students, and what Maddock looks to as the best of the year is shown in a statement he has just made to the student publication. It follows:

"Of course, we all know that athletic sports are encouraged for their value in developing the character, as a source of social and ethical culture, and for cultivating the spirit of co-operative enterprise. But is it not true that if our team does not win a game, the spirit of co-operation is not developed? Are we not classed among the leading teams of our section, we really lose sight of the fact that we have accomplished the basic, sought-for ideals."

THE BRILLIANT START.

Utah started her football season of 1905 in a blaze of glory. With most of the lighter men back, things moved off very smoothly. When we met the University of Wyoming in our first contest, the two teams were evenly matched for weight, and here we showed our speed and physical ability by winning. Everything looked fine, after we had won by a good score, and so we marched onward, thinking there was nothing left to do but to practice and win games.

Another jump and we were at the University of Montana and won there against a good team by a much larger score than ever before. We received much praise for our speed and physical ability, and we made by old football men that the Utah team was a well-oiled machine and should go through the season with a clear record.

THE CRIPPLED LINE.

Next came the heavy team from the University of Denver. Here our team showed as the finished product, and although hopelessly outwitted, we won nearly by superior teamwork. But here is where our trouble began. Our team was quite well balanced, our weak spots were quite well covered up. During the Denver game we lost the services of our heavy line man, "Evel" Burton. This was a great blow to the Utah team. Try as we might, we could find no way in which to fill the vacancy with a much lighter man. Then, following right along, in practice another accident occurred and we were without the services of one of the best half-backs in the country, "Cuddy" Russell.

NO SECOND TEAM.

With the only heavy man out of our patched-up line, and then to lose the services of one of our surest ground-gainers and most consistent defensive men, it could easily be seen that luck was a little against which I am sure we possess. Any student can support a winning team but the student who

backs his team when it loses shows that he has the true spirit. The coach can promise to the students that this will not happen often, for the experience bought this season we hope will be beneficial hereafter.



RUHLIN LOOKING FOR A KNOCKOUT.

Gus Ruhlman, the Akron Giant, thinks the mantle once worn by the invincible Jeffries will just about fit his manly form. There are many who will not agree with Gus, and one of the number is a youngster named Fitzsimmons. However, Fitz is not worrying Gus, who announced that he has posted \$500 in real money with Al Smith to box any man in the world. Fitz not barred, for the heavyweight championship.

And—here is what Ruhlman says: "If this offer remains unaccepted at the end of six weeks I shall claim the 'heavy weight title'."

Ruhlman evidently forgets the night of Aug. 10, 1900, when Fitz put him to sleep in the Madison Square Garden.

BLIND FOOTBALL PLAYERS.

From Louisville, Ky., comes the following:

To be blind and wildly athletic—that is surprising; to be blind and to be passionately devoted to football—that incongruity is well-nigh unbelievable. Yet down in Kentucky there are 11 blind boys of the Kentucky Institute for the blind who play football every day just like other sturdy American youths. Indeed they play the game so well that they do not hesitate to match their prowess against the best

school eleven in the vicinity of Louisville, and they succeed in obtaining a gratifying percentage of victories. Their ability this fall—their second season of experimenting with football—is already the subject of comment everywhere.

With nine out of 10 followers of football the wonder is that these sightless youngsters have the hardihood to go slambang, willy-nilly, into one another, feeling their way uncertainly, never knowing when they will collide with other players; never knowing when other players will collide with them. One gasps at the thought of 11

nightless beings coming in rough contact, not only with one another, but with 11 open-eyed, alert athletes, and these athletes their coaches. Certainly they must have no fears.

That is quite true. The Kentucky institute aggregation likes the fall sport so much that it pays no attention to the concomitant roughness and bruising, notwithstanding the fact that it moves in utter darkness, and that it thinks with super-sensitive imaginative powers. It plays the game with dash and spirit and skill, and enjoys the burly-burly immensely. Indeed, these youngsters enter into the game so thoroughly, mentally and physically, that they talk about it continually, and that they reason almost fall prey to the evil common among seeing students, namely, neglect of their studies.

Prof. John Gregory, who developed the blind team, says that if this handicap could be balanced in some way no team of their own weight could stand against the blind boys. The line of the team, which is totally blind, is absolutely irresistible. The opposing lines cannot stand a moment under the stolid, smashing, tremendous charge of the blind athletes.

Prof. Gregory attributes this to two things. First, the blind boys are stronger than the average boys of their weight. Nature seems to compensate in part for the affliction by unusual strength. Second, seeing nothing the blind player fears nothing. At the signal he plunges forward with all his strength. No muscular opponent with grim visage can daunt him. He only knows that there is somebody in front of him who must be gotten out of the way.

SUGGESTION TO FULLER.

A Chicago Autolist Claims Record For Fittings on His Car.

A Chicago motorist with a fad for equipment claims to have a record number of fittings on his car. It has six lamps, for various purposes, a clock, a barometer, a thermometer, a speed indicator, a huge horn known as a "dragon," an electric bell, a steam whistle, a "kid eradicator" for getting rid of small boys, and a few other minor things. The lamps include electric lights for illuminating the tonneau and the various gauges and indicators on the dash. These lamps are supplied with current by storage batteries under the seats and switches are located in the box on the left side of the dash. The device which is called a "kid eradicator" consists of a hot-air jet placed out of sight near the rear step. When a small boy "shocks" the rear step he unconsciously informs the driver of his presence by ringing a small electric bell, whereon the driver presses a plunger and shoots a jet of hot air in the direction of the intruder's legs. Another novelty is a fan belt indicator, which indicates at a glance whether the fan is running or if the belt has broken or become slack.

The motorist has spent about \$800 in putting all these attachments on his machine, but he is still of the opinion that there are things that he has missed and he is open to suggestions as to what is necessary to complete the equipment.

YALE AND HARVARD.

Two Teams of Today's Contest Compared by an Expert.

New Haven, Conn.—In a letter to the Yale News comparing Yale and Harvard, Captain G. A. Russ of the Brown university football eleven writes as follows:

"Taking up the work of two teams on the defense, I should say that without doubt Harvard is the stronger. The Harvard line is especially strong just where Yale is weak—in the center. Harvard's line is composed of heavy, powerful men who outweigh the Yale players, although they are not so speedy and are slower in starting. Yale has noticeable advantage in their ends, who have greater ability in tackling, breaking up interference and in diagnosing trick plays. Harvard's ends are certainly not in the same class as Yale's. It is hard to say which team has the better secondary defense. On the whole, I consider Harvard's slightly superior."

"Comparing the offense of the eleven, the Yale back field was the fastest that Brown has met this season and showed the best team work. But right here it is scarcely so effective as that of Harvard, because Harvard has a stronger line, which affords them the security of the line and back field is also more marked at Harvard than at Yale. In opening up holes for the runner the colleges are about equal. Harvard's backs start slowly, but have tremendous weight and power behind them, and when once under way are exceedingly difficult to stop. Hutchinson seemed to me to be a better quarterback than either Starr or Newhall, and I like the way in which he ran the team and took in the situation. Burr can unquestionably outkick any man Yale has, but Yale's ends get down faster under punts and are sure to nail their man. On the whole, it is very hard to state definitely which of the two teams is the stronger. It will be a slow grueling contest between speed and weight and the strain on the players will be severe. Just as in the Yale will have to overcome Coach Reid's powerful tandem formation with three men behind the line, and so far as I see the only way in which she will be able to do so is through her speed."

THE INDIAN SIGN.

A good story comes from the northwest of Iowa. A white man on a reservation near Sioux City beating the white man at his own game. The Indians have been accustomed to race their cow ponies against the thoroughbred that the gentry have improved for the purpose, and, betting heavily, have lost large sums. Last month, according to the story, the Indian bucks raised a subscription fund and sent one of their number to Kentucky, where he bought the best horse he could get for the purpose. The thing was kept quiet until the next fall, and then the Indians entered their horse under the unsuspicious name of "Bald Eagle." They nominated an old buck of 20 pounds to ride, and the bookmakers promptly chalked up odds of 20 to 1 against the beast, at which the Indians joyfully placed their bets. "Bald Eagle" won in a walk—Rock Springs Miner.

TWO MILES A MINUTE.

With the announcement of a race at the Ormiston-Jaylona tournament in which the winner must cover two miles in a minute in order to get the prize, come stories of the cars being built that are expected to make that speed. Both foreign and American manufacturers are confident that they can turn out machines with ample power to whirl over the sandy beach at the rate of 120

miles an hour, and this seems not unlikely in view of the existing record of 24.2-5 seconds, by a car under the regu-

lar weight, and a mark of 32.4-5 seconds by a car that was over the weight limit of 2,204 pounds.



LAMSON
of U. of P.

INELIGIBLE, BUT PLAYS WITH QUAKERS

O. F. Lamson, the former Colorado football player who is on the University of Pennsylvania eleven and played a star game in Penn's recent tussle with Harvard is shown in this photograph. Lamson was used time and again as a human battering ram by the savage, stocky, lithe men of the Red and Black in their tornado-like onslaughts on the bulky Crimson eleven.

Harvard protested Lamson a week before they met their defeat at the hands of the Quakers on the grounds that the four-year rule was being violated.

Harvard's claim against Lamson, while not admitted to be true by the Quakers, is built on solid rock facts. Lamson played three years on the Colorado college team, two years at Lafayette and last year at Penn. The four-year rule is a myth at Penn, however, as Lamson's being permitted to play proves.

THE THREE GREATEST QUARTERBACKS.

New York.—Three names are almost continually on the lips of the mighty host of undergraduates now watching with eagerness the season's struggle for football honors. They are Eckersall of Chicago, "Tad" Jones of Yale and Mount Pleasant of the Carlisle Indians; and the greatest of these is Eckersall, the phenomenal drop-kicker and all-around star of the west. He has twice made the All-American team picked by Walter Camp.

A sixty-yard punt is an ordinary thing for him. Single handed he won this season's game with Wisconsin 4 to 0 by drop-kicking a goal at a difficult angle.

Next to this brainy, tireless little fellow comes "Tad" Jones of Yale, probably the greatest team general of the year and certainly the most dangerous when running with the ball in a broken field.

It is reported from the Yale camp that he is out of the game for the season with a bad ankle. All New Haven is mourning. Although only a freshman year, "Tad," as he is known to everybody, has exhibited all the resourcefulness of Rockwell, his brilliant predecessor, and before his college days

TRYING TO BOOM "SOCKER" FOOTBALL

Plans Being Made to Organize a Big State League Next Year.

AN OFFER TO THE SCHOOLS

Local Enthusiasts Express Willingness To Coach Team in any of the Educational Institutions.

If certain plans that are forming now are carried out, then lovers of the game of football will have a chance next year to see two styles of play and take their pick as to which they like the best.

That the American college game, despite the assaults which have been made on it from sources high and low, will endure for many years can not be disputed. It is quite certain that some radical changes will be made if the game, but it is hardly likely that it will be abolished.

At the present time preparations are being made to organize a big state league of association, or soccer, football teams. Those who support this game have been accused of "knocking" the American game with a view to substituting soccer. The charge is emphatically denied by the soccer enthusiasts. They say that all they want is the elimination of brutality; they don't want the game killed. They also ask that soccer be given some attention. This demand seems to have met with some favor. Some of the Church schools have practically decided to adopt the game, and a determined effort is being made to interest the authorities of the University of Utah in the English pastime.

Speaking on the subject to the "News," Mr. W. Service of the Salt Lake Association club said:

"We would like to see both games played, but with some modifications in the American style. We don't want to abolish the game. There should be less brutality. There is nothing brutal in soccer."

I see that a noted coach says that the trouble with soccer is that a fire would have to be made under the players to warm them up. Well, the coach don't know what he is talking about.

There is one thing in favor of soccer that can not be denied. It is one of the best games known to develop the all-around athlete. Let the colleges adopt this game and it will be shown in the gym and field meets that what I say is true.

We are anxious to see the game established in Utah. We are perfectly willing to coach, free of charge, teams in any of the schools that care to take up the sport. Our time and attention will be gladly given if we can only arouse some interest. We want to see a big state league formed with teams from all the important schools, and then play for the state championship. If this is done it will not interfere with the other game at all, but it will help it and will develop athletes."

Mr. J. Morgan, whose interesting articles on soccer have appeared in these columns, writes as follows:

"I was in conversation with Mr. W. Service this afternoon and as usual 'soccer' was the chief item or topic. As you are aware, a match will be played on Wednesday next, when the B. Y. U. at Logan, also I have just written a letter to President Kingsbury of the U. of N. trying to get him interested in the game."

are over is expected to be the premier leader of the country.

The most picturesque man behind the line today is Mount Pleasant, the Carlisle Indian, whose sensational quarter-back runs made him second to no one in speed. With a record of 19 seconds in the 100-yard, 50 seconds in the quarter and 24 feet in the broad jump he is the nearest thing to real "deerfoot" that the gridiron has ever seen. With all this physical excellence is coupled a good brain, which has made possible the great work accomplished this year by the "copper team" against the "big five."

BECAUSE HE IS BALD.

Eddie Bald was guilty of an atrocious pun on his own name recently. While it is a fact with most drivers to ride bare-headed, Eddie persists in wearing a cap. He was testing a new Columbia chassis on the roads outside of Hartford the other day, when he was held up by some acquaintances and in the course of the talk that ensued Eddie was asked why he always wore a cap. After carefully making ready to throw in his clutch for a quick getaway, Eddie tossed back the response, "Oh, because I'm Bald."

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