

BENNION'S WEEKLY FOOTBALL LETTER

Gives a Review of the Season of Gridiron Battles For 1907.

FIRST PLACE GOES TO YALE.

The Army After Holding the Big Team Met Defeat at Hands of Cornell Eleven.

(By Fred Bennion).



ARMY AND NAVY FOOTBALL TROPHY.

Aside from the glory won in the contest, the victory of the Army-Navy football eleven, are the happy possessors of a handsome silver cup awarded by the winning team by Army and Navy Life.

The height of the cup, which is of solid silver, including the heavy base, on which are three oval silver plates, is 20 1/2 inches. On the three handles are laurel decorations signifying "To the Victor." The cup between the three handles is engraved on one space "Army-Navy Football Trophy—Annapolis—West Point." There is a blank space beneath for adding the name of the winning team and the score. Above this inscription is the arms of the United States in relief. Beneath the inscription on one of the oval silver plates on the shony base is an etching of Franklin field, where the game was played.

On the second space is the arms of Annapolis academy in relief, an etching of a football scene, and beneath this on the base, another etching of Annapolis football field.

The third space shows the arms of West Point in relief, another football scene, and on the base the football field of West Point.

Some of the foremost dignitaries of America. All the work is now over of the teams, but for the football season it has scarcely begun. The task of ranking the teams and picking All-American eleven is, indeed, a stupendous one.

The exact ranking of the teams is impossible as all the best teams do not meet each other. Every team claims a higher rank than it is entitled to; every man who judges the relative merits of the teams is governed more or less by a natural leaning towards one team. While Walter Camp is acknowledged king of critics, and it is by his decision that the teams are officially ranked and the All-American eleven selected, yet inasmuch as he is not a Yale athlete system there can be no doubt but what he is naturally prejudiced in favor of that institution.

FIRST PLACE TO YALE.

Yale will be given first place in spite of the fact that comparative scores were conclusively her inferiority to several other teams. But the Yale team is the only big team outside of Dartmouth that have not been defeated and that reason will be conceded the first rank. Yet every team, except Yale, that Yale has met, has been defeated by other colleges by a larger margin. West Point shows up the Navy team in poorer light than any other eleven. The Army, after holding Yale, was defeated by Cornell, who in turn was clearly outclassed by Pennsylvania; the West Pointers were also defeated by the weak Navy team, which had been literally swamped two weeks before by Swarthmore, a secondary college.

PENN GETS SECOND.

Pennsylvania will probably be given second place. Dr. Sharp, a Yale man, referred the most important games of the year, and after the Penn-Cornell game, Pennsylvania is entitled to consider herself a championship team. She won her big games as Yale, and do not consider the Indians as a team. Their eligibility rules are such as to obtain among colleges. The best team of the year, the best college team would be a game between Yale and Pennsylvania.

There are two other teams claiming to second place—Dartmouth and Princeton. The former ended the season undefeated and gained a victory over Harvard by a larger margin than Yale. But the New Hampshire team of Yale, Princeton or Penn, would not be nearly as hard to defeat as Dartmouth should not expect to defeat Penn or Princeton. The basis of arrangement for placing the teams over the Quakers in that Princeton defeated the Indians, who won over Penn. But Penn defeated Cornell and Princeton. These two teams are checkedmate each other. Princeton had two big games, one with Yale, and one with Yale, this last

SPORTING GOSSIP OF OLD COUNTRY

Interest in Football Games Increases in England. Says Morgan.

RUGBY IS BEING REVIVED.

Enormous Crowds Have Witnessed League Contests—Revolt Among Amateurs.

The interest taken on the various football games in England show no signs of decline, but, in fact, are on the increase so far as this season has gone, especially in regard to the association game, and I am glad to state that the good old Rugby game shows potent signs of a revival, both as regards clubs and spectators. The season is now well in to the third month and one feature of it is the magnificent form of the Manchester United who head the first division league table having won nine consecutive victories with a five-point lead above the other 19 clubs, their total points up-date being 24, made as follows: Won, 13; drawn, 6; lost, 1; with the splendid goal average of 44 to 16. W. Meredith, the Welsh international, who plays outside right for Manchester United (recognized today as the finest player in that position in all Great Britain), has established the record of scoring more than 200 goals in first league football, a marvelous record when consideration is taken of the fact that the business of scoring is generally left to the inside men and not to the extreme wingers.

Enormous crowds have witnessed the league games, the 40,000 mark having been passed on no fewer than 15 different occasions since the commencement of the season, while on Saturday, Nov. 9, fully 75,000 attended the match on the Chelsea ground between the metropolitan rivals of Chelsea and Woolwich Arsenal. The cupholders (Sheffield Wednesday) occupy second place with a slight advantage over

the cupholders, Everton, while Chelsea and Birmingham at present hold the unenviable position of tailenders. But it is a long call from now till April 30, and lots of changes and ups and downs will take place before the end of the season. Below are given the attendances at the three most important "soccer" leagues in England compiled up to Saturday, Nov. 16, taken from the London Daily News:

LEAGUE ATTENDANCE.

Matches	Aggregate	Average
Played	dance	
English league	128	2,497,000
Southern league	122	2,547,000
English 2nd div.	127	1,004,000
	377	4,458,000

THE AMATEUR REVOLT.

Quite a commotion has been caused among the adherents of association football owing to the revolt of several prominent amateur clubs, such as the Universities, Corinthians, Casuals, Old Etonians, Old Carthusians, etc., from the jurisdiction of the football association (which is more of less controlled by the professional clubs, although they are far in the minority) and forming a new association of their own called the Amateur Football association.

Space will not permit to go into the pros and cons of the case, but it is sufficient to state here that the revolt was ill-advised, that the "rebels" labored under fancied and not actual grievances, aristocratic snobbishness lay at the bottom of it all. Then they flung the accusations against the F. A. that money and mercenary objects and not love of sport was their aim entirely forgetting that since May 1, 1906, the F. A. has given over \$45,000 towards charitable purposes, while indirectly the much misnamed professional clubs are the means of raising thousands of dollars annually for charitable purposes. Only about 400 clubs, southern and metropolitan, have joined the revolvers, while in England alone over 10,000 amateur clubs have remained loyal to the football association, including the famous "Pilgrims" while the whole of Wales, Scotland and Ireland stick to the old colors. Since then the association clubs of Norway, Sweden and Denmark have met, confirming their allegiance to the F. A. and latterly the associations of France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and Austria-Hungary have followed suit and one and all have recognition. This means the revelling association, this means putting the finish on those delightful continental trips of the Corinthians, etc., as they cannot get a game with any European club while being members of the revolvers, so now they are left alone to stew on their own juice. They get very lithe

sympathy from the football public and deserve less.

VISIT OF THE NEW ZEALANDERS.

The absorbing interest among Rugby adherents is the second visit of the famous "All Blacks" or the New Zealand team, but this time they come as professionals to meet the very strong club in the semi-professional ranks of the Northern Rugby union. This team from under the southern skies is an exceptionally strong one, being fast and speedy and trained to the minute; but in meeting the Northern Union clubs they meet opponents worthy of their steel. The men in these clubs hail from the industrial centers; are one and all sons of toil, trained to hard work and consequently can stand the grueling of matches played, but have been compelled to strain every nerve to win, and even when pitted against the weakest of the Northern union clubs have had no runaway victory.

They have yet to meet at least seven or eight of the strongest teams in the league, but so far Wakefield Trinity have made a draw with them, while they have suffered defeat at the hands and feet of two Lancashire clubs, first of Wigan by 12 to 8, and of Barrow, by 6 to 3. The Northern union game differs considerably from the Rugby union, as the pace is terrific, all the players being in perfect shape and condition, also it is far more open with more passing and dribbling and less scrimmaging. A side consists of 15 players, and not 15, as under Rugby union rules. With the Rugby unionists the feature of this season is the strength of the universities, as several countries as well as international are there at present. There is a decline in favor of the London Welsh and a corresponding increase on that of the London Scottish. In the provinces, Northampton, Leicester, Plymouth, Devonport, Alton, Gloucester and Bristol are exceptionally strong, whilst the Welsh clubs seem as powerful as of yore. Wales in Glamorgan and Monmouth now possess the two most powerful county football teams on the British Isles.

On Saturday, Nov. 2, at the annual festival of the Cleecheaton Swimming club, D. Billington of Bacup, Lancashire, the world's swimming champion (professional), made an attack on his own record of 6 minutes and 25 seconds for 500 yards. The young English professional was in excellent form and he successfully navigated the distance in the exceedingly fast time of 6 minutes and 14 seconds. After breaking the record, Billington was enthusiastically cheered by a vast throng of spectators. The time is exceptionally fast when consideration is taken of the fact that no records are accepted as world's records in Europe if made in a tank less than 100 feet in length.

We have seen in the papers a lot of nonsense about C. M. Daniels breaking 7 records in one season, which is absurd. Most of his so-called records were made in tanks less than 75 feet in length and cannot in any way be classed as world's records. Again, even in short tanks, Daniels has not yet been able to cover 500 yards under 6 minutes 30 seconds; again there are not a dozen distances recognized as world's distances between 50 yards and one mile, so the statement regarding Daniels breaking 7 records—as he never exceeds the mile—is simply preposterous. Of recognized world's distances made in tanks 100 feet long at least, Daniels holds nothing above 150 yards. He is the world's champion sprinter, but is long way behind from being world's swimming champion, which takes in all distances.

The young team both in age and experience which the M. M. C. crowd sent out to the Antipodes, has so far exceeded all expectations. By no means the least reason for this is the power of English cricket prowess, as many of the most prominent amateurs and professionals were unable or did not feel disposed to accompany the team. Nevertheless the team sent (and the irony of it lies in the fact that the Australians protested against what seemed to them as such a weak team to represent the M. M. C.) have so far covered themselves with glory. They opened their tour at Perth, meeting and defeating Western Australia by 144 runs with an inning to spare. Again at Adelaide they met the strong combination of South Australia. The locals went in first and compiled 343, then Hill scoring 103. The Englishmen followed, compiling the huge score of 459 for eight wickets, four players making centuries, namely, A. O. Jones, captain, 110; Braund, 180; Hardstaff, 135; and J. N. Crawford, 114. The South Australians, on their second attempt, only made 134, leaving the M. M. C. victorious by an innings and 181 runs. They have opened with Victoria, and up to last night the state of the game was Victoria first, runs 233, M. M. C. followed with 148. Braund again distinguishing himself, leaving the game in a most interesting position.

(From the Athletic News.)

A. Scrut, South London Harrier, world's long distance champion, recently ran a 15 miles race at Winnipeg. His opponent was J. D. March, once a prominent English cross-country runner, attached to the Salford Harrier's ex-champions of England. March had a handsome allowance of two minutes which on the track gave him a lead of four laps. This advantage Scrut had wiped out by the time they had compassed seven miles, while on the twelfth Scrut had gained a lap. In

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running the thirteenth mile, however, Schmitt's ankle, which had been bothering him for some days, gave way, and March was left to finish alone. Here he held the time for the distance which the two English crack-mades, Lenzal distance men take notice:

	March	Schmitt
1 mile	2:19	2:20
2 miles	5:21	5:22
3 miles	8:25	8:26
4 miles	11:28	11:29
5 miles	14:30	14:31
6 miles	17:32	17:33
7 miles	20:34	20:35
8 miles	23:36	23:37
9 miles	26:38	26:39
10 miles	29:40	29:41
11 miles	32:42	32:43
12 miles	35:44	35:45
13 miles	38:46	38:47
14 miles	41:48	41:49
15 miles	44:50	44:51

These figures are especially wonderful for March, the ex-champion of the Salford Harrier, who is now farming in Canada, is 34 years of age, and has indulged in too much running of late. In Boston he ran against a relay of the three best distance professionals of America, including Kinsley of Boston, and won by 1,000 yards, his time for the 10 miles being a few seconds over 52 minutes.

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