

The All-America Football Eleven

The Stars of the Gridiron for 1911

The final games of the football year have not been played as we go to press, so the task of choosing our annual All-America eleven is far from an easy one. Nevertheless, we cannot afford to disappoint our readers on this usual feature, so we have prepared our list on the showing up to date, with as much care and thought as possible.

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Ends—White, Princeton Smith, Harvard
Tackles—Scully, Yale Hart, Princeton
Guards—Fisher, Harvard Francis, Yale
Center—Bloomenthal, Princeton
Quarterback—Sprackling, Brown
Half-backs—Thorpe, Carlisle Wendell, Harvard
Full-back—Munck, Cornell.

THERE are some positions on the gridiron this season which are overflowing with good material, and others which have not showed up to their usual standard. The backfield has developed so many brilliant stars that a fair choice in this department is rather difficult. Especially is this the case in the half-back positions. Pendleton of Princeton, Wendell of Harvard, Thorpe of Carlisle, Camp of Yale and a large number of other consistent ground gainers and all-around brilliant players are furnished by the other leading universities.

Our first choice, however, must place the Carlisle star almost in a class by himself. As a remarkably fast man, a consistent ground gainer, phenomenal punter and drop kicker, the red-skinned player has made a name for himself which will not be forgotten for a decade. His splendid work in the Harvard game, where he kicked four field goals, two of them from an almost impossible distance, is alone sufficient to entitle him to mention on an All-America Team. It is safe to say that no such all-around brilliancy has been shown by any other player throughout the season. Thorpe is supreme.

For the other halfback position we believe Wendell of Harvard should be first choice. Wendell is probably the best line-bucker in the game. He is the real key of the Harvard backfield, and of greater all-around value than Camp of Yale or Pendleton of Princeton.

At quarterback, although Butler of Cornell has been a consistent worker, the palm is pretty evenly divided between Sprackling of Brown and Howe of Yale. Howe has no superiors in his position. He is a beautiful drop kicker, although he fell down badly in the Princeton game in his numerous tries for a field goal. We should consider him fully the equal of Sprackling in every particular, but inasmuch as Sprackling has played throughout the season, while Howe has been laid up a portion of the time with injuries, our first choice for quarterback must go to the captain of the Brown team.

Fullback has not been so conspicuously furnished with brilliant performers as have the halfback and quarterback positions. Munck, the captain of Cornell, has been about the best candidate for honors up to date, although Mercer of Pennsylvania is due for mention.

The end positions are especially brilliant. Both Smith and Felton of Harvard have been exceptionally good. White of Princeton, Daley of Dartmouth and a number of other consistent performers have all shown remarkable ability.

So far as achievement goes, White, the spectacular Princeton end, has really accomplished more for his team than any other individual since the days of Ted Coy. White, single-handed, defeated both Harvard and Yale, and unquestionably won the University Championship for Princeton.

To be sure, his work was made possible by errors on the part of the opponents, but the ability to take advantage of errors of this nature is one of the main factors of football. It is safe to say that White's name will be handed down in Princeton annals for generations as the man who humbled both the Crimson and the Blue, and won the football championship of 1911.

On the other end of the line, Smith of Harvard is in our opinion the best all-around performer.

At center, while this position has been relatively weak, Bloomenthal of Princeton has led his rivals by a shade.

Hart of Princeton has undoubtedly won recognition in the position of tackle, while Scully of Yale seems best fitted

to be his companion in this position. Paul of Yale has not lived up to his last year's form, while Scully has made a distinct advance.

For guards, Fisher of Harvard unquestionably is first choice. He has been the main element of defensive strength on the Harvard line, and his all-around leadership has been of immense value.

Francis of Yale on the other guard position is perhaps the most logical candidate.

That the captain of a football team is usually the best man of the outfit is shown by the fact that four of our selections are captains of their respective teams, namely, Munck of Cornell, Sprackling of Brown, Fisher of Harvard and Hart of Princeton.

Howe of Yale, it may be remembered, as well as Daley of Dartmouth, are also in the very front rank.

That Princeton did not win the college championship undeserved is shown by the fact that she has three men in the line, namely, White at end, Bloomenthal at center and Hart at tackle. Harvard also has three men: Wendell at halfback, Fisher at guard and Smith at end.

Yale has two representatives, Scully at tackle and Francis at guard. Cornell is represented by Munck as fullback, Carlisle by Thorpe at halfback, while Brown has Sprackling at quarterback.

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