

CRICKET AT HARVARD

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IT has always been a matter of surprise to me that so thoroughly a scientific game of ball and so manly a field sport as the English national game has not flourished in our American colleges, especially in the universities of Harvard, Yale and Princeton.

At Harvard, I am glad to say, cricket has been a feature of the college field sports for years; but at Yale and Princeton it has virtually been ignored. Of course in the Pennsylvania University and at Haverford College cricket has been in the van, owing to Philadelphia influences; but in all the other colleges, except Harvard, cricket has been sadly neglected, Columbia has tried to awake an interest in the royal old game, and I am yet in the hope of seeing that college put a strong eleven in the field when it gets its new grounds. But, outside of Philadelphia, Harvard stands alone as the college patron of the great English field game of ball.

Yale and Princeton have adopted football and lacrosse, and these, with cricket and baseball, comprise the four field games which require the manly attributes of courage, pluck, nerve and physical skill and endurance to excel in them. In all our great colleges there is such a variety of physical qualifications for field sports at command that one can readily find candidates enough to compete for college honors in baseball "nines," football and cricket "elevens" and in lacrosse "twelves" without trenching upon each other's preserves. Jones can "pitch" in the baseball nine, when he would be of no account as a "bowler" in the cricket eleven. Brown can excel as a "kicker" or "rusher" in the football team, while in lacrosse he would be comparatively useless as a goal winner.

Just as there are men suited to excel in the several specialties of the athletic club games of a college, so there are men who can take the lead in one or other of the four prominent field games above named, while not being able to play up even to second-class work in the others. I have

no doubt whatever that Yale and Princeton colleges this year include men capable of playing cricket way beyond the mark they are able to reach in any one of the other three games if properly trained to play the old game. Why not trot this embryo talent out and train up an eleven as a cricket team which would make an exciting contest with Harvard's cricket eleven, as is now done with their baseball and football teams?

Cricket at Harvard this year is flourishing, I am glad to see. Up to the middle of June Harvard's cricket team had won six out of the eight games they had played. In these games the Harvard team made a total of 835 runs at a cost of the loss of 118 wickets, this yielding an average of 7.07 runs per wicket. Their opponents in the same games made but 479 runs, with a loss of 110 wickets! an average of but 4.35 per wicket. This is an excellent showing under the circumstances of the eleven having no proper cricket field of its own to train upon. This latter drawback, however, the club hopes to have removed when the college comes into possession of its new athletic grounds, on which cricket as well as baseball grounds are to be located.

By the courtesy of the worthy president of the Harvard Cricket Club I am enabled to give the club's batting averages for the season up to June 17, which are:

BATTING AVERAGES.

	Inn's.	Times not out.	Total runs.	Highest innings.	Ave.
R. D. Brown, '90, .	11	2	190	62	21.11
A. C. Garrett, Gr., .	12	0	127	38	10.58
S. M. A. Skinner, L. S.,	12	1	107	36*	9.72
L. Sullivan, L. S., .	10	1	56	14	6.22
S. E. Carpenter, '92; .	5	1	23	13	5.75
W. MacVeagh, Jr., '93, .	9	1	41	20*	5.12
T. W. Balch, '90 . . .	9	0	39	17	4.33
R. W. Frost, L. S., .	13	2	44	19	4.00
P. B. Crowninshield, '91	13	0	52	15	4.00
J. A. Parker, '91, .	11	0	30	9	2.72
H. F. Hewes, '90, .	10	2	26	12	2.36
T. S. Lee, '91, . . .	5	0	5	3	1.00
H. A. Davis, '91, . .	6	1	5	3	1.00

* Not out.

The record of the club's matches up to June 17 is as follows:

May 3, versus Somerville, at Somerville. Harvard, 123; Somerville, 8 and 24 (5 w.); won by 91 runs and 5 wickets. May 10, versus Chelsea, at Chelsea. Harvard, 78; Chelsea, 45; won by 33 runs. May 17, versus Longwood, at Longwood; American plan in both innings. Harvard, 148 (16 w.); Longwood, 64 (16 w.);

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won by 84 runs. May 24, versus Lowell, at Lowell. Harvard, 24 and 57; Lowell, 130; lost by an innings and 49 runs. May 30, versus Haverford College, at Haverford. 164 (16 w.); Haverford, 70 (16 w.); American plan both innings; won by 94 runs. June 5, versus Boston Athletic Association, at Longwood. Harvard, 84 (10 w.); B. A. A., 69(13 w.); American plan in second innings; won by 15 runs and 3 wickets. June 7, versus Longwood, at Longwood. Harvard, 102 (16 w.); Longwood, 35 (16 w.); American plan in second innings; Harvard won by 67 runs. June 11, versus University of Pennsylvania, at Cambridge (Holmes Field); American plan in both innings. Harvard, 55; U. of Pa., 134 (16 w.); lost by 79 runs and 4 wickets.

The following brief sketches of the principal players of the club will be read with interest:

R. D. Brown, '90, of first eleven Germantown C. C. He went to England last summer with the Gentlemen of Philadelphia. Last season he made 1,001 runs, a record for American cricket. Captain of the Harvard team in 1889 and 1890. Fast over-arm bowler; he is a most aggressive batsman, taking every chance of making runs, but by good cricket

A. C. Garrett, Gr., captain of Haverford College eleven in '87; Germantown C. C. He was one of the Germantown team when they made 418 against the Young America Club some years ago. On that day he made 30. He cuts well, using his wrists with great effect. Captain for 1891. Medium pace round-arm bowler, with some break for leg.

S. M. A. Skinner, L. S., from St. John, N. B.; a good bat and, when set, scores freely.

L. Sullivan, L. S.; hits hard, but is too anxious to score. A good fielder.

S. E. Carpenter, '92; a left-hand bat, hits well to leg and drives hard forward along the ground.

T. W. Balch, '90; plays very carefully and scores slowly; slow over-arm bowler, with off break

R. W. Frost, L. S.; hits well to leg; is the best fielder on the team; in fact, can play any place well except keeping wicket.

F. B. Crowninshield, '91; hits hard and fields well; has improved during the last two years; he did good work behind the stumps.

W. MacVeagh, Jr., '93, bats well when set, is likely to improve.

H. F. Hewes, '90; a slow right-hand bowler; a novice at the bat yet, but a fair fielder.

The victory the Harvard eleven are most proud of this season is that ob-

tained in their match with the eleven of Haverford College, the score of which is:

HARVARD.	
First Innings.	Second Innings.
A. C. Garrett, c. Baily,	
b. Firth, 26	Not out, 0
R. W. Frost, b. Baily, 0	c. Knife, b. McAllister, 3
J. A. Parker, b. Baily, 4	b. Muir, 0
F. B. Crowninshield,	
c. Thomas, b. Baily, 4	Did not bat, 0
R. D. Brown, c. Thomas,	
b. Firth, 2	b. Muir, 35
L. Sullivan, c. Baily,	
b. Firth, 5	b. Muir, 1
S. M. A. Skinner, c.	
West, b. Baily, 1	b. Muir, 7
T. W. Balch, b. Firth, 17	
W. MacVeagh, not	
out, 20	b. Firth, 2
H. F. Hewes, c. Burr,	
b. Firth, 12	Did not bat, 0
S. Chew, c. Auchincloss,	
b. Baily, 0	Did not bat, 0
Byes, 7; leg byes, 6;	
wide, 1; no ball, 1, 15	Byes, 10
Total, 106	Total, 58

HAVERFORD COLLEGE.	
First Innings.	Second Innings.
J. S. Auchincloss, b.	
Garrett, 0	b. Brown, 0
C. H. Burr, Jr., c. Parker,	
b. Garrett, 3	Not out, 16
M. L. West, b. Brown, 0	b. Brown, 2
T. W. Muir, Jr., l. b. w.,	
b. Brown, 9	b. Brown, 0
G. Thomas, c. Parker,	
b. Garrett, 5	Did not bat, 0
H. P. Baily, c. Hewes,	
b. Garrett, 7	c. MacVeagh, b. Garrett, 8
S. L. Firth, run out, . 5	b. Brown, 0
A. Knife, l. b. w., b.	
Garrett, 0	Did not bat, 0
F. McAllister, c. and	
b. Brown, 4	Did not bat, 0
Bringinghurst, c. Crown-	
inshield, b. Brown, 4	b. Brown, 0
A. W. Slocum, not	
out, 0	Did not bat, 0
Byes, 4; leg bye, 1, . 3	Byes, 2, 2
Total, 40	Total, 28

The bowling analysis in the first innings on each side showed that Garrett led for Harvard with five wickets for 18 runs, Brown getting four wickets for 19 runs. On the part of Haverford Baily took five wickets for 37 runs, and Firth five for 44. In the second innings Brown took five wickets for, 12 runs and Garrett one for 16, Muir taking five for 10 and McAllister four for 1 on the other side.

The game was played on the American plan and the scores of each of the five innings of the turns at the bat were:

	1	2	3	4	5	Total.
Harvard,	25	21	59	40	24	—164
Haverford,	13	16	13	25	13	—80