

# INTERSCHOLASTIC FOOTBALL REVIEW

SEASON OF 1900

IT requires considerable courage to attempt a review of the interscholastic season. To do it adequately is utterly out of the question, considering the countless school teams in the United States. In view of the impossibility of covering all the ground I have therefore selected to those teams which seem most prominent, most successful, and (my chiefest concern) those in which the standards of good sportsmanship have been most fully met. No doubt teams deserving cordial recognition have, by force of circumstances, been omitted from the discussion.

Generally speaking the teams seem to have been unusually light. True, Andover and Exeter outweighed the Princeton Varsity eleven, but they were exceptions. Perhaps seventy-five per cent. of the school teams discussed in the following paragraphs weighed less than the elevens which have preceded them in recent years. Some reached high points of excellence as for examples: Exeter, St. Marks, Hill School and Mercersburg. Others developed the usual quota star individual players, of whom might be named Hinkle of St. Marks, Hogan of Exeter, Collins of Andover, Oveson of Hotchkiss, Bowman of Hill, Delaney of Mercersburg, and Bolton of University School, Cleveland.

The systems of play in the schools have but reflected those of the larger college teams.

While the spirit of the game at most of these institutions has been wholesome and fair, there is still ground for criticism in some instances. There should be no scholarships or

other financial inducements to school football players; a proper average of proficiency in class-room work should be rigorously exacted; foul play, needless roughing, and all "muckerish" tendencies should be contemptuously shunned. There is one other point in regard to which the writer would like to see a change. It does not seem proper that instructors should be allowed to play upon school teams even though there be a previous understanding and agreement in relation thereto. The presence of college graduates on school teams under any circumstances is not wise, and does not serve to promote the purposes for which the game is permitted to be played in our schools. It also introduces many other complicating issues.

EXETER 11—ANDOVER 0.

THE outlook for a winning team at Exeter was at first not considered favorable, although five of last year's regulars and as many more substitutes were available, and much new material from other schools, but Mr. McCornack (Dartmouth '97) and Captain Hogan pursued the wise policy of building up a team for the sole purpose of defeating the ancient enemy, Andover, and the eleven came up slowly. On November 10th it played its great game, at Andover, and scoring a hard-earned touchdown in each half, won its eighth victory in twenty-one games, this series extending back to 1877. Andover has won ten games, and three have been ties. The two teams were almost, exactly matched in weight, but Exeter



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ANDOVER ACADEMY.

was much better coached and her physical trim was perfect. Andover's men were, to some extent, crippled, and the others were out of form. They knew too many trick plays and too little straightforward "all hands together" football. When Exeter bowled over their fancy football, Andover's doom was sealed. Brill's kicking averaged over fifty yards to the Andover-Exeter game, which is better than any college kicker has averaged this year, save Cure of Lafayette. Levine, Kinney, Matthews and Collins were conspicuous men at Andover last fall, although Collins's effectiveness suffered severely from injuries. Rockwell, Littig and Connor were, after Hogan and Brill, the most effective for Exeter.

Among other records of the season, Exeter tied the Harvard freshmen, 11-11, while Andover beat the same team 11-0, and tied the Yale freshmen 5-5.

punting, he kicked two beautiful place goals from the field and converted the only touch-down into a goal. Captain Hinkle's work was also superb. The team played well together, relying on straight formations aggressively executed. Although Groton could not meet St. Marks' quick, diversified attack, it is but fair to say that her game against the University School (of Cleveland) a week later, was a revelation to those who had judged her capacity by the St. marks game.

IN "GREATER BOSTON."

THERE were two scholastic football leagues, the Inter-preparatory, in which Hopkinson won the championship from the Cambridge Latin and other schools; and the Interscholastic Football Association, in which the Somerville High, Cambridge Manual Training and the Boston English High schools tied for



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CHESTER BOLTON,  
UNIVERSITY SCHOOL TEAM,  
CLEVELAND, O.

ST. MARKS 16—GROTON 0.

THE St. Marks team, individually and collectively, proved the best which has represented the school in years. It went through the season without a defeat, tying the Harvard freshmen and closing with the cleanest victory a St. marks team ever scored over its time-honored rival from Groton.

Groton was very streaky in its season's play. Some good work was done, for example, its victories over Worcester Academy (5-0) the University School of Cleveland (6-5) and several prominent Boston school teams, but against the Harvard freshmen (5-23) and, above all, against St. Marks its showing was poor.

The feature of the St. Marks-Groton game was the kicking of William Earl Dodge, 3d, of St. marks (who comes by his football proficiency honestly, for his father was famous as the Princeton captain of '77). Besides his

first honors, defeating the Dorchester High school teams. English High had won the championship in 1899, so virtually hold over the title.

The League series resulted as follows:

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| English High . . . . . 17    | Dorchester High . . . . . 0 |
| English High . . . . . 6     | Somerville High . . . . . 5 |
| English High . . . . . 12    | Cambridge Man. Train. . 17  |
| Somerville High . . . . . 46 | Dorchester High . . . . . 0 |
| Somerville High . . . . . 11 | Cambridge Man. Train. . 0   |
| Cambridge Man. Train. . 63   | Dorchester High . . . . . 0 |

In this series English High did its best work, its play against several other important teams having been much less satisfactory. It lost to Groton (0-17); Salem (0-11) and Boston Latin School on Thanksgiving Day, 6-12. Captain Connelly, tackle, and Bogardus, end, did excellent work.

Somerville turned out a well-drilled eleven containing excellent material and indeed three men of great promise, viz.; Captain Jones, half, and Graham and Whitaker, tackles.



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HILL SCHOOL.



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LAWRENCEVILLE.



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BLAIR ACADEMY.

Among their victories were the following: Cambridge Latin, 40-0; Melrose, 45-0; Medford, 6-0; Haverhill, 29-0.

Cambridge Manual Training teams are, as a rule, well instructed and thoroughly coached, and the 1900 eleven overcame very poor prospects for that reason. It was light and young. The best men were Holden, end; Carrick, center; Gallagher and Bullock, halves. The team played its strongest game against English High, 17-12, held Harvard 1904 to 0-5, beat Malden 28-0, Cambridge High 16-0, Cambridge Latin 18-0, and Boston High 16-12.

#### HOTCHKISS.

Although there were three or four excellent individual players (Captain Oveson and Gilbert, tackles; Dutcher, guard, and Stillman, half-back) the distinguishing characteristic of Hotchkiss's play last fall was team work. Half a dozen simple plays learned thoroughly, played quickly and hard, and varied wisely through the heady discrimination of Johnson, quarter-back, this is the story of a powerful offence; and eleven men all regularly following the ball and massing instantly at the point of attack, explains why no team, except Yale 1904, was able to reach the Hotchkiss goal.

Eight games were played, seven of which were won, the total points scored being 114-6. The closing game with Taft school was won by 22-0.

#### OTHER CONNECTICUT SCHOOLS.

**W**ATERBURY High won, for the second season, the championship of the Connecti-

cut Interscholastic Association, defeating the high schools of Bristol, 11-0; Hillhouse, 23-0; Naugatuck, 11-0; and Meriden, 29-6. Its strong point lay in the unusual weight of its men, reinforced by snap and concerted action.

Hillhouse High, with a light eleven, turned out a fairly strong game, defeating Hopkins Grammar 15-0, and tying Bridgeport high, 0-0; and Naugatuck High 0-0. Its other games were, however, lost, among them Waterbury, 0-23; Hartford, 0-22; Meriden 0-11.

Meriden High, Hopkins Grammar, Taft, Pomfret and Betts all had extremely light teams this fall, but played plucky football under discouraging circumstances, all of the teams averaging less than 140 pounds. Taft beat Bridgeport 11-0; Pomfret beat Willimantie 17-0, and a Harvard scrub team 5-0; Betts beat Mr. Pleasant 17-0 and ST. Johns (Fordham, N. Y.) 38-0; Meriden beat Hartford 16-5, New Britain 26-0 and 6-5, and Hillhouse 12-0.

Hartford High School won the Trinity College Interscholastic trophies, with a strong eleven, which scored 124 points to its opponents' 28. It beat Springfield twice and St. Marys school 29-0.

#### IN NEW YORK.

**C**OLUMBIA Grammar had a clear lead over the other New York city schools in the Interscholastic League contest, winning the championship from Cutler (18-0) in the final game. The team contained a pair of heavy guards in Flammer (196 lbs.), and W. Strange

(214 lbs.), a splendid drop-kicking full back in Captain Herché (170 lbs.), and a strong line breaker in R. Strange. It lost but two games, to Brooklyn High 0-23, and Trinity School 2-21, the latter game having been played too soon after the final contest with Cutler.

Cutler's team was another of the many light ones. It beat Berkeley 25-0 and Dwight 10-0, but lost to Morrystown 6-1, beside the two games won by Columbia Grammar. Dabney, guard, was the best man on the team and Cutler at center, had no superior in the League. Olney, end; Beals and Cornell, tackles, and Rutter, full-back, also did excellent work.

Dwight's mainstay was Captain Burchard, her full-back, and an excellent player he is. Mackenzie, her crack runner, also showed clever work at half.

Berkeley's team was far below her standard in weight and general efficiency, only three men having played before this year. But three games were played, all of them lost. Lewisohn, center; Maybury, quarter, and Roome, full-back, did the best work.

De La Salle had a strong team, the two Thorpe brothers being particularly good players, but for playing an ineligible man, the team was dropped from the League.

#### ON LONG ISLAND.

THERE were several good interscholastic teams in and around the Borough of Brooklyn, notably Pratt Institute, St. Pauls of Garden City, Brooklyn High and the Brooklyn Latin school.

Pratt won the championship by a wide margin, defeating Brooklyn Latin 6-0, St. Pauls 24-5, Brooklyn High 17-10, and Polytechnic 72-0, the largest score ever made in a local league game. Its only defeat came from Newark High, 5-6. The strongest players were

Merwin, tackle; Preston, half; White, quarter; Prescott, full-back, and Childs, center.

St. Pauls beat Brooklyn High 16-6 and the strong Trinity team of New York, 11-0. Its defeats came from the Yale freshmen 0-22, the Princeton freshmen 0-39, Erasmus Hall 0-17, and Pratt 6-24. Most of the men made team this year for the first time and their excellent showing is all the more to their credit. Reid and Parsons, halves, particularly the former, proved the best ground gainers, and the other players of note were Captain Smith, guard; Waud, end, and Morgan, full-back.

The best men at the Brooklyn High school were Von Dannenburg, guard; Captain Bamber, tackle, and Wellstood, quarter. These were also the best individual players in the Long Island league.

#### IN CENTRAL NEW YORK.

ST. JOHNS (Manlius, New York) is noted for its strong, well coached elevens. That of 1900 was one of this sort. It played ten games, losing but two, one to the Princeton freshmen, 6-5; the other to Colgate Academy, 24-0; it defeated the school teams of Cazenovia, Cortland, Colgate (first game), Geneva and Syracuse, and also beat the Syracuse University freshmen 6-5. The best men are Captain Rogers, tackle; Lanterborn, center; Freeman, quarter-back, and Conrad, guard.

#### LAWRENCEVILLE.

LAWRENCEVILLE'S team was but a shadow of the elevens which have made the school famous in the past. The fault, however, was none of the captain's, nor yet of the coach. One big man after another was either hurt, or necessarily absent from the game, until chiefly light and inexperienced men were to be found on the team. The exceptions were Kafer, half, and Weatherhead, quarter, who are very



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strong individual players. Davidson and Ritter also did acceptable work as a rule. The season's scores were: against Peddie Institute, 23-0; Mercersburg, 6-22; Princeton, 1904, 5-18 and 0-12; Riverhead Academy 17-0; Pennington, 58-0; Hill School, 0-24.

Blair Academy (Blairstown, N. J.) never had so good a team as the eleven of 1900. Its dash and spirit were exceptional, the men evenly balanced and well-drilled, thus atoning for lack of weight. They won all their games, as follows: against Stroudsburg, 17-5 and 12-6; Newton High, 45-0; Blair Hall, of Princeton, 11-0; New Jersey State School, 27-6; and as a crowning triumph, they defeated Lafayette 1904, by 6-0. Captain Kinter, guard, was the best man. He was an aggressive, sandy, well-furnished player and excellent leader. Splendid work was also done by Umberger and the Hartzell brothers at half; Jessup, center, and Ferris, end.

Morristown School is new and her teams lack the traditions which stimulate the athletics of so many of the schools, but she is building wisely, emphasizing thoroughness, determination, intelligent co-operation, and above all, clean sport. It is a pleasure to chronicle the success of a team whose principles are to win only by fair means, and to remember, first, last and all the time that its members are gentlemen, who concede to their opponents adherence to the same standards of honor and sportsmanship which they themselves try to maintain. Of the nine games played with prominent New York and New Jersey schools only one (Trinity, New York) was lost.

Newark Academy's team certainly had one characteristic that should be common to all teams, and that was sand; and while this quality did not win many games besides the one over the Stevens Preparatory (12-6) it kept the opponents' scores down. Morristown (0-6), Newark High (5-6) and Mount Pleasant (0-6) each scored but once and the two games with East Orange High resulted in scores of 0-0 and 2-10. The most decisive defeats were those received from the strong teams of Montclair High (0-17) and Princeton Preparatory (0-16) both of which outweighed the Newark Academy men.

East Orange High, Montclair High, Newark High, Princeton Preparatory all turned out average elevens. The kicking of Geiger was a strong feature of East Orange High School's play, while for Montclair High, Captain Bradford and Reynolds, halves, and Cairns, full-back, did the best work.

#### PHILADELPHIA NOT SLOW IN SPORT.

NO better refutation of that over-worked slur could be found than in the study of its enterprise and excellence in sport, in which regard it far excels any city in this country, particularly in this line of activity in its many excellent schools. Of the several interscholastic organizations, the Inter-Academic is the most prominent, the results in which in football were:

Penn Charter won 4, tied 1.  
 Germantown won 4, tied 1.  
 Haverford Grammar won 3, lost 2.  
 De Lancey won 2, lost 3.  
 Cheltenham won 1, lost 5.  
 Episcopal won 0, lost 4.

The principal games were Penn Charter-Haverford, 48-0; Germantown-Delancey, 11-0; Haverford-Delancey, 29-2; Germantown-Penn Charter, 11-11; Germantown-Haverford, 28-0; Penn Charter-Delancey, 40-0.

Penn Charter seemed to have the best eleven and perhaps ought to have won the championship. It had the necessary weight and was splendidly drilled in a few powerful plays. Its chief handicap lay in its severe schedule, which made it hard to keep the men in condition. Among its best players were the tackles, Captain Jones and Donaldson; Richards, guard; Roper, half, and Vetterlien, full-back.

Germantown, with traditional pluck, overcame a most discouraging outlook and developed a strong eleven. Its best men were Glassey and Mason, tackles; Evans, quarter; Captain Lea, half, and Sheble, full-back.

Haverford's strength lay in its back field, which was good, Sayen doing particularly well. The line was of average strength, the team, as a whole, being fair.

De Lancey seemed to lack proper spirit last season for some reason or other, and did not respond at all to the efforts of its capable director. Its prospects at the outset were good, its coach one of the best in this country, and there is little excuse for the outcome of its games. Captain Rulon-Miller, full-back, deserves all praise for his perseverance, as well as for the excellence of his personal play. Other good men were Warwick, the best scholastic end in Philadelphia; Rhodes, tackle; S. Brock, guard, and Brooke, center.

For Episcopal Academy, Large's play at half was the redeeming feature.

The Swarthmore Preparatory School team was one of the best school elevens in or near Philadelphia. The team was very light, yet won all its games save that with Penn Charter, which it lost by 6-11. Of the team, Terrell,

Coxe, Crowell, and Smith did the strongest work, but all the men deserve much praise, for without co-operation, so light an eleven could never have made the best record ever credited a Swarthmore Preparatory team.

There were also good teams at Central High (the latter losing to Penn Charter by 6-18 in a hard, well-fought game), Central Manual Training, and Drexel Institute.

#### OTHER PENNSYLVANIA TEAMS.

THERE were some of exceptional ability, notably Hill School and Mercersburg. Hill was fortunate in merging the star world of Bowman, Long, Shevlin, Spencer, *et al*, into a quality of team play rarely seen on a school eleven. The average weight was 153 pounds, the men well balanced, of unusual experience and individual capacity, enjoying a thorough knowledge of first principles, and it is no wonder they went through the season without being scored on. The summary: against Central High (Philadelphia), 35-0; Pennington, 41-0; Princeton Preparatory, 28-0; Germantown "Spiders," 6-0; Penn Charter, 18-0; Princeton 1904, 11-0; Royersford, 24-0; Lawrenceville, 24-0; total, 187-0.

Bowman is out of the best players ever seen on a school team. Fierce in attack, a skilled dodger, speedy runner, good punter, he is everywhere and in every play. Long is also an ideal scholastic back, being a fast sprinter and quick dodger. Shevlin is a coming player as are Spencer, Humbird and several others.

Mercersburg also turned out the best team in its history. It beat the Princeton freshmen (which had defeated Yale 1904, 17-6) by 34-0, and the second teams of Dickinson College, Franklin and Marshall and the Carlisle Indians by 36-0, 41-0 and 12-0 respectively. It also beat Lawrenceville 22-5. Of the eleven Glass, Delancy, O'Neill and Weir were most prominent, although all the men did efficient work.

Shady Side Academy, Pittsburg, has played excellent football this season, scoring notable victories over Kiskeminitas, Pittsburg High and others, but it has even more cause for self-congratulation in the clean, high-minded sportsmanship maintained in the midst of the worst atmosphere of professionalism in the United States. Ahl and Bauersmith in the back field were the strongest individual players.

#### SOME WESTERN TEAMS.

IT was a pleasure to see the University School (of Cleveland, O.) eleven in the East last autumn. They played an excellent game

against Groton (5-6) and were to have played Hotchkiss and shady Side but the arrangements fell through. The star of the team was Bolton. His kicking, in all developments, was admirable. Carter was a fierce runner, a deadly tackler and an excellent interferer. Raymond and Hardee were also powerful aids in bringing about so successful an outcome of the season's work.

Chicago and vicinity had several good teams, notably the Morgan Park High, Princeton-Yale School, University School, Northwestern Military and Lake Forest Academy elevens.

University School won all its games save one.

Northwestern won its games, scoring 157 points to 11 and closing the best season the Academy ever had. Lake Forest was also quite as successful, defeating all of its eight opponents by 219 to 5.



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Smith Academy, of St. Louis, was represented by an unusually light eleven last autumn hardly up to its former standards.

The Duluth Central High School team seems to have a good claim to leadership in its section, having beaten Ashland (17-0), St. Cloud High and other teams of the Northwestern district. It was not scored upon during the season.

#### THE PACIFIC COAST.

THERE are twenty-three schools in the Academic League of California, three of which were unusually strong, viz.: the Lowell High and Lick Schools of San Francisco and the Berkeley High School. The Lowell High was the winner of the final game.

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