

## UNIVERSITY FOOTBALL

AT this writing (November 11th) the season has advanced to its final stage, and two of the most important games of the season have been fought and won, viz.—Harvard-Pennsylvania and Princeton-Cornell. The principle of heavy weight onslaughts from back of the line seems now to have extended to all the teams and the guards-back and tackle-back formations are commonly employed, perhaps less at Princeton than elsewhere.

HARVARD'S development was seriously marred in October by injuries, but after the 26th the team came fast. Against West Point the line was made up chiefly of green men and there was no semblance of combination play. The only score came thirty seconds prior to the end of the game, when Kernan went inside West Point's left end and was missed by Daly in a disgracefully poor tackle. Against the Carlisle Indians and the unusually weak Brown team Harvard had no difficulty in running up high scores, due chiefly to brilliant end runs and individual work. With the rapid development of the new tackles, Cutts and Blagden (the former of whom, however, is a veteran with previous college experience) and the return of the other five line men to 'Varsity form, Harvard's most serious menace was removed. The team is fast and strong, and its most serious disadvantage thus far has been the absence of strenuous opposition. Marshall, '04, has fairly outdone his rivals for quarter-back, and Ristine and Kernan, or Putnam, make a brace of backs rather better than those of former years. With Greydon, a heavy full-back of the new type, they constitute a quartette not surpassed in any of the colleges. Graydon keeps his feet grandly, sweeps his tacklers before him for yards and in the Pennsylvania game showed form equal to that of Perry Hale or McCracken in 1900. The team are good fighters, with every man helping, hence their attack is more formidable than last year's. In the Pennsylvania game their rushing brought 268 yards gain in the first half and 123 in the second; while they secured their first down 23 times in the first half and 17 in the second.

PENNSYLVANIA gained in rushing but 39 yards in the first half and 28 in the second, and secured her first down but three times throughout the game. Her line averaged fifteen pounds per man lighter than Harvard,

and her team was not nearly so well trained. The men were poor in tackling, and in blocking, especially in protecting the runner back of punts, and in the Columbia game some of them went into the line backward and almost erect. The team has given preference this year to more open play, as her heaviest four men, though equal to McCracken's weight and only a little lighter than Hare, are decidedly below them in ability. Harvard, on the other hand, has taken up the guards-back play and is executing it with as deadly effect as ever did Pennsylvania. There is this difference, however; with Harvard the guards-back principle is only one of several means to the same end, and the team is also well grounded in the rudiments and has a definite, carefully considered plan of defense, while the Pennsylvania teams, as such, have been notoriously deficient in these very particulars.

PRINCETON'S coaches had a difficult task at the opening of the season, but they have builded wisely and well. Of the men left over from last year, the majority needed coaching in the rudiments of football quite as much as did the new men, and to this work the coaches devoted almost all of the month of October. The result is the development of an unusually well-informed squad, however the season may eventuate. When the eleven faced the exceptionally strong Lafayette team on the 26th, it was to learn its first lessons in withstanding fierce attack and verily its instruction came hard and fast. Lafayette's best play was a guards-back formation, differing little from the Yale tackle-back play, but with an admirably executed delayed-pass attachment, in which the last man carried the ball and shot over the scrimmage.

The tendency to keep coming has marked the work of the Princeton team throughout the fall and was as pronounced against Cornell as against Lafayette. Princeton was heavier but Cornell faster, and for twenty minutes of the first half, Princeton was decidedly outplayed. After that, however, the eleven found itself, and quite reversed the situation, except as to punting, in which Cornell excelled. In the second half Princeton rushed the ball 200 yards to Cornell's 65.

YALE'S annual slump came the last week of October, after a preliminary season which was the best of all the teams. Her play up to that

time had been unusually effective. The chief difference between the present team and its great predecessor of 1900 is in the matter of substitutes. Last year, Yale had a second team but little behind the first, but this season there has been a dearth of good second string men. Herein lies Yale's chief danger. She has a very powerful eleven, good enough, provided they escape injury, to pull her through; but the disability of Gould, Glass, Chadwick or Olcott would be a serious obstacle to success.

Columbia gave Yale its third annual upheaval on October 26th, but Yale had the staying quality and came to the front toward the end. Mr. Sanford knows how to meet his old college's game, hence there is always trouble ahead for the blue. Columbia's powerful backs thumped through the Yale line again and again, and her heavy forwards frequently staved off the Yale plunges, while Morley, clever as ever, kicked a pretty field goal. As in 1900, the closeness of the game was due in part to Columbia's strength, but as much, if not more, to Yale's temporary slump. It furnished no particular cause for alarm, but the unevenness of the play against West Point was a rather more serious matter. Yale played her full 'Varsity team, but the fumbling was constant and disastrous and the kicking was much below the standard. West Point, too, played four substitutes, whereas against Harvard and Princeton she put in her full strength. Yale's defense was better than Princeton's proved a week later, but the attack was no stronger.

Yale no doubt will improve wonderfully upon her work against Columbia and West Point but that improvement has been rather dangerously postponed. It is unusual for a Yale eleven to be unsettled and not working together two weeks before a championship game.

COLUMBIA'S career has been as checkered as usual this year, carrying her adherents from the heights of Paradise to the Great Dismal Swamp and return. Her defeat by the University of Buffalo was nothing, because only three 'Varsity men played and the men had not had so much as one clay's line-up before the game. Against Harvard, six of the permanent 'Varsity team played and they too were sadly lacking in form, despite the three weeks training prior to the opening of college. Yale, however, felt Columbia's full strength. Weekes has improved substantially

over last year's form and is less dependent upon his associates. His defensive work is much better and he runs back punts more cleverly. The forwards, from tackle to tackle are the heaviest on any eastern field excepting, perhaps, Lafayette. They are also seasoned players in age and previous football experience. Against Pennsylvania and Syracuse, Columbia played without her two tackles, but one of the substitutes, Irvine, the oarsman, was able and efficient. With the aid of her splendid back-field, Columbia gained, in the Pennsylvania game, 224 yards net in the first half and 81 in the second, securing first down 19 times in the first period and 11 in the second. Pennsylvania obtained her first down once in the first half and six times in the second, her rushes netting her six yards and 69 yards in the two periods. In the second half she braced remarkably and opened up Columbia in something like 'Varsity form, but these were only flashes of power and were not sustained.

CORNELL has a fast well-balanced eleven, admirably trained by a home coaching system and seems fully entitled to enter the charmed circle hitherto monopolized by Harvard, Yale, Princeton and Pennsylvania. Her athletics are on a sound basis and her performances in all branches of sport much more consistent than those of any other applicant lately, knocking at the door.

SYRACUSE'S team is lighter even than Pennsylvania's but has had an unusual record this year. It has beaten Brown 20-0, held Lafayette 0-5 and defeated Columbia fairly and squarely 11-5. Columbia played ten of the eleven men who beat Pennsylvania a week earlier, but Syracuse's well-executed manoeuvres, her extensive repertoire of plays, and the amazing speed of all her men in every play kept Columbia struggling for life throughout the game.

Comment upon the other teams must be deferred until the general review in January.

## SUMMARY LEADING SCORES OCT. 14 TO NOV. 16.

YALE.	HARVARD.
45 Bowdoin, 0	16 Wesleyan, 0
22 Penn State, 0	6 West Point, 0
10 Columbia, 5	29 Indians, 0
5 West point, 5	48 Brown, 0
10 Princeton, 0	33 Pennsylvania, 6
	27 Dartmouth, 12
PRINCETON.	WEST POINT.
35 Brown, 0	0 Harvard, 6
6 Lafayette, 0	15 Williams, 0
8 Cornell, 6	5 Yale, 5
6 West Point, 6	6 Princeton, 6
0 Yale, 10	

COLUMBIA.		CORNELL.	
5 Yale, 10		17 Indians, 0	
29 Haverford, 6		29 Oberlin, 0	
11 Pennsylvania, 0		6 Princeton, 8	
5 Syracuse, 11		24 Columbia, 0	
0 Cornell, 24			
PENNSYLVANIA.		ANNAPOLIS.	
20 Virginia, 5		18 Lehigh, 0	
6 Bucknell, 0		6 Pennsylvania, 5	
5 Annapolis, 6		6 Penn State, 11	
11 Chicago, 0		16 Indians, 5	
6 Harvard, 33		17 Wash. & Jef., 11	
16 Indians, 14			
Amherst, 0, Union, 0;	Dartmouth, 6, Williams, 2;		
Amherst, 0, Trinity, 0;	Lafayette, 26, Lehigh, 0;		

Williams, 33, Hamilton, 0; Dartmouth, 29, Wesleyan, 12; Syracuse, 11, Columbia, 5; Williams, 11, Wesleyan, 5; Lafayette, 11, Brown, 6; Michigan, 29, Northwestern, 0; Michigan, Indians, ; Wisconsin, 23, Knox 5; Wisconsin, 50, Kansas, 0; Illinois, 24, Chicago, 0; Northwestern, 17, Illinois, 11; Iowa, 23, Knox, 6; Illinois, 27, Iowa, 0; Minnesota, 16, Iowa, 0; Northwestern, 6, Chicago, 5; Nebraska, 51, Missouri, 0; California, 2, Stanford, 0; Minnesota, 10, North Dakota, 0; Williams, 21, Amherst, 5; Wesleyan, 11, Trinity, 0; Brown, 24, Union, 5; Georgetown, 17, Virginia, 16; Iowa, 17, Grinnell, 11; Wisconsin, 18, Minnesota 0; Vanderbilt 0, Sewanee 0; Tennessee, 12, Georgetown 0; Michigan, 22; Chicano 0; Penn State, 40, Lehigh, 0; Notre Dame, 18, Indiana, 15; Northwestern 11, Beloit, 11; North Carolina, 30, A. & M., 0; Alabama, 45, A. & M. (Miss), 0.

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## THE GAME FIELD

AT the time of this writing, with the end of the open season for upland game of the North close at hand, the majority of sportsmen have cause to feel content. Taken as a whole the sport of this year has been unusually good. There were, as there must ever be, localities which proved disappointing, but those partial failures were mainly duo to purely local causes. I cannot recall a year which has shown more united or more intelligent effort on the part of sportsmen to uphold the law, and the good effects of such effort assuredly will become apparent later on. Where has been the greatest activity in behalf of clean sport, there the best of sport has been enjoyed. Nor is this the result of accident, but the natural and sure reward of intelligent and vigorous effort guided by sound common sense. I have many correspondents in the Northeast, Middle West, and West, and it is a true and fair statement that fully two-thirds of these are well satisfied with present conditions and hopeful for the future. There is, however, at least one discordant note and, strange to say, it comes from the glorious State of California. Just why this should be I fail to understand, but clearly there is trouble afoot a few days tramp within the Golden Gate. We of the East have long cherished the idea that there was a manly breadth and thoroughness picturesquely woven through the fabric of Californian sportsmanship which surely would bring that richly endowed State to the front as a shining example of what the best of American sport should be. It seems, however, that distance has, as usual, lent enchantment, for California appears to have

troubles of her own. 'Tis true, 'tis pity, and pity 'tis, for that State has no excuse for not profiting by the somewhat bitter experiences of her elder sisters. It is far from my desire to question the sportsmanship of the host of stalwarts who have helped to make California what she is, yet it does seem too bad that she, with all her magnificent opportunities, with a quantity and variety of game sufficient to make any state famous, should fail to appreciate its great value and the absolute necessity for wise and rigidly enforced protective measures.

Ah! this game question—the everlasting misunderstanding of it by the many and the valiant struggling for the right by the devoted few. More often than our readers dream, do we toiling scribes feel like throwing down the pen and damning our Herculean task enthusiastically and thoroughly. Then arises the recollection of the glorious days afield, of the priceless privileges of our past, and we buckle to our task again determined to save some of the fun we knew for the Yankee sportsmen to be, who are now but sturdy toddlers. We know—aye! and well we know, what the vigorous sportsmanship of our fathers has done for the good of the race. Looking backward we can clearly see how we benefited by the hardwon trail; by the plain, wholesome fare; by the purity of the outdoor life; how was won that confident self-reliance and resourcefulness, the invaluable characteristic of the young American of to-day; and with these facts in mind, is it strange that we should watch the welfare of our game with jealous eye?