

GOOD FOOTBALL PLAYERS.

They May Be Short or Tall, Light, Medium or Heavy.

"What makes a good football player?" inquired a man recently. "Must he be a scrapper and a wrestler and take fearful wounds as calmly as he would drink a glass of water?" "There are special qualifications," said the man who had been through the mill, "for football players. It is just as hard for a man to play a different game or a different position as it is for a baseball player to be shifted about the diamond. As in baseball, there is room for all kinds and sizes of men. The little fellow need not despair when he sees the burly fighters on the rush line. He can use his activity and even take advantage of his small size by playing quarter. Quarter backs seldom average over 140 pounds in weight and are supposed to be as active as hornets. A big quarter back is, as a rule, not near enough to the ground to stoop and take the low snaps sent him by the center, and the little fellow has ever reigned supreme in that department. If a man is of medium size, let him practice for a half or full back. A man of middle stature, weighing say, 185 pounds, is a hard thing to stop when he comes butting at you and equally hard to catch when he is sprinting around the end. A tall fellow may be able to run well and buck finely, but his long legs and attenuated body afford an extensive field for grabs by the tacklers, and he will seldom get over the ground covered by the middle sized fellow, while on the other hand, a very small man, unless he eludes tackling by agile dodging, is simply seized, held prisoner and often rubbed back by the first one of the opposition to grab him. If you are tall and bony, get into the rush line as a guard or tackle. A tall, wiry fellow can do wonders in the line, for the pushing, shoving strength of a long man is usually something enormous. If you are a tall, 200 pounder, yet strong and active for so big a man, you belong at center. An immovable center rush can have lots of fun just toasting the other fellows off through his sheer bulk. If you are a mixture, and don't belong to any of these classes, get on an end. There are good ends of every size, for the great requisite of an end is his ability to stake out diagonally and induce an escaping runner to lie still.

"A football player need not be a fighter. He should have sufficient strength and stamina to take a punch or two without weakening, but if he can keep from scrapping and pay all his attention to the game he will outrank the quarrelsome player."—New York Sun.

ATHLETIC NOTES.

Cornell oarsmen are not discouraged in the least over the coming of Coach Lehman to Harvard.

Six members of the Chicago Athletic association's crack football eleven have been expelled for insubordination and supposed professionalism.

At a recent practice game of the University of Pennsylvania basketball candidates De Lofra, three eight goals from the field and one from a foul.

An interesting discussion is proceeding in English rowing circles as to whether restrictions should be put upon the entry of foreign crews at Henley.

Charles Courtney, the Cornell coach, has 55 men in training for positions on the crew for the annual intercollegiate regatta on the Hudson river next year.

Many members of the New York Athletic club are great admirers of golf, and they are thinking about organizing a golf club and making links at the summer home at Travers Island.

Mercur's Notebook.

Pitcher Mercur of the Washington baseball team has taken notes of the batting qualities of the crack players of the League. This interesting tab of Mercur's tells the peculiarities of the batsmen and the names of the heavy hitters, such as Delehanty, Burkett, Jennings and Keeler. Opposite the name of the Phillies' slugging left fielder is this significant note: "Can hit anything. Mix 'em up on him and take a chance." Jimmy Burkett follows Delehanty, and these remarks are tabbed at the right of James' name: "Hits high and low ones. Ain't struck on speed. A slow curve sometimes fools him." Here are a few selections from Winnie's roster of batsmen: Anson—"He'll kill a high ball; get 'em around his knees and over; don't waste any time in passing them up to Anson; slow in meeting a hurried delivery. Jennings—"Has no preference; likes speed; mix 'em up on him. Lange—"Death to a low, speedy ball; keep it around his neck; can't hit a high slow curve, but can cop speed; a good waltzer. Brothers—"Likes 'em wide high and likes speed. Everett—"Can hit 'em at any altitude, but prefers low ones with speed in 'em. Stessel—"Mix 'em on him and he'll get twisted. Doyle—"Will hit anything, and a good waltzer. Harsh—"Familiar; likes 'em low and over; the outside corner; keep a slow curve opposite his neck. Barnab—"Very yielding on a high curve; if used in mixing 'em up; a good waltzer. A careful inspection of Mercur's "dope" will admit of but one inference, which is that Delehanty is the best natural batsman in the League.—Chicago Evening Post.

The Line Up of the Browns.

The line up of the Brown university football team, which is to play the Cornell Indians in a match game of football on Manhattan field, New York, on Thanksgiving day, will be as follows: Left end, Murphy; left tackle, Casey; left guard, Winters; center, Dyer; right guard, Collins; right tackle, Lester; right end, O'Connell; quarter back, Deane; right half back, Gammans; left half back, Fuller; full back, Hall. Colby is the captain and is one of the eleven players. Brown has had in a long time. The Providence team have been meeting up a fine game and undergoing special practice for the occasion.

Clayton Goes to England.

The well known colored jockey, Clayton, has been negotiating with John McCaffery, who is anxious to have him accompany his horses when they are shipped to England. The arrangement is virtually made, and it is being said that the Englishman will have the chance next year to see another colored jockey than Willie Sims ride on stable courses.

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FEATS OF STRENGTH.

Remarkable Performances of a Young Western Hercules.

During the past two or three years there have cropped up in various parts of the country a number of prodigies of strength who have accomplished surprising things by mere force of muscle. Among these none has excelled the remarkable feats performed by young Harry Waller, the California wonder. He is a smooth faced lad of 18 or thereabout, and his great muscular force is not immediately discernible, but his slender frame is girt about with bunches of muscle that spring into knotty prominence with every simple movement of the limbs, and topping it all is a pair of broad, stalwart shoulders from which depend arms which even Sandow would be proud of.

Three months ago Waller was as ignorant of his own muscular prowess as the world at large. Then some one "discovered" him and put him to the test. When "discovered," he was seated on a barrel in the freight yards at Los Angeles complacently bending long half inch wrought iron nails into the form of staples. Though filled with amazement at the feat, his "discoverer," with pretended seriousness, called him to task for wantonly wasting such fine nails, when, to the great surprise of the few who beheld him, young Waller quite as nonchalantly straightened them out again.

He has now added to his mail bending feats those of lifting huge dumbbells, breaking chains with his teeth, holding 50 pound weights at arm's length upon his little fingers and holding 1,600 pounds, the collective weight of all his weights and dumbbells, with several men inclusive, upon his chest. The famous trick of tearing a pack of cards in two with his hands is as naught to this young lad. He can quite readily and without apparently exerting himself to any degree tear apart two decks at once. The muscular development of his chest, arms and shoulders is truly surprising in one so young.—San Francisco Examiner.

BASKET BALL RULES.

Some New Ones Which Have Greatly Improved the Game.

The new rules for basket ball, adopted not long since by the Athletic league, do not seem to be fully understood by all the devotees of the game, hence a bit of recapitulation is in order. The salient feature of the new rules is the scoring, which gave so much trouble last season. A goal thrown from the field now counts five points. A goal from a free throw scored by a foul on the part of a player counts three. A goal from a free throw scored by a foul with the ball counts one. Thus the present system is a partial return to the scoring of two seasons ago, when a field goal yielded three and a goal from foul one. At the league meeting the western delegates argued for the abolishment of free throws altogether, with an absolute and fixed penalty provided for fouls. The eastern men stood out for free throws, so the compromise was effected. The objection to free throws was that they placed too great a premium upon the skill of one man in throwing baskets. The changes are generally approved by the local teams, as there was considerable dissatisfaction. Another rule provides that teams shall not consist of more than five men and limits the floor area to 3,500 square feet, thereby insuring uniformity in that respect. The penalties for rough play are also made more stringent and are more clearly defined. As heretofore the umpire calls the fouls for such offenses, but the referee decides upon the punishment. The offending player may be ruled off at the option of the referee in the first instance if the case appears to warrant it, but he is absolutely debarred at the second offense.—Exchange.

A Coaching Difficulty.

"Perhaps one of the most difficult things to accomplish in coaching a football team," says G. W. Woodruff in the Philadelphia Press, "is to get the captain to try for goals from the field on first downs inside the 25 yard line. He feels so sure when once he has carried the ball so near the line that his team can carry it across for a touchdown that he dislikes exceedingly to risk kicking the ball and thus putting it into the possession of the other side. When in the heat of the game he seems utterly unable to realize that the surrender is not for more than half a minute of actual playing time, because the ball cannot be kicked out from behind the 10 yard line much farther than to the 85 or 40 yard line, and there is every probability that the man who catches it after the kick will be able to run it back inside the 25 yard line with the assistance of heavy interference from the other players of his own side, or if the ball is not kicked out farther than the 80 yard line a fair catch can almost surely be made, and the chances of kicking a goal from the field after such a catch are very great."

A Prosperous Baseball Season.

The Yale University Baseball association has issued its report for the season of 1895-6. Twenty-eight games were played in all, of which 11 were contested at New Haven. The gross receipts amounted to \$13,701.06, and the two games with Princeton added nearly \$6,000 to the treasury. The expenses reached a total of \$10,438.88, including the cost of a training table amounting to \$1,881.65. The net gain for the season was \$3,262.18.—Exchange.

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POLO PONIES.

Good and Cheap Material to be Found in the Indian Territory.

In England there is always a very good and active demand for polo ponies at prices that seem enormous when compared with those that are general in the United States. In England polo ponies are bred specifically for the purpose of being used in the game and are for the most part thoroughbred. In fact, all polo ponies must carry the blood of the race horse in greater or less degree in order that they may possess the requisite speed and dash, courage and endurance, intelligence and quality of bone. This manner of production entails a large expenditure of money, and as the training of a polo pony is a long, tedious and expensive process a large price must necessarily be obtained if a profit is to accrue from the transaction. In the United States the raw material may be obtained much more cheaply than in England—that is to say, ponies of suitable size, breeding and age may be bought thoroughly broken to ride for very much less than ponies of similar powers and training may be had in England. In the Indian Territory thoroughbred stallions have been used on the ranges for several years, so that many of the ponies there carry two and even three crosses of blood. These ponies are broken in the manner peculiar to the plains of America and in using their own kind or cattle acquire very quickly the knack of wheeling shortly around at full speed and of stopping to a dead standstill in a very few strides. These two accomplishments, so vital to the excellence of the polo pony, have not to be learned when the process of training has been begun, and moreover the purchaser takes no risk of getting animals whose legs will not stand the strain. For from \$40 to \$75 a very fine selection of well bred ponies may be bought in the Indian Territory, which is remarkably cheap considering that much of their education for use on the field has already been finished.—Horseman.

TIMELY TURF TIPS.

The half mile track pacing record is 2:08 1/4.

A. H. Moore paid \$12,000 for Red Wilkes.

Byard Wilkes, 2:11 3/4, is slowly improving.

Franklin won nearly \$5,000 for Volney French.

Del Norte, 2:08, has won 22 races out of 60 starts.

It is alleged that Cleveland is to have a running track.

Princeton, 2:22, by Elk Nutwood, has been shipped to Europe.

Derby Princess, 2:11 1/4, will be wintered at the Cleveland track.

Indications point to winter racing in the neighborhood of Washington.

Clond Point is the name of the 3-year-old brother to Star Trotter, 2:02 3/4.

It is reported that Royal Victor, 2:08 3/4, recently changed hands for \$6,000.

All of the late A. B. Darling's trotting stock will go under the hammer Dec. 1, 2 and 3.

Patsy D, by Masker, a son of Brown Hal, paced a half in her race at Waverly, Tenn., in 1:38.

Engle Cochran, Jr.'s, King Albert, 2:16 1/4, by King Nutwood, will be put to pacing next season.

Trainer Samp Wilson recently gave \$1,500 for a 2-year-old trotter which he had driven a half in 1:09.

George Foster, for several years employed by Bookmaker John Humphreys, has gone insane in San Francisco.

Dan T, 2:08 1/4, will be wintered at Milford Center, O., but will be in Gus Wagner's hands again for another campaign.

The Louisville Fair and Driving association announces that its next fall meeting will be held Oct. 18 to 28 inclusive.

John R. Gentry, 2:00 1/4, recently purchased for \$19,900 by L. G. Tewksbury of New York, will be used as a roadster.

Golf a Blessing to the Small Boy.

The game of golf, which is rapidly gaining popularity in this country, has proved a blessing to that class of small boy on the lookout to earn a penny, whether by cutting grass and chasing tennis balls in summer or shoveling paths through the snow in winter. Abundant use can be made of him in golf, for he is needed to carry the sticks and locate the balls. Dignified by the name of "caddy," he has rapidly mastered all the intricacies of the sport, and when his master calls for the "cleek," the "putter" or the "brassy" the lad hands them out with all the alertness and grace of his Scotch namesake.—New York Sun.

New Pitcher for the St. Louis Browns.

Roy Evans, a pitcher for the St. Louis team next season, made a most creditable record in the Virginia league last season. He commenced the season with the Lynchburg club and finished it out with the Portsmouth team. Evans is 30 years of age, weighs 181 pounds and stands 5 feet 11 1/2 inches. He first played with the Emporia (Kan.) college team in 1891 and in 1892 with Wichita. Winslow had him the following season. Evans is said to be the most promising pitcher developed in the Virginia league the past season.—St. Louis Republic.

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