

ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD.

FORECAST OF THE YALE-PRINCETON GAME—SURPRISES OF THE SEASON AND WHAT THEY MEAN.

The football season of 1900 is drawing rapidly to a close. The Harvard-Pennsylvania battle is already only a brilliant memory. And now the Yale-Princeton game looms up on the horizon.

The answer to these questions that nine out of ten college men will give you is that Yale will win, and that Princeton will surely have to take the licking this year.



STILLMAN. Right tackle of Yale.

look in for victory. It is the habit in the football world to exaggerate the weakness or the strength of every big team.

THE BLUE AND THE TIGERS COMPARED.

Now, to my mind, while Princeton has certainly shown almost unexampled weakness this year, and has had a couple of body blows in the defeats by Cornell and Columbia, yet, individually, the Princeton eleven are almost as strong as Yale.



HALE. Fullback of Yale.

was all worn out in mind and body; that was quite evident. He is one of the best tackles on the gridiron to-day, and it will be a close thing between him and his opposite, Stillman, on the Yale line.

Woodruff criticised. PENNSYLVANIA STUDENTS AND ALUMNI DISAPPROVED WITH HIS RADICALISM IN COACHING. Philadelphia, Nov. 10 (Special).—During the last week the University of Pennsylvania eleven has been having a hard time recovering from her

will not be a bit better at ground gaining. As a matter of fact, the pair of substitute backs that Princeton put in the game against Columbia did much better work than the original brace of backs, and if the Tigers succeed in perfecting their team play to any extent I expect to see those nimble Princeton backs make some good gains through Yale's line and around the ends.

To sum up, then, the individual comparison: Princeton is stronger at the ends. It is about a standoff at the tackle positions, and in two out of the centre trio Yale is stronger. Princeton has a trifle the better of it at quarterback, but Yale is a good deal stronger at fullback.

There have been three surprises in the football world since we review a week ago. The greatest two have been Princeton's defeat by Cornell and Columbia. Yet one of even greater importance from many points of view was the overwhelming defeat which Harvard gave to Pennsylvania.

The completeness of Harvard's victory, therefore, is so much simply to the prowess of her eleven as to the fatal weakness in the Pennsylvania eleven, and if the Harvard team gets the idea that it is a wonderful achievement it will come back from New-Haven with a couple of weeks greatly chastened in spirit.

CORNELL'S CLEVER WORK. Without wishing to detract in any way from Cornell's individuality, I may say that the methods which enabled her to win over Princeton a week ago were largely Harvard's methods and Harvard's tactics.

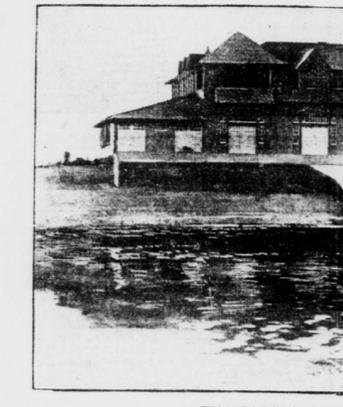
Whatever the outcome of the season shall be in football, Columbia's victory over Princeton will remain as one of the chief memories of the year. It is not usually surprising to have one of the so-called minor elevens score a victory over one of the "big four" early in the season as Columbia did last year over Yale, but to gain a victory over Princeton just a fortnight before the Yale game is a remarkable performance.

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and the athletic authorities. Up to the Harvard game the Quakers had been playing a uniformly strong game, and the opinion is generally held that they will close the season as strongly.

IMPROVING THE YALE TEAM. HOPEFUL FEELING THAT THEY WILL DEFEAT OLD-TIME RIVALS.

New-Haven, Conn., Nov. 10 (Special).—Only one week more remains before the game with Princeton, and, according to the usual custom, the practice next week will consist in putting on the finishing touches. The hard contests with the scrubs are now practically over, and all the men will be given plenty of rest, in order that each one may enter their contest in perfect physical condition.



HARVARD'S NEW BOATHOUSE.

practice. He cannot entirely recover in a week, and it is problematical whether he can last the whole of a big game. He will be greatly missed if forced to retire, because Hyde, who has been his substitute, has failed to show any improvement in kicking.

Princeton Men Gloomy. THEY ARE HOPING HARD, BUT THE TEAM IS IN BAD SHAPE. Princeton, N. J., Nov. 10.—To-night marks the close of the most discouraging week of football work the Tigers have known for ten years.

Secret practice was started on Wednesday, and from now on the greater part of the work will be behind closed gates. The coaches are teaching their pupils a number of new formations and tricks which they are hopeful will be productive of good gains.

FINAL PRACTICE AT CAMBRIDGE. PREPARATIONS FOR THE STRUGGLE WITH YALE. Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 9 (Special).—The Harvard team has now entered its last stage of hard training in preparation for its final game with Yale, at New-Haven, next week.

The last big game has given excellent opportunities to judge of the individual strength and weakness of the Harvard players. The team was practically made up, definitely before the Pennsylvania game. The ends, Halliwell and Campbell, although still below their form of last year, are now more effective than they were last month.

Both are very good in getting under kicks, and Campbell has been better defensive work of late. Halliwell, however, has been frequently boxed and passed for substantial gains. He is not quite recovered from the handicap caused by his sprained ankle, but his substitute, Ristine, has done some good work that the coaches have little fear on this account. The same may be said of Bowditch, Campbell's substitute.

such as his blocking the punt in the Pennsylvania game. He is playing his old steady game at guard, and is also improving rapidly. He now plays lower in the line and much harder than he did at the first of the season.

The regulars have not been used much for a week, but they will probably be in shape to start with the rest at the beginning of the last two weeks of secret practice.

The team, then, shows great possibilities, but is far from a finished state yet. Speed has been increased into the men, with the assistance of a number of mechanical aids, such as starting by the pistol, practising lunging at the added board on rollers, etc.

With good chances at least be given a hard fight, the Yale should at least be given a hard fight, with good chances at least be given a hard fight, with good chances at least be given a hard fight.

They are hoping hard, but the team is in bad shape. Princeton, N. J., Nov. 10.—To-night marks the close of the most discouraging week of football work the Tigers have known for ten years.

The Tigers went into the fight with Sanford's men worn out—utterly lacking the snap and vigor of the week before. The opportunity for a second half they made a fine exhibition of gameness, the unfavorable circumstances were so much for them.

Earlier in the season Dartmouth's manager had asked the Tigers to cancel the Dartmouth-Princeton game scheduled for to-day, and when Captain Pell and the coaches looked over their battered and weary team, they decided to accept Dartmouth's offer of cancellation.

The practice of the week has not shown any marked improvement in the play of the eleven. In fact, the team has been doing worse work with a rush. Meler, Mattis and Underhill have caught and run back kicks with uniform accuracy and skill, and the work of Roper and Little at the ends has been first class.

But one week remains before the final great struggle, and Princeton will make the effort of her life. The students are "for" the eleven with all their might. When the badly whipped Tigers came in from New-York on Tuesday night the entire crowd was down on the train and the cheer eleven was greeted with cheers and songs just as if it had won a great victory.

cal teachings. Dana is really up to "varisty form, but never lasts through two long halves. Wright is tough and strong, but not heavy enough to last enough to be satisfactory.

The coaches will devote their attention to the eleven as they enter the practice scrimmages, but in the preliminary work they will divide up among the players. Ballet and Edwards will take the centre trio, Hilliwell and Lea the tackles.

CORNELL'S ASPIRATIONS. WANTS TO MAKE THE "BIG FOUR" OF COLLEGE FOOTBALL A "BIG FIVE." Ithaca, N. Y., Nov. 10 (Special).—Cornell University has outlined a new football programme calculated to bring the team through this season without losing a game, which means the defeat of the strong Lafayette team next Saturday at Easton, and the University of Pennsylvania, at Franklin Field, Philadelphia, on Thanksgiving Day.

The most enthusiastic campus meeting ever held at Cornell occupied a thousand students from all classes on Thursday at the noon hour. The faculty helped the meeting along by dismissing classes a half hour early, and the University Cadet Band tendered its services.

The players, from Captain Starbuck down to "Chick" Travers, are the little right end, and ready to do their best, and are in excellent physical condition. Alexander, the big tackle, is the only man now on the hospital list, and it seems likely that he will not be able to play before Thanksgiving.

COLUMBIA'S THANKSGIVING GAME. Columbia has only one more football game this year, that with the Carlisle Indians on Thanksgiving Day. All her energies from now on will be bent toward keeping the men in the same fine condition in which they tackled Yale and Princeton so successfully.

GENERAL HOWARD AND THE TEAMSTER. Senator Depew, in the course of his speech at the dinner for General O. O. Howard, at the Union League Club on Thursday night, referred to General Howard as a soldier and a Christian.

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