SPORTS AND SPORTSMEN.

ON THE GRIDIRON.

THE BIG TEAMS ROUNDING INTO SHAPE—DIFFICULT PROBLEM FOR THE YALE COACHES—COLUMBIA'S WEAKNESS.

Much improvement in the development of the main luminaries of the football firmament was evidenced by the games of Saturday. There were no scores against Yale, Harvard, Princeton or Pennsylvania, and each of these rolled up rather good scores against the opposing elevens. Harvard's victory over Columbia was achieved by the narrowest margin of all, but Columbia is admittedly at this time of the year a much stronger antagonist than Annapolis, Lehigh or Brown, especially the latter, whose eleven is evidently below the usual standard. It is another indication of the increasing spread of football lore and accomplishment that the so-called big teams do not run up scores of 50 and 60 and 75 to 0 any more against their weaker opponents, as they used to do. Indeed, sometimes, as both Harvard and Yale have found this season, they have to put forth their best efforts to insure a victory.

WARNER, LUEDER, TAUSSIG.
Of Cornell.

VAN HOEVENBERG,
Columbia's veteran right end.

DOUGHERTY.
The new fullback.

The improved showing Saturday of the "big four" shows that the work of the coaches is beginning to tell, and that the factory is in full blast that will turn out a more or less complete football article the last two weeks in November. It appears at first sight difficult to explain the fact that the smaller teams are usually as good about the middle of October as they are all during the season, while the elevens that represent the larger colleges improve steadily, as a rule, up to the last and most critical moment. But this is easily accounted for, after all. The smaller colleges have only a limited quantity of football material. When this deteriorates from going stale or from injuries there is nothing satisfactory with which to replace it. In the larger institutions, however, the football squads are so large that efficient material is always available to stop the gaps caused by any one of a variety of happenings. Meantime, the development of a team, in the closest sense of that word, goes steadily on.

While the cleaner and faster work of the Yale players at Annapolis on Saturday may have encouraged the Yale coaches, there is no denying the fact that the task of developing a strong eleven at New-Haven looks extremely difficult. Hogan and Glass, the two freshmen who have made a favorable impression in all their games up to the present time, are doubtless promising men, but their work is full of crudity. It has great strength, too, but any freshman knows that mere strength will not win games. They need coaching and plenty of it. They will get it, doubtless. The Yale team play has been extremely ragged up to date, although Saturday's was something like, and I should not be surprised if the Eli coaches were sitting up o' nights a bit studying the problem that confronts them. The trouble in filling the position of fullback is most pronounced. Not Ward, Vanderpoel or Wilhelmi appears to have the making of a 'varsity back. If none of these men improves sufficiently, Olcott may be sent back from guard. There are enough new men in the line at present, however, and he is needed there to steady them. There does not seem to be a really first class punter on the team, though one may yet be developed. Yale's coaches know very well, I think, that her "tackles back" formation will not avail against Harvard or Princeton, although it has been accustomed to strike terror into the hearts of the small teams. I made some remarks regarding the "guards back" formation in this column last Monday. They apply to "tackles back" as well. As a matter of fact, Yale's coaches have their work cut out for them, and it is doubtful, as they no doubt feel, if more than an average team can be developed this year.

H. H. WEEKES.
Columbia's clever back.

Columbia's defeat by Harvard on Saturday was expected, doubtless, by Coach Sanford and his assistants, as it was by every judicious observer, but it brought some disappointment to many Columbia enthusiasts, for there was actually some betting on Columbia at odds of 3 to 5 or thereabouts. Columbia has not been playing successfully many years, and this fact is responsible for the paucity of astute football advisers. Coach Sanford consequently gets too little help from persons qualified to give it. The result is that many players are forced to go without the personal attention and drill that they so much need. Another cause for Columbia's backwardness, which has operated especially this year, is the strictness of the faculty in its dealings with certain of the most capable members of the team. Coach Sanford has scarcely known from day to day what players he would be allowed to call upon for practice or for the next game. Of course, this uncertainty has been anything but conducive to the best results.

Princeton's stock has gone up with a leap since Saturday's game with Lehigh. It is plain, I think, that at this time the Tigers are a decidedly stronger aggregation (of course they are not yet a team) than any of their formidable rivals. There was a slump in the practice early in the week, but the candidates for permanent places pulled themselves together and showed what they could do when they really thought it worth while, and the result was the best football of the year on Saturday. It is not to be wondered at that the Yale coaches are a bit apprehensive at the outlook. "Every man in every play," is the watchword at Princeton, as it should be on every gridiron. The Tigers have a deal of good material to fall back on, and a majority of the first eleven will have to hustle for their places right up to the eve of the big matches, which is far from being an unwholesome state of affairs.

I do not see anything in Pennsylvania's game with Brown that should make the supporters of the Red and Blue unduly confident. Brown's team is probably the weakest that has come from the Providence college. It is greatly handicapped by lack of weight, and is, in fact, one of the lightest among the teams entitled to consideration. Yet the wearers of the Brown and White made a fine stand against Pennsylvania in the first half. They played their opponents to a standstill and almost scored. In the second half they were thoroughly fagged out and their heavier and stronger opponents, of course, had no difficulty in wearing them down. Pennsylvania will have to do much better than that before she can hope to win her more important games.

Points scored in total do not mean much, but I give them, inclusive of Saturday's games, for those who may be interested. Princeton leads with a good margin, but her earlier opponents were not so strong as those that met the other teams: Princeton, 140; opponents, 0. Pennsylvania, 111; opponents, 6. Yale, 106; opponents, 5. Harvard, 73; opponents, 6. Columbia, 32; opponents, 23.

THE UMPIRE.

PENN'S GOOD MATERIAL.

FORM OF TEAM CONSTANTLY IMPROVING—HARD GAMES THIS WEEK.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Philadelphia, Oct. 13.—Pennsylvania begins the third week of her football season with better prospects than had been thought possible when preliminary practice began in September. The Quaker eleven has already shown that it is going to be a strong offensive team, even though as yet the real 'varsity has not been chosen because of the wealth of good material. The fast, snappy play and the long and consistent gains that have been made in almost every game to date show, that in carrying the ball the Quakers will be formidable. Their showing on Saturday against Brown was gratifying from the defensive standpoint, though that department of the game is manifestly the weakest.

It appears that Reynolds, who has been putting up such a star game at half, is backward in his college work. He has one condition, and until that is removed he will not be eligible for the team. Judging from a remark that Woodruff made the other day, Reynolds has a good chance of being seen behind the line.

The centre problem is now the one troubling Woodruff most, and it is noted that in the list of 'varsity men there is no centre. Jordan has nothing to recommend him except his steadiness, and Piekarkski seems to be too green for such an important position. Nelson, who was tried once last week, will have a thorough try out this week and he may fill the bill. He is heavier than Jordan and is much more aggressive.

There are all sorts of rumors afloat concerning the possibilities for the captaincy. Davidson, Gardiner and Howard now seem to be the main candidates. The friends of the first two mentioned men seem to fear that the little quarterback will get the largest number of votes, and they state that if he is elected there will be a disruption of the team.

Pennsylvania has two hard games ahead of her this week. On Wednesday she lines up against Virginia. The Southern college is said to have the strongest eleven this season that it has ever had. They have been running up large scores in all their games to date, their 24 to 0 score against Gallaudet College being their best performance, as the latter team played the Indians to a standstill. On Saturday Bucknell will meet Pennsylvania for the first time in five years. The Lewisburg boys played a 6 to 5 game with the Carlisle Indians on Saturday, and a week ago they held Cornell down to one touchdown. If Pennsylvania plays up to the form she showed Saturday there will be no danger of her being defeated, but both of these teams will give her good hard games, and she should come out of them much strengthened, especially from the defensive standpoint.

AMHERST'S TEAM IMPROVING.

Amherst, Mass., Oct. 13 (Special).—In the last week substantial progress has been made in the development of the team. Two games have been played, one with Worcester "Tech.," at Amherst, the other with Harvard, at Cambridge. The home game was a disappointment in many ways, since a large score was looked for. The members of the team had not fully recovered from the effects of the hard game with Yale a few days before, and were not in condition to play fast football. The game with Harvard was a creditable one. In the first half Amherst held for downs on her own three-yard line and prevented Harvard from scoring during the half. For part of the game the defence was remarkably strong, but in the last few minutes the constant battering of Harvard's sturdy backs caused it to give way.

The game scheduled for Saturday with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology was cancelled by that team, which has disbanded. Union will play here next Wednesday, and a hard contest is looked for.

Few men are on the injured list, and even these will be out of the game a few days only.

The squad has been strengthened lately by the appearance of Birnm, halfback on the '99 team; Bauman, halfback on last season's eleven, and Quill, fullback on the Tufts team last fall. Morse is playing a hard game, and bids fair to exceed his good record of last season. Anderson, Howard, Swift and Varnum are playing in good form. Among the new men, Pierce, F. Crook and Palmer seem sure of making their hold on their respective positions secure. Phillips is punting in excellent style, and in this department of the game has few superiors, while Shay is exhibiting considerable skill as a drop kicker. A training table was started about two weeks ago, and at present nearly twenty men have been taken to it.

YALE TEAM NEEDS COACHING.

OUTLINE OF THE WORK ALREADY DONE AND THE ELEVEN'S CHANCES.

New-Haven, Conn., Oct. 13 (Special).—On October 26 the Yale 'Varsity football eleven will meet the Columbia team at Yale Field in the first of the big games of the season. By that time the Yale team will probably be in fine form, a condition not yet reached by Captain Gould's men. The two weeks to come before that game will be the hardest of the first part of the season, and much remains to be done to whip the eleven into shape. The Yale team to-day is distinctly inferior to that of a year ago, and is only an average Yale team.

Much has been sent out from New-Haven regarding the football team that is not based on the actual condition of the eleven. While the 'varsity has thus far shown itself to be made up of individually good players, it has not shown itself by any means to be an unusually fast or strong eleven for Yale. It is distinctly inferior to last year's in several important particulars. In the first place, it is made up of various constituents—some old and tried men like Gould, Olcott and Chadwick; some new or substitute material like Wilhelmi, Goss, Hart, Holt and Rafferty, that is somewhat unreliable, and some new and untried material, such as Hogan, Glass, Johnson, Moorhead, Metcalf and Hinkle, that has yet to prove itself. Besides these men there are a large number of average substitute players who have not yet shown themselves to be more than ordinary. In the second place, the college at large has the idea that the material is all sufficient, and dozens of excellent men have not come out at all. In the third place, though this is less notable than it was a week ago, the coaching question is giving trouble; and lastly, either through sickness or classroom conditions, several most necessary men, such as Sheldon, Weymouth, Winslow and Stubbs, are unable to train with the team.

The only man in the line who is sure of his place is Captain Gould, at left end. He has improved tremendously since last year, and is to-day the star Yale player, as was shown in the Wesleyan and Tufts games. Holt, at centre, presents a serious problem. He is steady as snapback, but his line work is ragged, and he was responsible for numerous successful assaults by opposing blockers in the Tufts game. He may be taken out any day. His substitute is Hamlin, who snapped the ball to the Yale five-yard line in the Tufts game, with no one to catch it.

At guard another question has arisen. Sheldon, last year's guard, is ill from malaria, and may not join the team for some weeks, and even then may be too weak to play. Olcott, last year's centre, has been playing left guard, and Glass, a freshman giant, right guard. Both are fast and clever guards. Olcott, however, may have to be put at fullback, or he may have to go back to centre, though he has fallen off in weight. Glass is so full of football fight that he goes out of his way to find work, and while he is thus responsible for some individual plays of merit, his strenuous wanderings over the field are not a part of the team play. He ought, however, to keep his place. The only substitute guard of ability is Johnson, of the crew; but he is inexperienced.

At tackle, the two players thus far are Hogan and Goss. Hogan is a freshman, of great promise, but needs coaching, and this he may not get. He fights well in the line and is in most plays, but in the tackle back formation, Yale's old manœuvre, he is slow. Goss, on the other side, is lamentably slow and weak, though occasionally he does something brilliant. The Wesleyan gains were all made through his position. At end, Rafferty and Swan, with Gould, are the leading men, with Swan coming up to the scratch rather better than his competitor. Moorhead, while a new man, is aggressive, but none of the Yale ends outside of Gould would be a match for Van Hoevenberg, of Columbia.

Behind the line Yale is certainly in bad straits. De Saulles is the only quarterback worth considering, and the lack of a good substitute may mean much later on. De Saulles runs the team with great ability. He is fast at signal work and quick to see the weak points in an opponent's line. He catches and runs back kickoffs as his brother did, and uses rare judgment in wriggling and dodging through the opposing field. Of halfbacks there is a fair assortment, though Chadwick is the only sure man to keep his place. Chadwick is playing his old style game even better than last year. Hart is thus far his only running mate. Hart is a small chap, but has plenty of pluck, and is a good ground gainer on end runs and tackle plunges, but he is too light for fierce centre rushes. If Yale adopts the open style of play he will be a valuable man. In Hinkle, Fox and Easton there are three fair halfbacks, but no one of them of 'varsity calibre—at least as far as their work has shown. Wilhelmi may have to play halfback, where he is better than at full. In the last position, fullback, Yale has a problem as serious as at centre. Not only has no candidate come forward who is a kicker, but there is no hard, fast line bucker such as Perry Hale was last year. Vanderpoel, Ward and Wilhelmi are the only candidates of marked ability, and no one of these fills the bill. If Olcott is put in this position a change for the better may come; but Olcott is needed in the line.

Weymouth, captain of last year's freshman crew, had been slated for fullback until his class work forced him to drop out. He may join the eleven yet, and if he does, and he is at all what he ought to be, Yale will have found her second Hale. But it does not look as if Weymouth would come out. Daly, of last year's Columbia squad, is now with Yale, but has not yet shown his old-time form, that made him so notable under Sanford. Winslow would make a fine quarterback or halfback, but conditions bind him to his studies. Stubbs, of the freshman crew, would make a heavy and aggressive guard, but he is unable to play for the same reason.

On the whole, Yale seems to be in no condition to face the coming big games unless great efforts are made to work up the material into better shape. There is this advantage that Yale has to work under: Captain Gould is proving himself a most capable manager, and the coaching, such as it has been, has been good. A fast, hard coach, however, such as Bull, '88, or Butterworth, '95, if he were here permanently, would do wonders with the material. The next two weeks will mean a great deal to the Yale 'Varsity, and good progress made then will assure a good Yale team for the end of the season, if it does not insure a brilliant team like that of 1900.

COFFIN, '04, kicking.
TAUSSIG, '02, holding ball.

'VARSITY ON DEFENSIVE IN A SCRIMMAGE AT CORNELL.

HARD WORK AT PRINCETON.

PROBABLE MAKEUP OF THE TEAM WHICH WILL CONFRONT YALE.

Princeton, N. J., Oct. 13 (Special).—As the football season goes on here every undergraduate is keeping a close watch on the advancement the players are making in this branch of sport. The showing made in the Haverford game a week ago gave to the students much encouragement, and they began to feel that things were moving along in the right direction; but when a big slump was taken by the eleven last Tuesday, which continued through the week, there was cause for alarm.

The coaches have set to work to eliminate all obvious difficulties that confront the players, and will put forth every effort from now on to the end of the season in trying to round out a team which will be able to play clean, straightaway football. Each player will have individual instructions, and special attention will be directed toward perfecting the team work. To each coach has been allotted his special work with the candidates for the 'varsity, while "Bosy" Reiter, the halfback of the '99 team, puts the proper touches on the scrub eleven.

There was little shifting of the players in the different positions this week, and, judging from the regularity that has been maintained for the last ten days, it may be ventured that at least eight positions on the eleven are as good as settled. These are right end, the tackles, centre, left guard, quarterback and the halfbacks. Davis, at right end, has come up to 'varsity form, and, although R. McClave is a strong candidate for the position, he will not be able to displace him. Dewitt is considered an excellent tackle, and will easily hold his place at right tackle. His ability as a punter is much above the average, and he will be called upon to do considerable of this work in a number of the games. Butkiewicz is doubtless a fixture at centre, for he has plainly demonstrated his superiority over Hale, his nearest rival. Dana, who was out of the game for about a week, nursing a wrenched shoulder, has returned to the gridiron and is playing his usually aggressive game. Barring further accident, he will be found in this place in all of the important games. Peil will play in his old position, left tackle, in all the big games. McCord and S. McCave will be the pair of backs which will do the line plunging for the team in the rest of the games. They are several points better than any of the new men. Unless some radical changes are made in the fullback and quarterback positions, Meier will pass the ball at quarter, and it seems quite probable that Underhill will come in for first honors at fullback.

The places that are still in an unsettled state are those of right guard, left end and fullback. Fisher is making a hard fight for right guard, and Mills, who played here last year, is chasing him closely. The former has the advantage of fifteen pounds in weight, but is not so experienced in the game as is Mills. Fisher is stronger on the defence than Mills, but not as aggressive on offensive play. At left end an equal contest is on between Roper, the former holder of it, and Henry, who, although a new man, has showed remarkable ability at this end of the line.

There is a possibility of two changes in the back field. Yesterday the coaches made an experiment in this territory which may prove of much value before the season closes. Meier was shifted from quarter to fullback, while Pearson, first baseman on the nine, was tried at quarter. Meier did well in punting and showed a cleverness on line attacks and on end runs. Pearson surprised every one by his adeptness in passing the ball and on forming interference. He is of good build and very active. The coaches have hopes of developing him into an able player.

The valuable experience received in the Yale game last fall has caused the coaches to begin early in instructing the players on all styles of formation that are being used by the big teams which will face the Tigers in the last three weeks of the season. The guards' back, which was used so effectively by the New-Haven men last fall, will be combated more successfully by the Princeton eleven this year. The team was not long in breaking up this formation when it was used by the Haverford team last Saturday. After the first two minutes the visiting eleven failed to gain a single five yards through the Tigers' line. The plays which will be used by the Tigers in most of the games are the tackles' back formation, quick openings through the line and end runs. Some attention will also be given to trick plays and the mass on centre formation.

KERNAN, of Harvard.
About to punt.

HARVARD ROUNDING INTO FORM.

THE LINE, HOWEVER, NOT EXCEPTIONALLY STRONG—PROBABLE CHOICES.

Cambridge, Mass., Oct. 13 (Special).—The Harvard team is now getting more into shape, and it is possible to make out the lines of the permanent team. The return of Putnam and Kernan to the squad, of course, strengthens the back field much. Putnam is a hard, plucky ground gainer, while Kernan has remarkable speed. He uses his jumping ability in getting over opposing tacklers. Besides, he is a splendid punter, able to send forty and fifty yard punts with the slow spiral motion that makes their handling troublesome. Putnam and Kernan's return more than compensates for the loss of Jennings, whose career as a Harvard player is forever closed. His case has not yet been passed on by the athletic committee, but Reid himself says that the man is ineligible. Jennings coached at Dartmouth last year. This in itself would not necessarily disqualify him, but it is pretty evident that he acted professionally—that is, although he did not get money, he intended to do so and probably will. Of course, Harvard thinks too much of her athletic purity to pass over such a condition of affairs as that.

Ristine, Devens and Mifflin, the old Haverford player, are all making a good fight for a place in the back field. Kernan is sure of a place on account of his punting and end runs. This leaves right halfback and fullback open. Mifflin and Ristine are both splendid fighters in the defensive. This was evident in the Amherst game. The Amherst line was fully as good as the Harvard line, and the Amherst backs were able to get through, but the secondary defence threw them back almost every time. The quarterback position is more or less uncertain. Baldwin has to be handled tenderly owing to his liability to injury. Matthews, the little negro from Andover, is coming up fast, and is likely to make the place. He is a good defensive player and tackler owing to his long experience as an end rush, and he is a clever runner in a broken field.

The fumbling in the games has been due partly to the unsettled situation at quarter, but chiefly to the wretched passing of Sargent at centre, who is just as apt to roll the ball gently as he is to snap it. Greene and Sugden are both on the sick list, and Sargent will likely keep his place with all his faults unless Roberts works into centre. The big fellow weighs nearly 300 pounds, but he is working hard, and Lewis is giving him a great deal of attention. Cutler, the centre on the freshman team, was brought onto the 'varsity field for a day, and did fairly well, but Roberts is even better than he.

At guard, Barnard and Robinson seem to be the best just now. Barnard is not aggressive, and may yet be displaced. Lee, last year's guard, entered the Medical School late, and has not yet found time to come out, though his absence is not particularly noticeable, as Robinson has much more ambition. Laurence is profiting rapidly in the coaching he is receiving at tackle, and will fill his brother's place in a fair way. Graydon at the other tackle did splendid work in the Amherst game. In fact, he and Robinson worked together perfectly, getting their men out readily for their backs. Eaton is threatened with appendicitis, and this puts him out for a good while. Campbell does not find the duties of captaincy any handicap on his playing. Bowditch, who was moved over to the right end when Ristine was put back at half, is out now for an indefinite time with water on the knee. Burgen is doing fairly well in his place.

From the above forecast of the probable players it will be seen that Harvard will have a mediocre line and a fairly fast back field. In fact, she must have the latter in order to do any scoring at all in the big games. The next two or three games will knit the men together a great deal better than they are now, and considerable team play may be expected hereafter.

CORNELL COACHES PLEASED.

FULLBACK APPARENTLY A WEAK SPOT—ALUMNI WANTED.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

Ithaca, N. Y., Oct. 13.—Fairly pleased with the clean record that their team has had thus far, Cornell's football coaches will give the squad this week the hardest work they have had. The Princeton game is only three weeks ahead and the game against Carlisle only one week ahead, and Starbuck and Reed know that the present comparatively weak line and slow back field would have difficulty in both of these games, as well as in the Pennsylvania game on Thanksgiving Day, the game that for two years has been a disastrous finale to an otherwise successful season.

Perhaps the greatest improvement in play made by any member of the squad during the season is that which Henry Purcell, left halfback, has made. His ground gaining in the Union game, played on Saturday, was notable, his seventy yard run, in which he far outstripped his interference, being, perhaps, the best individual play that any member of the squad has made this year. Coffin, on the contrary, did rather poorly in Saturday's game. As a result of the losses of ground occasioned by his short punts, the coaches will work Brewster more in the kicking than they have yet done. The little quarterback is a more reliable all around player than Coffin. Schoelkopf last week was slow, the slowest of any of the back field except Torney. Finucane, who came out at first to succeed Cross at right end, has gone back to his last year's position as substitute quarter. He may, however, be tried again at end, for Tydeman, though his work last week was good, is by no means sure of the place. The coaches are also looking for more line men.

Kent seems the best man at centre, but there is no one to substitute for him. Cooper and Tennant will get special attention this week. Both are possibilities for substitute positions in the line. The squad, on account of bad weather, took no walk to-day.

Starbuck said this evening that he was somewhat disappointed because no football alumnus was sure of coming to help him coach this week. Former Captain McKeever, '98, and Clinton Wickoff, '96, were both here to-day, but neither could remain.

COLUMBIA BATTERED.

PLAYERS RETURN WITH LIMBS IN PLASTER CASTS, BUT NOT DISCOURAGED.

Columbia's football team returned from Boston last night. The men were all battered badly. B. Boyesen and Smythe both had their legs in plaster of paris casts, and the whole team bore facial badges of their defeat and limped around sorrowfully. There will probably be no practice for the 'varsity to-day.

The first really important game of the season for Columbia came on Saturday at Cambridge. The local eleven scarcely hoped to win, but at least confidently expected to score. In this belief Columbia failed to take into consideration the speed of the Harvard backs and ends, as well as her own vulnerable weakness at left end. It was in that spot, principally, that the cause of her defeat may be discovered. Again and again the Crimson went around the left side of the Columbia line for gains of from five to twenty-five yards. It was a frequent occurrence that Harvard, trying three times unsuccessfully to buck the Columbia line, on the fourth tried Columbia's left end, nearly always with success. Right end offered no such mark.

Van Hoevenberg and Campbell, the Harvard captain, who played against him, have few, if any, superiors on the gridiron to-day at end rush. For more than half of the Columbia team it was their first big game, and a bad case of "rattles" was the result. No fault can be found with the work of Morley and Weekes, but the back field keenly felt the loss of Captain Berrien. The men who substituted for him were little to be relied on. Six of the men on the Columbia line were nearly the equal of their Harvard opponents, and little adverse criticism can be justly made of them. Columbia wants no excuses made, but because of her pluck in overcoming countless difficulties in the last three years, it seems but fair that the merits her team did display on Saturday should be recognized, and that New-York should loyally encourage its representative eleven rather than the reverse. The Blue and White has yet to meet Yale, Cornell and Pennsylvania this season, and it has come to be almost a student superstition now that she will each year triumph over one member of the Big Four. Her showing this year is certainly better than last, up to the same period, and yet last season she triumphed over Princeton and the Carlisle Indians.

HARNESS RACING.

IMPORTANT CONTESTS TO BE RESUMED AT LEXINGTON TO-DAY.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

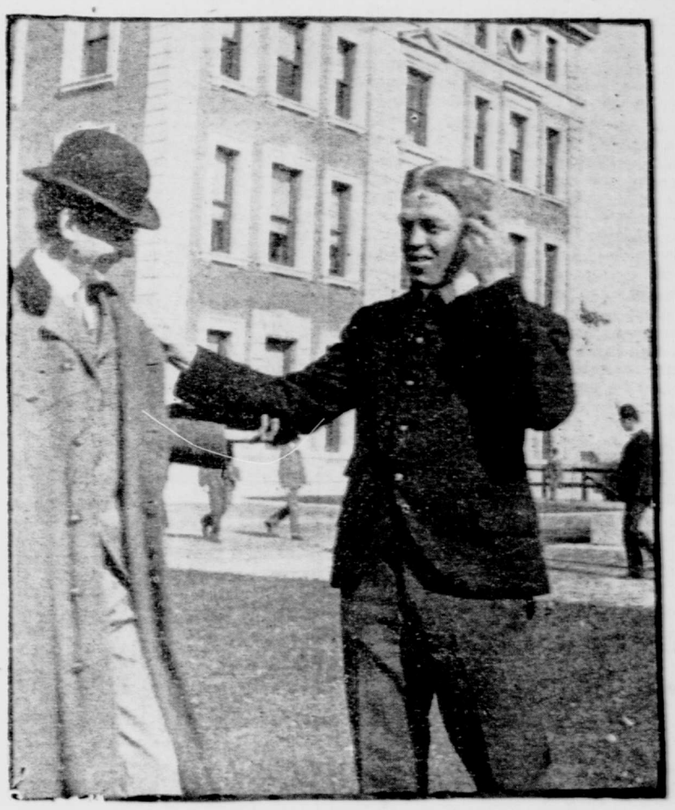
Lexington, Ky., Oct. 13.—The racing here will be resumed to-morrow. The track promises to be in good condition. Harrows were put on it this afternoon, and it is drying out fast. The money has been all tied up in the pool box, and there will be little or no betting until some of the events are decided. The Johnston Stake, the feature of to-morrow's card, is a famous race. It was established in 1887, when General Wilkes won it, beating Baron Wilkes in 2:21¾. Since then it has been won by such horses as Edgemark, Acolyte, Simmocolon, Delmar, Geneva, Charley C., Maud C., Valley Queen, Squeezer, Georgeanna, Timoras, Valpa and Contralto. The race between Sir Alcantara, 2:05¼; Riley B., 2:06¼; Mazette, 2:06⅛; Shadow Chimes, 2:05¾, and Major Muscovite, 2:07¾, promises to be an interesting contest.

GOLF.

WEST BROOK'S ANNUAL TOURNEY TO START ON THURSDAY—TRAVIS BREAKS THE NASSAU RECORD.

After yielding the pride of place to Baltusrol's golfers, local players will again assert themselves this week in a series of matches that will include practically every golfer of note in the metropolitan district. The West Brook Golf Club, of Islip, Long Island, has claimed the last three days of the week for its annual open tournament, and Travis, Douglas, Livingston and a score of other good players have promised to appear. Invitations have been issued to every club near New-York to enter players, but though the contest is termed an invitational meet, it is open to every golfer in the United States Golf Association. The West Brook course, though a nine hole one, has a wide popularity among local golf men, and as A. G. Griffiths has succeeded in keeping it in prime condition in spite of the lateness of the season, the contest should be productive of excellent golf.

On Thursday there is to be a qualifying round at medal play, in which the first sixteen will be eligible for the West Brook Cup and the second sixteen for a consolation cup. Match play will follow on Friday, when there will also be a club pair foursomes in the afternoon. On Saturday, in addition to the finals for the West Brook and consolation cups, there is to be an open handicap at medal play. Suitable prizes have been provided for the runners up in each contest as well as the players making the best score in the qualifying round and the best gross and net scores in the final handicap.



CAPTAIN W. R. MORLEY OF COLUMBIA
Greeting Assistant Manager W. A. Evans on the Columbia campus.

Another important feature of the week will be the fourth regular tournament of the New-York Produce Exchange, which has been fixed for Thursday at the Knollwood Country Club, of Elmsford, N. Y. First and second prizes are offered, as well as a special trophy given by George L. Wooley for a "kickers' handicap," in which the competitors will fix their own allowances in accordance with a standard score. Entries will include most of the golfing brokers on the Exchange. The list closes to-morrow with F. M. Wilson, Produce Exchange Building.

Of the club competitions that at Apawamis on Thursday promises to be unique. A match has been arranged between the men and women members, and, as the latter include several capital players and will also receive handicaps, the outcome is far from a foregone conclusion for the men. The Innis Arden golfers, of Sound Beach, have accepted a challenge from the Hillandale team, of Stamford, and will journey to the latter's links on Saturday, while at Van Cortlandt Park the same day there is to be a novel one club affair in which the competitors will be limited in their round to an iron only.

As a forerunner to the season on Southern golf links, the Chevy Chase Club, of Maryland, has announced a three day tournament for October 31 and November 1 and 2, attractive enough to catch many of the New-Yorkers southward bound. The prizes offered are the Chevy Chase Cup, for which the best sixteen in a thirty-six hole qualifying round will be eligible; a consolation cup for the second sixteen in the same round, and a handicap cup for the winner of an eighteen hole stroke competition. Second prizes are also offered for the runners up, as well as minor medals for those making the lowest scores. Entries should be made through George Howard, secretary, Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Golfers in this country have been awaiting with interest the result of the reappearance of John Ball, jr., on English links. Ball has the unique record of having won the English championship on five different occasions, but for the last fifteen months he has been campaigning with the British troops in South Africa, and in his absence his title was taken by Harold Hilton. According to late English mails the former champion's skill has not deteriorated during his campaign, for in the autumn meeting at Lytham and St. Anne's links held early this month Ball's winning score of 78 equalled the par of the green, and is only four strokes behind Vardon's record of 71, accomplished when the course was easier. In the match between the Royal Liverpools and an Irish team Ball was beaten by H. E. Read, but as Hilton had fared no better in a previous encounter with the Irish champion this defeat is not regarded as conclusive. In fact, it seems evident that Hilton must look to his laurels in the next championship if Ball remains at home to enter, which in all probability he will decide to do.

Dyker Meadow's annual competition for the club championship is now under way, and the qualifying round at eighteen holes, medal play, is to continue until October 21, when all scores must be in. The first eight are to be eligible for the cup, which is offered this year by Albert Gould Jennings. Matches in the first round are to be completed before October 28, and the semi-finals, which will be at thirty-six holes, will be decided on November 1. The survivors will meet on Election Day, when there will also be a thirty-six hole, medal play, competition for the Governors' Cup. The October handicap for members will be held next Saturday.

A new record for the Nassau links was made last week by Walter J. Travis, who succeeded in reducing his previous record of 75 by two strokes. The score was established in a threesome, in which the champion was accompanied by Howard F. Whitney and T. D. Hooper, both Nassau amateurs. Travis made the outward journey in 38 and the homeward one in 35—figures that are likely to stand for some little time.

YACHTING.

"FAIRLY AND SQUARELY BEATEN."

An English yachting critic sums up the recent Columbia-Shamrock II race tersely as follows:

"When 'tis done, then 'twere well it were done quickly." Yesterday put a term to the agony of suspense in which the country has imagined itself to be over the America's Cup races, and possibly most of us are glad the thing was dragged out no longer. The second race did away with all hope for the challenger. Practically the contest was over then, and Macbeth's words sprung to the memory as putting the whole thing in a nutshell. We were aweary of the too manifest superiority of Columbia and had no hankering for the fact to be rubbed in much deeper. High, low, Jack and the game, all the honors, nay every trump, they held. We might take it lying down or standing, but take it we had to, and so the sooner the curtain was rung down the better. Though we took it standing, a miss is as good as a mile, and a time allowance victory, such as the third race produced, holds good. We were fairly and squarely beaten.

ANOTHER MATCH FOR M'GOVERN.

Buffalo, Oct. 13.—"Terry" McGovern's manager has agreed to match him against the winner of the Broad-Sullivan fight at Fort Erie to-morrow evening.