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HOW THE TEAMS RANK.

Comment on the Pennsylvania-Cornell and Army-Navy Games.

The college football season of 1907 came to an end on Saturday—a glorious end for the sturdy Navy eleven and those fortunate enough to see the intensely interesting and spectacular game on Franklin Field, Philadelphia. It was the most successful season, perhaps, in the history of the sport in this country, as the many close and stirring games and the monster crowds, whose appetite for football seemed never satisfied, bear witness. The game has been improved, wonderfully improved, under the revised rules, both in substance and in spirit, and is likely to thrive and grow in favor, as it is a game worth playing, worth studying, worth seeing. And now what shall the ranking be of the elevens who worked so hard and fought so hard for the mythical championship and the honor and glory of their colors? It is safe to say that no two critics will agree exactly on the placing of the leading teams. So much must be considered beyond the mere scores, as the various elevens have not been entirely consistent, and some reached their top form earlier than others, only to go back and prove a disappointment when most was required. It has been proved time and again this season, as in years past, that comparative scores lead only into a maze of doubt and uncertainty, and consequently, while scores must be considered, it is impossible to rank on scores alone, so that one's individual judgment comes into play as to the relative merits of the teams when at their best. Of the leading elevens Yale and Dartmouth were the only ones which went through the season without being defeated. Vermont played a tie game with Dartmouth and West Point held Yale to a no score struggle. Every other team of those considered tasted defeat more than once except Pennsylvania, but the latter's one crushing defeat by the Carlisle Indians marred an otherwise remarkable sequence of victories. After close study I have ranked the ten leading teams in the following order:

1—Yale.	6—West Point.
2—Princeton.	7—Dartmouth.
3—Pennsylvania.	8—Harvard.
4—Cornell.	9—Brown.
5—Annapolis.	10—Swarthmore.

Pennsylvania State, Amherst, Lafayette, Syracuse, Lehigh and Williams would follow in about that order. This is an Eastern ranking, the Southern and Western teams not being considered. Vanderbilt is the unquestioned champion of the South by its defeat of Sewanee on Thursday, while I am disposed to place Michigan above Minnesota and Chicago in the West, as the team must needs be strong that could hold Pennsylvania to a score of 6 to 0.

The Carlisle Indians had a wonderfully strong and versatile team and made a record that in some respects has never been equalled. They travelled all over the country, holding their form in the most surprising way, and in eleven games met only one defeat, when Princeton won by a score of 16 to 0. They played in quick succession Pennsylvania, Princeton, Harvard, Minnesota and Chicago, and all away from home. On this record they could not be ranked worse than third, a notch above Pennsylvania. My reasons for not giving them a formal ranking are twofold. In the first place there are no eligibility rules at Carlisle, and some of the men have played on the team five, six and seven years. In the second place there is an air of semi-professionalism about the eleven, and it has been said that Dickinson helps to provide the material. There is no place for a team about which the slightest question can be raised among the leading college elevens of 1907.

There can be no question about Yale's claim to first rank. The team well deserves the so-called football championship. It was slowly but surely developed along the lines which have been so uniformly successful at New Haven. The men met every call and filled every requirement with greater credit to themselves, as individual brilliancy was always subservient to concerted team action. It was not an eleven of stars; not more than three of the men at most will earn All-American honors, but as a team it was just a shade superior to Princeton and Pennsylvania. The Tigers are placed second. They outplayed Yale in the first half of that long-to-be-remembered game, and defeated the Indians 16 to 0, who beat Pennsylvania 26 to 6. They were conquered by Cornell by a score of 6 to 5, on the failure to kick a goal from a touchdown, and this would have cost them second place perhaps if Cornell had beaten Pennsylvania, but Cornell fell from her high estate when the Quakers administered such a crushing defeat on Thursday. Pennsylvania had a remarkably strong team trained to the minute for Cornell, and I am not altogether convinced that on that day it would not have played Yale or Princeton to a standstill with an even chance for victory. I hesitated a long time before placing Annapolis and West Point above Dartmouth and Harvard. The Harvard eleven as it played against Yale would probably defeat any one of the three teams immediately above it, but while Harvard beat Annapolis early in the season it was practically a tie game, and Annapolis outplayed and defeated West Point on Saturday, which had a better record on the whole than Cambridge. Dartmouth, while unbeaten and doing all that was required of it, had an easy schedule up to the Harvard game and can hardly be ranked better than seventh. It is hard to understand Harvard's defeat by Dartmouth by the score of 22 to 0, in view of the Crimson eleven's play against Yale a week later, but on that score Harvard cannot be fairly ranked above Dartmouth. Brown had a good team that held its own against Pennsylvania and Harvard, although beaten, and was only badly outplayed by Yale. Swarthmore beat Annapolis, scored against Pennsylvania and held Cornell to a score of 18 to 0. It was a fairly good record, although the Navy did not present her full strength on the day they met. Pennsylvania State's one claim to recognition came in the defeat of Cornell early in the season by a score of 8 to 6.

Even as Yale appears to have the "Indian sign" on Harvard at football, so does Pennsylvania have it on Cornell. In fifteen years the Ithacans have one lone victory and a tie game to boast of over the Quakers. The Cornell team went to Philadelphia on Thursday with the strongest eleven, perhaps, ever developed at Ithaca and supremely confident of victory, but, as has been said, the Pennsylvania eleven outplayed, outgeneralled and all but outclassed it. The Cornell players looked and acted in perfect physical condition, and any excuses offered for the defeat of the team on this score do not appear worthy of consideration. What the players needed more than anything else, perhaps, was an hour's practice with the tackling dummy. Their efforts to bring a runner down were almost ludicrous, particularly in the first half. To try to stop players like Hollenback and Folwell by tackling high was as futile as it was disastrous. Further than that, there was an apparent weakness in charging quickly and sharply, and the Quaker linesmen got the jump on the Cornell men in almost every scrimmage. Early in the season I was criticised for saying that the Cornell ends were the weak spots in an otherwise strong eleven. Since then I have had no reason to change my opinion, and less than ever since Thursday. Van Orman and Watson were reasonably good ends, but hardly in the same class with Scarlett and Pauxtis, their opponents, who, by the way, played as well in that game as any pair I have watched this year. Cornell had a good team this year, and it seems a pity that the end should be so disappointing to the undergraduates.

Pennsylvania played wonderfully good football on Thursday, and, as said before, the work of the team impressed me and led to the conviction that on that particular day it would have had more than an even chance to defeat any eleven in the country. Hollenback, Draper, Folwell and Scarlett stood out as candidates for All-American honors, and every man played his part and played it well. Unfortunately, there was cause for some unfavorable criticism, and, while admiring the way in which the men followed the ball and took part in every play, there was a feeling that they transgressed the spirit of the new code. There was altogether too much of that little bit of holding, that little bit of charging before the ball was put in play, that marred the old game, in the hope that it would escape the eyes of the umpire. Pennsylvania was justly penalized at critical points in the game by Bill Edwards, who, fortunately, could not be deceived and had the courage of his convictions. If anything, he erred on the side of leniency as, worse still, there was far too much unnecessary roughness on the part of the Quakers. There was no occasion for a man to dive shoulder first into a mass of players when the ball was down or to throw a runner back when stopped. It savored too much of the old methods which brought the game into disrepute, and should not have gone unpunished. Football is a rough game, a strenuous game, but Yale and Princeton and Harvard showed, among others, that it could be a clean and sportsmanlike game without fear of the players being called mollycoddles. The Pennsylvania players showed no viciousness and only a keen desire to win, but they went a little too far.

The Navy eleven rounded out a season that had its disappointments with a well-deserved victory over the Army on Saturday, and it was worthy of the adulations showered on it by the loyal midshipmen. The men had the true fighting spirit and they had been well and carefully coached in the intricacies of new football and perfectly trained by Jack McMasters, the old Harvard trainer. Every Navy man was keenly alert and not only quick to take advantage of opportunities but always studying to make them. The score was small but the victory was decisive. Captain Douglas was a host in himself and certainly deserves a place on the All-American team of every football critic in the country. Dague at end and Slingluff at centre are also worthy of consideration for the mythical all-star eleven. Slingluff's speed in getting down the field and in tackling in the open has not been surpassed by any centre this season. Dague's speed and deadly tackling did much to bother the Army backs, and led, perhaps, to the disastrous fumbling which proved fatal to West Point. Lange made his mark also, and Wright, Meyer, Northcroft and De Mott were conspicuous at various times. I was glad to see Macgruder, "Reddy," as he is called, get into the game for a time. There were few more willing workers on the team, and he deserved his reward. Leighton, by the way, played a good game at tackle before he went out. Reifsnider and Jones worked hard in the backfield, but could not shine in company with such a brilliant player as Douglas. I said a week ago that in spite of the fact that West Point was a strong favorite I had a leaning to Annapolis for the game on Saturday, and the team more than justified the conviction formed early in the season of its strength and ability.

The Army eleven, while outplayed to a large extent, had much to recommend it. It was not lacking in spirit or in football knowledge, and its defence for the forward pass was the most effective I have seen this year. The ends and tackles diagnosed the play quickly and so covered up the man who was to receive the ball that pass after pass was incompleted. The general defence, too, was strong, particularly when most was required. Loose handling of the ball and an inadequate attack were the points of weakness. The team had no possible chance to score except by some daring play or lucky chance, and an error of judgment militated against this when a drop kick was attempted late in the second half. Beavers, Erwin, Weeks and Captain Smith stood out above their fellows, but they did not play quite up to expectations in the face of such a strong defence as the Navy had.

Space is lacking at this writing to announce my All-American team for 1907. The mythical eleven will be published, however, in The Tribune on Sunday. My leading candidates at present are as follows: Ends—Wister, Princeton; Scarlet, Pennsylvania; MacDonald, Harvard; Dague, Annapolis. Tackles—Biglow, Yale; Draper, Pennsylvania; O'Rourke, Cornell; Weeks, West Point. Guards—Thompson, Cornell; Ziegler, Pennsylvania; Horr, Syracuse; Erwin, West Point. Centre—Slingluff, Annapolis; Congdon, Yale; Coble, Swarthmore; Phillips, Princeton. Quarterback—Dillon, Princeton; Jones, Yale; Newhall, Harvard. Halfbacks—Douglas, Annapolis; Wendell, Harvard; McCallie, Cornell; Folwell, Pennsylvania; Harlan, Princeton; Mayhew, Brown; Hubbard, Amherst; Brides, Yale. Fullback—Coy, Yale; Hollenback, Pennsylvania; McCormick, Princeton.

HERBERT.

CLARENDONS WIN GAME.

Defeat Columbia in Close Association Football Contest.

The Clarendon Football Club defeated the Columbia Oval team at soccer by a score of 2 goals to 1 at Schuetzen Park yesterday. Both teams played a fast game, and in the early part it looked as if the Columbia Oval team would win, as Wimpenny scored a goal soon after play began; but that was all the scoring done in the first half. In the second period the Clarendon players got together and scored twice. The line-up follows:

Clarendons (2).	Position.	Columbia Oval (1).
Dewar	G.	Hull
Barbi	R. B.	Hilton
Speller	L. B.	Cullis
H. Agar	R. H. B.	Ellis
H. Davids	C. H. B.	J. Maskel
N. Agar	L. H. B.	Shore
Revegno	O. R.	Ludwig
Millett	I. R.	R. Whitehorne
Heywood	C. F.	Jackson
I. Agar	I. L.	Wimpenny
J. Lee	O. L.	A. Whitehorne

Referee—S. Davies. Goals—Wimpenny, Davis and Millett. Time—35-minute halves.

The Clan McLeod soccer eleven defeated the Boys' Club of Manhattan at Hoboken yesterday in a one-sided game by the score of 9 to 1. The Manhattan team had only nine players on the line-up.

The Astoria Independents defeated the Highbridge eleven by a score of 2 to 1 in a league championship game at Macomb's Dam Park yesterday. The visitors did not show up well in the first half, as expected, and Newman, at centre forward for the Highbridge eleven, scored a goal. Turner, on the Astoria team, also scored a goal, but it was off side, and not allowed. In the second half the visitors went out and won, Turner and Thompson each scoring a goal.

ATHLETES FAIL TO APPEAR.

Big Crowd at Celtic Park Disappointed—Collins Wins Two-Mile Race.

Much disappointment was caused at the games of the Irish Counties Athletic Association, at Celtic Park yesterday, owing to the non-appearance of several of the metropolitan cracks who were entered to compete in the contests.

After waiting until a late hour "Billy" Frank and "Tom" Collins, both of the Irish-American Athletic Club, ran a schoolboy two-mile race. Collins won in the slow time of 10 min. 53 2-5 sec. Among the athletes who were expected to run and failed to appear were Bonhag, Daly, Sheppard and some weight throwers. Sheppard was to have run against the six hundred yard record. The Gaelic football enthusiasts, however, witnessed several games of their favorite sport. Fully 5,000 persons were present to see the cracks contest.

NAVY TEAM WELCOMED.

Behind Band Victorious Eleven Marches Back to Academy.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Annapolis, Dec. 1.—The victorious Navy football team returned to Annapolis this evening and received a welcome such as befitted an emperor returning from foreign conquest. The entire brigade, headed by the academy band, met the football squad at the depot and marched with them through the streets of Annapolis. The horses were taken from the shafts, and the vehicles which carried the members of the team were pulled along by the midshipmen. Each midshipman carried a broom, signifying the clean sweep of the Army team, while the procession was headed by a huge broom and a banner of Navy colors.

At the academy speeches were made by Superintendent Badger, Commandant Benson, Coaches Dashiell and Cates and Captain Douglas. Captain Douglas aroused much merriment by saying that Captain Smith, of the West Point team, had counted his chickens before they were hatched, and got ducks.

He referred to the newspaper interview, in which the West Point captain gave a detailed account of just how they would beat the Navy. Coach Cates congratulated the team on its good work and particularly on the fact that the end of training had not been marked by dissipation. Such a thing, he said, would have nullified all the good work of the season.

PHILOON ARMY LEADER.

Chosen Football Captain for Next Year—Welcome for Team.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 1.—Downhearted over their defeat at the hands of the middies, the football team arrived home this afternoon and were met by the entire battalion of cadets. Had the homecoming been that of a victorious rather than of a vanquished team the welcome could not have been more enthusiastic.

Cheer after cheer echoed across the Hudson and rebounded back again when the train rolled in bearing the defenders of the black, gold and gray. As the men emerged from the train they were grasped, and, protesting, were borne on the shoulders of their comrades to the waiting stage. All the way up the long, steep hill to the academy the battalion completely surrounded the conveyance and cheered the team, collectively and individually. As usual, the next year's football captain was elected to-day on the train, and Cadet Wallace Philoon, the army centre, was chosen to lead the team next year. Philoon is a member of the second class and was appointed from the state of Maine.

MIDDIES ENJOY A JOKE.

'Tis at the Expense of Their "Landlubber Twin," Too.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Annapolis, Dec. 1.—The brigade of midshipmen is enjoying to the utmost a little joke it has on the West Point corps of cadets which illustrates that "pride oftentimes goeth before a fall."

A few days ago Midshipman Donavan, of the first class, received a letter from one of the cadets as the representative of the Army corps, requesting the brigade of midshipmen to kindly keep off Franklin Field at the close of the Army-Navy game, as the cadets would doubtless need it for celebration purposes. The cadet modestly acknowledged that the midshipmen had a team that knew something about football, but he intimated that it stood a poor show against the Army team.

This letter was hardly appreciated by the brigade of midshipmen when they heard of it, and Donovan wrote a rather curt reply to the effect that the "midshipmen intended to show their loyalty to their team whether it won or lost, and would show said loyalty in the manner in which they thought best."

The result of the game, however, has drawn the sting from the West Pointer's letter, and the whole brigade is much amused over the incident.

A new yell has suddenly become popular. It is an Army yell, modified, and is:

North Point,
South Point,
East Point,
West Point,
No points.

MOTOR BOAT RACES.

Florida Carnival on Lake Worth Scheduled for March.

The fourth annual motor boat carnival and races on Lake Worth, Palm Beach, Fla., March next, promises to eclipse all previous tournaments and displays given by the Palm Beach Power Boat Association, as the entries for the races on Lake Worth, which are scheduled for the third week in March, will be greater in number and superior in quality to those in the last three southern regattas. In addition to the motor boat races, the officers and committee, which number among them H. M. Flagler, W. K. Vanderbilt, jr., Fred Sterry, H. E. Bemis, W. Gould Brokaw, Captain Hugh L. Willoughby, H. L. Bowden and others, are a sufficient guarantee that the carnival will be a noteworthy event, both from a social and aquatic viewpoint.

To round out the week, the management will carry the carnival of Venice idea, in which Pain's fireworks are a great feature, to a higher plane of attractiveness than even was the case last winter, when beautiful Lake Worth was illuminated from one side to the other with the most dazzling display of pyrotechnics ever seen in the South. The decision by the fireworks committee to increase the display and illuminate the gardens and grounds of the Royal Poinciana meets with the approval of the general committee that will have charge of the week's doings.

The fastest boats in the world will be at Palm Beach, and it is safe to say that the existing records will receive a shaking up, as former Commodore Edward J. Schroeder, of the Motor Boat Club of America, will enter the fast flying Dixie, which defeated all comers in the British races last summer. Commodore Schroeder is especially anxious to complete his ownership of the splendid Sir Thomas Dewar shield, which the London baronet and former member of Parliament presented to the Palm Beach Power Boat Association, and which must be won twice by the same boat. As Commodore Schroeder won it last winter, he will make every effort to make his title clear to the foreign trophy in March. Other boats with great records will be seen in competition against the Dixie, and some of them no doubt will make the contest with the latter an interesting one.

Alfred Reeves has been in Paris and London recently, informing owners of foreign boats about the Palm Beach tournament, and it is to be hoped that some of the foreign crack boats will be seen in competition against the American built article this winter in Florida. Negotiations are in progress with the owner of the automobile and motor boat combination which recently was driven up Broadway and took its initial plunge into the Hudson at Fort Washington Park, and it is quite possible that the amphibious thing in motor craft will be seen skimming through the Palm Beach grounds and over the lake.

The programme of events will be similar to that which gave so great satisfaction last January 29 to February 1, when races were scheduled meeting the approval of most motor boat owners, and ranging from the smallest to the largest and most powerful boat. The entry blank will be ready in about ten days and can be obtained from Theodore D. Wells, No. 32 Broadway, chairman of the regatta committee, or from W. J. Morgan, Bretton Hall, 85th street and Broadway.

SHOOTING TOURNAMENT IN HOLIDAYS.

Arranged by National Rifle Association, and Will Include School Teams.

In order to promote rifle shooting among the people of the country the National Rifle Association has arranged a tournament in the Grand Central Palace, in this city, for holiday week. There will be team matches for universities, colleges, public schools and military schools, and teams are expected from Baltimore, Paterson, Stamford, Jersey City, Philadelphia and other cities.

A silver "challenge cup" will be offered for competition among the schoolboys of greater New York. This cup will represent individual championship, and will be put in competition yearly by the Public School Athletic League. President Roosevelt and Secretary Taft have expressed their approval of the promoting of marksmanship among the citizens, and it is expected that there will be a representative of the War Department present.

General Drain, president of the National Rifle Association, and Governor Hughes are among those who are expected on the opening night.

PUBLIC LINKS CLOSED.

GOLFERS INDIGNANT.

Frequenters of Van Cortlandt Park Course to Sign Petition.

Unless the authorities reconsider their latest action there will be no more golf played over the public links at Van Cortlandt Park this year. Between 500 and 1,000 players visited Van Cortlandt yesterday, and when it became generally known that beginning with to-day no more golf would be permitted there was general indignation.

So unexpected was the announcement that Joan P. O'Connell, proprietor of the golf house adjacent to the links, asked Joseph I. Berry, Park Commissioner of the Borough of the Bronx, for an explanation, and the commissioner's reply was to the effect that playing over the links at this season of the year was injurious to the turf, and as the aim was always toward an improvement of the existing conditions it was thought that the course would be benefited generally and the turf given a chance to heal after months of usage.

The announcement came as a bomb to the golfers who for years have been accustomed to use the links throughout the winter. It has been customary in the past to close in March, when the frost is coming out of the ground. Last spring as a substitute while the regular course was out of commission a temporary nine-hole circuit on the parade grounds was placed at the disposal of the golfers. It is understood that even this is to be omitted during the ensuing winter.

Another point that is annoying to the frequenters of the park is the fact that they have for the last five or six weeks been compelled to put on temporary greens. They have never murmured at temporary banishment from the regular greens for a while each spring, but they fail to see the wisdom or justice in such a move in the fall, more especially when it immediately precedes the entire closing of the links.

In the opinion of many, the autumn is the best time of the year for a thorough enjoyment of the game. The golfers also claim that their troubles were made the more acute because of the lack of care displayed in the selection of places for the temporary greens. They say some of the holes have been put in ridiculous places.

The New York Golf Club, which has its headquarters at Van Cortlandt, is to have a meeting shortly, when some form of protest will be drafted. It is not unlikely that a petition signed by several hundred frequenters of the links, will be presented to the Commissioner. A number of individual letters will also be written. This action in closing the course is keenly felt by those who made a practice of playing there on Saturdays and Sundays the year round.

As for a course being benefited by winter closing it is now a pretty generally accepted theory among the hundreds of private clubs that play in the cold weather is in no wise harmful. A little attention in the spring is all that is necessary to place the turf in normal condition and make the lies as good as ever. There is only one private club of any importance in the metropolitan district that closes its links during the winter.

According to a Boston authority, the system of handicapping used by the Massachusetts Golf Association in the last season has been more satisfactory than ever. In thirty-four tournaments those winning the gross prizes, with handicaps from 0 up to 6 strokes, finished in the following relation to the allotted scores of the links: Ten were all even with the allotted scores, four were one below, two were two below, three were three below, three were four below and two were five below. Above the allotted scores one was one stroke, one was two strokes, two were three strokes, two were four strokes, one was five strokes and two were six strokes.

In the tournaments those winning the net prizes, with handicaps from 0 up to 24 strokes, finished in the following relation to the allotted scores of the links: One was even, one was one over, two were two over, three were three over and four were four over. Below the allotted scores of the courses three were one under, three were two under, five were three under, two were four under, two were five under, three were six under, three were seven under and one was thirteen under.

Handicapping up to 24 strokes was initiated this last season. Some of the clubs limited handicaps to 18 strokes, but many allowed the full number of strokes. Five of the thirty-four tournaments were won by players with handicaps of more than 18 strokes. As a whole, the net prizes were won by players with handicaps which included nearly every rating from 0 to 24, showing that the list favored neither the low nor the high handicap men.

That so many tournaments were won by players with net scores under the allotted figures for the links is partly due to the dry weather which prevailed during the summer. The long run to the ball made the holes easy to reach and many a player began to think that he was a giant at the long game when the ground was doing nearly all the work.

In Wollaston's spring tournament one player with a handicap of 20 finished six strokes below the allotted score of the links, 75; then came two players tied at 73, three at 74, two at 76, five at 77, five at 78 and seven at 79. Of sixty-nine starters fifty-two finished within ten strokes of 75. The handicaps of the first ten players were 20, 6, 14, 4, 8, 16, 11, 14, 18, 5. In Wollaston's fall tournament three were tied at 71, two at 72, three at 73, two at 74, five at 75 and fifty-nine of ninety-six starters finished within ten strokes of the allotted score of the links.

In the spring handicap at Brookline one player with 12 finished in 71, six strokes below the allotted score of the links, 77; one was 74, one 75 and one 76; two were tied at 77, four at 78, three at 79, seven at 80, seven at 81, eight at 82, six at 83, nine at 84, ten at 85, nine at 86 and eleven at 87. Of 137 players eighty finished within ten strokes of 77. Handicaps of first ten were 12, 5, 1, 6, 10, 14, 3, 10, 10, 12. In the fall tournament a scratch player, P. W. Whittemore, finished in 73; two were 74, one was 75, two were tied at 76, two at 77, four at 78, five at 79, seven at 80, ten at 81, six at 82, six at 83, seven at 84, three at 85, five at 76, seven at 87. Of 132 players sixty-eight finished within ten strokes of 77.

Oakley's handicap in the spring was won by a player whose showing had been so poor that his handicap had been raised from 6 to 9. He played in 79, and his net score was 70, or seven strokes below 77, the allotted score of the links. With seventy-three starters fifty-seven finished within ten strokes of 77. A record showing was made in Oakley's fall tournament, six players with various handicaps tying at 77, the allotted score of the links. Three were tied at 78, four at 79, two at 80, four at 81, seven at 82, seven at 83, six at 84. The handicaps of the first ten were 1, 4, 6, 8, 12, 17, 8, 15, 16

In Myopia's handicap in the spring only seventeen of about eighty players finished within ten strokes of the allotted score, 81. The lowest net score was 80. In the fall only fifteen of sixty-seven players finished within ten strokes of 81. The lowest net score was 84, at which two players were tied.

LAWSON TO RIDE IN BICYCLE RACE.

Kramer's Rival to Take Part in Six-Day Grind at the Garden.

Iver Lawson is to ride in the six-day bicycle race which starts at Madison Square Garden next Sunday at midnight. The entry of Frank Kramer's keenest rival for the sprinting championship of America will be a big surprise to the cycle racing world. For the last couple of years efforts have been made to get Lawson to take part in the race as he is not only a phenomenal sprinter, but is a strong, sturdy rider, with exceptional staying powers. He is to team up with Urban McDonald, who in the last season in Salt Lake City rode in splendid form. This team promises to be one of the most formidable in the big contest, and will undoubtedly give the other star teams a hard fight for first honors.

Lawson has been training for a long time with the idea of entering the six-day grind.

Work will start on the big saucer track in the Garden to-morrow night. One hundred detectives will police the Garden day and night.

MEETING FOR NEW TENNIS GROUNDS.

The first move toward acquiring a quarter of a million dollars worth of property will be made by members of the West Side Lawn Tennis Club to-morrow night at the meeting called to take place at the Yale Club.

The members will be called upon to decide whether or not they will continue upon the fewer courts or push through the site of the Van Cortlandt Park courts to an early completion.

PLANNING SANATORIUM IN DENVER.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Denver, Dec. 1.—Dr. Charles Hendrick, of New York, founder of a sanatorium in Ardmore, Long Island, is here making plans to erect a sanatorium at a cost of $150,000. It is said other Eastern capitalists are interested in the project.

LIMESTONE QUARRIES SHUT DOWN.

Sparta Township, Dec. 1 (Special).—The limestone quarries of the Edison Cement Company here have shut down. The quarry has been in operation for three years. The machinery is being shipped to Buttzville, where the company has another quarry. The officials of the company say that the present financial conditions have nothing to do with the cessation of work at this place. It is possible that the plant here may be worked once more if a cement plant is started at Buttzville

BOWLING SEASON STARTS.

First Series in Athletic League To-night and Many New Faces.

Many new faces will be seen on the Athletic Bowling League teams, which will begin a new season this week. This is especially so with the New York Athletic Club and the Jersey City Club fives, but new men will also be found at the Columbia Club, Newark Bay Club, Passaic Club and Montclair Club.

Another and by no means unimportant feature this season is the improvement in alleys. Since last season new alleys have been placed in the Montclair and Newark Bay clubs, so that now with possibly one exception all of the eight clubs will have new and up-to-date alleys. As the Athletic League has its own pins, which fall less readily than those used on most of the public alleys, it requires good bowling to roll up large totals, especially at the outset of the season when the pins are stiff.

A start will be made to-night when the champion Roseville Athletic Association five will visit Newark Bay. Since last season the members of the Bayonne organization have moved into a brand new clubhouse, which cost $28,000. The building is a complete affair of its kind, and contains four new alleys.

In practice the team has been rolling up great totals, averaging something like 980 for twenty odd games, and it is no secret that Jaeger, the captain, has high hopes of at least winning the odd to-night. He will have on the team besides himself, Vreeland, Terry, Griffith and Dwyer. The latter is a new man to Athletic League circles, but a strong bowler.

Such a statement as this would be apt to unnerve any save a Roseville team. The latter will remain unchanged. Preism, winner of the individual average prize last season, has been chosen captain, and he feels confident that his five will set a fast pace from the start. In addition to Preism, there are "Count" Olozaga, Wood, Van Ness and Meyer.

The Jersey City Club team is scheduled to visit the Columbia alleys to-morrow night. This has almost invariably proved disastrous for Jersey City, but the latter hopes to shake off the hoodoo this time, depending on a reorganized team. The five will consist of Harry Lamster, S. W. Garrison, Robert Schlereth, George Schlereth and A. H. Howe. These are nearly all young men. Charley Meyer, who has been anchor for so many years, and Collard, captain of last season's five, are named as substitutes.

Meyer figures that he has been rolling regularly long enough. He will be greatly missed around the Athletic League circuit, for, in addition to being well liked personally, the Jersey City man has a style when bowling that every one enjoys watching. His delivery comes as near the ideal as can be found anywhere.

The Columbia team has also undergone an overhauling. Hartzel, who is captain again, will depend upon Rhodenberg, Huesmann, Kimball and Schultz. The latter is a new man. Keller, the old Metropolitan bowler, who has rolled at anchor for a number of years on the Columbia team, prefers not to roll regularly in future.

For Wednesday night the attraction is the Passaic-Elizabeth series on the former's alleys. Seabrooke will not be with the Passaic team this season, but there will be Harper, Sherlock, a new man; Lefferts, Ball, Olsen and Elston. The team will be chosen from these six men. In practice the candidates have been showing up well, and it is confidently expected that the club will finish better than it did last season.

The Elizabeth combination is a trifle uncertain, but, according to one of the prominent members, the five will be made up from Tenney, Nolte, Clauss, A. West, R. West and Pope. There has been considerable rolling on the Elizabeth club alleys during the last fall, but the men have had practically no team practice.

The fourth and last series of the week is scheduled for Thursday night between New York and Montclair on the latter's alleys. At least two, and possibly three, new faces will be seen representing New York. Klingelhoffer, because of ill health, will be unable to roll, while John Beam has also dropped out of the club, and, in addition to this, Jack Breen's movements are uncertain.

Frank Clute, president of the league, is now captain in Klingelhoffer's place. Clute hopes to get Breen to roll this season. Sherwood and Arnold will be in their usual places, and if Breen consents to roll, the fifth man will probably be Platt Adams. The latter has an excellent style, and, in the opinion of good judges is a coming bowler. Bob Edgren is also rolling capital tenpins. Other possibilities are Toussaint, Bell, Martin and Whitehead.

The Montclair five will consist of Lockwood, Snyder, Robinson, Brown and Thomson, with Lewis as a substitute. Brown is to be captain, and he has had his men practising regularly. There is unusual enthusiasm at the club, and it is said that the new alleys have had much to do with this.

The prize list this season is especially attractive. The regular awards are: First club, $100; second, $50; third, $25; first individual, $25; second, $15; third, $10. In addition to these there is a special prize of $10 for the highest individual average on foreign alleys, and another $10 special for the highest single team score. There is also a $5 prize for the highest single individual score.

TIMELY AUTO TOPICS.

Cedrino Praises Course for Proposed Spring Stock Car Race.

Arrangements were made by E. R. Hollander to have the crack Italian driver of the Fiat car, Cedrino, go over the proposed course for the spring road race for stock cars. At the close of the day, when the inspecting party drew up to compare notes, Cedrino said, "It is a beautiful course and magnificent roads, as good as we have in Europe. In fact, the same, excepting we have fifteen or twenty miles straightaway where these roads are full of turns. Light cars over this course will have a big handicap over heavy cars, and the only way to equalize it at all will depend on the driver. I am much surprised, as I did not expect to find such good conditions."

T. F. Moore, who accompanied the party for the purpose of appearing before several town boards, caused several delays in the day to the tourists, due to the long meetings of the several bodies he appeared before. Cedrino's impatience finally asserted itself when he came out with an expression of surprise that the officials would hesitate a minute in giving grants. "In Europe," he said, "they are only too glad to see us hold an event of this character."

As a curtain raiser to the big Chicago automobile show the 630 mile sealed bonnet reliability contest, promoted by the Chicago Motor Club has proved a great success.

Of the thirty-five participants only ten finished with clean bills of health, and owing to mechanical defects several of these are reported to be unable to pass the rigid examination of the technical committee. Several of the penalizations were due to the new rule requiring that all tool boxes be officially sealed, in addition to the hoods. Cars were even penalized where minute adjustments were made without the aid of tools. So, as a whole, it is the unanimous opinion of experts that the conditions were the severest ever known. Then the fact that a double century run was made for three successive days at a time of the year when the roads and weather were so severe that sand had to be substituted for the passenger weight required has emphasized the brilliancy of performance of almost every car that participated. Because of its moderate price the 24-horsepower Premier roadster is eliciting much favorable comment. It finished all controls on time with all seals perfectly intact and defeated fourteen higher priced cars.

In commenting upon its creditable showing H. O. Smith, president of the Premier Motor Manufacturing Company, says: "We entered this contest confidently, expecting to make as good a showing as all Premiers made in the last Glidden tour. There is no mystery surrounding the Premier's consistent performance, but it is based on masterful design, superior material and the careful and high class workmanship which enter into every car we make. It is not remarkable that the majority of the engineers of the world have approved certain general underlying principles, and the fact that the first Premiers which were built during 1902 embodied so many characteristic features of the most approved cars to-day verifies the practical ideas and good judgment of its engineering force from the beginning."

N. A. Hawkins has been made "commercial manager" of the Ford Motor Company—a title that embraces more than merely that of general sales manager. He will have complete charge of all the Ford branches and the entire sales organization.

Robert N. Clyde has associated himself with H. E. Wagner, who is the Eastern representative for the Babcock Electric Carriage Company, at Broadway and 48th street. Mr. Clyde takes the position of assistant manager with the Babcock people, and his friends in the trade wish him the best of success.

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The Pierce Great Arrow has been a successful competitor in every road event in which it has entered, but has invariably kept clear of road contests. The promoters of the stripped stock touring car race, the promoters at Ormond and promotors of other great events of next season will try to obtain Pierce entries. It is hardly probable, however, that they will be successful, inasmuch as the officers of the George N. Pierce Company state that they do not make a car for racing, but that they do make a car for touring. It is their intention to continue their entries in touring events of national character, and the Great Arrow will again be seen in all contests of that character, but hardly in events of speed either on road or track.

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