YALE PLAYERS FAST

WIN DUAL MATCH IN INDOOR COURTS.

Cragin, of 7th Regiment Team, Beats Holden After Bitter Fight.

Yale's team of lawn tennis players decisively defeated the team of the 7th Regiment yesterday on the board courts of the armory, 66th street and Park avenue. Led by Captain R. A. Holden, jr., Yale won seven matches to four, with one a draw, or a total of 156 games to 127. It is the second victory of the Yale players over the regimental experts in their annual series of dual contests, as last spring on the courts at New Haven the Yale players won by nine matches to three. Of the competitions decided yesterday Yale won five out of eight singles, and scored two doubles matches, losing one and drawing in the other because of darkness.

It was plain at the time of beginning the matches, shortly after noon, that the competitors would be handicapped because of a dim light. Captain Holden was one of the first to take court against Arthur S. Cragin, who led the 7th's team, and a fast volleying match resulted. The Yale expert was clever in his placing, and he led at 5—3 in the opening set. Cragin then began overhead smashing that pulled him along to 5—all, and allowed him to win the vantage game at 6—5. Then a slashing game followed, the score falling evenly, with the service to 14—all. On the twenty-ninth game Cragin broke through the Yale player's service, and won the set at 16—14, the longest of the day. In the next set Cragin increased his speed, winning the match at 6—3.

The remarkable strength and development of the Yale team was shown in the victories of F. H. Gates, who defeated Valentine Treat, winner of the regimental class B handicap, and Harry B. Bretz, who defeated the veteran William Cunningham. Gates possessed a long and swift driving stroke, which he adroitly used to place the ball in the corners of his opponent's court. He kept Treat footing from side to side as if he were endeavoring to break his own track record for a thousand yards. Finding that Treat's back hand was weak, the Yale player played the left hand side so ably as to score the match at 6—3, 6—4. Bretz, who appeared last year in the national indoor tournament, proved lightning fast. He was remarkably accurate, only allowing Cunningham one game, as he scored the match at 6—love, 6—1.

Of the three set matches Yale won two and the 7th Regiment one. J. D. Bowen and F. Goodhue scored for Yale. Bowen played Harry L. Follett to a standstill in their first set, which he lost at 5—7, after a series of prolonged rallies. When he had worn his opponent down Bowen took his stand at the net. From that position he smothered him with cross court smashes and straight volleys through his court, so that he won the second and third sets and the match at 6—3, 6—2. Goodhue likewise lost his first set, 7—5, to Harry Parker. Then the Yale man out-manœuvred his opponent at placing and won at 6—3, 6—3. L. H. Fitch scored the victory for the 7th in a close match against Wilson Eyre. After splitting sets Eyre forged ahead in the third. Fitch steadied and played a waiting game as he shot the ball through the openings as presented, winning at 6—4, 4—6, 6—4.

The doubles did not produce the usual fast tennis because of the poor light. The best of the matches was that which resulted in a draw between Holden and Gates, Yale, and A. S. Cragin and Fitch, at 8—6, 3—6, 3—all. So long as the Yale pair were able to hold the net they surpassed their opponents. It was at close range that they won the first set. As they were obliged to fall back in their court because of inability to see the ball clearly in its flight, they lost the second set, 6—3, as both Cragin and Fitch proved masters at the deep court game. With the score at 3—all in the third set, it was so dark as to cause further attempt farcical and the match was declared a draw.

Following the matches Captain Holden stated that Yale would be well represented at the coming indoor national championship, and he hoped that the other colleges would also send teams. The summary follows:

Yale vs. 7th Regiment (singles)—Harry B. Bretz, Yale, '10, defeated William Cunningham, 7th, 6—0, 6—1; F. H. Gates, Yale, '12, defeated Valentine Treat, 7th, 6—3, 6—4; J. D. Bowen, Yale, '10, defeated Harry L. Follett, 7th, 5—7, 6—3, 6—2; B. G. Bliss, Yale, '10, defeated George Von der Muehll, 7th, 6—2, 6—2; F. Goodhue, Yale, '11, defeated Harry Parker, 7th, 5—7, 6—3, 6—3; Arthur S. Cragin, 7th, defeated R. A. Holden, jr., Yale, '11, 16—14, 6—3; L. H. Fitch, 7th, defeated Wilson Eyre, Yale, '10, 6—4, 4—6, 6—4; C. M. Ammermann, 7th, defeated R. E. Coleman, Yale, '11, 6—2, 7—5.

Doubles—R. A. Holden and F. H. Gates, Yale, vs. Arthur S. Cragin and L. H. Fitch, 7th, 8—6, 3—6, 3—all, a draw; Wilson Eyre and J. D. Bowen, Yale, defeated Harry L. Follett and Valentine Treat, 7th, 6—4, 6—2; Harry B. Bretz and B. G. Bliss, Yale, defeated Calhoun Cragin and C. M. Ammermann, 7th, 6—2, 6—2; George Von der Muehll and William Cunningham, 7th, defeated R. E. Coleman and F. Goodhue, Yale, 7—5, 7—5.

LAMY TO THE FRONT.

Roe Sets New Skating Mark for Mile and a Half.

Pittsburg, Jan. 29.—An international record was established at the championship skating races here to-day, when Roe, of Toronto, covered a mile and a half in 4 minutes and 10 seconds. Ahlroth, of Duluth, was second, and Fischer, of Milwaukee, third.

Edmund Lamy, the amateur champion, again carried off his share of the honors, winning the one and the five mile races.

The summary follows:

One-mile race—Won by Lamy; Kearny, New York, second; Roe, Toronto, third. Time, 2:56 2-5.

Five-mile race—Won by Lamy; Ahlroth, second; Fischer, third. Time, 14:55.

In a special intercity race between Swartz, of Pittsburg, and Hess, of Cleveland, Swartz defeated his opponent in 3 minutes and 7 2-5 seconds.

NEW HAVEN LEADS.

Top List in National Interclub Rifle Tourney.

Washington, Jan. 29.—Results of the second round of matches in the interclub shoot of the United States Indoor Rifle Shooting League, on Friday night, tabulated here to-day by the National Rifle Association of America, show the Winchester Rod and Gun Club, of New Haven, in the lead for high score, with a total of 970.

The Rocky Mountain Rifle Club, of Butte, has the second high score, with 950 points. The Warren Rifle and Revolver Club, of Warren, Penn., is third, with 914 points.

The team matches resulted as follows:

Warren (Penn.) Rifle and Revolver Club won from the Fort Pitt Rifle Club, of Pittsburg, by 4 points; the Italian Rifle Association, of New York, won from the Los Angeles Rifle Club by 28 points; Winchester Rod and Gun Club, of New Haven, won from the Seattle Rifle and Revolver Association by 61 points; Birmingham Athletic Club Rifle Association defeated the Tacoma Rifle and Revolver Club by 24 points; Rocky Mountain Rifle Club, of Butte, won from Triangle Cadets Young Men's Christian Association Rifle Club, of Los Angeles, by 271 points; Myles Standish Rifle Club, of Portland, Me., won from the St. Paul Rifle and Revolver Association by 8 points.

POWER BOAT FOR MR. SCHIEREN.

C. A. Schieren, former Mayor of Brooklyn, is having a 40-foot cabin power boat built at Morris Heights, for use on Great South Bay. The yacht will be equipped with a four-cylinder Speedway engine and her contract speed is thirteen miles an hour.

BUSY HARVARD CREW.

To Meet Annapolis and Cornell Before Yale Race.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 29.—The Harvard crew, for the last two years victors over Yale, will this year race Annapolis, Cornell and Yale, in the order named, according to an announcement made to-night by M. F. Garcelon, the graduate manager of athletics. The dates and agreements are expected to be ratified by the Harvard Athletic Council at its next meeting.

Although desiring an earlier date to conform with the change of time for the Yale commencement, the Blue oarsmen consented to June 30 as the day for the race with Harvard at New London. The Crimson will race the Middies on April 21, at Annapolis, and Cornell, May 30, on the Charles River basin.

There appears little prospect that Harvard will race either Syracuse or Columbia, both of which colleges sought dates.

SLAVERY THE CRY.

Blow To Be Aimed on Coast at Organized Baseball.

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—If State Senator Hartman is returned to the upper house of the Califronia Legislature, he will introduce a bill striking at the very heart of organized baseball and calculated to nullify all existing contracts between players and owners.

Hartman was once a baseball player himself, and he says his bill will be openly aimed at organized baseball because he believes it is nothing more or less than baseball slavery. He will base his bill upon the Thirteenth Amendment of the federal Constitution, prohibiting slavery and involuntary servitude.

The bill will declare in effect that it is a misdemeanor, the penalty to be fixed by the Legislature, for any one to compel a baseball player to play with any club unless he wants to, until the expiration of his contract. The bill will refer, of course, only to such contracts in California, but if the courts of this state uphold it, it is expected that the agitation will spread all over the country.

MIDDIES' FIELD DAY.

Yale Gymnasts and Swarthmore Five Beaten.

Annapolis, Jan. 29.—In opening the winter gymnastic season this afternoon the Midshipmen defeated Yale by a score of 31 to 14.

The contest on the flying rings was exceedingly close, one Navy and three Yale men tying for first honors.

To add to the fun the Navy defeated the basketball five of Swarthmore College by a score of 53 to 16. The game was exciting and of more than usual interest to the Navy in view of the fact that Swarthmore last Saturday defeated the West Point cadets by one point.

CUE STARS TO PLAY.

Pool and Billiard Titles at Stake This Week.

Three important cue battles will be decided this week in three cities. Beginning to-morrow evening Thomas Hueston will meet Jerome Keogh in the New York Theatre concert hall in the first block of 200 points in a 600-ball game for the world's continuous pool title, a purse of $1,000 and a side bet of $250. They will continue the match on Tuesday night, and play the final block on Wednesday night.

On Tuesday night in Chicago Calvin Demarest, 18.2 balkline champion, will play Harry Cline, challenger for the title which Demarest won in the recent Madison Square Garden tournament, and which he now defends for the first time. Demarest and Cline will play 500 points a night, the match ending on Thursday, for a $1,000 purse and a side bet, as well as the title and emblem.

Pittsburg will get its first peep in several years at high class balkline play on Wednesday night, when Willie Hoppe and Ora Morningstar, both former 18.2 champions, begin their special match of 1,500 points at that style of game.

Nothing has been left undone by the New York Roomkeepers' Association to make the pool championship contest the biggest affair of its kind that has ever been played in New York. Special seats on the amphitheatre plan have been installed, and nearly all of the reservations have been blocked off for different club delegations. Maurice Daly will referee.

TIMELY CHESS NEWS.

Rosenfeld Beats Marshall in Third Game of Match.

Frank J. Marshall, United States chess champion and winner of the annual championship tournament of the Manhattan Chess Club, suffered defeat at the hands of Herbert Rosenfeld in the third of their series of ten games on Friday. Play was prolonged until late at night, as no fewer than ninety-seven moves were required to reach a decision.

Roy T. Black, champion of the Brooklyn Chess Club, leads in the trial tournament among the cable match candidates, having won from F. F. Russell and A. F. Kreymborg. L. B. Meyer also won from Kreymborg, and the game between Russell and Kreymborg was drawn.

Julius Finn, former state chess champion, will play blindfolded against six opponents at the rooms of the Rice Chess Club, in the Café Boulevard, this afternoon.

The women's chess club of this city mourns the loss of one of its most prominent members in the death at Newark, N. J., of Mrs. Charles P. Frey, the first woman player to acquire the United States championship in open tournament. This she accomplished in the tournament of the first American Women's Chess Congress, held in this city in 1906.

In the pending handicap tournament of the Brooklyn Chess Club the leader is W. J. Perlman, last year's winner, who has scored four straight victories. L. J. Wolff, A. G. Cass, R. T. Black and H. Valentine are all well placed.

Charles Curt was the winner of the last continuous tournament of the Brooklyn Chess Club, with a percentage of .782, having won 204 games and lost 57. The other percentage prize winners were W. S. Lemen, .584; C. W. Kahles, .562; R. P. Dow, .562. Dow, with 281 victories, won the special prize for the highest aggregate of victories.

Albert B. Hodges delivered the third of his series of four lectures before the members of the Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences in the new Academy of Music, yesterday. He took for his subject the middle game. Next Saturday, he will conclude the course, the first of its kind ever given by the institute, with a lecture on the end game.

FAST BATTLE ENDS IN A DRAW.

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—"Cyclone" Johnny Thompson, of Illinois, and "Young Tommy" McCarthy, of San Francisco, fought twenty furious rounds to a draw here last night. The fight was one of the fastest lightweight battles fought on the Coast in years. Each man scored a knockdown.

SPORTS OF THE DAY

BASEBALL ON JUMP.

Playing Dates for the Giants on Their Training Trip.

Baseball holds a place in popular favor that is little short of remarkable. The strength and solidity of the sport have been emphasized from time to time in one way or another, but by nothing so much as the tendency in the last two years to build new parks or enlarge the old ones to provide for greater seating capacity.

Last season the Pittsburg Pirates and the Philadelphia Athletics christened new inclosures built on a huge scale and at a cost of thousands of dollars, while the New York Giants remodelled the old stands and built new ones to accommodate thirty thousand "fans." Brooklyn, too, enlarged the capacity of the stands and made for the greater comfort of followers of the sport.

This year the Cleveland Club, of the American League, will open a brand new park, with concrete and steel stands which will seat twenty thousand persons, and which is said to be one of the finest in the country. More improvements are being made at the Polo Grounds so as to increase the seating capacity of the grandstand and provide a new entrance from the hill back of the grounds, while the Philadelphia club of the National League will build a new stand if the steel can be secured in time.

Charley Comiskey, owner of the Chicago club of the American League, is authority for the statement that the big new home of the White Sox will be formally opened on July 1.

"Without an exception the new park will be among the finest in the land," said Mr. Comiskey, "and we will profit by the experiments of the other owners, who have built great plants during the last two seasons. The new stands and bleachers will have embodied in them all the features that have made Forbes Field, at Pittsburg, and Shibe Park, at Philadelphia, stand out as the most magnificent plants in the country. In addition to this a great number of innovations will be installed that no other park can boast of.

"Work on the new grounds will be started as soon as the frost leaves the ground. The opening day at the park will be the cause for a monstrous turn-out, and it is my plan to have every state in the Union represented by a delegate, who will be here as my guest. Yes, and the Irish sod will be there, too."

Next year, or at least in the next few years, the New York Yankees, Detroit Tigers and Cincinnati Reds will move into new homes, if present plans are carried out, while Boston "fans" are also looking forward to a new and improved park to enjoy their sport. There is talk of Frank Farrell building a huge stadium that will seat fifty thousand persons, at 227th street and Broadway, as a new home for the Yankees. So it goes, and all because the "fans" are growing in numbers at a surprising rate.

The New York Giants will play nine exhibition games on their way north from Texas this spring, and will arrive home in time to meet Yale for the opening game at the Polo Grounds on April 9, which falls on Saturday. This glimpse must satisfy the "fans" for a time, as the first league game at home is not scheduled until April 22. The Yankees and the Giants take turns in opening the season in this city, and this year the former will ring the curtain up at American League Park on April 14.

The Giants will break camp at their training quarters at Marlin Springs, Tex., on March 26, and will then work north, playing the first exhibition game of the return trip at Shreveport, La., on March 28. The schedule follows:

March 28, Shreveport, La.; March 30, Birmingham, Ala.; March 31, Atlanta; April 1, Greenville, S. C.; April 2, Greensboro, N. C.; April 4 and 5, Norfolk, Va.; April 6, Richmond, Va.; April 7, Baltimore; April 9, Yale, at the Polo Grounds.

The second team will play only three exhibition games this year—one at Roanoke, Va., on April 4, and two at Lynchburg, Va., on April 5 and 6.

Entries for fifteen stakes to be decided at the spring meeting of the Westchester Racing Association at Belmont Park will close on February 15. The value of the Metropolitan Handicap, at one mile, has been raised to $5,000. Other historic stakes to be renewed include the Withers, of $4,000, for three-year-olds; the National Stallion, of $5,000; the Laureate, of $2,500, and the Juvenile, of $2,500, for two-year-olds, and the Ladies, of $2,000, for three-year-olds. It is announced that the value of the overnight purses will be increased over last year if the attendance justifies the extra outlay.

Melvin W. Sheppard, of the Irish-American Athletic Club, must now stand trial on charges growing out of a meeting in which he took part at Philadelphia last December, following his suspension by the Military Athletic League late on Friday night. Opinion was divided yesterday among the athletes as to the probable outcome. Some contended that his standing as an amateur was in danger, while others made light of the charges and suggested that the great middle distance runner would escape with a warning.

"Iron Man" McGinnity, playing manager of the Newark club of the Eastern League, arrived from the West yesterday to lay his plans for the coming season. He laughed at the reported sale of the Newark club, and said:

"The Newark club hasn't been sold nor isn't for sale. I did want to sell the club after P. T. Powers was re-elected president of the league, but when I cooled down I changed my mind. You couldn't buy the club—that is, you, couldn't buy it for less than $50,000. No, you couldn't buy it for that price. It isn't for sale.

"When the Newark club is for sale I will give Newarkers the first chance to buy it. I own 90 shares in the club and H. C. Smith, of Chicago, owns 90 shares. There are 233 shares all told. Mr. Smith and myself are fast friends, and we get along splendidly together. He has confidence in me, and never questions my judgment in matters pertaining to the club."

McGinnity has been playing baseball in Oklahoma this winter, and appeared to be in fine condition. He says he discovered three players who may shine with Newark this year in Chris. Holtz, a catcher; Clifford Patterson, a pitcher, and Claude Hawkins, an infielder.

Robert Spade, who as a "hold-out" pitcher of the Cincinnati National League team attracted considerable attention last season, and who has been mentioned in numerous trades this winter, has signed a contract to play with the Reds this year.

It is said at New Haven that football games have been definitely arranged with Fordham and Vanderbilt University next fall, while Holy Cross and the Springfield Training School will be dropped from the schedule.

ICE YACHTS STORMBOUND.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Long Branch, N. J., Jan. 29.—Rain and snow prevented the ice yachtsmen from sailing for the Board of Trade cup here today. It is now planned to sail the third race Monday.

The Shrewsbury Club to-night received a challenge from the South Shrewsbury Club to sail for the Patten interstate cup. This cup was won by the Shrewsbury Club two years ago. The club will take official action on the challenge on Thursday night.

Captain J. M. O'Brien's Snowflake arrived here to-day from Orange Lake. The yacht is a speedy one and will take part in the races to be held here next week. The Shrewsbury Club has decided to have a big mosquito fleet for next winter.

RIVALS FOR THE WORLD'S POOL CHAMPIONSHIP.

THOMAS HUESTON, THE PRESENT CHAMPION (SHOOTING), AND JEROME KEOGH, THE CHALLENGER FOR THE TITLE.

Need of Lawn Tennis Reform

Voting Power in National Association Badly Distributed According to Calhoun Cragin.

A more equitable plan of club representation for voting purposes will be presented at the annual meeting of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association at the Waldorf-Astoria on Friday evening.

The need for some action along this line was emphasized by the efforts being made by Western players to secure a national clay court championship tournament. As it now stands, the big associations and clubs have in some instances no representation whatever. As the sport has grown, the idea has prevailed that a vote more nearly approximating the popular opinion and wishes of a majority of the players enrolled in the national association should be secured.

In its relation to the proposed national clay court championship, around which heated controversy has recently waged threatening to split the national body, it is believed that the championship would be favorably acted upon were the vote on a popular basis. More than 80 per cent of the players of this country use hard-surfaced courts, yet under the old method and the baneful effect of voting proxies the tournament may be defeated and the association split in twain.

Calhoun Cragin, Robert Le Roy and George M. Miles make up a committee to submit a plan to cover the point. Mr. Cragin has the following to say on the subject:

As the time for the annual meeting of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association approaches the necessity for modernizing the organization's constitution and bylaws becomes apparent.

The proper significance and importance can never be attached to the actions of delegates to this meeting until a delegate represents a specified number of club members instead of merely a club. At present each club, regardless of the size of its membership, has one delegate, and the voting power of the West Side Tennis Club, of this city, with nearly five hundred members, can be offset and cancelled by the vote of a club of only twenty-five members.

No conclusive expression of opinion can be expected from delegates selected under such a system of representation, nor is it at any time possible to determine whether the elected officers of the national association represent the minority or the majority of lawn tennis players.

A delegate should be allowed each club for every twenty-five or fifty of its members, and dues should be paid by clubs in proportion to the number of their delegates.

By making the acceptance of additional delegates optional with clubs whose size warranted additional representation, the difficulty encountered in large athletic or country clubs would probably be obviated, and it is doubtful if these kind of clubs would be willing to pay for more delegates than would be sufficient to represent the lawn tennis playing portion of their memberships.

The votes now given to associations of clubs should be abolished and all clubs urged to individually become members of the national organization. There might be some advantage in keeping the associations together for the advancement of local interests, but they should have no votes or representation in the national association.

The interest in lawn tennis seems to be increasing, and purposed reforms, suggestions and ideas show a corresponding growth. Would it not be wise to make such changes in our constitution as will insure a government by a majority of tennis players?

YALE SWEEPS TANK

HOWE FAST IN WATER

Blue Swimmers Toy with City College Men.

Yale completely drowned out the College of the City of New York in swimming and water polo last night in the College of the City of New York natatorium. The New Havenites won both contests with the greatest ease imaginable, capturing first and second places, all that is possible in the intercollegiate rules, in every one of the swimming events, in addition to winning the team relay race and later swamping the College of the City of New York polo players. The score of the swimming meet was 48 to 5, while five "touch goals," for a total score of 25 to 0, was the result of the water polo game.

The City College swimmers were hardly better than practice for the Elis, for in not a single instance were the local swimmers formidable enough to push the Yale men. After the first few races, when it was evident that the strong New Haven contingent outclassed the College of the City of New York team, the races were run off in a matter of fact way, with little or no competition.

Howe, of Yale, by scoring 13 points and taking part in the relay race, was the individual star. He won the 50-yard swim, after a pretty struggle, from Captain Richards, and later romped away with the 100-yard race. Manning was second in the latter contest, and in each case the College of the City of New York men were left hopelessly behind. Stoddard was a good second to Howe, for he won the 220-yard swim. The Yale quartet had things so much its own way in the relay race that the men simply loafed along, and at that they beat out the College of the City of New York team by the length of the tank.

Yale did not have to show its best in the water polo contest, for the College of the City of New York men put up no fight at all. Not once did the local swimmers carry the ball within ten feet of the Yale goal, while their own goal was constantly in danger. Prinsell scored for Yale in the first minute of play, and he followed up with another a moment later. Allen made the score 15 to 0 as the whistle blew. In the second half Allen scored two more goals.

The Yale team played a clean passing game. There was little foul play on either side.

The summaries follow:

220-yard swim—Won by J. Stoddard, Yale; W. Howe, Yale, second; L. Stern, C. C. N. Y., third. Time, 2:48.

Fifty-yard swim—Won by W. Howe, Yale; E. C. Richards, Yale, second; M. House, C. C. N. Y., third. Time, 0:27.

Fancy diving—Won by J. Stoddard, Yale, with 113 points; J. Carey, Yale, second, with 90½ points; R. Kerrin, C. C. N. Y., third, with 80½ points.

800-foot relay—Won by Yale, with Winslow, Richards, Stoddard and Howe; College of the City of New York, second, with House, Edmunds, Shipley and Stein. Time, 2:59.

100-yard swim—Won by W. Howe, Yale; J. Manning, Yale, second; M. Edmunds, C. C. N. Y., third. Time, 1:06⅘.

Plunge for distance—Won by R. Laree, Yale, with a plunge of 65 feet; H. B. Reid, Yale, second with a plunge of 63 ft. ¾ in.; A. Kohn, C. C. N. Y., third, with a plunge of 53 feet.

WATER POLO.

Yale (25).	Position.	C. C. N. Y. (0).
Allen	Left forward	Turk
Richards	Right forward	Rouse
Prinsell	Centre forward	Mosesson
Gordy	Left halfback	Krebecek
Kerr	Right halfback	Kohn
Church	Goal	Levenson

Goals—Allen (3), Prinsell (2). Referee—L. B. Handy, New York A. C. Time of halves—Five minutes each.

In an inter-high school swimming meet held at the College of the City of New York natatorium last night Townsend Harris High School overwhelmed the Boys' High School swimming team by the score of 42 to 11. Herbert Rogers, the Public Schools' Athletic League champion, broke his own record for the 250-yard swim, covering the distance in 3:03 2-5.

GISSING TO RESCUE

CLOSES A HUGE GAP.

Pulls Out Relay Race at the Wanamaker Games.

One of the largest crowds ever seen at the 8th Regiment Armory turned out for the John Wanamaker Association games last night, and those in attendance were well repaid. Early in the evening Charles Clark, of the 22d Regiment, won a heat from scratch in the 60-yard Military Athletic League handicap in the fast time of 6 3-5 seconds. While this equalled the record for that league, Clark got naught save honor, as he was shut out in a semi-final heat.

With those redoubtable runners J. J. McEntee and Harry Gissing competing on the Wanamaker team in the commercial relay race, that event received more than passing notice. The distance was a mile, with the Wanamaker quartet on scratch. Gardner and Kiviat carried the maroon and white in the first two quarters, but even then it did not seem possible to overtake the O'Neill & Adams team, which had an allowance of thirty yards.

McEntee strode out in his quarter and gained considerably on Frisby, but when Gissing took up the running for the Wanamaker team he had fully fifteen yards to make up. Rounding the last turn, Gissing caught Edwards, and, amid a warwhoop of encouragement, the winged foot flyer won by fully five yards.

Telegrams of congratulations and regrets were read during the evening. One which had been sent to Harry Hillman read to the effect that the former amateur champion had won the hearts of the entire John Wanamaker Association and that there was a special trophy waiting for him. Later on a dispatch was received from Hillman, who explained that he could not attend because of being snowbound among the hills of New Hampshire.

Apropos of prizes, the list presented an odd contrast to the stereotyped medals. Gathered in a mass on a table were trophies ranging from handsome bronze pieces down to cigarette cases, cuff buttons, bags and safety razors.

The decorations were attractive, consisting of American flags draped from the galleries on all sides, while the unusually large number of brightly gowned women lent color to the scene. In addition to the regular programme of athletic events were a basketball game and a potato race.

The summary follows:

Sixty-yard handicap (Military A. L.; final heat)—Won by J. J. Mulloly, 69th Regiment (10 feet); Jack McMaster, 13th Regiment (9 feet), second; Russell Schults, 2d Battalion, N. M. (13 feet), third. Time, 0:06⅗.

Sixty-yard handicap (closed; final heat)—Won by R. H. Lummis, John Wanamaker Association (9 feet); B. C. Trerise, John Wanamaker Association (1 foot), second; J. J. McEntee, John Wanamaker Association (scratch), third. Time, 0:07.

One-mile commercial relay handicap (final heat)—Won by John Wanamaker Association (scratch) (Gardner, Kiviat, McEntee and Gissing); O'Neill & Adams (30 yards) (Mulloly, Bell, Frisby and Edwards), second; H. B. Claflin Company (65 yards) (Deckheimer, E. L. Furey, Smith and Usher), third. Time, 3:31⅗.

One-mile bicycle handicap (Military A. L.)—Won by W. F. Schneyer, 13th C. A. O. (100 yards); Charles Nerent, 71st Regiment (60 yards), second; W. Van den Dries, jr., 22d Engineers (scratch), third. Time, 2:25.

600-yard run (handicap; closed)—Won by R. E. Trerise (10 yards); R. H. Lummis (30 yards), second; J. M. Onnansky (40 yards), third. Time, 1:20 4-5.

One-lap sack race (closed)—Won by R. E. Trerise; R. H. Lummis, second; A. M. Thompson, third. Time, 0:29 3-5.

440-yard run (novice; Military Athletic League; final heat)—Won by Daniel J. McCue, 71st Regiment; B. McMahon, 69th Regiment, second; J. Kerrigan, 14th Regiment, third. Time, 0:59.

One-mile intercompany relay race (handicap)—Won by 21st Company (10 yards) (Smith, Greenberg, Cohen and Rosenberg); 20th Company (20 yards) (Richman, Schleeper, Dickinson and McNamara), second; Hospital Corps (scratch) (Burkhardt, Joyce, O'Connor and Mauch), third. Time, 4:03 3-5.

Two-lap midget relay race (85-pound class; open to Public School Athletic League)—Won by P. S. 14; P. S. 50, second; P. S. 10, third. Time, 0:39.

TO CURE FOOTBALL

WHAT TIGERS WANT.

Would Curb Interference and Change Forward Pass.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Princeton, N. J., Jan. 29.—Parke H. Davis will represent Princeton University at the meeting of the football rules committee in New York, on February 4. The football committee here completed the investigation of the football situation, and had reached a definite conclusion as to the changes that Princeton will advocate at the coming meeting.

Realizing that important changes in the present rules of the game were inevitable, the authorities determined to make as thorough an examination as possible into the causes of injuries and all other objectionable features of football as played during the season just passed. In carrying out this plan James A. Moffat compiled an accurate and minute list of the more serious accidents of the last season and their causes as nearly as could be determined. Letters were also written to many of the leading football pleayers in the country asking for their opinion on the subject of injuries in the present form of the game.

From these various sources the consensus of opinion seemed to be that the great majority of injuries were chiefly due to interference and the recovery of the forward pass. Recognizing that to do away with interference would be to do away with the present form of the game, the problem became one of consideration as to whether it would be possible and feasible to modify the present system of interference so that its dangerous features could be eliminated to a great extent at least, or whether interference should be abolished altogether and a game similar to Rugby adopted. After careful consideration, however, the former plan was decided to be the better. According to this decision, the football committee will instruct Mr. Davis to advocate, as Princeton's representative, the following changes in the present rules:

"That seven men shall stand upon the line of scrimmage when the ball is snapped, and three of the backs shall stand at least five yards behind the line. Further, that no player of the side having the ball shall pull, push, or hold on his feet the man running with the ball."

This change, it is believed, will do away with the mass plays, where the close interference, with half a dozen men on the back of the man with the ball, is directed against one position and one man, and it will also open the game up and make it much more spectacular, as it will afford a variety of means for the quick and heady player to show his ability, and yet will not by any means do away with all forms of interference.

In regard to the forward pass, the committee will advocate that the ball may be passed at any point over the line, and that only two men of the passer's side shall be eligible to receive it, and these two must be the men on the end of the line, and the pass must be caught or become dead; in other words, that a pass that strikes the ground or which is fumbled and then falls to the ground shall go as an incompleted forward pass.

The most important change to be advocated in this play by the Princeton committee will be the enactment of a rule preventing opponents from interfering intentionally with the two men endeavoring to recover the pass. It is proposed that the opponents may jump and try to recover the ball themselves, but are not permitted to put the player taking the pass entirely out of the play by jumping into him.

It will be suggested further that the 5-yard restriction be removed from the quarterback run as well as the forward pass. The present rule compels an official to judge the distance with his eye when the play is rapidly in motion, and leads to dissatisfaction and faultfinding.

Another recommendation to be submitted is the adoption of the style of goal, which requires that the uprights be six feet behind the goal line and the horizontal piece brought out even with the line by two projecting pieces, ten feet from the ground. Such a style of post is in use at Amherst, and has done away with injuries inflicted by collision with the uprights formerly used.

Finally, Princeton will advocate an amendment to the rule regulating the yards to be gained, by making it, as now, ten yards between the two 25-yard lines but only five yards between the 5-yard line and the goal line.

SQUASH VICTORY MONTCLAIR'S.

Players of Crescent A. C. Beaten Six Matches to Three.

Montclair, N. J., Jan. 29.—The squash players of the Montclair Athletic Club defeated a delegation of players from the Crescent Athletic Club, of Brooklyn, on the local courts this afternoon, by a score of 6 matches to 3. The feature of the afternoon's play was the work of the veteran, C. M. Bull, of the Crescent team, who, after being defeated by C. M. Hunt, of Montclair, in the opening set, turned the tables upon his opponent in good style in the two succeeding sets.

The summaries follow:

A. H. Lockett, Montclair, beat C. M. Bull, jr., Crescent, 15—10, 15—4.

Frank B. Hague, Montclair, beat H. C. Martin, Crescent, 18—16, 15—8.

Frank Kidde, Montclair, beat W. W. Pell, Crescent, 15—5, 15—8.

M. Torrence, Crescent, beat S. S. Williams, Montclair, 9—15, 15—11, 18—13.

Lennore Brook, Crescent, beat A. H. Hinck, Montclair, 15—6, 15—11.

C. M. Bull, sr., Crescent, beat C. M. Hunt, Montclair, 8—15, 17—15, 15—10.

William T. Mills, jr., Montclair, beat F. M. Belden, Crescent, 18—17, 12—15, 15—10.

F. M. Kelley, Montclair, beat L. M. Brigham, Crescent, 17—14, 15—7.

A. L. Marvin, Montclair, beat H. E. McGowen, Crescent, 15—12, 18—14.

FAVOR END RUNNING

MORE FOOTBALL TALK

Novel Suggestion for Use of the Forward Pass.

Joseph A. Pipal, an old football player at Beloit College, who has acted as an athletic coach for six years—four in the West and two at Dickinson College—advances some suggestions for the reform of football, which will be considered at the meeting of the rules committee in this city on Friday. Mr. Pipal, who is now studying athletic methods at Yale, believes that interference should be limited to end runs, and that the man receiving the forward pass beyond the line of scrimmage should not be allowed to run with the ball. In talking on the subject yesterday Mr. Pipal said:

It was my privilege to be an interested visitor at the recent meeting of the Intercollegiate Athletic Association of the United States held at New York City. What particularly interested me was the attitude taken toward the proposed revision of the football rules. There were two distinct sentiments expressed on that subject. The one was advocated by the college professors and presidents, who insisted and begged that a radical revision be made, even going, if necessary, to the extent of making a tag game of it, or substituting English Rugby. The other was backed by some of the football experts and coaches, among whom were Dr. Williams, of Minnesota, and Foster Sanford, of Yale, who thought that the game was sufficiently open and needed alterations only in minor details.

Some of the delegates went away from that meeting murmuring to themselves a disappointment and fear that the game would not be saved, but that another overly conservative tinkering with the rules means that the game will be given up by a number of colleges at once, and that certainly another year of brutally conservative or conservatively brutal football will sound its death knell in a great majority of our institutions.

I believe, however, that most of the members of the rules committee, which meets in New York City on February 4, are sufficiently aroused to now strongly feel that something must be done to save the game, and that it, in all probability, will have to be of a distinctly radical nature.

In order that the game be changed sufficiently to meet the demands of the best interest of the college world and gain the approval of the general public, revision along two lines is most essential. First, legislate to eliminate the dangerous elements of the mass plays, and, second, make it easier to pull off end running and other open plays.

West Point's suggestion to compel the back field men, except the quarter, to remain at least five yards back, or any suggestion to legislate against the mass play simply by making it harder of execution, is all wrong. Any legislation against the mass play should aim to remove its dangerous or crushing and wearing element, namely, massing of men in such a way that from two to four men, massed together as one body, running at top speed, should crash into one. This will not be done by the West Point suggestion, or yet by the 15-yard rule, any more than it was done by the 10-yard rule. Changes of this nature simply make the dangerous play harder to execute, but they do not make it impossible. In other words, they make it possible under difficulties. This simply means that, with the combined ingenuity of the coach and the ability of the mighty overzealous alumni to furnish any kind of material needed, we will again have this deadly play executed with even more deadly effect, because it now requires exceptional material, and that is available in most cases, at least in time. This exceptional material, especially when lining up against a team which has not been so fortunate, will result in our great American game being again disgraced by serious injuries and fatalities.

The suggestion to further increase the distance to be gained in three downs will not only make the most dangerous play possible, but will make the end runs next to impossible. It will certainly not encourage the end running game. It is the case of biting off our end running nose to spite our mass playing face. It must be apparent to all by this time that end running and other open plays are harder to develop than mass plays, and that if you place the same hardships on both the open game is the one to suffer the most. This was plainly proven by our experiment with the 10-yard rule.

The best suggestion tending to remove the dangerous element in the mass play first came from Coach Stagg, of Chicago. It is that of prohibiting pushing and pulling of the man carrying the ball. This might prove a sufficient revision for the first year. But it is safe to say that in a year or two teams would develop exceptional ability to mass their interference so compactly and send it with such tremendous speed at the opponent, who would be forced to meet it head-on, giving him dangerous punishment and practically no chance to get the man with the ball.

Thus my suggestion is not only to prohibit pushing and pulling of the man carrying the ball, but also to prohibit any interference on plays that do not cross the line of scrimmage five yards from the centre.

These two changes would allow the usual formations, from which straight buck, delayed pass and split plays through the line could be worked. They would remove the danger element from the mass plays and encourage the open game because interference would be permitted for end running plays.

If the plays through the line are weakened, as suggested above, the defence would spread out to the detriment of the open game. I would, therefore, compel the defence not to spread out wider than five yards from the centre, as suggested by Walter Camp, but permit the defence to bring a man over if the offence shifts a player. This would discourage the offence from using plays where its men are spread over almost the entire width of the field. I believe it is well that that style of formation be discouraged. I do not, however, believe that the offence should be limited by ironclad rules, as to how it should line up, any further than it is restricted now.

The main objection to forward pass is that it spreeads out the defence. It would be well, therefore, to prohibit the man receiving the forward pass, who crosses the line of scrimmage, from running with it, but permit him to pass it backward for a run. This would make it less necessary for the defence to spread out; it would place a premium on the spectacular forward pass; it would encourage backward passing, which needs to be developed in our game as it is in the Canadian Rugby, and it would also indirectly encourage forward passing behind the line of scrimmage from which a run would be permissible.

To sum up, the following changes would be advisable: (1.) Prohibit pushing and pulling of men carrying the ball. (2.) Prohibit any player to be ahead of the man with the ball when crossing the line of scrimmage less than five yards from the centre. (It would probably be sufficient simply to prohibit backfield men from interfering, but permit line men to form interference.) (3.) Confine the defence to within five yards on each side of centre except when off