COMMENT ON SPORTS

Supreme Court of Baseball Not Wanting in Courage.

A REAL ALL STAR NINE

News and Views on Live Topics of the Day, Both Amateur and Professional.

The supreme court of baseball is brave. In deciding by unanimous vote at its meeting in Cincinnati last week to take over hereafter the sale and distribution of all tickets for world's series games it showed a courage proof against all criticism. Ticket speculating is hard to control, but rather than run the risk of another scandal the National Commission has not shirked a plain duty, and hereafter will assume the burdens and responsibilities of supplying thirty or forty thousand seats to sixty or eighty thousand clamoring fans. It is well, as, while the commission, with a paid corps of helpers, may find the going rough and stony, there will be less chance for the kind of criticism which hurts the sport. The clubs will profit, too, as hardly a year has passed since the series was instituted without one club or another losing many friends.

In view of the fact that the commission decided to pursue the investigation of the ticket scalping in the series just brought to an end, some evidence, involving either the New York or Philadelphia club, or some of their employes, must have been submitted. Evidently Byron Bancroft Johnson, president of the American League, was better informed than Thomas J. Lynch, president of the National League, as the latter, in leaving for Cincinnati on Wednesday, did not hesitate to express the opinion that nothing would come of the investigation except talk. Whether or not the New York club is guilty of trafficking in tickets, the fact remains that it has been placed in a bad light. Under the circumstances it was the bounden duty of the National Commission to pursue the investigation far enough to either punish or acquit. Few fair minded persons go so far as to lay the blame for any possible wrongdoing at the door of John T. Brush, who himself has courted the investigation, but many have not hesitated to express the opinion that some person or persons connected with the club were guilty of disposing of large blocks of tickets to speculators at an advance over the regular price. In justice to the club it is hoped that the question may be cleared up, as the Giants, as strong as they are, cannot afford to lose one friend.

All star football and baseball teams are built, as a rule, by individuals when the excitement of the season has waned, but before close followers of either sport have lost their interest. They mean, as a rule, little or nothing, but in a measure serve as a ranking and consequently fill a want by satisfying some argument or stimulating some discussion. One of the most satisfying all star baseball teams ever picked resulted from the vote of the baseball writers who made up the Chalmers Trophy Commission. All the players of both major leagues were considered in awarding the automobiles—one in each league—to the man who proved of most service to his club during the season, and in this way an all star team was deduced for the season that will call for mighty little criticism. This team was published in The Tribune last week, but it will bear repetition.

The outfield is made up of three such hard hitters as Ty Cobb, of Detroit; Schulte, of the Chicago Cubs, and Joe Jackson, of Cleveland. The infield shows Fred Merkle, of the Giants, at first; Eddie Collins, of the world's champions, at second; Hans Wagner, of the Pirates, at short, and Frank Baker, of the Philadelphia Athletics, whose home runs did so much to beat the Giants in the recent world's series, at third. In fast fielding and hard hitting four better men would be hard to find. The catchers are Thomas, of the Athletics, and "Big Chief" Meyers, of the Giants, while the pitchers include Christopher Mathewson, of the Giants; Grover Cleveland Alexander, of the Phillies; "Big Ed" Walsh, of the White Sox, and Walter Johnson, of the Washington Senators. This team was selected before the world's championship series was played, otherwise Bender, of the Athletics, hardly would have been left off the pitching staff. It seems almost as if he deserved a place in any case, and personally I would prefer Roger Bresnahan to Thomas as one of the catchers. The team, however, is wonderfully well balanced and amazingly strong in hitting, fielding and baseball instinct. There are some, of course, who believe that Hal Chase, of the Yankees, or Daubert, of Brooklyn, should have the call at first base. Neither would weaken the nine, but it is a question whether either would add any strength, as Merkle has worked his way to the front rank, and, according to John J. McGraw, is the best first baseman in the country.

Professor F. W. Nicholson, of Wesleyan, secretary of the National Collegiate Athletic Association, has made an appeal to Yale to join with other colleges and universities in the effort to regulate and control intercollegiate sports, to the end that they may be conducted on a plane in keeping with the principles of higher education. He says in "The Yale News":

Much can be done by conference and mutual support in this, as in any matter of college administration. The National Collegiate Athletic Association brought about much needed reforms in football. The same association has taken over control of basketball through the appointment of the rules committee. The association is making a serious effort to solve the numerous evils conected with baseball.

The Association of New England Colleges for Conference on Athletics brings representatives of the New England colleges together once a year for conference on the questions peculiar to this section of the country.

The question is often asked, sometimes by her own graduates, why Yale does not belong to either of these associations. Yale is the only college in New England that does not belong to the New England Association and is one of the few large universities that have not joined the National Association. The reason given by the Yale authorities is that the athletic management at Yale is in the hands of the undergraduates. That being so, I venture to urge the undergraduate management at Yale to associate themselves with the other colleges and universities in this important work of reconstruction of college athletics, and so relieve their college from the charge of snobbishness in athletics that is sometimes brought against it.

If the athletic affairs are perfect at Yale and there is nothing to reform the other colleges would be glad to have the benefit of your experience.

So far as I can recall, Yale has never been charged with snobbishness in athletics, but, as I have pointed out in this column on more than one occasion, the National Collegiate Athletic Association is doing a great work without restricting or confining its individual members, and Yale, because of her position, could do much to further the cause of clean sport by joining and co-operating with that organization. In no sense, as I understand it, would this operate against home rule in athletics.

When I suggested two weeks ago in this column that it would be a great boon to users of the highways and those living thereon if all motorcycles were muffled, I did not known that the Greater New York Cyclists' Association had moved to bring about this happy condition. In truth, a resolution has been passed and a committee appointed to draft a bill for presentation to the next Legislature to prohibit and penalize the use of the open muffler. "The Bicycling World and Motorcycle Review" also is carrying on a campaign to stop the abuse. It says in a recent editorial:

It has been said many times before, but a plain truth for the good of all always bears repeating—the motorcycle will never come into its own with the general public—will never become as popular as it should, and will always be considered a public nuisance as long as the muffler cut-out is left on the machines, and hence the sales will not be what they should, and both the manufacturer and dealer will naturally be out of good money, and the clubs and the F. A. M. will not have on their membership rolls the great mass of possible desirable riders. The moral is plain: Cut out the cut-out!

Let all who may take up the slogan, "Cut out the cut-out."

Connie Mack says: "The newspapers will tell you that managers make players. On the contrary, I tell you that players make managers." This follows the old saying that "A good horse makes a good jockey." Nothing succeeds like success, but the fact is that Connie Mack is telling only half the truth. Good managers make good players better, and so it is with good jockeys.

"Hek" says in "The Chicago Tribune": "Cincinnati 'fans' are impatient to have Garry Herrmann divulge the name of the new managerial victim. They know they are not going to like him and they want to start in on him early." Must be a joy to own the Reds.

With Jim O'Rourke president, treasurer, secretary and everything else in the Connecticut League, the real Pooh Bah of the baseball world stands forth. Ban Johnson will be jealous.

Pennsylvania could ill spare Mike Murphy, who ranks at the top in the training of men.

M. G.—As published in The Tribune last week, Russell Ford, of the Yankees, won twenty-two games this year and lost eleven. In 1910 he won twenty-six games and lost six.

L. B. S.—The national board is the highest court of the National Association of Professional Baseball Leagues, an organization of minor leagues; the national commission is the supreme court of all baseball.

HERBERT.

MATCH TWO OF THE BEST

Web Carter and Tyosa After Steeplechase Honors.

Web Carter and Tyosa, two of the best steeplechasers in the country, have been matched for a race to be held at Belmont Park Terminal on Friday morning at 8 o'clock. Web Carter, which is owned by Mrs. Payne Whitney, will be ridden by Mr. Appleton, while John F. Turtin's horse, Tyosa, will be ridden by Henry Lawrence Bell. Both horses will carry 165 pounds and will cover a three-mile course. The match race is the outcome of the meeting at Great Neck on Saturday, where Web Carter and Tyosa were winners in two different steeplechase races.

SOCCER PLAYER INJURED

David Bell, of Clan McDonalds, Breaks Shoulder Blade.

David Bell, of No. 350 Franklin avenue, Brooklyn, was severely injured yesterday in a soccer game played at Hawthorne Field, Brooklyn, between the Clan McDonalds and the Critchleys. His left shoulder blade was broken and he was taken to the Kings County Hospital. Bell was going down the field full tilt when he was intercepted by Poll, the Critchleys' right halfback. Both fell together and the impact broke Bell's shoulder.

The Clan McDonalds won the game by a score of 2 to 0 after holding a 1 to 0 lead at half time. On Thanksgiving Day the same teams will meet at Hawthorne Field in a benefit game for Bell.

The line-up follows:

McDonalds (2).	Position.	Critchleys (0).
Wilson	G.	Marshall
Hoyle	R. B.	Sterling
John Ross	L. B.	Herald
Cave	R. H.	Poll
McCann	C. H.	Neil
Dye	L. H.	Kidd
Wood	O. R.	Hampson
James Ross	I. R.	McBride
Bell	I. L.	McCann
Harrower	O. L.	Russell
Peters		Isaacs

Referee—Sinclair. Linesmen—Hollywood and Hampson. Goals—Peters, Harrower. Time—Halves of 45 minutes each.

The Brooklyn Celtics continued their upward fight for championship honors in the New York and District Amateur League by defeating the Yonkers Football Club at Celtic Field, Brooklyn. The score was 5 to 0. This is the fifth consecutive victory for the Celtics. No defeats have been charged against them.

The line-up follows:

B'klyn Celtics (5).	Position.	Yonkers F. C. (0).
Gavin	G.	Jeck
Colgan	R. B.	Dennison
Campion	L. B.	Hulme
Flannagan	R. H.	Hill
O'Hare	C. H.	Porter
Owens	L. H.	Whitelaw
McPhee	O. R.	Inglis
O'Hallaran	I. R.	Grover
King	C.	Delms
McPherson	I. L.	McKivitt
Edholm	O. L.	Stewart

Referee—G. Caldicott, Brooklyn F. C. Linesmen—O'Neil, Brooklyn Celtics, and Holmes, Yonkers F. C. Goals—McPherson (3), O'Hallaran (2). Time—Halves of 45 minutes each.

In a championship game of the National Football League played at Marquette Oval, Brooklyn, yesterday the Brooklyn and the West Hudsons, of Newark, tried conclusions for an hour and a half, and the contest ended in a tie, with the score two goals each. Fully three thousand enthusiasts witnessed the contest and were rewarded by seeing the best game played in this district since the season started.

At McNulty Field the Clan McKenzies defeated the Hollywood Inn Football Club by a score of 3 to 2. At the call of time at the end of the first half Hollywood had the advantage of a 2 to 1 count. D. Christie and his brother, S. Christie, were responsible for the visitors' points, while A. B. Dunn contributed the tally for the McKenzies.

At Van Cortlandt Park yesterday the Newark Football Club humbled the Camerons by a score of 3 to 1. In the first half Minno scored twice for the Jerseymen, Sheridan, the Cameron goal keeper, fumbling the ball on both occasions. In the second half E. Pickford saved the Camerons from being blanked by a pretty shot. John Leggett added another tally for the winners.

At Lennox Oval the Arcadia Thistles met with defeat for the first time this season, the Columbia Football Club beating them by a score of 3 to 2. Bailey scored two goals and Pierson one for the Clumbias, while McCreery and Russell each scored one for the losers.

COLEMAN LEADS IN WALK.

Eddie Coleman, of the 22d Regiment Engineers, with the liberal allowance of nine minutes, breasted the tape a victor in the 10,000-metre walking contest, held under the auspices of the Morris Athletic Association, at Macomb's Dam Park yesterday. Coleman was granted the limit handicap, while Al Voellmoke, the champion pedestrian of the Pastime Athletic Club, was on scratch.

The summaries follow:

	Name.	Club.	Handicap.	Actual Time.
1.—	E. Coleman,	22d Regiment	9:00	58:42
2.—	J. Redmond,	Pastime A. C.	3:45	53:55
3.—	A. Voellmeke,	Pastime A. C.	Scratch.	50:12⅘
4.—	E. Renz,	Mohawk A. C.	1:30	51:52
5.—	H. Mann,	Glencoe A. C.	1:30	52:29
6.—	J. F. O'Connor,	Morris A. A.	9:00	58:25
7.—	C. Levy,	Glencoe A. C.	4:00	56:22
8.—	F. Weller,	Pastime A. C.	5:00	57:10
9.—	A. Davis,	Morris A. A.	8:00	58:45
10.—	J. Innes	(unattached)	5:00	57:23

ON COLLEGE GRIDIRONS

Rules Committee Has a Plain Duty Following Freak Goal.

PARODY ON GAME DECRIED

Football Struggles on Saturday Point the Way to More Bitter Battles.

With all respect to the football rules committee, it strikes me that it has not done its full duty in considering and not acting on a point which brought about the anomalous condition that obtained in the Princeton-Dartmouth struggle on Saturday. That De Witt's goal from the field was a football freak that would not occur again perhaps in many years does not lessen the responsibility or excuse the oversight if the contingency were suggested, as Parke H. Davis, Princeton's representative on the committee, admits. Under the rule which turns out to be so ambiguous, W. S. Langford, the referee, had no option. He was supported in his interpretation by Walter Camp, one of the leading authorities on the sport, as told in The Tribune yesterday, and other good judges agree with his ruling, while admitting that the score was not deserved. Surely the spirit, if not the letter, of the rule was violated, in that victory rested with Princeton on a technicality, and in that a play so poorly executed that it deserved punishment made that victory possible. It is presumed by followers of the sport that a goal from the field should go over the bar and between the posts as the result of a well directed kick and on the fly. It is not consistent with the spirit of fairness that the result of any competition or struggle should hinge on mere chance, or, worse yet, on poorly directed effort, more particularly if such condition could be guarded against. A bounding football, as so many know, acts at times as if possessed of some weird and uncanny spirit. It does strange and peculiar things not governed by any laws. Why, then, should a ball which bounds over the bar from a poorly made kick be rewarded in the same way as one of merit? It makes a parody of football, and unless the rule makers provide against such a contingency in the future they will fail in their duty to the great college game. A victory that brings no elation, as was the case at Princeton on Saturday, is a victory not worth having.

Yale's eleven showed on Saturday in clearly outplaying Brown that it will be ready for Princeton on the last day of this week. The Tigers showed in their game with Dartmouth that they had power in reserve and, in turn, would be ready for Yale. I must defer a final analysis until I have had one more look at Yale in practice, as I went to Princeton on Saturday in preference to New Haven, to confirm my judgment, if possible, of the Tigers made in the game with Harvard. One week ago I said that Princeton did not have an attack worthy of the name, as judged by its showing against the Crimson. I must add now that I saw little improvement on Saturday, although convinced that the team in using only the simplest plays was taking no chances of showing its hand to Yale scouts. I have been charged with not giving full credit to Princeton for that victory over Harvard, but it would be a poor criticism, in my opinion, that applauded the strong points without calling attention to the weak ones. The Tigers are a fighting lot, keen, aggressive and watchful, and these qualities in latter day football make up for many shortcomings. But Princeton must have something more than a fighting spirit to beat Yale, and that something, so far as an effective attack goes, must be developed this week unless it has been covered up with consummate cunning.

I was impressed with the versatility of Dartmouth's well balanced team. The players knew lots of good football, and played it. On a line through Princeton Harvard strikes me as a bit more powerful, but Harvard cannot afford to use substitutes, as against the Indians in part of the game on Saturday, or withhold her full strength, unless willing to court another defeat. Captain Daley and Cavanaugh, Dartmouth's head coach, deserve much credit for the building of such a formidable eleven at Hanover—an eleven which compares favorably with any team on the field this year, an eleven which is sure to command a high ranking and an eleven which has had few equals as wearers of the green.

Harvard showed no disrespect to the Carlisle Indians by starting the game on Saturday with a substitute team. It was in the bond, so to speak, as Percy D. Haughton, the head coach, in agreeing to the game last winter stipulated that substitutes be used, fearing too hard a game for his regulars following the Princeton battle and so close to the meetings with Dartmouth and Yale. It was an unfortunate thing for Harvard, for, in spite of the fact that the game was not altogether a fair test, the team lost some prestige in suffering its second defeat within eight days. The Indians, by the way, can boast of an amazingly powerful and versatile team. It is one of the best ever developed and coached by Glen Warner, not forgetting the days of the wonderful Hudson.

It must have been satisfying to Pennsylvania men to have the Quakers wake up and defeat Lafayette at a time when the eleven and the coaches were the subject of much adverse criticism. It showed that the excellent material was not going to waste, and it showed the right spirit. Pennsylvania's game with Michigan next Saturday will be watched with much interest following Cornell's good showing and victory over the Wolverines on Saturday. It is quite likely to point the way to that game on Thanksgiving Day which Cornell is working so hard to turn into a feast, after many lean years.

The suggestion has been made by a Cornell man that the umpire of any important game be required to keep a memorandum of the reasons for imposing penalties, that they may be published and the offenders exposed. It is a good suggestion, and one that the central board of officials might well consider. Early in the season I read in two or more Philadelphia papers that a game on Franklin Field was marred by the constant infliction of penalties. According to "The Cornell Daily Sun" the eleven at Ithaca has lost many valuable yards this year through holding and offside play, and only last Thursday it said: "With the Michigan game only three days off, the 'varsity coaches were driven out of patience yesterday by constant infringements of the rules. Repeatedly the team was penalized in the scrimmage game for offside play, hurdling and other infractions against which they have been warned since the beginning of the season." A wail came from Washington last week that Georgetown had practically been robbed of a victory over the Army team at West Point through being penalized 135 yards. Captain Brennan, of the New York University, said in a statement to "The Yale News" that he deprecated the use of hands by the Yale players and considered it holding. The Harvard eleven has been criticised for the same reason. Under the circumstances the umpires should welcome the additional work of jotting down the names of the offenders if it would lead to correcting a fault which is not always due to overzealousness.

It would be idle to blind one's self to the fact that many coaches are constantly instructing the players how to use their hands without being caught or how to evade the strict letter of the rules to gain a momentary advantage. It is considered cunning to put an opponent out of the play by some unfair means if it can be done without the umpire seeing it, and more often it is applauded rather than condemned. This is the unfortunate side of all intercollegiate competition where the desire to win is placed above sportsmanship and fair play. If the coaches and the players could only see that the advantages gained are offset to a large extent by penalties inflicted as a punishment to the man who bungles the umpires would have less to do, the games would not be slowed up, some dashing play would not be nullified and the sport would be improved, not only ethically but physically. It may be said in passing that all penalties are not the result of unfair play. It is absurd, also, to contend that the team which is never offside is the one that is criticised for lack of aggressiveness.

The Harvard coaches in general, and Percy D. Haughton in particular, are criticised by one reader of The Tribune for depending too much upon fixed plans in carrying out certain plays and of running the game from the side lines rather than depending on a field general. He expresses his ideas in the following letter:

Percy Haughton and his assistant coaches, and not Gardner, Potter or some other quarterback, should be blamed for the loss to Harvard of the Princeton game this year and of the Yale game last season. Poor generalship cost both, and more will be lost just so long as the coaches run the games from the side lines, which is forbidden under the rules. A quarterback at Harvard is so busy remembering instructions and watching for signals from the side lines that he has no time to use his head or follow his own initiative. It has been said that Harvard lacks the punch. Well, Harvard will continue to lack the punch so long as Haughton works on the principle that he has a monopoly of football brains.

This criticism strikes me as a bit overdrawn and not altogether fair, although it is a fact that indecision and questionable generalship cost Harvard dearly, not only in the Princeton game on November 4, but in other important struggles in recent years. It is possible that Haughton may assume some of the burdens of conducting the game that rightly belong to the quarterback, or, better, the field general, but it must not be forgotten that Haughton has been wonderfully successful in building winning football teams at Cambridge, where others have failed. The loss of one game in two years could hardly have inspired such a bitter denunciation.

There is a quarterback problem at Harvard which is worrying the critics, if not the coaches. Good field generals, however, are born, not made, and it is quite possible that Haughton has been forced to adopt the automaton method for the lack of a Charley Daly, a Howe or a Sprackling to lead the eleven. It is possible also that under the Haughton system even a Charley Daly would be confined and hampered. I could not help but feel a year ago that the wonderful power of Harvard's great football machine was wasted in midfield against Yale, and I feel convinced that Gardner was not trusted in the recent Princeton game, which accounted for the indecision and slowing up of the play when quick, sharp action was necessary for full effectiveness. This does not necessarily make a case against the Harvard system, although it does open the way to criticism.

Four of the seven more important football games played in this city on Election Day resulted in tie scores, which emphasized once more the need for some change in the rule to weaken the defence. Tie games are most unsatisfactory, and there have been more tie games under the revised rules in one week than usually was the case under the old rules in a whole season. This is not said to deprecate the revision of the code, as the demand for changes was of a kind that could not be silenced. It is said, however, in the hope that the stand-pat policy adopted by the football rules committee last winter will not be followed at the next session. The experimental stage is not past. The game may need a rest cure, but not until it has had some more vigorous treatment.

I am in receipt of five letters criticising Gardner, the Harvard quarterback, for poor judgment when he recovered a loose ball in the Harvard-Princeton game and was thrown over his goal line for a safety touchdown. Personally I do not consider these criticisms fair. As told in The Tribune the day after the game, Gardner was between two evils and had to think and act quickly. In the first place, he had no possible chance to make a fair catch, as was suggested by one self-appointed critic, as he could not get near the well placed punt. In the second place, the ball took an ugly bound and went bobbing along toward the danger zone in the most puzzling way. It is a grave question in my mind whether it would have rolled across the line for a touchback, whereas Gardner had no choice of falling on it, as it came to him waist high. Captain Hart and White, of Princeton, were charging down the field, and if Gardner had let the ball alone, in the hope that it might roll across the line, the chances were in favor of it being recovered by one of the Princeton men and carried over for a touchdown. All things considered, Gardner did the best thing possible in a most trying situation. Princeton deserved that safety more than it did the touchdown from the blocked kick.

"The Harvard Alumni Bulletin," under date of November 1, said editorially:

It was the disagreeable duty of "The Bulletin" during the football season last year to call attention more than once to the overconfidence which Harvard undergraduates and graduates exhibited when they looked forward to the Yale game. The unexpectedly decisive victory over Brown last Saturday has already led to a revival of this feeling. There has seldom been a time when it was less justified.

This was on the eve of the Princeton game, and served almost as a warning of impending defeat. It is safe to say that "The Bulletin" will be spared "the disagreeable duty" for the rest of this season. There will be no overconfidence before the Yale game this year; rather, a wholesome respect, if not dread.

I have been asked to give my opinion of the Army-Navy game on November 25. It is a bit early to go into detail, but I foresee a brilliant punting duel between Dalton, of Annapolis, and Dean, of West Point, with the outcome depending on the keenness with which the opposing players follow the ball.

If there is any ground for the rumors of friction between coaches, trainer and players at Pennsylvania, it is not surprising that a lot of good material has been going to waste.

HERBERT.

PHILLIES LOSE ANOTHER.

Havana, Nov. 12.—The Havana baseball team defeated the Philadelphia nine here to-day by a score of 3 to 2.

WESTMINSTER BENCH SHOW.

For the first time since its organization the Westminster Kennel Club will hold its annual bench show outside of Madison Square Garden. The fact that the big building has been sold compelled the officials to secure another structure to bench the canine exhibit. The only big building in New York City capable of benching more than two thousand dogs is the New Grand Central Palace, and the annual National Dog Show will be held in that building on February 20 to 23, 1912.

BOXING BOUTS OF WEEK

'One-Round' Hogan and 'Knockout' Brown Ready for Fray.

HAVE MET HERE BEFORE

Californian Sure To Be at His Best Against New York Lightweight.

Chief interest in the boxing bouts of the week centres about the meeting of "One Round" Hogan, the sensational lightweight of the Pacific Coast, whose remarkable success among the Western lightweights carried him to the top notch of his class, and "Knockout" Brown, the East Side lightweight, who twice defeated Ad Wolgast in short bouts. Hogan and Brown will box ten rounds at the Madison Athletic Club of Harlem on Friday night, and a battle royal is expected. Hogan met the New York boy last year, and after one of the most terrific struggles ever seen in the city, Brown rallied from imminent knockout in the first round to win by a shade.

The bout between Hogan and Brown will bring together a fast, clever boxer with a terrific punch in his right hand, and a savage, aggressive, plunging fighter with an equally effective wallop in his left. Opinion on the outcome is widely divided. Many there are who predict that Brown will put over his left to the head and get Hogan quickly, or at least wear him down. Equally firm are the followers of Hogan, who freely predict that Hogan will beat Brown by his superior skill as a boxer. Conditions favor the California boy. He is fully acclimated now. The weight has been fixed at 135 pounds ringside. Hogan is at his best at 135 pounds at the ringside, and the hours of rest between weighing in time and when he enters the arena will give him the chance to gain pounds in weight and strength. Brown, on the other hand, is a natural 133-pound boy, who can weigh at 130 and be strong.

Carl Morris, the ponderous heavyweight from Oklahoma, whose career as a hope of the white race was nipped and crushed in its infancy by Jim Flynn in that memorable battle at Madison Square Garden some weeks ago, will make a fresh start when he faces Jack Geyer, the Denver heavyweight, in a ten-round bout at the Olympic Athletic Club of Harlem to-night. Morris is in better condition at the present time than when he faced Flynn, and weighs 230 pounds. Geyer weighs only 195 pounds, which will give Morris an advantage of almost thirty-five pounds in weight, in addition to several inches in height and reach.

Tommy Maloney, the West Side lightweight, and Leach Cross, the dentist, will meet for ten rounds at the Fairmont Athletic Club, of The Bronx, to-morrow night. The men met before in a furious battle, and the Irish lad had a litttle the better of the exchanges. Cross has worked faithfully and well in the effort to perfect his condition and is ready to make the fight of his life for one more start toward the top of the lightweight class.

While Cross and Maloney are boxing at the Fairmont Club, Harry Forbes will meet Charley Goldman for ten rounds at the Royale Athletic Club, of Brooklyn. Forbes was originally matched to box McGovern, but the latter was unable to make the weight and called his engagement off. Abe Attell, the featherweight champion of the world, will meet "Young" Cohen, the English featherweight, in a ten-round bout at the Houston Athletic Club at 122 pounds ringside.

Tommy Houck, the Philadelphia featherweight, and Joe Coster, the Brooklyn boy, will box ten rounds at the New Star Athletic Club, of Harlem, on Wednesday night, while at the Longacre Athletic Association, West 29th street, Jim Stewart will face Bob Williams, known to fame as the "Masked Marvel." Ty Cobb, the Baltimore featherweight, and Harry Thomas, of England, will box ten rounds at the Carlyle Athletic Club to-night, while at the Malvern Athletic Club, of The Bronx, "Young" Specks and "Young" Ketchell will perform for the edification of the patrons. "Young" Brown and Joe Shears will meet at the Palm Athletic Club, of Brooklyn, on Wednesday night.

WARMLY DEFENDS LACROSSE

Old Player Declares It a Healthful, Manly Game.

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: My attention has been called to an article on lacrosse in your issue of October 27, copied from "The Columbia Spectator," which makes an entirely uncalled for attack on that game. It is plain to be seen from the tone of the article referred to that the writer of it knows very little about lacrosse or its earlier history, else he would not have indulged in such flippant remarks about that game. "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread," and this old proverb was never better illustrated than in the present instance.

If "The Spectator's" writer will take the trouble to read Catlin's "History of the North American Indians" he will learn from it that lacrosse was played in this country long before any other American game was ever heard of. When he states that it is not a game for the American of to-day, no doubt he has in mind his own physical shortcomings and unfitness for a sport which requires a real man to play it properly.

It is true that Columbia made a poor showing in lacrosse in recent years, but that was not the fault of the game, nor was it altogether due to lack of material. Had the athletic management provided a proper professional lacrosse coach, such as the other college teams use, there would have been a stronger incentive to the men to come out and a very different result might have been attained, but the game was left to shift for itself, and the players, without any one to intelligently direct and teach them, naturally failed to make good. No other result could have been expected under those circumstances.

Lacrosse calls for endurance, speed, courage and brains. Possibly these features of it may not have appealed personally to the writer in "The Spectator," but they certainly will to any American who has red blood in his veins. There is no other game in the world so full of action yet so easily understood by the looker-on. Lacrosse has no favored positions and every player has equal opportunities to distinguish himself. It is true that the game so far has not gained the popularity it merits, but it takes time to learn it and a trained athlete to play properly, while there are no individual prizes for the winners, as in track and field athletics.

"The Spectator's" writer admits that lacrosse was never a money-making sport at Columbia, but in this it has had lots of company at that institution. Perhaps, if it had been a financial success, he might have regarded it differently. However, his opinion is of very little value, so it does not matter what he thinks about the game—it will be alive and flourishing long after he has been forgotten.

Some years ago Dr. Sargent, medical director at Harvard University, in an article in "Harper's Magazine," wrote in the highest terms of lacrosse as a manly and healthful sport. I will leave it to your readers to decide which is the better authority on lacrosse, Dr. Sargent, who has made athletics a lifelong study, or the writer in "The Spectator," who probably could not make a place on Columbia's lacrosse team even when its material was at the lowest ebb.

AN OLD LACROSSE PLAYER.

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NELSON LEADS LARGE PACK

Captures Honors in Morningside 'Cross-Country Run.

In spite of the championship 'cross-country fixture on Saturday, many distance runners accepted the invitations of the metropolitan clubs for contests yesterday. A large pack gathered at the Morningside Athletic Club, in Harlem, and went over a course of three and three-quarter miles. Oscar Nelson captured the honors, doing some fast running in the last mile. Nelson led by a margin of almost a minute in 19:43. Charley Ochenritter, formerly of the Trinity Club, weakened after being passed by Nelson, but succeeded in retaining second place.

The summaries follow:

Pos.	Name and club.	Time.
1—O.	Nelson, Morningside A. C.	19:43
2—C.	Ochenritter, unattached	20:40
3—W.	Wilson, Hudson Guild A. A.	20:56
4—R.	Nickerson, Yonkers A. C.	21:04
5—G.	Mazucca, Glencoe A. C.	21:20
6—W.	Burke, Union Settlement A. C.	21:30
7—E.	Erickson, Pastime A. C.	21:40
8—H.	Crist, Pennant A. C.	21:51
9—J.	O'Mara, unattached	21:53
10—E.	Brennesen, unattached	22:00
11—B.	O'Byrne, unattached	22:23
12—W.	Franz, unattached	22:35
13—H.	Pressinger, unattached	22:56
14—H.	Hartnett, unattached	23:10
15—E.	Nickerson, Yonkers A. C.	23:12
16—W.	Smith, Trinity A. C.	23:13
17—O.	Hogge, Ramapo A. C.	23:20
18—B.	Levy, unattached	23:40
19—A.	Finamore, unattached	23:43
20—C.	Siegferth, unattached	23:50
21—S.	Sand, Ramapo A. C.	23:55
22—R.	Belcher, Ramapo A. C.	23:56
23—C.	Weiss, New West Side A. C.	24:00
24—C.	Schiller, Pennant A. C.	24:03
25—C.	Stein, unattached	24:09
26—B.	Coffey, Hillside A. A.	24:12
27—H.	Wagner, Pavonia A. C.	24:16
28—E.	O'Neill, Pelham A. A.	24:19
29—T.	Castle, Tuxedo A. C.	24:22
30—J.	Kelly, Horatio A. A.	24:24

George Hooley, the fast runner of the Pastime Athletic Club, outdistanced a large field in the ten-mile run held under the auspices of the Pennant Athletic Club. Hooley won by several hundred yards in 1:02:20. Tony Papera, of the Mohawk Athletic Club, was second, three minutes in advance of J. J. Williams, of the Morningside Athletic Club, who led the trailers.

In a four-mile run the rangy Tom Harris, of the Glencoe Athletic Club, won easily in 21:15.

The summaries follow:

TEN-MILE RUN.

Position.	Name and club.	Time.
1—G.	Hooley, Pastime A. C.	1:02:00
2—T.	Papora, Mohawk A. C.	1:03:10
3—J.	J. Williams, Morningside A. C.	1:06:00
4—S.	Damiano, Sheridan A. C.	1:06:50
5—H.	Sweeney, Pastime A. C.	1:06:55
6—J.	Scully, Pastime A. C.	1:07:00
7—G.	Kirkwood, Mott Haven A. C.	1:07:15
8—J.	Boschi, Xavier A. A.	1:08:50
9—H.	Fliege, unattached	1:09:01
10—M.	Nelson, Glencoe A. C.	1:09:05

FOUR-MILE RUN.

1—	Tom Harris, Glencoe A. C.	21:15
2—	J. Clancy, Dominican Lyceum	22:00
3—	J. Maier, Morningside A. C.	22:10
4—	J. Frits, Pastime A. C.	22:20
5—	D. Gerrelli, Italian Gymnasium A. A.	22:20
6—	E. Benson, Claremont A. C.	22:50
7—	H. Skellitt, Pennant A. C.	22:55
8—	R. Gehring, Mott Haven	22:57
9—	V. Bertoli, Xavier A. A.	23:00
10—	J. Quinn, St. Paul's Temp Guild	23:20

The American Athletic Association, of Brooklyn, held an invitation run in East New York. The field was composed of fast runners, who set a stiff pace from the start. Fred Heller, of the Knights of St. Antony, captured the honors by a margin of five yards from his brother Charles. The winner's time was 16:15.

The summaries follow:

Position	Name and club.	Time.
1—	Frederick Heller, K. S. Antony	16:15
2—	Charles Heller, K. S. Antony	16:20
3—	T. Carroll, American A. A.	16:26
4—	R. Rigby, Kings County A. A.	16:27
5—	E. McGill, Putnam A. C.	16:35
6—	L. Vaughn, Long Island A. C.	16:37
7—	E. McCarthy, Long Island A. C.	16:46
8—	J. Bracia, Maplewood A. C.	17:02
9—	H. Siges, K. S. Antony	17:10
10—	E. Muller, K. S. Antony	17:18
11—	W. Duval, American A. A.	17:37
12—	J. Fitzgerald, Maplewood A. C.	17:43
13—	C. Brisson, Swedish-American A. C.	17:44
14—	T. Mayer, Putnam A. C.	17:52
15—	J. Hardmeyer, Flatbush A. C.	18:00

A field of twenty members competed for the medals in the monthly run of the Riverdale Athletic Club, held over a course three and a half miles long. Eddie Powell, who received a two-minute handicap, led home the field, handily winning with lots to spare in 18:40.

The summaries follow:

Pos.	Name.	Handicap.	Actual time.
1—	Powell	2:00	18:40
2—	O'Connell	Scratch	18:20
3—	O'Leary	0:15	18:36
4—	Johnson	1:45	20:25
5—	O'Brien	1:15	20:00
6—	Ellis	2:45	21:35
7—	Gale	3:00	20:45
8—	Burke	1:45	19:45
9—	Nolan	0:30	20:17
10—	Kelly	0:45	20:16
11—	McDonald	0:30	20:16
12—	Hearn	1:00	20:52
13—	Thomas	1:30	21:22
14—	Rosen	3:00	22:59
15—	Pelty	2:15	22:16

John Svanberg, of the Maplewood Club, of Brooklyn, easily captured the weekly run of his club. He set a terrific pace, which his opponents were unable to follow. Svanberg's time was 18:15, with C. Felanger, of St. Paul's Lyceum, 200 yards behind. J. Bracia, another Maplewood runner, was third.

Joe Guerin, of the Trinity Club, won the practice jaunt of the St. Paul's Lyceum, held over a trail in the Borough Hall section of Brooklyn. The Trinity athlete ran in his oldtime speed, defeating Charley Osmond, of the Morningside Athletic Club, by twenty yards in the actual time of 15:39. J. Carr, former Trinity runner, competed unattached and finished abreast of J. Shea, of the Trinity Club, for third place.

HIGH WIND FOR GUNNERS

Six Contests Decided, However, at Larchmont Club.

A gale of wind that whipped the waters of the Sound into whitecaps made high scores at the Larchmont Yacht Club traps out of the question yesterday. There was a fairly good attendance, despite the unfavorable weather conditions, and six contests were decided.

Ralph L. Spotts carried off the honors of the day, for he not only captured the "high gun" trophy, but he proved the winner of the fifteen-target scratch contest with a score of 14, and of a twenty-five-target trophy match in which his score was 22. The ten-bird scratch contest, in which five were entered, was won by A. W. Church with 8 as his score. He also won a twenty-five-target match with a full score. J. McCahill won a twenty-five-target trophy, and in another match at the same number of targets R. L. Spotts and W. B. Short tied with 22 each and divided the honors.

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