GOSSIP OF THE RACETRACK.

SCENE NOW SHIFTS TO THE JAMAICA TRACK.

Stakes to Be Run This Week—Drake Buys Ort Wells Back—Growing Evils in Relation to the Sale of Thoroughbreds—Big Steeplechase for Belmont Park.

The fall meeting of the Metropolitan Jockey Club, lasting fifteen racing days, opens at Jamaica this afternoon. With its big grand stands, betting ring and broad lawns, this track is one of the most popular on the metropolitan circuit, for it is possible to get an unobstructed view of the various events without craning necks or having pet corns mashed beyond repair. The Metropolitan Jockey Club has made a supreme effort to compete with the other big tracks on additional lines. The purses and stakes have been made particularly attractive, so that at the coming meeting some of the best horses in training will fill engagements at the kite shaped course.

Beginning with the Pierrepont Handicap today there is a list of magnetic stakes on the cards for the rest of the week. To-morrow the Huntington Stakes, for three-year-olds at six furlongs, will be run, for which Grenade, James V., Ishlana, Liberia, Orthodox, Little Em, Rob Roy and Andrew Mack are eligible. On Wednesday the Southampton Handicap, for three-year-olds at a mile and a sixteenth, will be the feature, Ostrich, Broomstick, Grenade, Wotan, Mineola, Jocund, Andrew Mack, Graceful, Sultan, Spring, Orthodox, Israelite, Ormonde's Right, Hamburg Belle, Leonidas, Dick Bernard, Dolly Spanker and last but not least, Stalwart, are able to go to the post. The Hempstead Stakes, for two-year-olds at six furlongs, will be decided on Thursday. For this race S. S. Brown can start either Thirty Third or Glenecho to meet among others, Bulwark, Fancy Dress, Jack McKeon, Merry Lark, Czaraphine, Trapper, D'Arklé, St. Bellane, Niblick, Voladay and Gamara.

The Garden City Stakes, for three-year-olds and upward at a mile and a sixteenth, will be run on Friday. Saturday's card will include two stakes, the Oceanus Stakes, for two-year-olds at five and a half furlongs, and the Tamaqua Handicap, for all ages at six furlongs.

A particularly interesting programme has been provided by Secretary Walter Edwards for this afternoon. The Pierrepont Handicap, for all ages at a mile and a furlong, has attracted Stalwart, the champion three-year-old colt, who must shoulder top weight, giving pounds to Broomstick, McChesney, Dolly Spanker, High Chancellor, Ormonde's Right and others. The first race on the card is a five and a half furlong dash for two-year-olds, with such geese as Flyback, Blandy, Water Light, Trapper, Jennie McCabe and Zeala. Out of a particularly large field named for the second race, at a mile and a sixteenth, Canteen, Monster, Gravina, Arsenal, Pronta, Sais and Cloverland seem to figure most prominently.

The third race is a handicap for all ages at six furlongs, for which E. R. Thomas's Reliable and Lady Amelia have received the top impost, 134 and 128 pounds, respectively. Mamie Worth, who has not faced the starter in many weeks, has 127, while Gay Boy gets in with 123. At the weights Ascension, Old England, Jack Ratlin, Damon and Race King are all apparent factors. Two-year-olds will run in the fifth race, at six furlongs, Goldfleur, Monacodor, Foxy and R. L. Johnston being worth looking up. Only four are named for the last race, for maidens at a mile and a sixteenth, which may narrow down to a struggle between Ben Crockett and Water Pansy.

Ort Wells, it turns out, will run in John A Drake's name next year in all of the big handicaps in spite of the fact that he was knocked down to W. M. Scheftel on Saturday, when the Drake horses were sold, for $15,000. Drake hunted Scheftel up after the sale and bought the King Eric colt back for an increase over what Mr. Scheftel was willing to pay for him. If the colt had been knocked down to Davy Johnson, who bid on him against the owner of the lamented Highball, it would probably have been with the same result. In other words, Drake never had any intention of parting with Ort Wells, and it is just possible that both Johnson and Scheftel were bidding against each other in the interests of the wily Chicago turfman.

This bidding business has grown into an evil that should be checked. Some of the sales conducted this year have been farcical. Some well known owner announces that he will sell all of his racehorses without exception because he will never, never race again. A gullible crowd of horsemen gather at the sales ring. They find out in short order that they have not enough money to buy the stars of the stable, who are knocked down to this man and that, but the worthless animals, those that are threatened with bowed tendons or are touched in the wind, are sold to the unsuspecting. Not long afterward the well known owner decides to return to the turf, and it does not take more than a week or ten days for him to make up his mind, and he has all of his best horses again bearing his colors. In short, the whole game has been cooked up to palm off the dead ones and keep the live ones.

Only last week Mattie Corbett expressed indignation when he was persistently asked if he had really bought Meddler for himself. Corbett insisted that such was the case and declared that his personal check for $51,000 had paid for the great stallion. But proof exists that Corbett does not own a hair in Meddler's tail. William Easton, acting for Edmond Blanc, offered Corbett $76,000 cash, which was an increase of $25,000 over the price paid at the Whitney sale; but the proposition was refused. Why? Because Meddler belonged to somebody else.

One of the biggest yearling sales this year was a frost, comparatively speaking, because turfmen had learned to look on this particular transaction with suspicion. A combination said to be controlled by the breeder bought up all the desirable yearlings, while the rest went to anybody who would bid for them. Not long afterward another breeder, who has always enjoyed the confidence of the racing element, sold his yearlings, and they went like hot cakes because bidders knew that highest prices would carry them off. There are many things in relation to the sale of racehorses and yearlings that have caused comment this year and will not be overlooked in times to come.

On the opening day at Belmont Park next spring a new steeplechase built on the lines of the Saratoga Special will be run. It will be purely a sporting affair, to which all of the best known steeplechase owners will be subscribers. The conditions, which have already been agreed on, will be a subscription of $500 for three horses, $250 forfeit, with $5,000 added, together with $500 in plate, subscriptions to be made on Nov. 15 next and the three horses to be named on April 1, 1905, only one horse to start. It is intended to name the race the Whitney Steeplechase, in memory of the late W. C. Whitney.

Secretary John Bode, of the Brighton Beach Racing Association, announces that entries to the following stakes will close today: To be run in 1905: For two-year-olds, now yearlings, the Brighton Junior Stakes of $15,000; the Neptune Stakes of $7,500, and the Venus Stakes of $7,500 for fillies. To be run in 1906: For three-year-olds, now yearlings: Brighton Derby of $15,000; Iroquois Stakes of $7,500, and Brighton Oaks of $7,500 for fillies.

To-day's entries for Jamaica follow:

First Race—For two-year-olds, five and a half furlongs:

Flyback	122	Zeala	107
Blandy	115	Incense	107
Austin Allen	115	Mirthless	107
Diamond Flush	112	Jennie McCabe	107
Trapper	110	Red Ruler	102
Allumeur	110	Priority	102
Waterlight	110	Foxy	99
Bill Bailey II	110		

Second Race—Selling; one mile and a sixteenth:

Waswift	111	Hegira	103
Cloverland	111	Arachne	103
Namtor	108	Silver Dream	102
Arsenal	106	Homestead	102
Pronta	106	Monster	100
Widow's Mite	106	Canteen	100
Sais	106	Briarthorpe	98
Gravina	105	Vincennes	98
M. F. Tarpey	104	Ascetic	98

Third Race—Handicap; six furlongs:

Reliable	134	Jack Ratlin	100
Lady Amelia	128	Monet	98
Mamie Worth	127	Damon	97
Gay Boy	123	Race King	96
Ascension	110	Ancestor	95
Cloten	106	Crown Prince	95
Invincible	106	Osgood	93
Old England	102		

Fourth Race—The Pierrepont Handicap; one mile and a furlong:

Stalwart	126	High Chancellor	112
Broomstick	125	Ormonde's Right	110
McChesney	124	Mineola	105
Dolly Spanker	118	Sonoma Belle	97

Fifth Race—For two-year-olds; selling; six furlongs:

Foxy	107	R. L. Johnston	100
Niblick	107	Gotowin	99
Juvenaga	101	Ballart	98
Dan Rice	102	Ironheart	95
Goldfleur	102	The Chanticleer	93
Winchester	101	High Life	90
Monacodor	101		

Sixth Race—For maiden three-year-olds:

Trouville	110	Tilie	107
Water Pansy	107	Ben Crockett	107

NATIONAL LEAGUE BATTING.

Official Averages for the Season of 1904—Wagner Heads the List.

The official batting averages of the National League for 1904, compiled by John Heydler, secretary to the president, H. C. Pulliam, are out, though the season closed only a little over a week ago. Hans Wagner of Pittsburg is the champion batter for the second year in succession. Ritchey of Pittsburg has the honor of being the only player who did not miss a game. The New York club was first in team batting, first in base running, first in sacrifice hits, first in home runs and first in two-baggers. The averages follow:

Names and Clubs.	G.	AB.	R.	H.	TB.	PC.	SH.	SB.
Wagner, Pittsburg	152	490	97	171	255	.349	9	53
Donlin, Cin. & N. Y.	96	368	59	121	168	.329	7	22
Beckley, St. Louis	142	551	72	179	222	.325	15	17
Seymour, Cincinnati	130	531	71	166	233	.313	7	11
Grady, St. Louis	92	323	44	101	153	.313	7	6
Chance, Chicago	124	451	89	140	194	.310	11	42
Dunn, New York	55	181	27	56	75	.309	5	11
Clarke, Pittsburg	70	275	51	85	114	.306	8	11
Beaumont, Pittsburg	153	615	97	185	230	.301	23	28
Titus, Philadelphia	140	504	60	148	195	.294	7	15
Thomas, Philadelphia	139	496	92	144	171	.290	7	28
Casey, Brooklyn	30	341	41	99	131	.290	6	13
McGann, New York	141	517	81	148	200	.286	22	42
Schulte, Chicago	20	84	16	24	40	.286	0	1
Delehanty, Boston	138	499	56	142	194	.285	6	10
Dolan, Cincinnati	126	468	88	132	178	.284	16	19
Odwell, Cincinnati	126	468	75	133	178	.284	13	20
Bresnahan, New York	107	402	81	114	166	.284	3	13
Browne, New York	149	590	99	169	207	.283	22	24
Stimel, St. Louis	137	520	58	146	190	.281	14	23
Devlin, New York	130	474	81	133	168	.281	20	33
Kelley, Cincinnati	123	449	75	126	173	.281	15	15
Shannon, St. Louis	133	500	84	140	189	.280	20	34
Lumley, Brooklyn	150	577	79	161	247	.279	11	30
H. McCormick, N.Y. & Fl.	120	441	53	123	173	.279	7	19
Magee, Philadelphia	95	364	51	101	149	.277	7	11
Merkle, New York	148	552	83	147	209	.276	27	47
Lush, Philadelphia	102	369	39	102	136	.276	6	12
Lauterborn, Boston	20	69	7	19	21	.275	1	1
Gleason, Philadelphia	153	587	61	161	196	.274	25	17
Bailey, Boston	123	467	41	127	174	.272	8	15
Tenney, Boston	147	533	76	144	182	.270	22	17
Dahlen, New York	145	523	70	140	176	.268	11	47
Casey, Chicago	136	548	71	147	178	.268	20	21
Brain, St. Louis	125	488	57	130	166	.266	9	18
Wolverton, Phila.	102	398	43	106	131	.266	10	8
Byers, Chicago	152	532	49	141	169	.265	23	26
Babb, Brooklyn	151	521	49	138	162	.265	10	24
McCarthy, Chicago	115	432	36	114	132	.264	17	14
Ritchey, Pittsburg	156	544	75	143	189	.263	12	7
Huggins, Cincinnati	140	491	96	129	161	.263	15	13
Leever, Pittsburg	34	99	12	26	35	.263	2	0
McIntosh, Chicago	22	88	9	23	33	.261	2	2
Needham, Boston	78	264	18	70	100	.260	1	3
Slagle, Chicago	120	481	73	125	160	.260	7	28
Dillon, Brooklyn	134	511	60	132	162	.258	9	18
Roth, Philadelphia	98	329	38	89	122	.258	4	6
Ewing, Cincinnati	30	97	9	25	36	.258	0	2
Leach, Pittsburg	146	579	92	149	194	.257	4	23
Abbatichio, Boston	154	579	76	148	193	.256	13	24
Shay, St. Louis	98	340	45	87	93	.256	7	26
Farrell, St. Louis	130	509	72	130	159	.255	5	16
Batch, Brooklyn	28	94	9	24	35	.255	2	6
Gilbert, W. & N. Y.	140	478	57	121	143	.253	16	33
Spring, Phil. & Cin.	139	527	80	132	170	.250	7	16
Dobbs, Brooklyn	96	363	26	90	110	.248	11	11
Ritter, Brooklyn	63	214	23	53	59	.248	5	17
H. Smith, Pittsburg	47	141	17	35	40	.248	3	5
Carlisch, Pittsburg	86	319	41	79	98	.248	1	3
Bulswit, Phila.	113	406	36	99	121	.244	12	8
Barry, Phila. & Chi.	105	385	44	94	110	.244	12	14
Steinfeldt, Cincinnati	149	549	85	133	171	.242	15	30
O. Jones, Chicago	97	336	44	82	112	.244	4	14
Geier, Boston	148	580	70	141	165	.243	7	18
Kling, Chicago	120	452	41	110	134	.243	14	7
Ritz, Cincinnati	82	272	32	66	86	.243	4	4
Doyle, Philadelphia	104	355	41	86	123	.242	3	15
Phelps, Pittsburg	92	302	29	73	84	.242	12	2
J. Gilbert, Pittsburg	25	87	13	21	21	.241	3	3
Beckendorf, Brooklyn	143	507	70	121	159	.239	18	21
Schiel, Cincinnati	88	291	25	69	83	.237	4	7
Cassidy, Boston	93	346	32	81	88	.234	7	10
Jacklitsch, Brooklyn	23	77	8	18	22	.234	1	2
Dunleavy, St. Louis	51	172	23	40	56	.233	1	8
Bresnahan, New York	90	289	38	67	92	.232	7	7
W. O'Neil, St. Louis	28	91	9	21	32	.231	5	0
Corcoran, Cincinnati	156	578	85	133	174	.230	16	19
Lynch, Pittsburg	27	87	6	20	28	.230	1	0
Burke, St. Louis	118	436	37	92	108	.227	17	17
Moran, Boston	111	398	26	90	119	.226	3	10
Mathewson, New York	31	119	15	27	41	.226	1	5
Mitchell, Phil. & B'klyn.	53	196	12	24	32	.226	4	1
Hill, St. Louis	23	93	13	21	34	.226	2	3
Wilke, New York	25	67	10	15	20	.224	0	2
Bransfield, Pittsburg	159	539	47	119	151	.223	19	11
Lundgren, Chicago	31	90	7	20	27	.222	2	1
Tinker, Chicago	141	488	55	108	155	.221	12	41
Doyle, Brooklyn & Phila.	72	238	22	57	71	.239	2	5
Donahue, St. L. & Phila.	60	215	22	47	51	.219	2	10
Wicker, Chicago	50	155	17	34	35	.219	3	4
Byers, St. Louis	17	60	8	13	13	.217	1	0
O'Neill, Chicago	49	168	8	36	44	.214	1	0
Brown, Chicago	27	89	8	19	24	.213	1	0
Zearfoss, St. Louis	25	80	7	17	19	.213	0	0
Marshall, Phil., Bos., N.Y.	23	80	7	17	20	.213	2	2
Fisher, Boston	36	99	8	21	28	.212	0	0
Flaherty, Pittsburg	31	104	9	22	29	.212	4	0
J. Taylor, St. Louis	41	135	9	28	40	.211	1	3
Raymer, Boston	114	419	28	88	109	.210	17	7
Beckley, St. L. & Boston	127	464	48	96	119	.205	13	17
Carney, Boston	76	279	24	57	66	.204	8	6
Corridon, Chi. & Phila.	31	93	7	19	21	.204	1	0
Williams, Chicago	61	185	21	37	49	.200	2	5
Warner, New York	90	287	29	57	67	.199	7	7
Kruger, Pittsburg	75	278	34	52	65	.194	9	8
Strang, Brooklyn	76	271	28	52	66	.192	4	16
Woodruff, Cincinnati	87	306	38	57	77	.190	11	8
M. McCormick, B'klyn	105	347	28	64	77	.184	6	22
Weimer, Chicago	87	115	5	21	24	.183	2	1
Bergen, Brooklyn	94	329	17	60	68	.182	9	8
Willis, Boston	49	148	9	27	31	.182	2	0
Jordan, Brooklyn	85	252	21	45	59	.179	17	7
McGinnity, New York	51	142	10	25	33	.176	12	1
O. Jones, Brooklyn	46	137	10	24	26	.175	4	1
Hahn, Cincinnati	55	198	7	34	37	.172	3	3
Briggs, Chicago	94	94	6	16	20	.170	2	0
Dugdale, Phila.	33	82	7	14	23	.170	2	0
Suthoff, Cinn. & Phila.	31	59	8	10	11	.170	0	0
Case, Pittsburg	18	53	3	9	11	.170	0	0
McLean, St. Louis	24	84	5	14	18	.167	0	1
Hall, Philadelphia	46	163	11	26	30	.160	3	5
Kellum, Cincinnati	36	82	13	13	16	.159	0	1
Harper, Cincinnati	35	113	14	18	26	.159	8	3
Cronin, Brooklyn	40	108	5	17	9	.157	3	0
L. Taylor, N. Y.	37	102	5	16	21	.157	6	0
Nichols, St. Louis	86	199	7	17	22	.136	0	0
Fraser, Philadelphia	44	110	5	17	22	.155	5	0
McFarland, St. Louis	32	99	8	13	17	.131	2	0
Poole, Brooklyn	24	62	3	8	9	.129	2	0
Garvin, Brooklyn	24	63	0	8	8	.127	3	0
Ames, N. Y.	16	40	3	5	6	.125	0	0
Phillippe, Pittsburg	21	65	4	8	8	.123	1	0
Scanlan, Pitts., Brklyn.	17	41	2	5	5	.122	0	0
Walker, Cincinnati	24	77	6	9	9	.116	2	0
Pittenger, Boston	38	121	2	13	13	.108	3	1
Sparks, Philadelphia	26	76	8	8	9	.105	0	0
McNichol, Boston	17	43	3	4	4	.093	0	0
Wilhelm, Boston	39	100	3	7	9	.070	5	0
McPherson, Phila.	15	47	0	3	3	.064	1	0
Miller, Pittsburg	19	46	2	2	2	.043	0	0

Team Batting.

	G.	AB.	R.	H.	TB.	PC.	SH.	SB.
New York	157	5150	744	1347	1773	.262	186	283
Pittsburg	156	5160	675	1338	1746	.258	124	178
Cincinnati	157	5231	692	1332	1768	.255	128	179
St. Louis	155	5104	602	1292	1671	.253	129	199
Chicago	156	5210	557	1294	1641	.248	141	227
Philadelphia	155	5109	571	1268	1615	.248	119	159
Boston	155	5135	491	1217	1542	.237	101	143
Brooklyn	154	4917	497	1142	1452	.232	129	205

Mott Haven A. C. Games.

The athletes of the Mott Haven A. C. brought the outdoor season of track and field competition for club members to a close yesterday. The programme consisted of eight events, all of which were keenly contested, but the best of the lot was the medley race of 600 yards. It was for married men, and they had to run a lap and scramble under hurdles, here and there, 2 feet 6 inches high. Then they went a lap over the hurdles and ran a lap on the flat and walked a lap.

Putting 12 Pound Shot, Handicap—Won by T. Lichtmeyer, 2 feet, with an actual put of 37 feet 9 inches; J. H. Patterson, 5 feet, second, with an actual put of 33 feet 5¾ inches; M. W. McDonnell, 6 feet, third, with an actual put of 32 feet 3¾ inches.

Running High Jump, Handicap—Won by J. Cleary, scratch, with a jump of 5 feet 5 inches; W. Walker, 5 inches, second, with an actual jump of 5 feet; F. Feuerbacher, 8 inches, third, with an actual jump of 4 feet 7 inches.

600 Yard Medley Race for Married Men—Won by T. O'Neill; H. Halton, second; E. F. Gibson, third. Time, 2 minutes 10 seconds.

50 Yard Run, Handicap—Won by H. Frankel, 11 feet; J. D. Affelmann, 11 feet, second; P. Meon, 11 feet, third. Time, 5 1-5 seconds.

120 Yard Run, Handicap—Won by J. A. Phillips, 9 yards; J. Lenehan, 6 yards, second; G. Kline, 5 yards, third. Time, 14 seconds.

440 Yard Run, Handicap—Won by J. Schaefer, 10 yards; W. Tuxon, 15 yards, second; M. J. McGarry, scratch, third. Time, 57 seconds.

One and a Half Mile Run, Handicap—Won by J. A. McDonnell, 125 yards; H. Cary, 100 yards, second; F. Feuerbacher, 125 yards, third. Time, 7 minutes 42 seconds.

One Mile Run, Novice—Won by W. J. Donovan; C. Covington, second; J. B. Morris, third. Time, 5 minutes 32 seconds.

New West Side A. C. Holds Closing Games for Members.

The New West Side A. C. held its final set of members' games yesterday for the point trophy which was contended for all year. Chester Peabody was the winner and he emphasized his claim to the prize by winning the 70 yard run from scratch. There were several other spirited contests at running, jumping and weight putting.

70 Yard Run, Handicap—Won by Chester Peabody, scratch; O. F. Lilders, 4 feet, second; G. Merz, 15 feet, third. Time, 7 4-5 seconds.

880 Yard Run, Handicap—Won by J. Gahan, 20 yards; H. James, 25 yards, second; J. W. Murphy, scratch, third. Time, 2 minutes 0 2-5 seconds.

300 Yard Run, Handicap—Won by H. James, 8 yards; G. Merz, 20 yards, second; Dan Frank, scratch, third. Time, 36 1-5 seconds.

Putting the 12 Pound Shot, Handicap—Won by J. J. McLoughlin, 8 feet, with an actual put of 40 feet 10 inches; H. Bresnahan, 8 feet, second, with an actual put of 40 feet ½ inch; J. Dover, 5 feet 6 inches, third, with an actual put of 41 feet 2¾ inches.

220 Yard Hurdle Handicap—Won by Dan Daley, 4 yards; T. Kerr, scratch, second; M. Bache, 9 yards, third. Time, 29 3-5 seconds.

Running High Jump, Handicap—Won by J. J. McLoughlin, 5 inches, with an actual jump of 5 feet 7 inches; J. Gabriel, 12 inches, second, with 4 feet 11¾ inches; D. Frank, 6 inches, third, with 5 feet 5 inches.

IN THE FOOTBALL WORLD.

A SHORT SEASON AND WORK HAS TO BE HURRIED.

Points About the Harvard-West Point Game—Crimson's Tandem Stopped by the Soldiers—Nauseous but Wholesome Doses for the Elis and the Tigers.

The shortness of the season is looked upon as one reason why it is necessary to push matters in football development, this year. Thanksgiving Day comes on Nov. 24. Next year it will recede a week, falling on the 30th, and this will mean that the Yale-Princeton, Harvard-Yale and Army-Navy games will all be a week later, and the season be longer generally. This is one of the short seasons, and the work has to be crowded more, which is being assigned as a reason why team work development has to take up in time that otherwise could be well devoted to the imparting of individual football knowledge. Also to this state of affairs of the calendar is attributed some of the conditions being manifested on the football field.

"Ain't it funny what a difference just a few days make?"

It seems far fetched to hold a short period of six days in a period of eight weeks responsible for any backwardness in development, but a week near the close of the season means a great deal in putting on the finishing touches of a team of latent power. Still, what's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander, and one week more or less will not make the big games any the less Homeric struggles.

The big teams must have wished they had been a month older in experience and ability last Saturday, though that month would have been as helpful to the lesser lights as to the stars of the first magnitude, judging by the way the former have progressed in football. Football knowledge is spreading. Smaller institutions have learned things. The big H and the big Y and the big P overawe them no longer. They are getting self-reliant and learned. This is a good thing for the game, and only makes football the more interesting. The game is better off as a few big colleges cease to have a mortgage on knowledge of it.

Harvard made the best showing hereabouts last Saturday and showed the most encouraging play. This does not mean a great deal in itself, but is true merely by comparison. Harvard was held level in all departments by West Point and excelled the cadets no more than the latter excelled her; but she beat West Point, and that is the main thing. West Point has come to be such a power in football that a victory over her is all that can be asked, just as when Eli and Tiger meet a victory is glory enough no matter how close the score.

But the form displayed by a visiting team at West Point in so far as it gives a line on what to expect in the games to come is a different matter, sufficient to the day is a victory, but it is the games to follow that are to be reckoned with. In distinct material accomplishments the Harvard game last Saturday was not a bonanza of hope. The Crimson was outplayed in the second half. Football teams must go the route to be champions. Yet that intangible but none the less important quality, spirit, was in evidence in the Harvard attack. Besides beef, Harvard showed the existence of earnestness and willingness to learn. The Harvard team of 1901 did not make an impressive showing against the Army, yet it was a good Harvard beater. There was in that team, however, and in that game, more vigor and fight than Harvard displayed last Saturday, and, so far as we know at present, more individual ability.

There was no lack of vigor in the drive, in Harvard's tandem assault last Saturday that might have been expected from what had been heard of it. It was made unreliable by the West Point defence. The soldiers charged better than the Cambridge forwards, and at breaking through and tackling they exhibited that proficiency which always is characteristic of West Point teams and which so often plays the deuce with opposing offence. Tiers was little in evidence in Harvard's attack. The backs struggled on for every inch of gain possible, but without help from their fellows. Harvard's back field is the best hereabouts—just now at any rate—excepting at quarter back. The Harvard quarter backs are full of danger, but no more so than those at Yale, Princeton and Columbia, and not so steady. As for her ends, Harvard last Saturday was better off than any of her rivals, barring perhaps Pennsylvania. Her punting game was mediocre, her tackles in need of defensive improvement, while her centre suggested a trio of fat boys whose appearance brought out the question: Can they be made aggressive and active? They are not of the lean and hungry type such as have helped make football history.

Yale and Princeton underwent an experience last saturday that should serve to stir them up more than anything that has gone before. Their experiences will remove overconfidence. Princeton encountered actual defeat, and that inspires misgivings as to the quality of the timber itself; but to one who has seen that timber it will take more than one defeat to convince that the Tiger team has not in it the making of an extremely formidable aggregation. Princeton had in her strongest team against Annapolis and could not afford to risk substitutes, as evidently this have taken the Tiger further the better with the navy. Possibly the Princeton defence has suffered at the expense of the offence. Anyway, there is a month in which to make corrections and to give more concerted action to the defence, more evenness to this department.

The lesson learned at Yale is to not count on snaps. Everything was all right at Eliville until the substitutes went in; but substitutes are supposed to be seasoned and capable enough not to go up in the air as the Yale understudies did. What would such substitutes do in a big game? There were substitutes in the first half, and they seem to have been all right. The fact is Yale seems to have been caught napping—taking it easy—in the second half, and when the Syracusans got the Yalemen on the run they were unable to rally. There was a bunch of Harvard players present, and Yale had no intention of showing her hand—nor any intention of showing such a bad hand in the second period. The Elis are still running off their plays more rapidly than their rivals, and Saturday's dose, though nauseous, will be wholesome. The Blue has two smashing good tackles, essentials to a strong line, and in Tripp a guard who has all the earmarks of a star. The Yale team of '97 met with all sorts of rude experiences, yet always meant business and wound up a finished product. Constant and thorough coaching made Rodgers's team, which was too busy avoiding defeat for any ideas of eventual superiority to find lodgment within them. In a week or so the coaching staff of Mr. Warren will be augmented by the past masters who come on yearly to tone up the eleven for the climax.

Total scores to date:

Harvard, 79; opponents, 0 (five games). Yale, 134; opponents, 6 (six games). Princeton, 91; opponents, 10 (six games). Columbia, 108; opponents, 12 (seven games). Pennsylvania, 121; opponents, 4 (seven games). Amherst, 106; opponents, 0 (four games). Dartmouth, 65; opponents, 0 (four games). West Point, 30; opponents, 0 (three games). Annapolis, 90; opponents, 6 (three games). Cornell, 128; opponents, 18 (five games). Lafayette, 153; opponents, 5 (six games). Indians, 232; opponents, 4 (five games). Lehigh, 37; opponents, 50 (four games). Williams, 6; opponents, 58 (five games). Swarthmore, 18; opponents, 18 (four games). Georgetown, 39; opponents, 10 (three games). Brown, 39; opponents, 12 (four games). Maine, 30; opponents, 23 (four games). Fordham, 81; opponents, 0 (three games). Hobart, 6; opponents, 30 (five games). Syracuse, 102; opponents, 28 (four games). Bucknell, 64; opponents, 34 (four games). Pennsylvania State, 60; opponents, 30 (four games). Colgate, 17; opponents, 11 (four games). Wesleyan, 6; opponents, 113 (five games). Colgate, 11; opponents, 17 (three games). Holy Cross, 34; opponents, 0 (four games). N. Y. U., 5; opponents, 70 (three games). Rochester, 57; opponents, 16 (four games). Exeter, 87; opponents, 0 (four games). Andover, 69; opponents, 0 (three games). Minnesota, 132; opponents, 0 (three games). Chicago, 154; opponents, 0 (four games). Wisconsin, 136; opponents, 0 (three games).

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Oct. 16.—The delight of the Navy coterie over the football victory over Princeton has not in the least abated. In fact the extent of the honor won is just being thoroughly realized, there being only three teams in the country which have scored a victory over Princeton—Yale, the University of Pennsylvania and Cornell, the latter two one each. The Navy has been playing Princeton off and on for fifteen years, and this is the first time it ever scored against the Jerseymen, though once in the early '90s the score was only 6 to 6.

The midshipmen appreciate very much a telegram of congratulation signed by the corps of cadets of West Point, which they received shortly after their victory. West Point's showing against Harvard puts the Army in the very first class of football teams as well as the Navy.

Deep gloom ruled about Columbia's football quarters yesterday. Most of the players were sore in body and mind. Capt. Stangland, Finnegan and Sedgewick were all badly bruised in the game with Amherst, and there is little chance that they will get out to play for three days. Coach Morley was not to be found anywhere. The players feel that their team was merely going through the mid-season slump that caught all the other eleven on Saturday. The unfortunate thing was that Amherst, a strong eleven, should have been their opponents when they were in the slump. Practice will be resumed as actively as possible this afternoon, though the men are too sore to move fast. Morley will have to find a left guard who can hold the place better than Echeverria did against Amherst. Columbia might have shown up much better had Morley adhered less strongly to his principle of favoring the men who have done the steadiest work for a position. Duden, who has been out intermittently for the last two or three weeks, is a much better player than Echeverria. But because the latter has been out all season practising faithfully every day, Morley kept him in and gave Duden a chance only when Stangland was so badly hurt that he had to be carried from the field. A departure from this principle will help Morley get a better man than Echeverria, and most of the students think that that would not be hard.

NEW HAVEN, Oct. 16.—Yale coaches decided to-night after discussing the poor showing made by the second eleven against Syracuse in yesterday's game to pay more attention to that eleven in the practice work the coming week and to try to make a better score against West Point than Harvard made. Half a dozen coaches were at the conference, including Metcalf, the clever half back, who came to help out the Yale cause for the next few weeks. One of the things that appeals to the Yale coaches is that if any of the first eleven should meet with an injury sufficient to take him out of the game, there is not the best material in the world in the second eleven from which to pick a substitute; but the Yale managers are not discoura