

BEST TEAMS OF TEN YEARS

HOW PENNANT WINNERS RANK BY POINT SYSTEM.

Individually Considered, the Chicago Cubs in 1910 Show Up the Best, Though in Reality Not as Strong as Athletics.

The Philadelphia Athletics without any doubt were the strongest baseball team of 1910. They easily won stronger than the Chicago Cubs, who were defeated in hollow style. They were they as strong as the Cubs were when the latter won three straight pennants in 1906, 1907 and 1908.

The point system consists first of listing the regular players of each team, grouping the pitchers, the catchers, the first basemen, and so on for each of the nine positions.

Having rated the players, add together the points for each of the nine positions on each team, and when this is done for all the teams, the team with the smallest total means the team with the best collection of individuals.

In reality, that is to say, strength as a whole, the Athletics in 1910 were as strong as the Cubs of 1906, 1907 or 1908. The pitching staff was as good last season as that of any of the four other teams mentioned.

However, although there are three teams that would be ranked higher than the Athletics, the scheme gives a pretty good idea of the respective strength of the entire twenty combinations.

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COLUMBIA ROWING.

Few Veterans, but Many Promising Oarsmen Available.

Columbia rowing will get a good deal of its strength from the freshmen. The coach, Mackay, will first call for candidates early in February if the plans which the management and the university athletic association have in mind are pushed through.

With only one man of the eight rowed in the shell at Poughkeepsie, the varsity is anything but in a happy plight, and it is with the end of getting out a lot of fresh material that a most successful mass meeting will be held as soon as the students recover from the midyear examinations, which begin at the end of the present month.

In order to get out enough men for the squad the university will be canvassed from end to end and every man who has the slightest inclination of pulling a sweep will be trotted along to the manager. There it is planned to have former varsity oarsmen inspire them with the desire of sitting in a Columbia shell, after which they will be invited to sign their names in a register with the promise that they will turn out to row in the season from Rice on the following day.

Such a campaign has never been tried at Columbia before and the manager feels that if it can get the signatures of the right sort of men that they will feel in a way morally bound to row every day.

The mass meeting does not have the desired effect of getting just the men who will happen to rowing up on Morningside Heights before the year is over. Stedford Pitt, a junior who rowed No. 5 last June, is the only man of the eight who is at all sure of rowing five of the men who rowed with him in the 1910 regatta have left college.

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NEWS OF THE ATHLETES

NEW YORK CALEDONIAN FEAT- URRANGES ATTRACTIVE FEAT- URE FOR ITS GAMES.

"Old Blue" on the Luere of Modern Athletics. Col. Thompson's Innovation. Jake Hartranft's 13 Mile Rabbit Chase. A. A. Rules Not Enforced.

For the next month or so the "Old Blue" will be busy with a long series of indoor fixtures which might be said to involve the cream of the winter's sport under cover. Both in Madison Square Garden and in the arena the competition will be heavy, but perhaps the most interesting feature scheduled will be that of the New Caledonian Club to take place in the Garden on the evening of Friday, February 10.

It will be the initial bid of the men from the "Old Blue" in the amateur line and the attempt should in every way deserving of a big crowd and profitable receipts.

Doubtless a very attractive feature will be the Scotch and Irish dances in costume to the music of the bagpipes, and if nothing else the array of kilts, trevans and Kilmaronock bonnets will be a wonderful sort of a diversion from the monotonous thumping of the sprinters and runners on the board floor.

A number of foreigners resulting in and around New York city, Fred Welsh, high weight champion, and Jim Driscoll, the featherweight titleholder of Great Britain, which took place at Cardiff, Wales, on December 20.

Welsh won on a foul in the tenth round, but practically all of the boxing critics declared that he was Fred's superior in every way. The Welsh weighed in at 132 pounds, scaling at 200, eight hours before getting into the ring, so that when they began fighting in the presence of nearly 10,000 spectators, Welsh probably weighed at least 145 while Driscoll weighed 125.

Driscoll, who had previously written a letter to The St. John R. Corry, Welsh's agent, gives this account of the battle.

Before a huge gathering that packed one of the largest halls in this country the long talked of battle took place between Fred Welsh and Jimmy Driscoll and Welsh was declared the winner. Poor Jimmy, outboxed and outfought from the moment of meeting and conscious that he would be knocked out within one or two rounds, practically begged for a disqualification by resorting to the crudest of foul tactics.

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