

Prospects of Leading Colleges and Local Gridiron Teams for Season

"Big Six" Gridiron Teams Start the Fray This Week

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Although a few minor colleges have already played their first football games for 1915, what the college world understands as the real opening of the season is scheduled for the coming week. On Saturday Harvard, Yale, Pennsylvania, Princeton, and Dartmouth, representing five members of the "Big Six" meet their first opponents and show the world the sort of teams they have developed in preliminary training periods that have varied from two to three weeks. Here is their schedule for September 25:

Harvard vs. Colby, at Cambridge.
Yale vs. Maine, at New Haven.
Pennsylvania vs. West Virginia, at Philadelphia.
Princeton vs. Georgetown, at Princeton.
Dartmouth vs. Massachusetts, at Hanover.
Cornell, the last member of this combination to get under way, opens with Gettysburg on September 25. Nowadays no team, no matter how big or supposedly well prepared it is, is safe from being scored on in the opening games or even from being defeated. So, although all the minor colleges who help to open the season are looked upon as fit only to furnish "practice" games, they may furnish surprises as they have done in the past. Harvard didn't play Colby last year, but Yale beat Maine 20 to 0, although held to a tie score the year before. Georgetown is a new opponent for Princeton, as is West Virginia for Pennsylvania. The Massachusetts "Aggies" scored six points on Dartmouth last year, though beaten by a score of 29 to 6. Gettysburg appears on the Cornell schedule for the first time.

This year the big universities are better prepared for their initial games than they were last year because they have had more preliminary practice. Dartmouth, for example, began serious practice on September 1, while Harvard and Yale followed a few days later, with Pennsylvania getting down to business on September 7. Princeton and Cornell were the last of the sextet to begin daily practice. Another reason for the better state of preparedness is that with two exceptions all the big teams had a month or more of spring training. So while there may be some unexpected jolts handed out on opening day the big universities expect to win fairly easily.

Princeton Full of Enthusiasm.
Princeton football has always filled a pretty big place in the sun, but this year the Tigers are attracting more attention than usual. There are two reasons for the enthusiasm and confidence which reign supreme in Tigertown. One is that Princeton has a new coach in the person of John H. Rush, of whom great things are expected. The other is that the veteran material left over from last year is unusually experienced and able.

First consider the man Rush. He attracts attention because he went to Princeton with a great reputation as coach of the University School of Cleveland, and also because he became a successful coach in spite of the fact that he never played college football himself. Rush is a Princeton graduate, but as an undergraduate he devoted himself to sprinting. That was twenty years ago, and at that time any man who could equal ten seconds consistently was a national celebrity. Rush had played some football as a schoolboy, and he followed the game closely at Princeton, though he did not play.

It was after he left Princeton and was appointed athletic director of the Cleveland school that he made his name as a football coach. In spite of his lack of playing experience Rush proved himself a good coach and successfully demonstrated that it is not necessary for a man to have been a star player himself to become a successful teacher. After Rush's teams had had uniform success and a good many of the players he developed proved to be stars on Eastern college elevens Eastern men, especially those from Princeton, began to look him over.

For a good many years Princeton has been trying to find a winning coaching system, but without avail since the days of Roper. After last year's disastrous season a committee of former Princeton stars was appointed and instructed to find a Princeton man who could lead them out of the wilderness. Rush was the man they all agreed upon. He was picked because he had demonstrated at Cleveland that he could teach winning football to boys who had never played the game and because he had the sort of personality one needs to handle college men. He was placed in charge last spring and gave the Tigers the most thorough spring training they had ever known.

Fortunately, Rush has splendid material with which to start his fall. He has as a nucleus every member of last year's back field, in fact, two such quarters. The chances are that three members of this back field will be Capt. Glick at quarter back and Moore and Dickerman at half backs and either Briggs or Boland at full back. The first three men were the ones to whom Princeton gives credit for that sensational rally against Yale last year, when in the last quarter these men who went into the game as substitutes scored two touchdowns, and but for the call of time might have won the game. Then the Tigers have Eberstadt, Ames, Tibbitt and Law who will be hard to keep off the team.

In the line things are not quite so bright. Here Nourse and Gennert will again fight it out at center. Shenk at one guard has graduated, and so has Baldwin at tackle. But Linsinger and Foster look good for guards, and McLean is sure

Preparatory Gridironers Will Organize Rival League to Inter-High Schools

Army and Navy, Georgetown, St. Albans, Gonzaga, and Friends to Form Circuit.

BASKET-BALL A SUCCESS

The Local Interhigh School Football League will have a rival this season. Since the marked success of the Preparatory School Basketball League that winter, followers of the school behind the preparatory basketball league to hold a meeting some time this week for the purpose of looking into the football prospects.

A league composed of Army and Navy Prep, the Albans, Friends School, Georgetown Preps, and Gonzaga High School, will no doubt be organized, as it is the intention of those behind the preparatory basketball league to hold a meeting some time this week for the purpose of looking into the football prospects.

Unfortunately Sharpe will have to rebuild about half his team. His back field losses are particularly heavy. He is lucky to retain Capt. Barrett at quarter back. This man last year was unquestionably the best quarter back in the East, and as an all-around player was every bit the equal of Mahan, of Harvard, or LeGore, of Yale. But Cornell has lost through graduation Phillip, Collyer, and Shuler, who ably supported Barrett. To take their places, the Ithacans still have Kleinert, Collins, and two or three good men from the freshman team. From the line former Capt. O'Hearn, the right end, and an all-American player, have graduated. Gallogly, at tackle, and Munsick at guard, are also gone. The Ithacans still have Cool at center and Shelton at end. Of the two Cool is the better. Although weighing hardly 160 pounds he was one of the best centers in the country last year.

Provided Cornell's material comes up to the usual standard the team ought to develop well because the schedule for the first time in a good many years is properly graduated. The teams the Ithacans meet are not so strong that the team must either risk defeat or be at its best early in October as was the case for so many years when Penn State and Pittsburgh were played all at the beginning of the season. Not until October 23 does Cornell have a hard game. On this day the Ithacans meet Harvard at Cambridge. There are then two more championship games, with Michigan and Pennsylvania. The Wolverines are met on November 6 and the Quakers on November 25.

Yale Looks for a Winner.

There will be bitter disappointment at Yale if you'll find that it does not turn out a winner, by which is meant to trounce Harvard. Like Princeton, the Yale team will have a first-class back field, but there is some doubt about the strength of the line and the ends. Behind the line Yale has two men of the first magnitude in Capt. Wilson at quarter back and LeGore at full back. LeGore, of course, was the star of the team. He was a wonderful runner, a good drop-kicker and perhaps the best man in the East at throwing or receiving the forward pass. The Yale coaches wish to use Wilson in some place other than quarter back, where his weight will be of more use. With Scovill as one of the other half backs Yale would thus have a splendid trio and needs only one new man for quarter back.

In the line things are not quite so promising. Former Capt. Talbot is missing at tackle, and two or three other veterans are gone and their places must be filled by last year's substitutes and freshmen. White at center is back and so is Higginbotham at end.

There is naturally much speculation, not only among Yale men, but football men in general, whether Frank Hinkey will make good as coach if he sticks to the long passing game that he taught last year. Yale got away with long side double, triple forward passes all season until Harvard was met. The Crimson had a defense able to break up Yale's attack, and the passing game which had previously made all Yale's opponents look foolish was now made to appear ridiculous itself. There was some criticism of Hinkey's tactics after the Harvard game, but Yale men are determined to give him two more years in which to make good.

POOR MATERIAL AT HOPKINS AND CITY

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 18.—Charles Brickley, new coach at Johns Hopkins, and Mike Thompson, recently appointed to pilot the City College eleven, should shake hands. They have much in common. They have some sense ahead of them. If they don't need sympathy before the curtain goes down on the gridiron sport, it will be because Brickley has proven himself as much a marvel in teaching football as he was in playing it, and because Thompson has added to his rep by proving a miracle man.

New Aquatic Record.

New Orleans, Sept. 18.—Charles Ferriday, Southern champion two-mile swimmer, broke the world's "inside" two-mile record here, according to announcement by Southern Amateur Athletic Union officials. Ferriday's time was given as 15 minutes and 49.25 seconds. The former record, held by George Read, an Australian, was 15 minutes and 51 seconds.

Schmidt to Join Pirates.

San Francisco, Sept. 18.—The manager of the San Francisco Coast League team announced here tonight that he had sold to Catcher Schmidt, his unconditional release and that Schmidt, in turn, had sold his release to the Pittsburgh Pirates.

HIS TEAM GOT JUMP ON OTHERS.



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Moran Ranks Among Greatest of 'em All

Pat Moran, who has been ranked among the greatest baseball managers the game has ever known, is the wonderful leader of the red-faced, gray haired Irishman that has put the misfit Phillies where they are today.

Phillies Players Give All Credit of Success of Team to Quaker City Pilot.

There was a funny one that happened in New York last night. Bob Fitzsimmons consumed a round and a half teaching Dan Creighton how to take a joke.

CASTOFFS ARE VALUABLE

There wasn't a great deal of dough in the whole outfit as things hadn't broken very good and what they had happened to have on them was bet on Dan. And when they counted Dan out in the second round it was a mighty bang and a decidedly broken party that left the arena and started to walk downtown. There wasn't a bean in the whole outfit and everybody had murder in his heart.

Not a word was said as they meandered along. Suddenly they came upon a little two-by-four theater, brilliantly lit and with a sign that read "Light-weight Champion, of Illinois and Iowa."

MATTY BALDWIN IS BUGS ABOUT MUSIC

Matty Baldwin, the Boston light-weight, is a "bug" on grand opera. Baldwin never misses a concert of this kind and he has been making a habit of four and five special trips to New York to attend the Metropolitan Opera House festivities.

Real Bird of a Story.

J. Milo Hershey, who lives on the banks of the White River, near Carmel, Ind., had an unusual experience a few nights ago, and he is asking his neighbors to explain it. Mr. Hershey is a well-to-do farmer, and finds plenty of time to visit his friends up and down the river in his motor boat and show them the best places to fish.

Idea to Have Winner Play High School Champ for Interscholastic Title.

PROSPECTS OF SEASON

raw material in the different sports and has always turned out a capable aggregation. The Cathedral bunch was handed quite a setback in athletics this spring when Brooke Brewer, the champion school-boy sprinter, graduated. He was a real asset to the gridiron team last season and also showed a considerable amount of strength in baseball.

Men though Brewer's ability will be missed, Coach Green has a few good ones left from last season's eleven around which he can build his eleven. As school will not open at the Wisconsin avenue school until the middle of the month, definite can be asserted as whether they will enter the league, but as Green was one of the main ones behind the basketball circuit, it is almost assured that he will enter his team in the gridiron circuit.

Friends and Gonzaga will make an attempt to revive the gridiron game this fall and already have versed their intentions of entering a team in the circuit. Gonzaga started practice yesterday, and Martin Conley, the coach, spoke well of the candidates who reported for their initial work.

Among the interhigh school teams the Technical High School eleven, winners of the championship last year, are expected to get the jump on the other squads. Although Tech has lost many of its good players this championship team through graduation, they still retain Gene Ochsenschreiter, the dean of all local scholastic gridironers. Ochsenschreiter is reported for the initial work-out, and a large squad is working out each evening with Coach Wayne Hart.

Central followed in the footsteps of the Manual Trainers and has had its sound of gridironers working since last Wednesday. One of the largest squads in the history of football at the O street school reported for the first time, numbering among them being Capt. Buck Ochsenschreiter, "Molly" Roberts, G. McDonald, Stokes, Lee, Hart, Chambers, and White. The squad will start practice tomorrow, when school starts. Central White, who has been in the material at Eastern, Western, and Business until tomorrow, when school starts, Central White, who has been in the material at Eastern, Western, and Business until tomorrow, when school starts.

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Local Printer Made Showing in Series

Wayne Hart, the coach of the champion Technical High School team last season, will have charge of the Galloway football team when the candidates report for their initial training on Tuesday evening. Hart will not give up his duties with the Manual Trainers, but will teach both teams. The Technical squad will use Galloway Park as their home ground, and the Manual Trainers will use the Kendall Greeners.

FINISHED AS RUNNERS-UP

While circumstances forced the Washington Union Printers' Athletic Association, through Manager William R. Love, to secure a number of players at the last moment, because of the inability of several men to attend the tournament of the national organization, composed of twelve clubs, at Philadelphia last month, the veteran amateur manager made the Washington association's team the runner-up for the printers' national league.

The local team opened the week's series Monday morning, August 23, with an easy victory over the Philadelphia nine, winning by a score of 2 to 2. Blanton, Love's "pitching find," fanning ten and allowing four hits. Paired off with the strong team from New York City the following Thursday the downfall of the Washington aggregation was freely predicted, but the local craftsmen, with Bennett pitching, won another victory with the same score as the previous game. The team then in the semi-final on the next day.

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Ray Fisher Retained.

Rev. James M. Fisher, of the University of the South at Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 18.—Ray Fisher, New York Yankee pitcher, has been retained by the University of the South at Nashville, Tenn. He will report for duty on October 1, when he will coach the baseball team.

Washington and Jefferson.

Washington and Jefferson, the smallest colleges that play big league football, but for two years it has been one of the very biggest colleges—footballistically speaking—in all these United States. His eleven was the best of the football world. It was the smallest college that plays big league football, but for two years it has been one of the very biggest colleges—footballistically speaking—in all these United States.

Noted Players to Enter Tournament at White Sulphur Springs.

White Sulphur Springs, Sept. 18.—The season for golf competitions for national titles is practically over for this year, but the country will be directed to the opening of the sporty eighteen-hole course at White Sulphur Springs on September 25. White no national title is at stake, the tournament which marks the opening of the course will be of intense interest because the field will include fifty of the best amateur golfers of the United States, who are coming down from New York in a special train on the night of the 25th, and will be matched against men of prominence, including jurists, lawyers, physicians, army and navy officers, diplomats and financiers.

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Prospects of Local and Leading Varsity Elevens

Eleven days have passed since the first call for candidates was made at Georgetown University, and during that time the list of the best who answered the call have shown to be capable knights of the gridiron game. The prospects at the Hilltop Institute opening game of the season next Saturday with the Princeton Tigers. Every effort is being made by Head Coach Exendine and his assistants to have the team in the best of shape during the two scrimmages which were held the past week the veteran line has held its own, and but few gains have been made while the quarter backs playing with the varsity, although green, have proven capable of carrying the pigskin for good gains.

Coach Exendine, who plays the full back position, appears to be the best offensive man, while Maloney, in the quarter back position, is a great open field runner. Gilroy and Wall are above the ordinary back field men, and should make many a yard before the season closes. The only contact which has occurred is the injury to Leighty, a back field man, in the scrimmage practice of Thursday. Leighty is expected out some time this week but will be able to get into the Princeton game.

Georgetown is making every kind of an effort to slip something over on the Princeton team, but it is expected to gather more speed in the next five practices it would not be surprising to see them romp in with the Princeton battle.

Catholic University.

Coach Fred Nelson has been slightly handicapped at Catholic University because of not having enough men to work with, but Athletic Manager Charley Moran sent out the S O S Monday afternoon, and the Catholic squad is expected to increase from sixteen to twenty-five by practice time tomorrow.

Eleven players answered the call on Tuesday evening, and the first work-out was held. Seven of these players were veterans from last season's eleven, while the other candidates were noted prep school players. Frank Greer, the all-star scholastic center of Philadelphia, has made a big hit with Coach Nelson, and has a chance of being named to the varsity, while Butler, of the Boston City College, appears to be the best punter at present.

The Catholics will have witnessed football at Catholic University during the past seasons claim that material on hand at present is the best that has ever turned out at the Hilltop since the 1914 team, but not enough good men are left to make it a certainty that the team of 1915 will be largely one of veterans. And the best part of the Nebraska outlook is that about one dozen newcomers in the championship of the West will be showing up in wonderful style, and make it certain that Nebraska will have a secondary defense almost as powerful as its regular variety.

Minnesota.

The team that turns in a better record than Minnesota is the team that will win the championship of the West. That's what the knowing footballing persons in the Mississippi River district tell you—and they seem to be quite correct in their assessment.

Minnesota's 1915 prospects are brighter than those of any Minnesota eleven in the history of the game. It has an almost perfect team of veterans, a few new ones, and among those veterans it has a chap named Solon, who was called "a whole football team in himself" by no less an authority than Bob Zuppke, coach of the Illinois champions.

Illinois.

Can Bob Zuppke repeat?
Bob is the party who gathered together an alleged bunch of football dubs at the University of Illinois last year, welded the "dubs" into one compact body and then hurried them through seven different kinds of opposition to the crest of the Western football world.

Not since the Western conference was formed has any team done so well as the undisputed championship two years in succession. But Illinois enthusiasts look for Zuppke to smash tradition—to repeat his feat of 1914. It is the fact that the loss of seven men through graduations has shot to pieces his great 1914 team, wrecking every department.

Syracuse.

New York, Sept. 18.—Syracuse isn't perturbed over the fact that it's 1914 eleven was scattered to the four winds by the June 25th disaster. The fact is that the loss of merely good men when infinitely better men have risen up to take their places? That's the way they feel at Syracuse.

Dartmouth.

The Dartmouth outlook is in no wise bright. The most brilliant stars of its great 1914 eleven are gone and Coach Frank Cavanaugh faces the husky job of building up an almost new back field.

Ghee, ranked as one of the greater quarter backs in the history of the college game, is gone—and no one who has come forward far enough to fill even part of the gap he left. Ghee was a wonderful all-around man, and Dartmouth will feel his loss more keenly than that of any other man—or any other two, in fact.

EXPERT GOLFERS TO MEET.

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