

# BALL TEAM AND THE REFEREE AT THE POLO GROUNDS.

## YALE'S POLICY OF CHANGE.

By Charles Chadwick.

NEW HAVEN, Oct. 22.—The policy of change that has been followed at Yale this season has borne its fruit. Last Wednesday Yale was unable to put up a defence strong enough to resist a trio of fast backs on a smaller college eleven, and had to face the music of three touchdowns made against her in a short practice game on her own grounds. It seemed, indeed, an appalling situation that faced Yale coaches, players and sympathizers when their eleven best men walked off the gridiron on that recent memorable occasion leaving behind them a score of 18 to 14, that will go down in history alongside of the 6 to 6 game in '95.

That a team with the material to back it up that there has been this year at New Haven should find itself at the mercy of its opponents in a practice game is, to say the least, a surprising consummation. But the reason is no less clear than the result is startling. As hinted in the opening sentence of this article, practically the only cause is the policy of changing the men about that has been followed by the coaches this year. Whether this has been wise or unwise future developments alone will tell. In the first place, all that is expected of a big college team to-day is to win its practice games. The old days of not being scored on belong to a past when smaller college teams possessed the ability and knowledge of the game that is today expected of a good prep school team. In the second place, a careful consideration of the state of affairs justifies the action of the coaches more than would seem at first glance. Was tried back of the line, and returned again to end.

the men who rendered possible such a situation as the one which confronted the Yale team on Wednesday. Yale has at the present time probably the best scoring team of any college in Princeton. Since the Brown game the coaches have put on suits and actually played against the "Varsity" to give them practice in defensive work. Laurie Bliss has been circling their ends, aided by Louis Hinkley, and Brink Thorne has been running



## FOOTBALL FACTS AND FANCIES.

A MONTH before the close of the football season has been proved, by years of careful observation, a good and almost safe time to judge the true merits of the leading teams. Invariably about three hard games are scheduled three and four weeks before the final big game.



## COCHRAN TALKS OF HIS TEAM.

By Garrett Cochran.

PRINCETON, Oct. 23.—The football season is now about half over, at least as far as Princeton is concerned, and yet the team has not yet reached the form it should be in at this time of the year. It is true they have been playing fairly good football, and so far have won all their games by comfortable margins; still, they are far behind last year's team in nearly every particular, and have a good deal of practice and hard work ahead before they can hope to rival it either offensively or defensively. Of all the games played so far this year, but two have been of much real benefit to the "Varsity." They are the game at Annapolis with the Cadets and the one at Princeton last Saturday with the Indians. All the other games have been either so light or else so weak in their defensive or offensive play as to be able to offer but small resistance and to give the "Varsity" but little real practice.

The game last Saturday was a hard one. The Indians were in the best of condition, and the reports of Princeton's poor practice and the rumored poor condition of her men made them full of confidence. They went into the game sure of a victory, and they were not disappointed. From start to finish they played hard, fast football, and Princeton had to fight for every inch of ground. Their play was better defensively than offensively, although some of them tackled rather hard. Princeton went into the game just a little stronger than the majority of the team remembered the hard game of last year, and knew the Indians would prove a tough combination to beat; consequently they were on their mettle and the whole team played a very careful, steady game. There was little or no fumbling. The backs, while they were somewhat slow in starting, nevertheless ran hard and fast. Baird at quarter gave the signals clearly and dis-



Hillebrand, of Princeton.

tingly, and ran the team with excellent judgment. The line held well, particularly the center men.

Arnsperg made his first appearance at guard and had no difficulty in taking care of the other side. Varsity's tackle was tight. The game itself was interesting and stubbornly contested and did the whole Princeton team a great deal of good.

The Lafayette game was the second best game of the season. The Lafayette team was in a very good condition, and the game was a very close one. The Princeton team was in a very good condition, and the game was a very close one.

About the best practice of the week was given the team on Thursday, and their opponents were nothing more or less than the regular college eleven. This season's team has been growing stronger and stronger every day. Their line is fully as heavy as the Varsity's, and their backs are strong, fast runners. For the past three days Coach Moffat had been drilling and coaching the "Varsity" to a game. They were all fresh from their rest of Wednesday, and, besides, were strengthened by the addition of several "Varsity" players.

Coach Moffat strengthened their line by playing tackle opposite Holt. A referee, ungratefully, was selected, and the game began. From start to finish it was stubbornly contested. The Varsity scored after five or ten minutes by steady gains at the backs. The scrum, however, took a brace, and with the assistance of Coach's Moffat and Chubb, who stood right behind them and urged them on, and also from the fact that the Varsity was penalized some twenty yards for off-side play after a few minutes, they succeeded in rushing the ball over for a touchdown—the first time this season—and Black kicked a goal. Baird had failed at his goal, but the scrum ahead—4-1. The rest of the game was just as stubborn and hard fought. The Varsity finally won 20-6.

The force of coaches has been very gratifying. During the past week the following men have been on the field: Moffat, '84; Fine, '84; Chubb, '88; George, '86; Warren, '91; McCauley, '84; Ward, '96, and Church, '97.



INTERFERENCE AROUND THE ENDS.

This enables the team to learn all that is to be learned from playing against the best of the others and leaves three weeks to prepare for the final test and get all of the injured into condition. But this year, the most glorious in the history of the game, and also—though not unpleasantly, heaven be praised—the most sensational, has seen new conditions. Yale, Harvard and Princeton have all been called upon to do too much work. Last Saturday Yale had to put forth her best efforts against the New York A. A. Last Wednesday—four days later—she had that fresh Brown team to meet, and yesterday, three days later, she had a hard game with the Indians. And when it is remembered that the great majority of the team are new men it is no wonder that their showing is not such as to cheer the hearts of her followers? The team has been given too much work, especially in its unsettled condition.

Harvard had plenty of work to do when she met West Point last Saturday, with the weather so cruelly warm. Four days later she, too, had a game. By defeating Princeton 24 to 0 on Saturday, she should give much encouragement to her followers, although it is impossible to compare the games because of varied conditions. Princeton has been called upon for a great deal, the Indians last Saturday, Franklin and Marshall Wednesday, and yesterday Cornell. Her quick recovery from the Indian game and subsequent easy defeat of Franklin and Marshall, 64 to 0, with half of the team "sore," shows the real strength and superb condition of the team.

Pennsylvania has had the best arranged schedule of all. Up to date, with the single exception of Dartmouth, no team she has met has even approached first-class material. The Lafayette game, then the Indians, Harvard and Cornell are to be tests. I look for the hardest game from the Indians. The redmen were not in condition last year when Pennsylvania won so signally. They had met Yale, Harvard and Princeton and that meant a great deal. Much of vital importance has happened

### News for the Cyclists.

The Nassau Wheelmen, of Brooklyn, will give a reception to their lady friends on Monday evening, November 1, at the club. The club expects to give several social entertainments during the season.

The North Hudson County Cyclists will hold their first open meeting on the New Brunswick course on Sunday, November 1st. This is one of the latest courses ever announced in the metropolitan district, and some interesting races to the fact whether it will be a success. Club prizes are offered.

The upland dirt roads are generally in any thing but the best of condition. So many streets are torn up that cyclists should use the greatest care in giving all danger lights a wide berth. Much has been permitted to get into bad shape, and the riding is quite rough.

Wheelmen who have used the Old Boston Post road within the past few days, say that it has not been in better condition for riding in the last

### Sporting News in Brief.

There will be an exhibition game at Ives's Billiard Room, Forty-second street and Broadway, during the week beginning October 25, between Edward McLaughlin, champion of Pennsylvania, and Gus Monumentar, of Ives's Billiard Room. The game will be 2,000 points up, fourteen inch ball line, 250 points each afternoon and evening. McLaughlin is to play two shots in ball and Monumentar four. The games will begin at 5 and 8 p. m., and will be free to the public.

Gilbert, of Iowa, defeated Elliott, for the Dupont trophy, and the live bird championship of the world at Kansas City yesterday.

Another athletic club has been organized in this city for the purpose of putting on boxing, shows and other sports. The club will occupy the building at Nos. 728 and 730 Broadway, which was formerly occupied by the defunct Rowland Athletic Club. Matchmaker Morris has de-



CAPT. COCHRAN Captain Cochran, of Princeton.

Chamberlin, last year's centre, after a prolonged effort to fill the roll of fullback, is now at end. Durston, a tackle, is being tried with fair success as half, and there are others. "Progressive football" has seemed to be the keynote of the coaches' ideas, and with the result noted above. It was sure to come sooner or later. The impossibility of combining team work or successful defensive play with different men together almost every day is evident. It is true. Yale's material has, however, been thoroughly sifted, several good individual players have been drilled into the men, but the time has come when attention to concerted defensive work is not

through holes opened up for him by the great Hoffenger. This has produced, even in so short a time, a somewhat stiffer defence. Particularly at end has the team improved. This, as seen in the Brown game, is Yale's weakest point so far this year. Stocovich is the only man on the field who is putting up a Varsity game. He is improving right along, and is a hard tackler and fast runner. Holt and Hixon have not yet reached the full extent of their possibilities, while Abbott and Chamberlin are straggling valiantly to handle their weight with the requisite quickness with only partial success, however.

In connection with Harvard in this respect, Yale suffers more than any other way. While superior individuality at every other point except half back, her inferiority here is at her back, and her lack of team play compared to that of her rival. With the exception of end, there is no other weak spot on the team. Rodgers, Chadwick and Allen at tackle, Brown, Marshall and Caldwell at guard, MacFarland and Cullen at centre, ought to fill out a stiff line.

At quarter De Saules and Ely are both temporarily out of the game, and the probability of Benjamin more is being thought of. McElroy is as steady as a rock at full back, and Kiefer and Durston are the two linemen who show at the present moment the most promise. Neither of them is as good as Libbee, of Harvard. Kiefer excels in end runs and dodging, and falls when he hits the line. Durston, on the other hand, slams his 180 pounds into the line with lots of spirit, but is slow in starting for the end. Benjamin has not yet reached his best form. Hixon is playing a good game, but seems to get hurt all the time.

In looking the team over the main thing that strikes the football expert is that if two good ends can be found the team might in two weeks at least have a stiff defence as best team on the coast today, while the offensive work, good as it is, should keep an innovator.

It is certain that Yale can keep Harvard or Princeton from scoring is just now a doubtful question. It looks now more probable that she will be scored on, but ought to be able to score on them as often as lost as she herself is scored on in the big games.

only advisable, but absolutely necessary. It must be borne in mind, however, that with such absolutely green material as the coaches had to begin on at New Haven, it was practically impossible to carry along an even development of the team. The accomplishment by the middle of the season of fairly good individual play, and a fast scoring game, with such material are two things which reflect great credit on Butterworth and his assistants. It is a well known fact that a team which has mastered the rudiments of offensive work can be made to learn a stiff defence much quicker than a team which is good on the defence but is taught to score, and this fact stands at in bold relief to justify the policy of



ARNE MILLER Miller, of the Indians, Ready to Run.

two years. Cyclists desiring to make long distance trips into Connecticut will find the road just to the left of the road leading north to the city. The Metropolitan Basketball Ball Team would like to arrange for games on Saturday night. Address B. E. Grater, manager, No. 215 West 125th street.

Jim Clark, the Lone Island City Sloop, and Tommy Hogan, the clever Chicagoan, will furnish the Greenpoint Sporting Club's chief event next Monday night. They will box twenty rounds at 125th street.

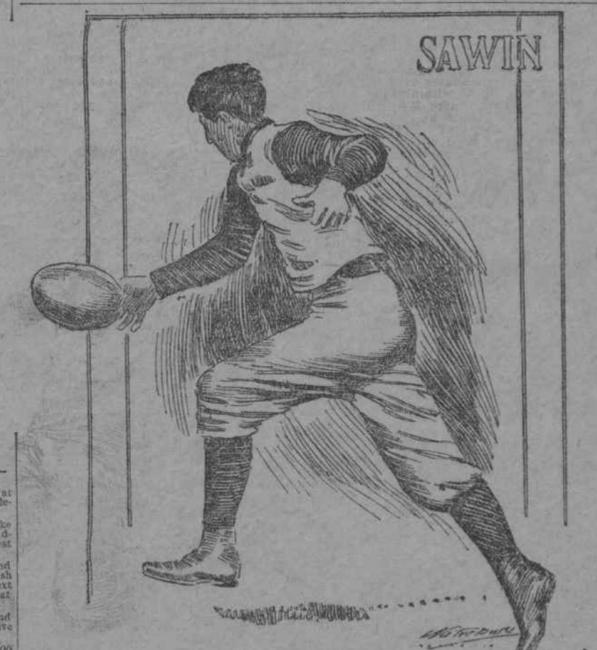
Tommy West and Jim Watts, in a twenty-round bout, will be the special attraction of the Active Athletic Club next Thursday night.

The Greenpoint Athletic Club offers a \$3,000 purse for Pedlar Palmer and Sammy Kelly.

Matchmaker Doughterty, of the Active Athletic Club, offers sixty per cent of the gross receipts of Corbett and Maher, Ruitlin and Maher, or Tut Hill and Maher.

For the season of 1898 the Criterion will have a value of \$12,000. The Travers and Kennet, for three-year-olds, at one mile and one-quarter and one and one-eighth miles, respectively, will each be worth \$5,000, and the Alabama, for three-year-old fillies, at a mile and a furlong, \$5,000. In 1899 the Criterion will be worth \$15,000, the Travers and Kennet \$7,500, and the Alabama \$5,000.

The 35-Foot Knockabouts. Commodore Charles A. Gould, of the American Yacht Club, of Millon Point, on 125 Street, has announced that a social meeting of 35-foot knockabouts will be held at the Grand Hotel on Thursday evening, November 4. The 35-foot knockabouts will be held at the Grand Hotel on Thursday evening, November 4. The 35-foot knockabouts will be held at the Grand Hotel on Thursday evening, November 4.



Sawin, the Harvard Halfback.

During the past seven days, the chiefest item of interest has been the discussion of the fierceness of the Princeton-Indian game. Although I missed it by having to assist in the Harvard-West Point pleasure party, I've had many pro and con arguments, and I believe these are the facts: The Indians went to Princeton fully believing that they would at least score. The ability to brood is one that nature has seen fit to instill in large quantities into their natures. During the last ten months they have thought many, many hours of "what might have been" on this or that occasion last fall. Their chief coach, "Manager" Willie" Bull is a Yale man, and were his assistants, Messrs. McCormack and Hieckel. A slight touch of Yale's football feeling when pitted against Princeton often exists. From what I learn and from having met Master Bull on one or two occasions, I do not believe that he set up nights instilling the spirit of brotherly love and Christian forbearance into the hearts of his charges. He may have (if only say may have) said unto them: "If you smite them, then not thy other cheek, but hasten thou and jab a swift poke in the kisser, even tho' thou leavest the field." Well, it

oped-marvellous under the conditions. There is no reason to feel otherwise than hopeful yet. The spirit which the disastrous encounter with Brown has aroused, whatever the outcome with the Indians to-day may be, will increase, if the best men are rounded into form by the 13th. The game with Harvard will be one which her followers may look forward to with much hope. But, conditions must be favorable. Wishing those Yale put forth the very best team she can muster, under the most promising conditions, when she meets Princeton, I wish it were possible to say that the outlook is as bright to-day as it was a week ago—but it is not.

The Harvard-West Point game was a very interesting one except for the heat. There is no team in the country deserving of one-half the credit which those soldier lads are. Except on Wednesdays and Saturdays, when they have little more than two hours, they have less than one hour a day for practice, and not one-seventh the number of men to draw from that their leading opponents have. They played a hard, clean and game game.

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