JONES WILL GIVE FEDERALS CHANCE

Team Which Came So Close to Pennant Fast Enough for Anyone, He Says.

TRIO OF TWIRLERS BOOMED

"Plank, Davenport and Crandall, Mainstays and Ought to Stick," Declares New Head of St. Louis Browns--Goes East Tonight.

BY ROSCOE FAWCETT.

Fielder Jones' St. Louis Americans will be made up of at least a 50 per cent admixture of Federals next year—possibly the ratio will run much higher. The great ex-Federal manager yielded to an interviewer for a few moments yesterday and he proved to be a staunch booster for his 1915 near-pennant St. Louis outlaws.

"We came within .0008 of winning the flag," said he. "I don't think there were many ball clubs in either league that had very much on us.

"Now, I don't know anything concerning the details of the amalgamation scheme except what I have read in the newspapers. But, if it is true that the St. Louis Federals and the St. Louis Browns are to consolidate, then you can say that we ought to have as good a ball club as there is in either league."

Tentative Lineup Withheld.

Manager Jones refused point-blank to name any tentative lineup for the refurbished Browns.

"Why, I have seen the Browns only two or three times in many years," he exclaimed, puffing away at his stogie in W. W. McCredie's office. "They have a bunch of young fellows over there about whom I know very little."

Here is a guess, however—mind you not from Buck Jones—a hazard of what St. Louis fans may see when the amalgamation scheme finally is worked out in some detail:

Players Are Picked.

Catchers — Hartley, Federals; possibly Chapman, Federals; Severeid, Americans.

Pitchers—Plank, Davenport and Crandall, of the Federals; Sisler and Weilman, of the Americans, and a couple of youngsters.

First base—Burns, Federals.

Second base—Pratt, Americans; Vaughn, Federals, possibility.

Shortstop—Johnson, Federals.

Third base—Deal or "Hunt" Walsh, of Federals; possibility of Austin, of Americans.

Outfield—Tobin, Maranas, Miller, of Federals; Shotten, Walker, Americans.

Outfield Wonderfully Fast.

"I had more speed on my St. Louis Federal team last year than any team in the three major leagues," declared Manager Jones. "My outfield was wonderfully fast. Ernie Johnson, former Los Angeles infielder, had no peer anywhere. Hartley, my first string catcher, will make good on any major league club. Burns, formerly of Vernon, is a big league because of his extra base-hitting ability.

"Plank, Davenport and Crandall were my main pitchers, and all these ought to stick in the American League. I have several others, too, who may figure—Watson, Herbert, Groom. From all I have heard, Sisler and Weilman, of the Browns, are corking good pitchers and will make any big league club.

"Of course, I cannot tell who may make the team until I have had the players in Spring camp and have had a chance to see them all in competitive action. I know very little of the Browns' infield—Leary, Pratt, Lavan and Austin.

Experts Boost Pratt.

"The experts tell me that Pratt is a great ballplayer at second base. I see by the records that he hit .290 and stole 32 bases last year. Bobby Vaughn, of Tacoma, was my second sacker. Vaughn, a former Princeton athlete, came over to us from Buffalo, where he played under Stallings. He is a little fellow, but is a good ballplayer. He has an uncanny knack of dumping hits over the first baseman's head. Vaughn hit .274 and stole 24 bases last season for me."

Fielder Jones expects to leave Portland tonight for the East to confer with Phil Ball and the other St. Louis magnates. He may remain in St. Louis and help straighten out the tangles of the big consolidation scheme and then again he may be back in Portland inside of a fortnight.

"I just don't know anything about my future plans," said he, "except that I expect to manage St. Louis next year."

First Payment Made by Ball.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—The first payment for the St. Louis Americans, sold to Phil Ball and Otto Stifel, owners of the St. Louis Federals, was made late last night, it was learned today. The amount was not divulged.

The Sportlight by Grantland Rice

The Editor's Christmas Dream.

I dreamed that I was the editor
Of a Christmas magazine;
And I wanted to make it the finest one
That the world had ever seen;
But I felt somehow I had fallen down
Until, with the make-up due,
Gene Fowler stepped in with a manuscript
Entitled "Little Boy Blue."

I've dreamed that I was a millionaire,
That I was a ruling King;
I've dreamed that I was another Burns,
Afoot in the fields of Spring;
But I hold this closer to my heart,
With the Christmas make-up due,
When I dreamed I was the editor
Reading for "Little Boy Blue."

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ANYONE who isn't a grouch must get sick of lifting an eternal squawk. And yet to anyone in baseball who has the good of the game at heart there seems to be no other course.

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The Situation.

If all men directing the affairs of the National League were of the Hempstead-Gaffney type there would be no trouble in the game. There are high-class sportsmen connected with the game, but they are in the minority. This statement is proven by the heavy slump that has hit baseball in the last few years. Over 150,000 fans in various cities, once keen baseball partisans, have left the game, and for the greater part never to return.

And, if their own statements are to be credited, most of these quit through their disgust at the way baseball was being run—at the constant bickering and endless squabbling which has almost wrecked the sport.

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Peace and the Future.

Peace is more than to be desired—it is absolutely necessary if baseball is to live as a major sport. But peace isn't all.

We recall the time when they used to say that nothing could stop racing or boxing. But both were checked fairly effectively until their leading evils were curbed.

Even with peace declared the game will still be sagging unless it is handled in a clean, fair and dignified way from the top.

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There are still enough sportsmen left in the game to save it if they will only take up an aggressive campaign for higher standards in conducting the sport. But scenes around the Waldorf last week were sufficient to show that the higher standard desired was still absent and that experience had taught nothing to many who should have known a good bit better.

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At Pittsburg.

Barney Dreyfus made a wise selection in naming Jimmy Callahan to succeed Fred Clarke, for it is much wiser to pick an experienced leader than to start out a managerial debutante.

Callahan made his mistakes with the White Sox, but all that time he was learning something. Through this experience he should be a better leader at Pittsburg than he ever was in Chicago.

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In the same way Charley Herzog will be a much more valuable man for Cincinnati than he was last year or the year before. The ex-Giant has gathered in a bale of useful stuff that was new to him in a managerial way, and with the material he now has on hand Redland should be a vital factor in next year's jubilee.

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Half-Strides.

Peace at any price is generally a set signal for the other guy to start his swing.

For there is nothing like knowing that you can get away with something even before you start.

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Sam, the Slugger.

Sam Crawford is still the Extra Wallop champ. The Tiger slugger failed to bat .300 this last season, but in spite of that he drove across more tallies than any one else, with Veach second and Cobb third.

Crawford's wallops chased 114 runs over the plate, one more than Veach drove over.

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Crawford, Cravath and Baker are the only three who have averaged better than 80 extra bases each year. Crawford's average is 85, Cravath's is 84 and Baker's is 81. Sherwood Magee and Ty Cobb follow this leading trio, but both are under the 80 mark. Crawford and Cobb fit in as aids to each other. Crawford helps Ty accumulate runs and Ty assists Samuel in leading at the art of driving runs over. For when Crawford poles out a base hit he is fairly sure to find Ty on base ready to score.

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Challenge Reported.

Dear Sir: Old Albwert Ellsworth Thomas and I have organized a golf team to meet Gardner White's or Francis Quinet's. At present we have enlisted the following: Rev. Thomas R. Slicer, Brian Hooker, Harold Driver, Harold Topping, Roland S. Hazard, Allen R. Bent, Jerome Green, Adolph Link, James Montgomery Flagg, Bunker Bean and Carrie Pond.

W. P. EATON.

How about recalling Captain Harold Brassey from the Dardanelles?

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Which brings up another point: Would it help a golfer who was slicing his shots badly to go forth and develop an attack of hookworm?

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The American-National League peace was signed at Cincinnati. Now the Fed.-O. R. peace is being arranged at the same place. Redland is becoming The Hague of America. If the magnates stay there long enough it will become the Haig & Haig.

PENDLETON DOWNS ATHENA

Snappy Basketball Game Decided by Score of 27 to 21.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Pendleton's basketball season was ushered in last night with a fast, snappy game in which a 27-to-21 defeat was administered to the Athena quintet by the Pendleton High School team.

The game was featured by the basket shooting of Ned Fowler, forward, who was responsible for 23 out of Pendleton's 27 points. Gordon showed up well at a guard position for Pendleton.

For Athena Grant, a six-foot center, was the mainstay, making 17 points for the visitors.

The first half ended with the score standing 20 to 8 in Pendleton's favor. Athena took a brace the second half. Athena is being tutored by Irwin G. Brooks, former star Oregon forward, and Pendleton is being coached by William Livingston, former Pacific University athlete.

ROOT BEGINS TRAINING

BOXER WILL GO EAST AFTER BOUT WITH SMITH WEDNESDAY.

First Encounter of Series Planned Will Be Match With Tommy McCarthy in Butte.

Jack Root, the Portland heavyweight, who mixes with "Mysterious" Billy Smith, the former welterweight champion, next Wednesday night at the Rose City Club, started training yesterday. George Scheff will have charge of Root's training.

Ted Long, Root's manager, is sparing no pains in getting the heavyweight in condition for immediately after the bout here he plans on taking Root East. His first encounter in a series of bouts that has been planned, will be with Tommy McCarthy in Butte on January 17. Following this, if Root gets away good, he will be pitted against Carl Morris, the Oklahoma giant. Manager Long is corresponding with Morris regarding the match but has not yet reached an agreement.

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Fans were glad to receive the word that Tom Cowler, the heavyweight picked up here by Jim Corbett, had the better of his bout with Porky Flynn in New York Wednesday night. This makes Cowler's second victory since he was defeated by Battling Levinsky.

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Things seem to be pretty much in the air regarding the first card to be put on by the Rose City Club in January. Bobby Evans, manager of Billy Mascott and Al Sommers, is anxious to have one of his boys appear on the fifth of the month while Ted Long is after the club to match Jack Root and Joe Bonds on that date.

LINCOLN FIVE TO START NORTH

Quintet Will Play Series of Three Games in Washington.

Stanley Borleske and his Lincoln High School basketball players will leave Portland late Monday night for a week's journey into Washington for a three-game series. The first contest will be at Sedro-Wooley, and after a day's rest both high schools at Bellingham will be opposed on separate nights.

Seven players will accompany Coach Stanley Borleske when the train leaves for the north. Lyn Oliver, Manager Herman Lind, Karl Knudson, Josef Lillard, Captain Caesar, Hugh Clerin and Nathan Lakefish are billed to represent the Ballsplitters next week.

Oregon City Five to Play Alumni.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The Oregon City High School basketball team will play the alumni team New Year's day in the Armory. This will be the third game of the season for the Oregon City quintet. Silverton defeated Oregon City in the first game and Canby lost the second.

FORMER FEDERAL LEAGUE PLAYER WHO IS CENTER OF SCRAMBLE AMONG BIG LEAGUE MANAGERS.

Bennie Kauff

Fielder Jones rates Kauff as the second greatest ballplayer in the world, ranking next only to Ty Cobb. Last year Kauff batted .354 and stole 54 bases. He is an outfielder, and it is generally believed he will land with the New York Giants.

STATE SWIM IS PLAN

Multnomah Club Is Arranging for Championship Event.

RIVER DIP IS ABANDONED

Jack Cody Will Supervise Programme to Be Given Next Month in Place of Annual Sport in River in December.

Oregon state swimming championships will be held in the tank of the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club the latter part of next month, according to an announcement made yesterday by Jack Cody, swimming instructor of the Nartilla-street institution.

The annual Christmas swim in the Willamette River has been put to the discard, and as a result no official stunts will be forthcoming along the banks of the river this afternoon. Some sort of a swim must be held, says Instructor Cody, and it is for this reason that the title events have been proposed.

Several of the best swimmers who ever represented the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club are in Portland now, and many of them will remain here for the next month at least.

Important Records Held.

Norman Ross, who holds almost every important water record of the Northwest, returned from San Francisco the first part of this week and has been working out daily in the club water.

Norman has made a great hit since his departure from Portland early this Fall. He has been swimming under the colors of the Olympic Club of San Francisco, and the boys in the South think they have a logical opponent for Duke Kahanamoku, the world's champion sprinter. Instructor Cody's former pupil went South for the National championships, but due to a severe illness he was unable to do himself justice.

Since then, however, the Portland athlete has been kicking water into the faces of those who defeated him in the titled events, and for this reason considerable weight is being given to his present showing.

Trip to Honolulu Planned.

He plans on going to Honolulu to compete in the championships of the Islands early in February.

No definite date has been set for the Oregon championships next month. Efforts will be made to have teams representing the University of Oregon, Oregon Agricultural College and all non-conference colleges in Oregon, in competition in the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club tank.

Medals will be given the winners of the various events. Instructor Cody will have full charge of the affair, but as yet he has not arranged any sort of programme. Races from the 50-yard to the one-mile will be staged if his preliminary plans are carried out. The mile event takes so long that time alone may cause it to be eliminated from the bill.

MULTNOMAH SOCCER PLAY OFF

Inability of Men to Appear Causes All-Star Game to Be Called Off.

No soccer game will be played on Multnomah Field between the Multnomah Amateur Athletic Club and the All-Stars this afternoon as planned. Right at the last minute last night it was found that several of the players could not to be on hand today, so the contest was postponed until a later date.

Manager John D. Dwyer has scheduled the first game of the year for January 15, when the University of Oregon will send its eleven to Portland to battle on Multnomah Field. A return contest has been slated for Eugene three weeks later. Several of the old stars of the club have signified their intentions of turning out with the 1915-16 aggregation and Manager Dwyer will bill matches with all the teams of the Portland Interscholastic League. No game will be played New Year's day, as the Columbia Park football team and the Vancouver Soldiers will be playing on Multnomah Field.

O'Day and Brennan to Umpire.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Henry O'Day, veteran umpire and former manager of Chicago and Cincinnati National League clubs, will return to the National League as an umpire next season. William Brennan, who went to the Federals from the National, also will be included in the staff, it was said here today.

Duluth Ready for Curlers.

DULUTH, Dec. 24.—The 22d annual bonspiel of the Northwestern Curling Association will be held in Duluth, January 17 to 22. Teams from Montana, the Dakotas and the East are expected to compete.

Amateur Sport Men to Meet.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Sixteen organizations governing amateur sport in the United States and Canada will be represented at a conference here next Monday to adopt a universal definition of the amateur in athletics.

FIGHT OVER RUGBY LAGS

WRITERS SAY STANFORD WANTS IT, BUT STUDENTS OPPOSE PLAN.

Chronicle Declares That English Game Will Be Kept at University in South, so Fuss Drags On.

"Some of the Northwestern and Southern scribes never get the 'hunch' to speak intelligently. They are still writing and cramming paragraphs which have it that Stanford is ready and aching to give Rugby the go-by and join the American-game fold. This is not so. Stanford likes Rugby and will play Rugby next season, and has, in fact, already framed some of the seasonal games. This is clear evidence of the attitude of the Cardinal authorities. In the meantime the chatter outside does not matter one whit."

Such is the substance of an article appearing in the San Francisco Chronicle last Thursday morning. It begins to appear that the San Francisco scribes are the ones who would be taking the "hunch," for, according to the students who have returned for the Christmas holidays, Stanford is between two fires relative to taking American football back into the fold at the Palo Alto institution.

The big game this year for Stanford was against Santa Clara College, and now Santa Clara does not know what to do for next Fall. These are the only big colleges in California that still foster the English game, and the only other competition is with the Olympic Club.

"Santa Clara is uncertain what she will do next year, and it all remains with Stanford," said Ray Leonard, a former Columbia University all-star athlete who returned from Santa Clara College for the holidays, yesterday afternoon. "Rugby fails to bring out the spirit, in my way of thinking, for we had only one game that amounted to much this year."

Leonard was a regular on the first team until two weeks before the big game against Stanford at San Francisco. He received two broken ribs in the 62-to-0 victory over the Barbarians, and as a result he was deprived from making his monogram. As it was, he received his numeral.

"The majority at Santa Clara would like to see the American style of play brought back," Mr. Leonard continued, "and as the faculty has gathered together coaches for the various branches of athletics at the college who are students of the old game, it is for this reason things are taking a bright hue. We had seven or eight games scheduled with the Olympic Club, and after the first game had been played it was only a matter of scores for the rest of the season. No spirit is evident at the club games, for they had no chance to win, at all."

WEEGHMAN STILL HAS FAITH IN DEAL

Loophole Is Such, However, That Taft May Withdraw From Transaction.

BAN JOHNSON GIVES VIEW

James A. Gilmore, Former Head of Federal League, Says Suit Will Not Be Withdrawn Within Week or Ten Days at Least.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Following receipt today of a telegram from Charles P. Taft, Charles Weeghman said he might wait until Mr. Taft's return from Texas before meeting with him to arrange finally for the purchase of the Cubs. He had expected to go to Texas next Sunday.

B. B. Johnson, president of the American League, who returned from the Cincinnati peace meeting today, was authority for the statement that it was still possible that the deal for the Chicago Nationals might fall through, and declared that if it did, "it would be a bad thing for the National League."

According to Mr. Johnson, the agreement between Taft and Weeghman would permit the former to withdraw from the deal. Friends of Mr. Weeghman, however, say he has faith in the strength of the agreement.

James A. Gilmore said today he expected the Federal League's suit against organized baseball, which was tried before Judge Landis last Winter, would be withdrawn within a week or 10 days.

SINCLAIR HOLDS CONTRACTS

St. Louis Browns to Get First Chance With Cubs for Players.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Harry F. Sinclair, of Oklahoma, owner of the Newark Federal League Club, has taken the contracts of all the Federal League players which are adequately binding and will dispose of the players, according to a statement today by Edward Barrows, president of the International League. He said that the contracts taken by Mr. Sinclair did not include the players taken over by the merged Chicago and St. Louis clubs.

Barrows' statement supplements Sinclair's announcement at St. Louis yesterday that he had the disposition of the Kansas City, Buffalo and Newark Federal League players.

"Sinclair will give the Cubs and the St. Louis Browns first chance for the Federal League stars, and after these clubs take what they want it will be up to the other clubs to bid for whatever players they care to take," Mr. Barrows said. "However, both of these clubs are overburdened with players."

Concerning the attempt by Federal League magnates to consolidate the Buffalo Federal and Buffalo International clubs, Mr. Barrows said that such a consolidation would not be allowed.

MORAN MAY MEET WILLARD

New Opponent Suggested for New Orleans Bout March 4.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 24.—New Orleans fight promoters who had arranged for a 20-round bout for the heavyweight world's championship here on March 4 between Jess Willard, the title-holder, and Fred Fulton, of Rochester, Minn., announced tonight that Frank Moran, of Pittsburg, probably would be substituted for Fulton.

A telegram was sent tonight to Willard's manager advising him to have Moran sign for the fight.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Mike Collins, manager of Fred Fulton, said, "Probably a dream," when shown the New Orleans dispatch that Frank Moran was to be substituted for Fulton as Willard's opponent in the fight scheduled for March 4 at New Orleans.

"We have signed airtight articles and posted guarantees," said Collins. "Willard put up $2500, and Fulton the same amount, and the money is in the hands of Tom Andrews, of Milwaukee. I believe there is not the faintest basis for the story."

PARKS PLAY NEW YEAR'S DAY

Eleven Is Practicing for Battle With Vancouver Soldiers.

Because of the Christmas rust Harry M. Grayson, vice-president of the Intercity Football League, did not schedule a meeting of the board of directors for this week. Several important matters are slated to come up before the directors, but as the Vancouver Soldiers-Columbia Park battle is billed for the New Year's day attraction on Multnomah field a gathering will not be called until after the first of the year.

A. C. Stubling, coach of the championship Columbia Park aggregation, went to visit relatives at The Dalles the first of the week and Captain Ted Murphy has been looking after the team since the departure of the coach. Active practice for the coming affair against the Vancouverites next Saturday will be held every night next week, beginning with Monday.

Klamath Sportsmen Pay $3139.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—According to the reports just compiled at the office of County Clerk De Lap in this city, a total of $3139 was paid in Klamath County thus far this year for licenses to hunt and fish here. The county general fund will be enriched in the sum of $106.45, this being 5 per cent of the amounts received for licenses issued since May 22, when a law allowing the counties a rebate for work in issuing licenses went into effect.

Bits of Sport

DURING the jaunt of the National and American Leaguers last Fall a battle was staged at North Platte, Neb. The game was played on the outskirts of a cornfield. During the batting practice Cozy Dolan was shagging flies in the outfield next to the waving corn. With an eye to entertaining the crowd he impersonated a scarecrow. He stuck one hand high in the air and let the other drop limp to his side. As he held this pose Clarence Walker lifted a high fly. Without moving a bit Dolan held out his hand and the ball dropped into his palm. Dolan held the pose for nearly a minute and then threw the ball in. It made a great hit with the crowd.

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Fred Fulton, who meets Jess Willard in March, is hard at work in a Chicago gym for his bout with the champion.

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Ira Thomas, former Athletic catcher, acted as scout for Connie Mack last Summer. On one of his trips he happened to strike Minneapolis. After the game he got hold of Billy Sullivan, the Miller catcher. The two are old pals, and, in fact, Thomas states he learned more about backstopping from Sullivan than any other three men.

"Well, Bill, I'm looking around for a good catcher and a couple of star infielders," said Thomas. "Can you give me any tips?"

"Well, you saw me behind the bat," remarked Sully. "How did I look?"

"As good as ever. Haven't slowed up a bit, so I could notice. But where can I find a couple of likely looking infielders?"

"The best I can think of are Barry, of the Red Sox, and Eddie Collins, of the White Sox," replied Sullivan. "Have you forgotten them so soon?"

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Young Sisler, of the Browns, who is as good a pitcher as he is an outfielder and equally clever at first, is no piker. As soon as the baseball season was over he started hunting for a job. Branch Rickey, manager of the Browns, took him on an auto tour and tried to have him spend a few days at his home, but Sisler wanted to go out after a position as soon as possible.

He went to Detroit and started out on a search through the auto factories. In a brief time he got half a dozen offers, while most fellows are satisfied with one job. He finally accepted the bid of a firm the name of which he did not mention, but which manufacturers a fine car.

"Why did you go after so many places after you had one cinched and nailed down?" asked Rickey, when he met Sisler some days later.

"You see, it's this way," explained Sisler. "I wanted to get as many as I could so I could choose the best one."

COLUMBIA WINS CHESS HONORS

Princeton Takes Second and Harvard Third in Tournament.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Columbia University won the intercollegiate chess championship tournament which ended here today with a score of 10½ points won to 1½ lost. A. J. Mandell and N. W. Kempf each had a clean slate of three wins; H. E. Leede was held to a draw in one of his games and Captain F. F. Korkus lost a contest after a hard struggle.

Princeton took second place, with 6 points to 6; Harvard was third, with 5½ to 6½, and Yale won only 2 points to 10 scored against them. Columbia now has 11 of the 24 tournaments to her credit, Harvard 9, Yale 2, Princeton 1, and one ended in a tie.

In today's matches Columbia defeated Yale 3½ to ½, and Harvard and Princeton broke even, each team scoring two wins.

GRIDIRON RULE SLACK

OFFICIALS IN EAST SEEK MORE DEFINITE REGULATIONS.

Formation When Light End Leaps to Tackle's Shoulders to Receive Pass Causing Worry.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—About 25 of the best-known football officials of the East have been meeting here to make suggestions to the football rules committee at its annual meeting in New York next Tuesday night. After the 1915 football season had been ended it was found that several of the rules did not fully cover the play, and for this reason the recent meeting of the officials was held in this city.

There was a great desire that the ruling of the various officials should be uniform, for there are many cases in which the officials are left to their own judgment. As it is impossible to cover every conceivable play at once in framing the rules, it was considered proper to make suggestions to the rule-makers at New York next week.

The officials here were united in asking for a definite ruling whether or not the one man of the back field, who is allowed to stand less than one yard behind the line of scrimmage, must receive the ball from the snap-perback. If that is the real meaning of the rule, they all agreed that it had frequently been evaded last season.

Almost every one declared that teams in games in which they officiated did not always have the man within the one-yard limit receive the ball, but the ball was often passed directly to a man further back.

That was only one of the many requests for definite rulings. As the on-side kick came in usage again last season, the officials are anxious that the rules for next year prescribe its limitations.

An instance was cited where a team defending its goal on the two-yard line passed the ball back of its goal line, the ball was dropped by the back, who then gave the ball a kick. The officials were undecided as how to rule on the play.

The punter is not supposed to be roughed by the forward, and if he is taken off his feet the penalty is 15 yards. The officials were of the opinion that the penalty is too severe, and wish the rulemakers to declare just when a punter ceases to become a punter. It will be remembered that Coach Haughton, of Harvard, was quoted as asking the same question just before the game with Yale.

The experience of those who officiated in a number of games last season suggested that a rule be made declaring the ball dead at all times when it goes out of bounds. That suggestion is made to prevent unnecessary and oftimes dangerous scrambling for the ball.

Something more definite in the rule on a kick out on a fair catch is required was the consensus of opinion at the meeting. The question was raised: Is a man entitled to a kick if in catching the ball on a kick out or on a fair catch loses his balance and falls to the ground after catching the ball?

An amusing play was told about by Chairman Maxwell that happened in West Virginia. A team with a hefty tackle and a small end man made a forward pass. The tackle and end would run down the field, the little end would jump on the back of the big tackle and the ball would be thrown to him. In order to rule correctly on similar plays the rulemakers will be asked to state definitely just what constitutes aiding a runner.

Ruben T. Shaw raised the point that the rules do not provide that after a fair catch a team cannot revoke its choice of plays. Shaw said that in a game he witnessed a fair catch was made and the captain of the team elected to try for a goal from placement. Before the play could be made the coach sent in a substitute player and the play was immediately changed to a scrimmage.

Clubs to Train at Tampa in March.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The Spring training trip schedule of the Cubs was announced today. The team will leave here March 10 and three days later will begin training at Tampa. They will break camp March 30 and games will be played as follows: April 1, New Orleans; April 2, Cleveland at New Orleans; April 3, New Orleans; April 4, Monroe, La.; April 5, Pine Bluff, Ark.; April 6-7, Little Rock, Ark.; April 8-9, Memphis; April 10-11, Louisville.

STEER SELLS FOR $292.25

California King, Weighing 1670, Brings 17 1-2 Cents a Pound.

BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 24.—"California King," a two-and-a-half-year-old steer, bred and raised at the University of California farm at Davis, was sold to a San Francisco packer, the university announced today, for 17½ cents a pound on the hoof, said to be the highest price ever paid in this market for beef cattle.

"California King's" 1670 pounds brought $292.25. He won $265 in prize money for the university at the cattle shows of the Panama-Pacific Exposition and the Pacific International Show at Portland, Or.

ICE GAMES TO START

Waverley Amateur Septet Will Meet O.-W. R. & N. Thursday.

UNCLE SAMS PLAY TUESDAY

Light Workout Will Be Held Monday in Preparation for Contest With Victoria — Races to Be at Hippodrome Today.

Play in the Portland Amateur Ice Hockey Association will be started at the Portland Hippodrome Thursday night. The original date was December 29, but because of the Victoria-Portland Uncle Sams' game next Tuesday night here a postponement was ordered by the directors of the amateur association.

The Waverley Country Club will send its septet against the O.-W. R. & N. aggregation in the opening contest of the 1915-16 season. Both contingents have been practicing several times each week for the last month and from all accounts a great match will be staged.

Following are the lineups of the teams:

Waverley	Position.	O.-W. R. & N.
Crawford	Goal	Gray
Small	L D	Thomas
Webster	R D	Rilance
Forbes	R	McGill
Miller	C	Cleveland
Stephens	L W	Frisbee
Redfield	R W	Hurels

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A light workout Monday afternoon will wind up the practice of the Portland Uncle Sams for their game against the Victoria Aristocrats in the Portland Ice Hippodrome next Tuesday night. This is the first appearance of the 1915-16 season for the British Columbia athletes and because they are going great guns considerable interest is being manifested in the coming battle.

Manager Lester Patrick has the honor of leading the league as the best scorer to date and his teammates have scored more goals than any other septet in the Pacific Coast Ice Hockey Association. Portland's stellar defense will be opposed to the Victoria heavy scoring machine and a regular contest is assured.

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The regular weekly ice races will be featured at the Portland Ice Hippodrome during the regular morning session today. Special music has been planned by F. W. Prasp for the orchestra and several innovations will be on the programme according to Assistant Manager J. George Keller. During the holidays a reduction of prices to school children in the mornings has been made.

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Old-time stars of the Montreal Hockey arena are to be seen in action in Ottawa this season against a veteran team of Ottawa for patriotic purposes. The funds will be turned over to a general fund.

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Ninety-six teams will be playing in the Ontario Hockey Association this season in the regular championship series. Another section of the circuit will have a Toronto high school division in which from five to 16 squads will be rounded up. The championship team among the schools will be eligible to compete for the title of the association.

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Eddie Oatman, captain of the Portland Uncle Sams, is slightly under the weather with a cold and the grip. "It will behave a great deal worse than it is right now to keep me out of the game Tuesday," Eddie was heard to say last night. "All the other players are getting along fine, thank you."

ARAB ATTACK SERIOUS

German Submarine Aids Tribesmen on Egypt-Tripoli Frontier.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Details of the evacuation of Sollum, on the Tripoli-Egyptian frontier, which was announced at the end of November, tend to show that the situation was slightly more serious than the report made apparent. At the time it was reported that the smaller frontier posts at Sollum and Sidi Barania had been concentrated at Materup in order to avoid possible friction with the Arab tribes.

The Exchange Telegraph Company now reports that a strong Arab force attacked the Sollum garrison, while a German submarine appeared and began shelling a small detachment of from 60 to 80 Egyptian troops under a British officer, and that they were compelled to retire with about 20 casualties.

The remainder of the men withdrew in good order to the new base at Materup.

Pontiff Adds to Litany.

ROME, via Paris, Dec. 24.—Pope Benedict today, in replying to the Christmas address and greeting extended on behalf of the Sacred College by Cardinal Vannutelli, feelingly alluded to the "terrible war in Europe," and spoke of the immense carnage and cruelties as unprecedented in history.

The Pontiff again expressed an ardent desire for peace, and said that, in conformity with the wishes of many of the faithful, he had consented to make an addition of the words of "Queen of peace, pray for us," to the litany of Loretto, and expressed the hope that the Virgin's intercession with God would soon bring an answer to his prayers.

Pope Benedict's reply to Cardinal Vannutelli's greetings was delivered on the occasion of the reception by the Pontiff of the Sacred College.

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T. WINGER-KID BROWN.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 29