

# PORTLAND OARSMEN WIN RESPECT OF THEIR EASTERN RIVALS



COACH MURPHY.



THE COURSE BEFORE THE RACE



THE BIG FOUR - From left to right: KING, PEMBERTON, ZIMMERMAN, SMID.

One of the notable events of the athletic year was the successful invasion of the Eastern rowing world by the senior four of the Portland Rowing Club. This was the first time in the history of the sport that a crew from west of the Mississippi competed against Eastern oarsmen. The West has never heretofore met with any marked success in competition with Eastern talent in any branch of athletics. The best of track teams have met with defeat and the Pacific Slope has never yet developed a football or baseball team which could hold its own against the Middle West and Atlantic.

It was with this record fresh in mind that the directors of the Portland Rowing Club on July authorized their big four to enter the National regatta on Lake Quinsigamond. Skeptics said the West-footers would be outclassed; even their most faithful admirers were half afraid to hear the report of the outcome of the trial heat.

When the news came over the wire that Portland had qualified for the final after a grueling race, there was great rejoicing in the Rowing Club camp. The boys had survived the slugs which had tested their mettle. Beaten a half length by the Ravenswood crew of New York, they had outrowed the Metropolitan four for place. They had been handicapped as expected by the turn in the course, but had overcome this obstacle all over a strange course, before thousands of people and in competition with oarsmen of national repute.

Then came the final race. Upon the showing of the previous day the Ravenswoods were a better crew than Portland. This, then, was the task for the Portland crew—to beat their victors of the day before and also to defeat two other crews from New York, whose prowess among Atlantic oarsmen was indisputable.

The story of Portland's game fight in that race has already been recorded in a great book in the Portland Rowing Club, and no doubt there it will remain as long as the club exists, cherished and commented upon by future generations of Rose City oarsmen.

At the start Portland took a lead. At the first buoy the Nonpareil crew gained three lengths by cutting on the turn, which they should have made. At the half mile it was apparent that Portland and the Nonpareil crew were the only factors in the race. The New Yorkers still held the lead they had gained on the buoy, but now the bronzed backed boys from the far West buckled to their work. Faster and faster they dipped their shining oars into the water. Faster their shells cleaved the waves. Now they were

gaining. Half a mile from the finish Nonpareil was but a length ahead, and the rest of the race was a continued beautiful sport. Driven to desperation by the dogged pursuit of the Portland crew, Nonpareil bent to its work as it never had before. Fifty thousand frantic people along the course were dancing and shouting as if crazy as the two crews flashed over the line seemingly bow and bow. The home boys said they did not know till after the referee gave his decision who had won the race, so close was the finish.

It will be a great mistake not to send this self-same crew East once more with the self-same coach. All Boston went wild over the clever work of the West-footers and the achievement of these four stalwart oarsmen did more to advertise Oregon and the Rose City than whole hosts of pamphlets and papers. Not only that, but the race made by the four entitles them to another opportunity. Eastern experts expressed it as their opinion that on another trial Portland would be odds on the best boat and if this be the feeling in the East surely here the cause should not be allowed to become lukewarm.

COLLEGE ATHLETES OF CALIFORNIA ARE STUDYING THE RUGBY GAME

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 25.—(Special.)—When representatives of Stanford and the University of California line up on the gridiron this fall to battle for football supremacy, they will play a game that for many years has been unknown to undergraduates of American colleges. As a result of this condition the outcome of the Pacific Coast experiment with Rugby will be watched for with interest throughout the country, and football enthusiasts will be eager to note the reception that is accorded the English style of play.

As a result of the denunciation and criticism that was vented on the old intercollegiate game last year, only two larger institutions have made radical changes in the sport, namely, California and Stanford. Nearly everywhere else it has been decided to play the old game, with practically the same old rules, only enforced a little better. Even the smaller colleges of the Pacific Coast and the preparatory schools have concluded not to follow the California leaders, but to brave out the storm by themselves and stick to the intercollegiate variety. The condition thus created is one that will be full of interest this fall, and critics are wondering if California and Stanford will be able to carry on their policy of playing a game that nobody else seems to want.

When it was first announced, last Spring, that the cardinal and blue and gold would fight it out on new lines this year, there was a storm of protest against Rugby. All sorts of mutterings were heard against the faculties of the colleges, who were in a large degree responsible for the change from intercollegiate. Substantially every student around San Francisco Bay was an enemy of

production in Portland. He will be out again for the cardinal team, although it is impossible to tell just how he will play the new game.

Denies Being Opposed to Rugby.

Roy Elliott, California's captain, received no little notoriety early in the season because of an alleged interview in which he was quoted as saying he had resigned because the teams were to play Rugby, and that he didn't care to captain an organization which was to play any such sort of football. In a recent letter from Alaska, where he has been engaged in engineering work, he has denied the interview, saying the reason he resigned was because he was afraid he would not be able to get back to college in time to participate in the regular football work.

Elliott has also further announced that he will be back in Berkeley much sooner than he anticipated, and will be a candidate for the Rugby team. He has the build of a good Rugby player, and will doubtless continue to captain the team.

The big game this year will be played in Berkeley, but whether or not it will be possible to play on the newly constructed California field is at the present time an interesting question. The field is decidedly too narrow, and the expense of enlarging it will be rather great. It may be possible to play on the old Berkeley field,

and in that case temporary bleachers will be necessary.

Treasurer Barrett, of the Stanford Associated Students, has been busy during the past week making the necessary preparations for Rugby. He has ordered new suits from the East, suits that will resemble the old ones, except that they will be lighter, combining some of the elements of the track suit. In England very light suits are worn, but there the game is played on soft turf, while in California it will be played on hard ground. The Stanford authorities will make no permanent change on the Stanford field until it is definitely decided that Rugby is to be the coming game on the Coast.

Premiums Off Beef and Fat.

It is expected that Rugby will induce more men to turn out for practice than heretofore. There will be 15 places on each team—an increase of four over the intercollegiate game. This will require more men, and the better chances that the men will have will doubtless attract them to turn out in larger numbers. Then, too, it is believed that smaller men will have a chance to make the teams, since beef and fat are no longer at the premium they were in football a few years ago. The new game will call out a fast, wiry man, such as would

have had great difficulty in making the old teams.

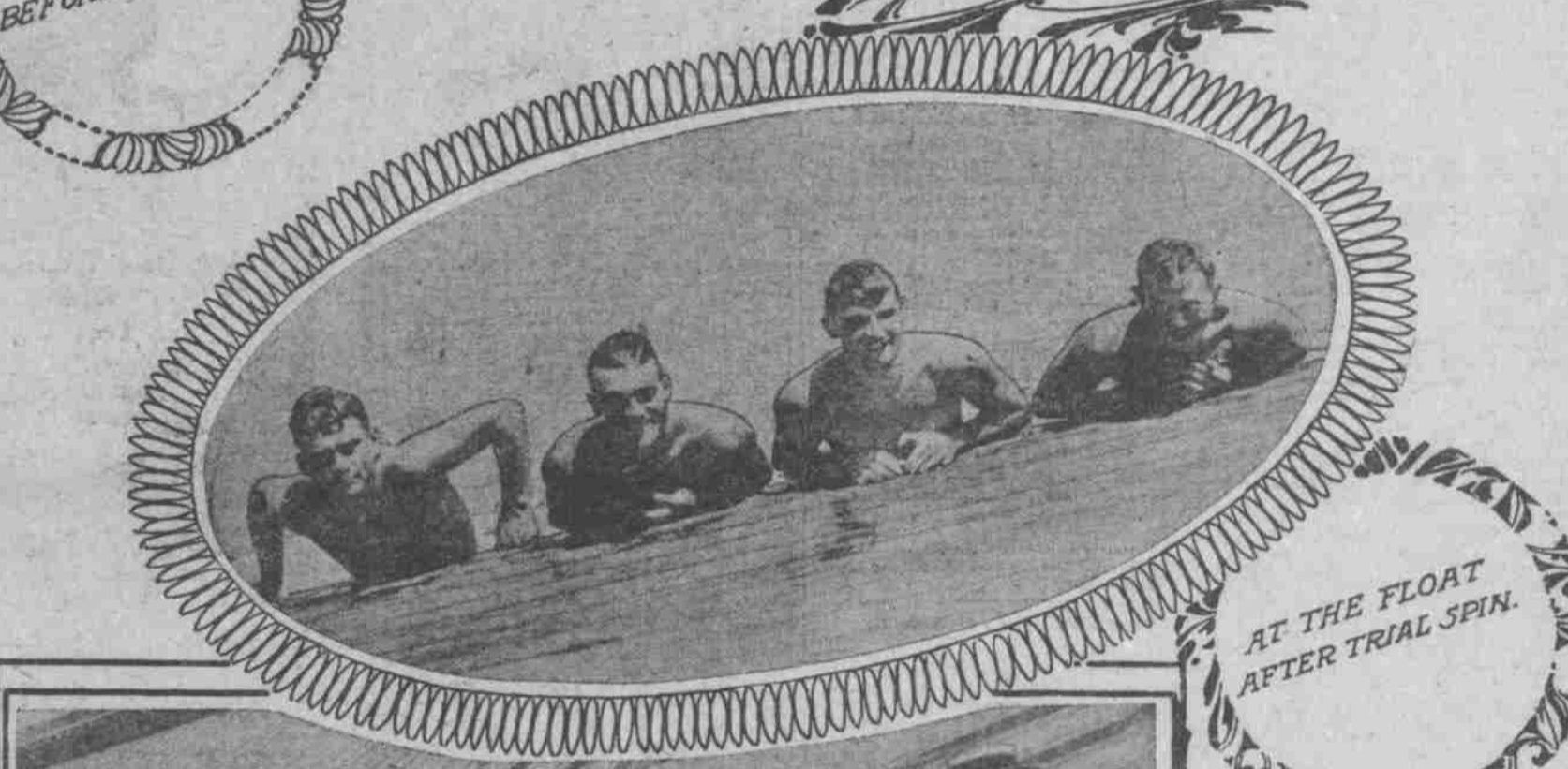
The great question that perplexes California football managers is the inability to secure the necessary preliminary games. Stanford and the University of California are practically the only two teams on the Coast that have decided to play the English game, and as nobody else seems to have any desire to take up the sport, it will be up to the college managers to organize plenty of scrub teams to do the work of getting the variety players into proper shape for the big contest. How the absence of practice games will affect the big events is a question.

BREAKS SHOTPUT RECORD.

Horgan Cuts Off Three Inches, but Loses in Competition.

NEW YORK, Aug. 25.—Dennis Horgan, ex-record-holder and Irish champion for putting the 16-pound shot, broke the world's record today for putting the 25-pound stone at the game of the United Hibernian Societies at Celtic Park. Horgan put the stone a distance of 35 feet 4 1/2 inches, displacing the former figure of 35 feet 1 1/2 inches.

Horgan, however, only secured third



AT THE FLOAT AFTER TRIAL SPIN.



LEAVING FOR HOME.

place in the competition, as John J. Flanagan, holder of the world's record for throwing the hammer, had an allowance of 3 feet and won with a put of 44 feet 7 inches. Martin J. Sheridan, the Olympic champion, put the shot 44 feet. He had an allowance of 2 feet.

TRY FOR CHAMPION TENNIS

National Experts Play Trial Matches at Newport for Covered Cup.

NEWPORT, Aug. 25.—It was hard tennis that experts played today in the matches of the National championship tournament for the covered cup. The winners were D. E. Jones, William Clothier, Karl H. Behr, Jr., and Redmond D. Little. This is the quartet that remains of the big field of 127 men who started, and the matches Monday should surpass all former years.

J. Allen Ross, University of Chicago, interscholastic representative, won the National championship in that event, defeating H. L. Davenport, Harvard's titleholder, in five fast and exciting sets. The Clothier-Alexander match was put on the grandstand court in the meeting. It was splendidly fought out, point by point, by both men, and in the fifth and deciding set Alexander was three times within the stroke of taking the victory.

Behr found Irving Wright a puzzling opponent. The younger brother of the National champion was so successful in shooting the ball over for quick passes that Behr was often placed on the defensive and lost a set to Wright which was not looked for by the followers of the game.

Harold H. Hackett was so exhausted from the tournament play that after the first set he was compelled to default to Little, the champion of the American International team.

CORINTHIANS BEAT CHICAGO

Londoners Take Packingtowns Into Camp at 5 to 2.

CHICAGO, Aug. 25.—Association football players wearing the colors of the Corinthian Club, of London, England, defeated the Chicago Association team here today by a score of 5 to 2.

Tug-of-War Tournament.

The programme of sports for the picnic to be held at the Tivoli Gardens September 30, under the auspices of the Portland Tug-of-War Association, is being rapidly arranged and will soon be ready for publication. Several business houses of this city are now organizing teams to take part, and Manager Planck has already enrolled the Pacific States Meat Market team, with Gus Rodine as captain. A large 100-foot platform is now being put up and will soon be available for practice. The "bucket game," a novel game for women, which Manager Planck will introduce, is also being prepared. The names of the teams, together with captains and men who compose them, will be published before the tournament takes place.