

## EARLHAM LUCKY IN DEFEATING ANTIOCH

It Was Not Until Second Half That Earlham Scored Lone Touchdown.

### QUAKERS MUST IMPROVE.

IF PURDUE IS HELD, COACH VAIL HAS HEROIC WORK BEFORE HIM—REFEREE EISENMENGER PROVED TO BE A JOKE.

Earlham, 6; Antioch, 0.

One good play featured the opening football game of the local college season yesterday on Reid field. On a fake play early in the second half the Quakers sent White through the line for a fifteen yard gain and a touchdown. The goal was easy. Outside of this feature play, the game was poor and characterized by the miserable work of Referee Eisenmenger. Three times this official refused to penalize Earlham players for deliberate hurdling to avoid being tackled. He penalized Earlham for Gaston's attempted blocking of an Antioch player, claiming the Quaker tried to trip, when Gaston was off his feet at the time. He penalized Antioch because their time keeper, who wore a uniform, coached from the side lines. John Heaton, Earlham time keeper was coaching Earlham at the same time, and was just as much an official of the game, but no penalty was charged against Earlham.

The day was too warm for good foot ball. The Earlham team with its week's practice was not in good physical condition, and the lack of practice told. When the two teams took the field it was confidently expected the Quakers would beat the visitors by at least thirty points to a blank. But instead the Earlhamites were real fortunate to score. Coach Vail will have a tremendous task before him this week to whip his men into shape to meet Purdue next Saturday. Unless he can do it, the result will be pitiful.

**Earlham Handicapped.**

Earlham was handicapped by the absence of Hancock and Lawrence from the game. Lawrence has a wrenched knee, and Hancock, a sprained ankle. The work of Gaston, who substituted at right, could not have been improved upon, except as to his fumbling. The back field tried out by Vail looks promising. There is plenty of good material in the line and this part of the Quaker team ought not to give much trouble during the season.

"Kid" Schaefer, the little quarter back for Antioch, was easily the star of the game. In fact he was practically the entire team. He called the signals, did the kicking and was the only visitor who could gain consistently. He backed up his line in good style and only once or twice showed poor judgment in directing plays. Schaefer shown in strong contrast to Beebe, who handled the pivot position for Earlham. The latter had been out for practice only twice during the week and his poor work reflected it. Why Vail called upon him to run the team is unexplained. Beebe managed to pull off one twenty yard run that proved real refreshing.

**Gaston Starred.**

Gaston played a magnificent defense game for Earlham. His tackles were sure and hard. On one occasion he saved the Quakers from being scored against. He probably violated his coaching but he protected the goal line. Schaefer broke through the entire Earlham defense and was tearing down the field for a sure goal, as Beebe missed his tackle a yard. Gaston left his position and crossing the field overtook and stopped Schaefer. If it were against his instructions, as it is reasonable to suppose it was, he deserves a vote of thanks by the school, even if Coach Vail does score him. A little of Lepage's applied to Gaston's fingers in future games made help him to hold the ball.

The first half was slow and uninteresting except for the occasional flashes of brilliant work by Schaefer and Gaston. Schaefer kicked off to Jones, who missed the ball and permitted it to roll to the goal line. On the first play White punted. Throughout the game Earlham punted repeatedly on first down in order to gain ground. Schaefer's forward pass went wrong and Earlham attempted a series of line backs. Play seesawed back and forth across the field with neither side making any material gain and both teams resorting to punting repeatedly. Both sides were penalized for offside work. Schaefer tried a drop kick for goal and missed. Earlham lost the ball on its first play by a fumble. White punted and Schaefer reciprocated, Beebe missing the catch and Eddington recovering the ball. On a fake quarter back kick Schaefer advanced thirty yards. Gaston stopped him. Earlham secured the ball on its own twenty yard line. Bruner lost ground. White punted and Schaefer captured the ball after a long roll. The half ended with the ball on Antioch's thirty yard line.

A succession of kicks, fumbles and all around poor work by both teams opened the second half. Earlham was penalized for fifteen yards, when Schaefer was tackled after signaling for a fair catch. The ball rolled about promiscuously while the twenty-two players scrambled to secure it and had a merry little game of tag in the dust. Earlham's touchdown came as the result of a few line backs and penalties assessed against Antioch. A fake pass gave White a clear field and he scampered through for a touchdown. He also kicked goal. After the kickoff Earlham played its first consistent football and worked the ball up to the fifteen yard line. With one minute to play and when a touchdown by line plays looked certain, a drop kick

## 'OWNIE' BUSH LEADS IN BATTING

Tied With Criss of St. Louis Browns.

Detroit, Oct. 3.—Criss, pinch-hitter of the St. Louis Browns, and Bush, of Indianapolis, the shortstop of the Tigers, are tied for the batting leadership in the American League, and much of Detroit's sudden rally can be laid to the extra hits contributed by the young. Mr. Bush from the bushes. Tyrus Cobb still has all the credit for all-season work, and will be the real leader of the league batsmen, but his hitting record is much lighter than last season, while his run-getting and base-stealing have not been as good.

## \$50,000 OFFERED FOR MATHEWSON

Chicago Managers Anxious to Get the Giants' Star Twirler.

### PROPOSITION IS SPURNED.

WORD SENT TO MURPHY AND THERE WAS NO CHANCE IN THE WORLD OF SECURING THEIR NEW YORK PET.

New York, Oct. 3.—That Charles W. Murphy, the owner of the Chicago National League base ball club, had offered \$50,000 for Christy Mathewson, the crack pitcher of the Giants, and that John T. Brush and John McGraw had spurned the offer, has become known.

When, through an intermediary, Murphy and Frank Chance, his manager, set a price of \$50,000 on Mathewson, the New York management sent back word that even this unprecedented price was not half enough to obtain the transfer of Mathewson. To make sure that their message was thoroughly understood, they added that Mathewson was not for sale at any price.

**Offer in Good Faith.**

Murphy's offer of \$50,000, which was made in good faith and with no intention that it should become public, was communicated to Brush and McGraw through a business man in this city, who is interested in thoroughbred and other horses, and who has the confidence of both the New York and the Chicago National League base ball managements.

In making the offer for Mathewson Murphy and Chance explained that the Chicago team, which had been a unit for so long, must eventually disintegrate, and that the addition of Mathewson to the Chicago roster would be of the highest importance to them. Brush and McGraw told the go-between that it would be useless to open negotiations for the sale of Mathewson, even at a price five times greater than that once paid for "Kid" Kelly."

The tentative offer of \$50,000 was so badly frost bitten by the New York management that the intermediary reported back to Murphy and Chance that there was not a chance in the world to get Mathewson.

was signaled for and White missed although directly in front of the posts. Time was called soon afterward.

**Lineup:**

Earlham Antioch

Bruner L. E. .... Eddington

Walhal L. T. .... Baker

Swain L. G. .... Howell

Stanley C. .... Patton

Lindley R. G. .... Lynn

Johnson R. T. .... Heidy

Schaefer R. E. .... Gibson

Williams Q. B. .... Gibson

Harrel L. H. .... Beaver

Jones R. H. .... Umphreys

White F. B. .... Maxy.

Time of halves—20 minutes. Referee—Eisenmenger, Wittenberg; Waldrup, Indiana. Touchdowns—White. Gials—White. Head linesman—Grave.

**MATCHED TO FIGHT SAM LANGFORD, NEGRO SCRAPPER**

JACK O'BRIEN.

Philadelphia Jack O'Brien has been matched to fight Sam Langford, colored, within the next 30 days.

## SPICELAND GIVEN SEVERE DRUBBING

Academy Team No Match for Richmond High School Eleven.

### THE SCORE WAS 34 TO 0.

THAT LOCALS HAD BEEN COACHED WAS PLAINLY EVIDENT—VISITORS SHOWED POOR FORM AT ALL STAGES.

Richmond, 34; Spiceland, 0. The Richmond high school foot ball team simply swamped the eleven representing Spiceland Academy yesterday afternoon at the public school play grounds. The visitors depended entirely on line backs, failing to use any trick plays or forward passes, while the warriors of the crimson and white used forward passes and other trick plays very effectively. The Spiceland team, which has always bore a reputation of being fast, was a disappointment. Some of the players performed as if they had never witnessed a game.

The Richmond boys showed plainly the results of coaching. All played a good game. Cox worked his plays in judgment with a few exceptions. During the last few minutes of the last half, a fumble cost the locals a touchdown, but Spiceland lost the ball on downs.

It took Allison just three minutes to find a hole in the visitors heavy line, he making the first touchdown. He kicked goal. Hiatt then quickly followed with a good end run, making the second touchdown in 12 minutes. Allison kicked goal.

In the second half, Haas, the Richmond team's full back, came in for his honors, making two touchdowns.

Hobson, the heavy weight on the local team, by a hard line buck went though for a touchdown, but Allison failed to kick goal.

The line up was as follows:

Spiceland. Pos. Richmond. Reese ..... right end .... Dingley and Magaw. Hays ..... right tackle .... Hobson Pennington ..... center .... Graves and Hall ..... left guard .... Shaffer. Marke ..... left tackle .... Brown. Wilson ..... left end .... Wann. Macy ..... quarter .... Cox. Harvey ..... right half .... Allison. Williams ..... left half .... Hiatt. Gray ..... full back .... Haas.

Referee—Highly.

Umpire—Stubbs.

Time of Halves—20 minutes.

### Football Results

At New Haven—Yale, 6; Syracuse, 0.

At Cambridge—Harvard, 16; University of Maine, 0.

At Annapolis—Midshipmen, 18; Rutgers, 0.

At Ithaca—Cornell, 3; Hamilton, 0.

At Princeton—Princeton, 18; Springfield Training School, 0.

At Philadelphia—Pennsylvania Freshmen, 18; Conway Hall, 0.

At Philadelphia—Pennsylvania 16, Bucknell, 0.

At Champaign, Ill.—Illinois, 17; Mouth, 6.

At Andover—Phillips-Andover, 6; Worcester Academy, 0.

At Williamstown, Mass.—Williams, 12; Middlebury, 0.

At Highland Falls, N. Y.—West Point, 5; Tufts, 0.

At Wilkes-Barre—Carlisle Indians, 12; State College, 5.

At Pittsburgh—Carnegie Technical School, 12; Waynesburg, 0.

At Ann Arbor—Michigan, 16; Case, 6.

At Providence—Brown, 6; Colgate, 0.

**KERMIT ROOSEVELT FOOTBALL PLAYER**

Boston, Oct. 3.—Kermit Roosevelt appears daily in football tags at Harvard. He is trying for a tackle on the freshman team. He is very light for the position, however, and will have to display extraordinary grit and agility to make good.

## OLD YELL BANKING UPON BACKFIELD COACH TO WHIP MEN IN SHAPE TO DEFEAT HARVARD

TAD JONES.

Although the Yale-Harvard game is yet some distance off, Yale supporters are now talking of the contest. Jones is coach of the Yale eleven's backfield and he is expected to whip his men in such shape that Old Eli will emerge from the annual contest victorious.

## THIS THE YEAR OF NEW PLAYS

Changes in Style of Football Playing This Fall Will Be Marked.

### FORWARD PASS FAVORITE.

ITS POSSIBILITIES HAVE NOT ALL BEEN DISCLOSED—BIG ELEVENTHS ALREADY START MONSTROUS BEAR TALES.

Philadelphia, Pa., Oct. 3.—If the football season of 1908 does not produce several times as much novelty and science in the way of the new plays as any of its predecessors, it will not be the fault of the coaches and players who represent the "Big Five." At every one of these institutions there has been shown a disposition to rush the season. Rudimentary knowledge of the game is not being ignored, but it is being rushed along and made subsidiary to the strategic side of the game. That this is so is proven conclusively by the manner in which veteran players of former days have been flocking back to assist in building up new offensive tactics. It is doubtful if at any of the five institutions referred to here—Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Pennsylvania and Cornell—so much solid progress had been made within a single week. It is true that Cornell and Princeton entered the field later than their rivals, but with practices once started they have lost no time.

The forward pass is certain to be productive of the most startling revolutions this fall. Without exception, all these coaches are working with it as the basis of their new plays. It has now been a part of the rules for two years, but this time has been required to familiarize players with its basic principles. Its possibilities have not by any means been explored to their limit.

Accuracy in throwing and catching the forward pass will be the keynote to success with this play this fall. When the play was first introduced it did not matter a whole lot how much accuracy there was in the play, because it was used in such an indiscriminate manner. Then the play was used very much as the resort of the weaker and inferior team which trusted largely to luck in making the play a success. But this year a team is so restricted in the use of the play that it must be developed to a high degree of perfection to be a winner. First emphasis must be placed on developing several players who can throw the ball any given distance with enough speed and accuracy to enable one of his teammates to recover it without fumbling. The change in the rules whereby a fumbled forward pass can be recovered only by the player who fumbled it on the passer's side makes this point doubly important. It has been one of the inexplicable things of modern football that so much poor passing and poorer catching of the forward pass should be tolerated by up-to-date coaches. At any rate coaches appear to have realized the handicap this weakness has been to winning teams, and we may look for a radical improvement this fall.

**Bear Tales Started.**

Nearly all of the big elevents are already out with their hard luck tales. The university of Pennsylvania is mourning the loss of two men confidently counted on to fill old positions. These are Left End Paustus, disqualified for conditions in the class room,

### WHO WILL WIN?

#### NATIONAL LEAGUE.

|              | Won | Lost | Pct. |
|--------------|-----|------|------|
| Pittsburgh   | 98  | 55   | .640 |
| Chicago      | 97  | 55   | .638 |
| New York     | 95  | 55   | .533 |
| Philadelphia | 89  | 90   | .477 |
| Cincinnati   | 72  | 81   | .470 |
| Boston       | 63  | 88   | .417 |
| Brooklyn     | 52  | 98   | .347 |
| St. Louis    | 40  | 104  | .278 |

#### AMERICAN LEAGUE.

|              | Won | Lost | Pct. |
|--------------|-----|------|------|
| Detroit      | 89  | 61   | .593 |
| Cleveland    | 88  | 63   | .583 |
| Chicago      | 86  | 63   | .577 |
| St. Louis    | 82  | 67   | .559 |
| Boston       | 72  | 78   | .489 |
| Philadelphia | 67  | 82   | .450 |
| Washington   | 62  | 85   |      |