

A BAD SLUMP.

Many Football Cripples and Much Football Ignorance.

As the WEEKLY goes to press there is only one thing to say about the situation in football. Good, hard coaching and plenty of it, right away, will save the team. That is putting things as bright as possible.

All the backs, the quarter-backs and Captain are on the list of sick or injured, but there is no cause for especial anxiety in the condition of any one of them. They will all probably be in the harness again before long.

But that will not help things if the team does not learn more football soon. This is not an alarmist's fear, but the sad conclusion of the Captain and the one or two friends who have stayed with the Eleven in the last few days. A good part of the line is very ignorant of football, slow in acting and weak in defense; the whole team is loose and disorganized; the candidates, outside of those who have been playing more or less regularly with the eleven, are so far behind respectable form that an accident to one of four men would seem like the bottom dropping out. It was a situation like that more or less common a few years ago, but one from which last year's revival was supposed to have redeemed Yale. Yet there is plenty of fine material and an abundance of the right spirit. It is a question of instruction, which must be given at once to be effective.

James O. Rodgers, the resourceful Captain of last year's eleven, came down from Cambridge for all of last week and did a lot of good, but things are slumping again now, and Mr. Wallace, who hurried over on Tuesday from Ansonia, has been the only coach so far this week. George Foster Sanford, who did splendid work while he was here, has been ordered to join his regiment at Camp Meade. That ends his services at coach. The next week will settle matters for the Princeton game.

THE WEEK'S PRACTICE.

The chief feature of the practice and two games of the past week has been the rapid development of Cutten, at center, under the coaching of Sanford and P. Stillman. After the poor showing at the center in the Newton game it was realized that some heroic work must be done. On the following Monday and Tuesday Cutten was given no peace during the practice, Sanford's voice being heard at every play, "Low! Cutten, low!" or "Knock somebody down! Cutten." As a result Cutten has developed into quite an aggressive player. He made several tackles in the open in the Brown and Carlisle games and opened up good holes for his own backs.

With the tackles and guards the playing has not been as strong as was expected; this was especially true in the Indian game. In the first half the Indians found no trouble in making their distance time and again, through these positions. The Yale men all played too high, Allen and Marshall offending especially. In the second half this was realized and the Indians gains stopped.

Allen's work in the Brown game, after only one day's practice, was excellent.

Apart from Cutten's great improvement, McBride's punting in the last two games has been the feature. In the Indian game his kicks averaged at least fifty yards, in the clear. His fault at present is his inability to make the short high kick when it is wanted.

At the ends the situation has not changed materially, Coy and Hubbell still being the favorites, with Sharpe and Thomas following close. Of these Coy's playing has been the best in following kicks, while Coy and Hubbell are about equal in line work. Coy did some beautiful tackling in the Indian game.

Behind the line the team presents a crippled appearance. Townshend and Dudley both wrenched their knees in the Brown game and have not played since. Benjamin wrenched his knee also, but played in part of the Carlisle game. Corwin has been at the Infirmary for a week with tonsillitis. In Thursday's practice deSaulles sprained his ankle and is now on crutches, but will probably be playing by Thursday. Marvin was also forced to retire from the Indian game and Burdick of the Freshman squad took his place. Wear, 1901, who took Benjamin's place, surprised every one by his tackling and line bucking. All of the lame men will probably be out again before Saturday and no serious results are expected from the temporary disablement of so many half-backs.

A general criticism of all the backs might be made for playing too high in their line bucking and have been showing a tendency to unsteadiness, starting before the ball is snapped.

Yale, 22—Brown, 6.

Yale and Brown met at the Yale Field on Wednesday in a hard-fought game. Two minutes before the call of time, with the score standing 22 to 0 and the ball in Yale's possession on Brown's twenty-yard line, Benjamin fumbled, and Washburn, Brown's left end, was started on a dash, almost the length of the field, for a touchdown, the first scored against the University Eleven this year. Up to this point the work of the Yale team had been very satisfactory. Brown started in to play fierce football, but the Yale Eleven responded in kind and fought their opponents to a standstill. Yale's play, both on the offensive and defensive, showed a decided improvement over the form of the preceding week. Brown secured the ball on downs only once and few gains of consequence were made,—all around the Yale ends. The whole Yale line outplayed the opposing forwards, Cutten's strong play at center proving especially gratifying. With the exception of a number of costly fumbles, due in part to the slippery ball, the work of the backs was equally satisfactory. All the halfbacks made consistent and occasionally brilliant gains through the Brown line and around the ends, while McBride's line plunges and punting were uniformly good. The greatest weakness in Yale's play lay in the inability of the ends to get down the field under McBride's low, driving punts. During the latter part of the second half, when kicking tactics were followed, Richardson, who played back for Brown, frequently suc-

ceeded in making long return runs and punting without interference from the Yale ends. The most striking feature of the game was Yale's strength, both individually and in team work, on the broken field following kicks. deSaulles, Benjamin and McBride all made brilliant runs of over half the length of the field. Richardson, Brown's little half-back, put up a remarkably strong game, and his tackling, punting and running were features of the play.

The teams lined up as follows:

YALE.	POSITION.	BROWN.
Hubbell	left-end-right	Hunt
Allen	left-tackle-right	Sheehan Melendy
Brown Stillman	left-guard-right	Carter
Cutten	Center	Chesborough Phipps
Marshall	right-guard-left	Wheeler Chesborough
Chamberlin Richards	right-tackle-left	Hapgood Sheehan
Coy	right-end-left	Chase Washburn
deSaulles	quarter-back	Pratt
Townsend Dudley Marvin	left-half-right	Richardson
Benjamin	right-left-half	Payne Holman
McBride	full-back	Bates

Score—Yale, 22; Brown, 6. Touchdowns—McBride, (2), Benjamin, Dudley, Washburn. Goals from touchdowns—Brown, Chamberlin, Richardson. Referee—G. Rockwell, of M. I. T. Umpire—Everett Lake, of Harvard. Linesmen—E. R. Pletcherplace, of Brown, and D. R. Francis, of Yale. Time of halves—Twenty minutes.

Yale, 18—Carlisle Indians, 5.

The Yale Eleven closed their week's work by defeating the Carlisle Indian School team on Saturday, by the score of 18 to 5. The three touchdowns, when they did come, were singularly easy, the first, two minutes and a half after the game commenced, raising false hopes for a big score in the minds of Yale's supporters. On the second kick-off the Indian line stiffened and three times they forced Yale down to her 30-yard line, where Hudson tried each time for a goal from the field. Twice he failed, but on the third kick the ball struck the cross-bar of the posts and bounded over, making the only score for the Indians. Hudson's kick was from the 40-yard line and was the one sensational play of the day. The spectators appreciated the skill of the Indian quarterback and gave him a rousing cheer and great applause. W. T. Bull, '88 S., the gentleman who taught Hudson the art that Yale has felt two years in succession, was on the side-lines and was divided in his opinion. The first half closed with the score 6 to 5 in favor of Yale, though taken as a whole the Indians had played the better game.

Yale started the second half with a rush, as in the first half, and in five minutes Coy was pushed over for a touchdown, which Brown converted into a goal, after two minutes of anxious aiming at the posts. From this point to the end of the game Carlisle's defense gradually weakened, and they were kept on their own territory fighting hard. At every other play some of the visitors were injured and tedious waits ensued. Eight minutes before time was called McBride made the last touchdown for Yale.

Speaking in a general way, the work of the team was not up to the standard set in the Brown game three days before. The backs showed the same tendency to fumble at critical moments, and the score was smaller than it should have been for that reason. In the first half there seemed to be no heart in the rushes of the Yale backs and they were thrown back time and again towards their own goal with heavy losses, by the fierce tackling of the Indians. A bright feature of the game was Coy's swift game at right end and the increasing fierceness Cutten showed at center. The latter was more than a match for Smith. McBride punted magnificent distances but his control was poor, for he put the ball over Carlisle's goal line four times when a short high one would have put Yale in a fair way of scoring. In the absence of deSaulles with a sprained ankle, Sullivan ran the team quite well and made the longest run of the day, 35 yards, aided by good interference.

In spite of a very forbidding sky at the beginning of the afternoon, the crowd on the bleachers was not all made up of people in sweaters and slouch hats. There were not a few of those spectators who can make the bleachers of the Yale Field radiant as the fairest box at the Junior Prom.

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The line-up follows:

YALE.	POSITION.	CARLISLE.
Coy	right-end-left	Rogers
Chamberlin Richards	right-tackle-left	H. Pierce
Marshall	right-guard-left	Wheelock Scott
Cutten	center	Smith
Brown	left-guard-right	Redwater
Allen	left-tackle-right	B. Pierce
Hubbell	left-end-right	Archiquette
Sullivan	quarter-back	Hudson
Benjamin Wear	right-half-left	Miller Wild
Marvin Burdick	left-half-right	Seneca
McBride	full-back	Metoxin

Umpire—Everett Lake, Harvard. Referee—Mr. Fitzpatrick. Linesmen—D. R. Francis, Jr., Yale, and J. Mitchell, Carlisle. Touchdowns—Benjamin 1, Coy 1, McBride 1. Goals from touchdowns—Brown 3. Goals from field—Hudson. Time of halves—25 and 20 minutes.

Yale, 1902, 12—St. Thomas Cadets, 6.

In a poorly played game at Waterbury, on Thursday, October 20, the Freshman Team defeated the St. Thomas Cadets by a score of 12 to 6. The individual play was very creditable, but no team play was to be seen. The feature of the game was a run half the length of the field by Burdick, and the

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