

# TO MAKE A STRONG FIGHT

## Princeton's Football Eleven Much Improved and Ready for Yale.

### PROBABLE MAKE-UP OF THE TEAM

#### The New Men Who Have Come to the Front Give Satisfaction—Lea Unable to Play—Faults of the Players.

PRINCETON, N. J., Nov. 25.—The last week on the Princeton football field has been devoted to instructing the players in their new positions, consequent on the reorganization of the team. A large number of former players have been on hand to assist Mr. Fine and Phil King in instructing the men, and the practice has been behind closed gates most of the time.

As a result of the week's work, Capt. Trenchard and the coaching committee feel considerably encouraged, and, with the remaining four days' practice, entertain high hopes of putting the newly-organized eleven in good enough condition to make a strong fight against Yale for the retention of the championship. Although broken and shattered by the fierce Pennsylvania game, a feeling of grim determination has sprung up in the hearts of the team which finds its counterpart in the heart of every Princeton student, and the whole college will go to the great game as one man, inspired by the old-time Princeton pluck and ready to die in the last ditch.

The new organization is now pretty well perfected, and, unless some of the men now on the hospital list should recover in time to go into the game, the team will line up very much as it has practiced the last week. Taylor has continued playing Lea's old place at right tackle, and is doing well. Lea is still at his home in Philadelphia, and report comes that his physician will not permit him to go into the game on Saturday. Lea's absence will be an irreparable loss to Capt. Trenchard's line. He is looked upon as one of the best, if not the best, man on the team, and is always a tower of strength in the big games. Taylor is not new at tackle. He played the position on the second eleven in his sophomore year, and has improved considerably since then in his general football ability. He is very active, breaks through often, tackles hard and sure, and follows the ball in good style. But he cannot be said to be Lea's equal in any respect as a tackle.

Taylor's position at guard seems very likely to be filled by "Jim" Rhodes '97. Rhodes has played the present season and last year on the second eleven, and has been first substitute guard when injuries have occurred. He is much like his companion guard, Wheeler, in his style of play, and, in fact, has made a study of Wheeler's game and copied it closely, so closely, in fact, that he is now looked upon as almost the equal of his great preceptor and quite the equal of Taylor, whom he succeeds at guard. With Rhodes and Wheeler to assist Riggs at centre, it is thought that Yale's backs will have considerable difficulty in piercing Princeton's centre.

Holly, at left tackle, has been regarded as Princeton's weakest point in the line. But unless some accident should befall him in the next few days, the coaches believe that some people will be surprised at Holly's work next Saturday. In the secret practice he has been improving right along, and it is said that his play in Friday's practice was marvelous. He has been suffering with stomach trouble, and for that reason has been obliged to stay out of much of the practice. He is now back after a brief rest at his home in New York, and is putting up his old-time game again. If his stomach can stand the training for one more week, he will go into the Yale game, and his play will be worth watching.

At left end Gordon Johnston, '96, has made such remarkable improvement as to render it extremely doubtful whether Smith can keep him out of the game. Johnston has played on the second eleven for the last two seasons, but up to two weeks ago no one thought he stood much of a show of making a 'Varsity player. His work has always been good, but it was thought he had reached his maximum efficiency last season, which was not quite good enough for 'Varsity form. But his recent improvement has been steady and marked, till his friends confidently predict that he will be found in the final line-up for the championship game.

Johnston is a Southerner, hailing from Alabama, and his build is of that muscular, wiry type frequently seen among the sons of Dixie. Though somewhat light of weight, he knows how to use every inch of his sinewy frame to the very best advantage, and plays with a snap and dash calculated to bring dismay to the heart of the runner. His tackling is hard and sure, his interference breaking fierce. During the last week he has played the best end game seen on the field, and unless Smith takes a strong brace, or the veteran end, Brown, recovers from his injured knee, Johnston will probably play. However, Smith is by no means out of the race, and the question will not be settled till both men have been carefully weighed and tested.

The quarter back position seems finally settled upon Ward. He has played the position ever since the reorganization of the team, and seems to give pretty good satisfaction to the Coaching Committee. His passing is at times inaccurate, and he is a trifle slow in getting into the interference, but these blemishes are rapidly disappearing. The fact that he is a most capable general takes a great strain off the mind of Capt. Trenchard and gives confidence to the whole team. He has been played back for defensive work, and here another fault has been developed, in that he is not entirely sure on catching punts. But Capt. Trenchard may yet decide to play him up close to the line, in which case this defect will bear no evil fruit. Poe will be first substitute quarter should the present arrangement hold.

Every Princeton student was grieved when Frank Morse, right half back, was compelled by his physician to quit the game. He is by all odds Princeton's greatest back. His dashing, twisting style of play has been the delight of Princeton's supporters for the past three seasons. Morse is a devotee of the game, and is thoroughly imbued with the true Princeton spirit, and no one is more grieved than he himself that he cannot do his part toward upholding the honor of the orange and black on Dec. 1.

In this crisis Capt. Trenchard realized that something must be done, and that immediately. He forthwith cast about in search of another dashing half, and with remarkable success. Armstrong, '98, was the man hit upon to fill the breach, and his playing the past few days seems to make the choice seem exceedingly happy. Armstrong has heretofore played substitute tackle, and has done good work. He is a tall, strong, heavy man, well calculated for line bucking. But half backs are not made in ten days very often, and he may yet show a vital deficiency to retire him to the side lines again.

Rosengarten and Barnett are having a hot race for the other half back position. The odds seem slightly in favor of Rosengarten at present, but it is confidently said that Barnett will at least be given a chance in the game. Rosengarten is extremely likely to get injured, and, if for no other reason than this, Barnett will divide honors with him. But while "Rosy" is in the game his dashing work will keep the Yale ends constantly on their toes. The fault of both men is a tendency to disregard their interference, perhaps more marked in Rosengarten than in his competitor.

At full back it now looks as though Cochran is not so good of playing as seemed probable a week ago. Bannard, '98, has been used in the practice games the past few days, and is showing up well. Cochran is weak in kicking. He kicks low and slow and handles punts raggedly. Bannard is quicker and a better punter. Cochran is a sure tackler, and here Bannard is somewhat faulty. A couple of days' practice will decide which is to be chosen, and the chances seem quite even. But even should Bannard beat Cochran out at full back, the latter may yet get into the great game, as

he is an ideal end, and would stand a good chance of supplanting either Smith or Johnston.

There has been a great rush for tickets, and it is feared that even some of the undergraduates may draw blanks. The tickets will be distributed Tuesday, and all not taken that day will be placed on general sale the following day. President Munn has used his best efforts to keep the tickets out of the hands of the speculators, and in consequence has delayed the distribution till as late as next Tuesday, which he believes will render it extremely difficult for the speculators to operate, with only three days before them. A few open stand tickets will be put on sale for the general public, at the office of the New-York Baseball Club, Broad Street, New-York, but the number is necessarily limited.