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SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

vs.
ANDOVER.

The weather for the game Wednesday was not the best; at 3.20 it looked very much like rain and the cold materially interfered with skillful playing. The players took their positions at 3.45 with the Somervilles at bat. Below an account will be found of the innings in which runs were scored.

First inning—Somerville: Mack first to bat and was thrown out at first by Noyes, Bailey batted a slow ball to first which Merrill easily captured, putting him out. Wescott got first on three strikes and stole second, Crook knocked and got first, by a wild throw to Merrill got second and Wescott, after stealing third, scored. Ayers made first by a base hit and stole second and Crook tallied. Barrows struck out, leaving Ayers on third. Two runs.

Second inning—Andover: Perry, by a short hit and error of first, made his base, and while McBrier was put out at first, stole second and third, bringing in a score. Weyerhaeuser thrown out at first by pitcher and Merrill struck out. One run.

Third inning—Andover: McNeill out on three strikes; King then knocked and got first and by a fumble of center field got second. Johnson made a foul, which was neatly caught by the catcher, and King scored. Noyes made a small hit to pitcher and was thrown out at first. One run.

Fifth inning—Somerville: Foster flied to King, who muffed it, giving him first. McAdams knocked to pitcher and was thrown out at first. Mack got first, by a good knock to right field, stole second and Foster scored. Bailey was thrown out at first and Mack scored. Wescott, by a three-bagger and a bad throw, got home. Crook batted a neat ball to left field and went to second by error of Johnson. Ayers struck out leaving Crook on third. Three runs.

Fifth inning—Andover: Merrill took his base on balls, stole second, taking third by wild throw of the catcher, and home on a passed ball; while McNeill went out on three strikes. King hit the ball to second and was fielded well, but by error of first, got second and stole third. Johnson by a fine hit to left field got first and Noyes knocked to pitcher, bringing King in and, on a fumble by first, got second and stole third. Germer struck out, while Johnson scored on a passed ball, and Perry struck out, leaving Noyes at third. Three runs.

Sixth inning—Somerville: Barrows struck out and Stone took his base on balls and, on a wild pitch and passed ball, got second and third, Foster flied to Merrill, who neatly captured it, and Stone scored. McAdams knocked a ball about midway between first and second which Merrill captured and put him out. Two runs.

Seventh inning—Somerville: Mack knocked a ball, which was fumbled by the pitcher, giving him first, and stole second on a passed ball. Bailey got first on a swift grounder to Noyes, and Mack scored, and, by hit of Wescott, Bailey came home. Wescott stole second and third, and, while Crookes was put out at first by Merrill, he came in. Ayers hit to McBrier, who threw him out at first. Barrows flied only to be neatly caught out by Perry. Three runs.

Seventh inning—Andover: McNeill knocked to Crookes and was thrown out at first. King got first by wild throw of short stop. Johnson knocked to pitcher and got out at first and King, having skillfully stolen second and third, came home on a passed ball, upsetting the catcher and knocking the ball from his hands. Noyes struck out. One run.

Ninth inning—Somerville: Bailey got first by a daisy to McBrier, which was fumbled. stole second and came in on Westcott's hit to Johnson. Wescott stole second and, while Merrill put Crookes out, took third and came home on a wild pitch. Ayers made an easy hit to Weyerhaeuser, which was fumbled and he got his base, and stealing second, got third on a passed ball. Barrows knocked a swift grounder to Noyes, which was nicely fielded, and got out at first, while Ayers came in. Stone struck out. Three runs.

SCORE BY INNINGS.

Somerville,	2	0	0	0	3	2	2	0	3	12
Andover,	0	1	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	6

Considering that this was our first game and that the regular catcher did not play, we see no reason why the school should be discouraged by the result. The pitching was very good but in the latter part of the game there were some costly fumbles: only two men got their base on balls.

Special attention should be given to the batting, which seems to be the weakest point in the team, the base playing and infielding were good, still both are open to improvement.

A noticeable feature of the game was the base running, especially of King, and also the efficient way in which Merrill covered first.

CRITICISMS ON THE NINE.

The object of this article is to draw from Wednesday's game personal criticisms by which the players may improve their playing. We shall give the men in their order, and the criticisms we have upon each. As our purpose in writing this article is to benefit the team, we hope that no one will take offense, but that all will strive to overcome their weakest points and to improve as much as possible.

The absence of Knowlton was supplied by Perry. His position was difficult to fill and he made a number of errors. Under the circumstances he did well, but he can improve vastly by steady practice. The appearance of Weyerhaeuser on the field gave great satisfaction to many, and, when it came to actual playing, it was found that the pitcher's box was better filled than any other part of the field. At times he seemed to get a little rattled, and as a result fumbled the ball. First was well played, Merrill making some very fine plays. His throwing was a little wild but we noticed improvement over that in practice games. On second, McBrier did well but seemed deficient in stopping grounders. At third, McNeill played a sure and elegant game without an error, but his batting was very weak. Noyes disappointed us both in batting and fielding. King had one chance and muffed it; again we would reiterate practice. Johnson caught a good fly but made one error. In right Germer played a weak game and also disappointed us in his batting.

The battery obtained a good many strikes and there was no heavy hitting. The batting of our team was very poor and ought to be improved. King had remarkably good luck, making one base hit and three tallies. The field management should be better. There should be but one man at a time coaching a base-runner, otherwise the man coached will necessarily become confused. If we are to win during the season, the team must make a great effort. Let us learn from this defeat lessons that will lead to future victories.

The canvass of the Senior Class in regard to the present college intentions resulted as follows:

Harvard,	10
Yale,	8
Amherst,	2 1 probable.
Princeton,	2
Dartmouth,	1
Uncertain,	1
Amherst or Brown,	1
“ “ Dartmouth,	1

Boston University of Technology or Williams, 1

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X There is a growing custom in many of our schools and colleges of engaging professionals to play upon the various teams. Such a custom cannot be too greatly deplored as its inevitable tendency will be to lower and degrade the associations which surround what should be amateur athletics. The hiring of professional players, through the natural result of the intense rivalry between different schools, is an evil which should be crushed. If a school has not a sufficient number of base-ball or foot-ball players to enable it to maintain a creditable team *let it do without one*. It certainly is not right that athletic contests between schools should become simply a question as to which can raise the more money to hire experts. Not the least of the reasons against this custom is the fact that injustice is almost unavoidably done to members of the school. They will work and train for a position in the hopes of benefitting the school and at last will be astonished to find that they are passed over in favor of some outsider hired to fill the position. Until within the present year our school has been remarkably free from any stain of this character, but as our teams do not equal the unusually good teams of last year, there has been a feeling among a few that we must supply the deficiency by hiring. As an outcome of this feeling the school was somewhat surprised to learn by the report of the base-ball committee, about ten days ago, that they had engaged the services of Sweeney, a professional who pitched last year for the Haverhills. This action of the committee was a great surprise owing to the fact that they had almost forced some of our own players to work for the position and to sacrifice their chances for other places on the team which they might easily have obtained. There was a feeling of dissatisfaction throughout the school at the committee's report and a large majority were delighted to learn a day or two later that the engagement was cancelled and that the pitcher's box would be filled by one of our own men. The committee merit the more disapproval as its action was entirely unnecessary, the nine being above the average of former years. We hope that in the future any desire to follow the precedent set by the committee will be checked by the feeling that such a proceeding is sure to incur the censure of the school.

It seems a pity that the game of lacrosse should so entirely have been dropped in the Academy, especially as it seemed two years ago to have obtained a firm footing among our amusements. A team was first formed in '82; and in '83 we also had an excellent team which played a game with the Harvard Freshmen, since then it has entirely died out. As

base-ball takes in so few players it would be well if another amusement could be opened to the school; the only choice seems to be between that and cricket. St. Paul's at Concord is the only school which has a cricket eleven, while now in almost all of the colleges and preparatory schools lacrosse is becoming more and more popular, and it would be very easy to arrange games with them. Several tennis courts have taken the hollow on the campus where the game used to be played, but the upper campus might very easily be used instead, so that lack of room need be no hindrance. A meeting will be held this week and we hope that all who are interested in the sport, even if they have never played, will attend it.

We often ask ourselves, perhaps in an indirect form, "How far should a school support school institutions?" Many a fellow is not in sympathy with the management or principle of some school sports, is it right for him to show sympathy for them by the support of his presence or his financial aid? If there is any fellow in school who is so constituted that he is absolutely hostile to these and careless of the school reputation, let it be his part to do as he pleases. But, if there be some who refrain from giving to their full ability because of a disappointed expectation, let them have the reward for their selfishness. The rhetorics tell us that one of the elements of a perfect sentence is unity. The first element of a school life which shall endure is earnest unity. We trust the drift of this is sufficiently plain. "*Carthago delenda est.*" It can and ought to be done only by earnest work. There is no encouragement to work without the commendation of the school evinced by co-operation. Tennis and base-ball remain to be contested. A cloud of doubt hangs over the field, but looking through we see the ribbons of Andover's supremacy fluttering from the goal. If the victory is assured for us, let us make it the more certain by earnest work.

Phillips has made several attempts this year, seemingly in vain, to organize a Glee Club, but owing to the lack of a leader nothing has yet been accomplished. We have seen by the large audiences which have greeted the Glee Clubs that appeared here, that college songs take well, and that a few, if not all know (from a few casual remarks to would-be singers who have collected hap-hazard in the vicinity of the various halls) that the Fem. Sems. wish for a *good* serenade. It must be almost monotonous for the girls to have the musicians (?), after making some ignominious failures and murdering a few pretty songs, slink away only to come again another night and repeat the dose. Now a *good* Glee Club would be an honor to the school. It does not require especial talent to produce the song in a pleasing way, and the pieces which are received best are often the simplest, and there is no reason why, with drill, the Phillips Glee Club should not come out from the cloud which now encircles it and furnish amusement at least to Andover and vicinity. Together

with the already efficient Banjo Quartette the club could go to North Andover and give a concert; could serenade the girls; could, in fact, accomplish most anything! Why not proceed to the organization immediately?

As the time for the spring tournament approaches the question naturally arises could not our Athletic Association arrange a tournament with Exeter. The results of the first tennis tournament is already seen here in the rapidly increasing hold which tennis has on the school. No one can doubt but that if an athletic meeting between the two schools was held the number of fellows entered for the respective contests would be vastly greater and the athletic tone of each school raised. In schools like this, where but a small percent. of the boys can get on the school teams, anything which increases the interest in general athletics should be encouraged. The spring tournaments as now held in the school are not calculated to instigate the contestants to hard and continued training, and the records made are not as good as they ought to be in a school of this size. If the winning of a contest was viewed as a school victory or defeat, the training for our spring athletic meetings would be vastly different from what it is now and a perceptible change for the better would be observed in our athletics. Such a tournament is more feasible than might be thought at first sight. Teams picked from each school could meet alternate years at Exeter or Andover and represent their respective institutions as teams from most of our leading colleges meet annually at Mott Haven, Conn. It is certain that this meeting would greatly benefit the athletics of both schools.

I would like to make a suggestion in regard to our Athletic games which occur sometime this term. As I understand it, heretofore, in the list of sports for Field day, there has been one class only in each event, i. e., the one open to the whole school. This seems to me hardly fair toward the smaller boys. I am sure that there are a good many boys under fifteen who would gladly avail themselves of an opportunity to contend in some of the events, provided they could do so with a fair chance of success, which, of course, they could not expect while contending against boys of eighteen or nineteen. On the other hand, the question of how to raise the money for the extra number of prizes might arise. If the fellows would subscribe liberally to a collection taken up in chapel, that would be easily settled. Therefore, I propose that there be a second class open to the boys under fifteen in the following events. The hundred yard dash, the mile run, the standing broad jump, the running high jump and throwing the base-ball.

There are several weeks yet before Field day, and if the fellows who are interested in out-door sports will devote a few minutes each day outside their studying and base-ball, or tennis, to practicing for the events in which they propose to enter, the coming Field day will be as much of a success as our other athletics have been. This branch of School Athletics, certainly demands a share of our time as well as foot-ball, tennis, the gymnasium and base-ball.

Alumnae.

Miller, ex. P. A., '85, has taken the first Clio Hall Freshman prize for speaking, at Princeton.

Velie, ex. P. A., '85, plays first base on the Yale Freshman ball team.

Carpenter, P. A., '83, Harvard, '86, is one of the editors of the new Literary Monthly, to be published at Harvard, next Fall: and also elected into the O. K. in second eight.

Fullerton, P. A., '83, has taken a Boylston prize at Harvard, for an essay on the Campaign of Alexander the Great in Punjab. He was also elected into the O. K. in the first eight, was chosen a member of the Hasty Pudding Club from the Junior class, and elected on the Bowdoin prize speaking.

Babbitt, P. A., '83, now at Harvard, was in town the other day.

Arnold H. Hall, '83, died at his home in Binghamton, N. Y., April 19th. It will be remembered that he sustained frightful injuries in a terrible accident on the railroad in 1882, in which he was bruised, burned and scalded beneath a locomotive which had been thrown from the track. He entered Williams in '83, but his nervous system had been so undermined, that he was obliged to give up all study, and finally he declined in health till death was a blessed release.

H. S. Manning, ex-P. S., '85 is associate editor and business manager of the Modesto, (Cal.), HERALD, the publishers being Wagstaff and Manning. The paper is tri-weekly, and enters on its eleventh year under the new management.

Professor Francis Brown, D. D., P. A., '66, has published a book on the Uses and Abuses of Assyriology. Chas. Scribner and Sons, \$1.00

The PHILLIPIAN Board of '81-82, devoted the profits of their year to the purchase of a portrait for the upper hall. A noble portrait of Nathaniel Parker Willis, who fitted for Yale at Phillips Andover Academy, has been received. It was copied by Thomas Hicks, N. A., from an original by Chester Harding, painted in 1835, and is pronounced by Charles A. Dana, Richard Henry Stoddard, George William Curtis and other friends of the poet, an admirable likeness. The original belongs to Mr. Dana, by whose courtesy this copy has been secured to the Academy.

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—Where is the glee club?
—Where is the Athletic Association?
—Harvard Fresh, defeated Exeter, 14 to 4.
—"Julia Moke's" pictures are much sought for.
—The financial year of the Academy ended April 30.
—Whipple, '84, has a fine lot of rackets and tennis goods.
—The Brick-house base-ball team is ready for challenges.
—"Peanuts" refused to be taken in the school group this year.
—The German and French classes have begun miniature novels.
—Even the preps and "Buttons" had their class picture taken.
—Inter-tectum base-ball and tennis, occasions good natured rivalry.
—The first nine is given below. School encouragement is needed.
—The canvas back stop is a very desirable addition to the base-ball field.
—The preaching two weeks ago, served at least, to keep the fellows awake.
—The Senior has adopted the high hat, but does not venture to appear in it.
—Mr. McCormick has been in town for some time taking the annual pictures.

—Ought a fellow to consider himself lucky if he only loses two dollars a day at poker?

—What has become of "Danniel Pratt?" A year would not be complete without him.

—Wadsworth, '88, is quite an amateur photographer. He photographed the school last week.

—F. P. Rust is a fairly good bicycle rider and somewhat of a dude.—*Cleveland Vanity Fair.*

—It has been decided to borrow money to pay the Philo. debt, incurred by the entertainment.

—Several bashful fellows lost themselves at the last Piano recital. The school does not appreciate music.

—Middle Greek: Instructor, "From what city would you suppose the Ephors were?" Middler, "Ephesus."

—Frank Dole has been secured by the University of Pennsylvania as trainer for her foot-ball eleven, next Fall.

—The Fem. Sem. base-ball team progresses finely and bids fair to exceed all other petticoat teams in existence.

—Noyes, the finest short stop Phillips Academy, Andover, has had for many years, will enter Princeton, '89.—PRINCETONIAN.

—The Orchestra seems to have perished. They should remember that their services will be required at the Philo. exhibition.

—J. W. Osborne, P. S., '87, has been chosen to fill the vacancy on the Mean's speaking, caused by the non-return of Valentine.

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—The courts in front of the Academy have been marked out. The low ground of the campus is being appropriated for the same purpose.

—Some evenings on the campus, the ball seems very greasy and slippery. But as the season approaches the outlook for a good battery grows brighter.

—The base ball committee has chosen the following team for the ensuing term: Knowlton, c.; Weyerhaeuser, p.; Merrill, 1 b.; McBrier, 2b.; McNeill, 3b.; Noyes (cap), s. s.; Perry, r. f.; King, c. f.; Johnson, l. f.

—The Hare and Hounds club has been organized as follows: Carter, President; Austin, vice-president; Germer, secretary and treasurer. Several runs had been arranged for, but were prevented by the weather.

—The Middle Classical has the following invincible team which is ready for challenges: Strong, pitcher; Perry, catcher; Odlin, first base; Bonbright, second base; Graves, third stop; Noyes, third base; Bradford, left field; Gates, centre field; Moyle, right field. Come on, ye Seniors, to your doom.

—Many times has space been taken up with remarks regarding a new cheer. We play with the Harvard Freshmen, Wednesday, and yet nothing has been done. We should have a good cheer ready in case we have occasion to use it, and why not make a move in this direction now? Won't some of the Seniors suggest a cheer, and make the name of '85 immortal?

—A very sad accident occurred Saturday, at Exeter, in the event of the drowning of Ingalls, P. E. A., '86. Mr. Ingalls was in bathing with a couple of friends, when he suddenly stepped off into a place where the water was over his head, and not being able to swim was drowned. His body was found that evening and taken home the next day. His friends have our deepest sympathy.

—The last piano recital of the series which has been given under the direction of Mr. Downs, during the winter, came off on Saturday the 25th. Sherwood of Boston was the soloist, assisted by a quartette of ladies. This is the eleventh season that Mr. Downs has arranged these recitals, at which some of the best talent in the country has appeared. Mr. Perabo and Miss Cheney were the soloists at the previous concerts of the course, and we would thank Mr. Downs for the pleasure which he has again afforded the Andover public.

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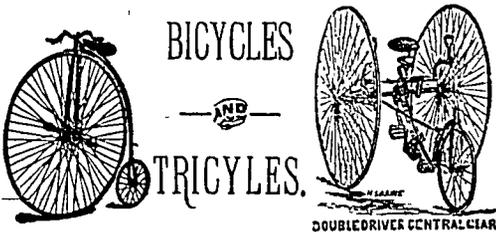
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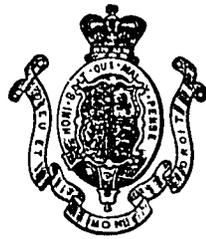
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