

PORTSMOUTH'S TEAM ALL SET

Portsmouth, Sept. 12.—The Portsmouth Spartans will pry the lid off the football season here Sunday when they clash with the Newark, N. J., team, another new entrant into the National Football league, on the Universal stadium field. In this opening clash may rest the championship of the league as both teams are considered strong contenders for first place in the greatest of football loops this season, in spite of the fact that they are in the league for the first time this year.

It will be a case of an all-eastern team against an all-western team when the two powerful elevens clash on the gridiron, as the Newark team is altogether made up of eastern players of note, and the Spartans boast an aggregation of western stars. Another incident of note in the personnel of the visiting team is the fact that it will have an entire backfield which played in college last season, the Holy Cross backfield. This will be an interesting way of proving whether a backfield from one college can equal a backfield picked from the cream of many colleges in post-graduate football.