COMMENT ON SPORTS.

BASEBALL AT COLLEGES.

News and Views on Current Topics, Amateur and Professional.

In referring a week ago to the college baseball season now at hand, ten teams were picked out to form a mythical league, to the end that the nines might be ranked from time to time in some systematic way. The colleges selected were Cornell, Brown, Princeton, Yale, Harvard, Pennsylvania, Columbia, Williams, Dartmouth and Amherst. The choice was based on the standing a year ago and on the outlook for strong teams this season, and consequently was more or less arbitrary. On further deliberation, based on close study of the schedules of the various teams, it seems better to reduce this so-called league to eight colleges to avoid, so far as possible, the necessity of ranking by comparative scores, which is more unsatisfactory even than in football. Dartmouth, for instance, will take the field only against Harvard and Amherst of the ten teams named, so must be dropped first, leaving Williams, Amherst and Columbia to fight for the last two places, inasmuch as there can be little or no question about the right and title of Cornell, Brown, Princeton, Yale, Harvard and Pennsylvania to the first six places. The schedules of Williams and Amherst are better arranged than that of Columbia for ranking purposes, as the Blue and White team will not meet Princeton, Cornell, Harvard, Brown, Williams or Amherst. Still, Columbia on a line through Yale and Pennsylvania might be deserving of a more forward place than Amherst or Williams, so that the right is reserved of changing the last two teams by dropping one and advancing another as the season advances and the need appears to arise. This makes it possible to consider other teams such as West Point, Annapolis, Holy Cross and Wesleyan.

Among the leading teams conditions are much better for a fair ranking this season than a year ago, as Cornell and Princeton will meet in two games, whereas last season no games were scheduled. The chief cause of regret is the lack of any games between Cornell and Brown, the two leading nines, in my opinion, a year ago, and Brown and Princeton, which were so close together last season that a series between them would have aroused unusual interest. Still, these teams play so many others that a fair chance for comparison will be possible, unless perchance they are as close together as a year ago, when the critics are likely to split once more. In this so-called league Yale will meet Princeton, Harvard, Pennsylvania, Cornell, Brown and Columbia, leaving Amherst and Williams out. Harvard will play Princeton, Yale, Cornell, Brown, Wiliams and Amherst, leaving Pennsylvania out. Princeton will take the field against Yale, Harvard, Cornell, Pennsylvania, Williams and Amherst, leaving Brown out. Pennsylvania will be opposed to Princeton, Yale, Cornell, Brown, Amherst and Columbia, leaving Harvard and Williams out. Cornell will meet Princeton, Yale, Harvard, Pennsylvania and Williams, leaving Brown and Amherst out. Brown will play Yale, Harvard, Pennsylvania, Williams and Amherst, leaving Princeton and Cornell out. From this it will be seen that the so-called intercollegiate championship may be decided this year in a way to leave no cloud on a title which was claimed last year by Cornell, Brown and Princeton, and which many, including Yale and Harvard sympathizers, conceded to Princeton. In the absence of any regularly organized intercollegiate league, of which there is a need, this plan may provide some entertainment for followers of college baseball.

Cornell has come out strongly in favor of an intercollegiate baseball league, as has been advocated in this column so often. In commenting on the season just beginning, the Cornell "Daily Sun" says, editorially:

> The opening of the baseball season once again brings sharply to mind the fact that, under normal conditions, the last game of the collegiate year will have brought no satisfactorily established championship team, the honor will be claimed by two or more aggregations, and the settlement of the question will be left to the men who now seem to be the court of last appeal in baseball and football, the sporting editors. Last season, Princeton, Brown and Cornell were claimants for the title, and, although the laurels were mainly accorded the 'varsity, the honor was, at best, an unsettled one. . . . There seem few difficulties in the way of an intercollegiate league whose solons would arrange schedules adequately to decide the championship beyond a shadow of a doubt and which would put an end to the popular quibbling and uncertainty in regard to it. A ten university league or a six university made up of the teams which in the past have shown themselves worthy competitors for first place would provide a pretty struggle and would bring order out of the present chaos of miscellaneous schedules. Some claim that championships are not the desirable thing in intercollegiate athletics. It is true that they are not the highest aim of sport in the colleges, yet there is a great popular prejudice in favor of determining who is champion, and nowhere is this more evident than among undergraduates themselves. Hence, while the winning of championships is not the final end in intercollegiate sport, it is an interesting incident in connection with it, and some provision should be made to provide for a premiership in baseball at least, that game which is so highly specialized outside of the colleges.

Eustace H. Miles, who was practically invincible among the amateur court tennis players of Great Britain until Jay Gould, the youthful American champion, defeated him for the English title last year, has been defeated four times by Latham, the professional champion, since his arrival in this country in quest of his old title. On the other hand, Jay Gould beat Latham in a well played exhibition match. Using a racing phrase, the "dope" points to Gould in his coming match with Miles, unless, perchance, Latham had a reason to mislead the "form players."

The decisions recently handed down by the rules of golf committee of St. Andrews and distributed in this country emphasized the necessity for a careful revision of the rules, if for no other purpose than to save the committee much arduous labor and to a large extent the thankless task of answering the same questions over and over again. Anent this subject "The London Field" in a recent issue suggested a small fee to correct a growing evil, saying in part:

> One cannot help being struck more and more with the similarity of points which come up time after time for decision. The fact that questions are being reduplicated shows that the earlier decisions which are issued are either not consulted by way of reference, or that, if a slight conflict of opinion arises, a speedy agreement is at once made to lighten the burden which should justly fall on the players to make inquiries themselves by adopting the less troublesome solution of saying, "Let us refer to St. Andrews." The rules committee, when obviously confronted with this recurring tendency, might very well seek to check the easy disposition of players to refer every local debatable point to them by imposing a slight fee for the privilege of consulting the authorities in the court of appeal. The money might at least help to defray the cost of printing the questions and the answers issued by St. Andrews. The fee might also have the wholesome direct effect of sending golfers to a consultation of all the decisions issued by the rules committee since 1903 before they elected to ask the opinion of the authorities on a point which has often been settled before, and the procedure affecting which ought to be generally familiar to players of the game.

The small fee might restrain some players from referring inconsequential points to the rules committee at St. Andrews, but it might also prevent enlightenment on questions which are bound to arise and which need solution. The trouble is that the rules demand too much interpretation for which the committee is largely at fault and for which it has the proper remedy. The remedy lies in a revision of the rules and general clearing up of mooted questions to which the constant repetition of certain queries point the way. Golfers should not be discouraged in clearing up debatable points by a fee or any other method. Fortunately a revision of the rules is at hand, and, better yet, the suggestions made by the United States Golf Association have been well received by the committee abroad, while Captain Burn, in acknowledging their receipt, takes occasion to compliment the American committee which had the work in charge for the excellence of many of the suggestions. When the rules are clarified the St. Andrews committee will have fewer questions to answer.

Many striking examples have been given in the last year of the endurance and reliability qualities of automobiles, but none stands out with such prominence as the one furnished by the Thomas car in its run across the continent in the New York-to-Paris race. It not only distanced its foreign rivals by reaching San Francisco some twelve hundred miles ahead of the Zust (Italian) machine, but it covered the 3,832 miles in 41 days, 8 hours and 15 minutes, and over roads that were deep in mud or banked with snow a large part of the way. Of this time one day was spent in Buffalo, two in Chicago, one in Omaha, one in Cheyenne, one in Ogden and one between Ely and Goldfield, when the only mishap to the car of any consequence occurred. Deducting these seven days, the running time was thirty-four days, so that the machine made an average of 112 miles a day. The best day's run was 388 miles in crossing the California line and the poorest nine miles, when the crew was fighting the snowdrifts in Indiana. From figures compiled by "The New York Times" this compares favorably with the best record from ocean to ocean.

In August, 1904, L. L. Whitman and C. S. Carris started from San Francisco in a Franklin car and arrived in New York in 32 days 23 hours and 40 minutes. This time was made over the direct route across the Sierra Nevadas, under the best weather conditions in the summer time, and is still considered the best time ever made by a motor car. Twice in 1906, under different conditions, the time was bettered, but in each case shifts of drivers were used, with one set of men travelling by day and another by night, the relief proceeding by train. In this way the cars were kept going practically twenty-four hours a day, and one car made the distance in 15 days 2 hours and 10 minutes. In 1904 Megargle made the only previous run across the continent in winter in 200 days. Once more, it can be said the day of the automobile has come. The cars may never reach Paris. There is still some 18,000 miles to cover through Alaska, Siberia and the frozen north, but I for one am convinced that, barring serious accident, one machine at least will roll into Paris some time within the next year, and that it will be a machine manufactured in this country.

As predicted in this column some time ago, the national registration committee of the Amateur Athletic Union has administered a just rebuke to the registration committee of the Metropolitan Association of the A. A. U. for its handling of the Ray C. Ewry case. The rule on the subject is plain; it needs no interpretation. Ewry, the champion broad jumper, suspended himself under the rules and stands suspended until he applies for reinstatement and same is granted. Ewry's offence was not of a kind to debar him for all time from amateur sport, and in all probability he will be reinstated in due time.

The success which attended the first week of the Washington Jockey Club's spring meeting at Benning augurs well for the season. It should improve, too, as it goes on, as no efforts are being spared to make it the best in the history of the club.

The tendency among many college faculties to restrict intercollegiate athletic contests is growing to a point which may lead to radical reforms, if reforms they can be called. More careful supervision and less cutting down or cutting off would accomplish the end in view, with better results, in my opinion. Athletic training and general participation make for good, but even in play men need a stimulant, and nothing serves the purpose so well as intercollegiate competition. The Harvard faculty has declared forcibly in favor of restricting athletic activity at Cambridge and faculties of other institutions are in sympathy with the action. But what of the undergraduates? The feeling of the students at Harvard was well expressed by A. W. Hinkle, speaking for the "Crimson" at the annual dinner of "The Yale Daily News." He said, in part:

> Intercollegiate athletics are the only thing outside of our studies in which the undergraduate is interested and to which he gives all his efforts. If we do not have them we will drift apart, form cliques and have no one thing to bring the whole undergraduate community together. At Harvard we have intracollegiate and intercollegiate athletics existing side by side in a healthy condition. It is absurd to say that intracollegiate athletics are laboring under a forced pressure. It is his own fault if a man does not take part in them. In regard to intercollegiate athletics, we do not know what the ultimate policy of the new athletic committee will be, but if the time ever comes when Harvard gives up intercollegiate athletics I want every Yale man to know it is not because the undergraduate is dissatisfied or that he does not appreciate the honor of meeting Yale on the field, but it is because we have played our last card and lost.

It is hoped the last card has not been played. Yale, Princeton and Cornell are working along the right lines, so far as can be judged, in an effort to build up and improve without too much tearing down.

There are fifty-seven men at Yale at the present time entitled to wear the coveted "Y."

Willie Hoppe and Calvin Demarest are the idols of the hour in the billiard world. Hoppe beat Sutton and won the 18.2 balkline championship for the first time on Friday, although he has held the 18.1 title. Demarest is in a class by himself among the amateurs, in spite of the fact that he only won the championship after playing off a 300 tie. His new high run record of 202 at 14.2 is likely to stand for some time to come, unless he beats it himself, as he seems to have the habit of doing. HERBERT.

CREW IN BETTER FORM.

Close Finish Now Expected in Oxford-Cambridge Race.

Putney, March 29.—The Oxford-Cambridge boat race, which a few weeks ago it was believed the Light Blues would win without great effort, on acount of which interest in the annual contest lagged, is now thought likely to result in a close struggle. The race will be rowed on April 4, and this reversal of feeling is accounted for to some extent by the secret trial rowed by Oxford on Friday, over which the coach of the crew shows great elation. While the figures are not officially given, it is understood that the Dark Blues made the distance in 19 minutes 37 seconds, and were going strong when they reached the finish, at Putney.

Cambridge on Saturday, however, did a better trial than this, covering the course in 19 minutes 16 seconds, but the Light Blues had the advantage of being paced, with more favorable water conditions.

The Oxford and Cambridge crews began training before the ice was out of the rivers in home waters, and had more than usual to contend with this year. The weather has not been favorable for out-of-door sports, and the men suffered from an epidemic of influenza, several of them having to eliminate part of their training as a result of sickness. For the race next Saturday Cambridge is the favorite in the betting. The crews and their weights are as follows:

CAMBRIDGE.

F. H. Jerwood (Jesus) (bow)	165
2—G. E. Fairbairn (Jesus)	166
3—O. A. Carver (First Trinity)	179
4—H. E. Kitching (Trinity Hall)	184
5—J. S. Burn (First Trinity)	179
6—E. G. Williams (Third Trinity)	184
7—E. W. Powell (Third Trinity)	160
D. C. R. Stuart (Trinity Hall) (stroke)	156
R. Boyle (Trinity Hall) (coxswain)	118

OXFORD.

The Hon. R. Stanhope (Magdalen) (bow)	136
2—C. R. Cudmore (Magdalen)	169
3—E. H. L. Southwell (Magdalen)	172
4—A. E. Kitchin (St. John's)	178
5—A. G. Kirby (Magdalen)	187
6—A. G. McCulloch (University)	176
7—H. R. Barker (Christ Church)	170
A. C. Gladstone (Christ Church) (stroke)	157
A. W. Donkin (Magdalen) (coxswain)	[illegible]

GOLFERS BECOME BUSY.

PROS HOMEWARD BOUND.

Preparations for New Season—Harry Vardon Wins Abroad.

With the return of mild weather the professional golfers are displaying renewed activity. Those who went abroad are coming back on almost every steamer, while the stay-at-homes are hard at work rolling and seeding greens and putting in additional hazards. George Low, of the Baltusrol Golf Club, who went away on his annual visit to Bonnie Scotland last December, has been wintering at Trayside.

With Low were a number of other "pros," and all played a good deal of golf. On one occasion several experts competed for a prize presented by Low. The latter is expected to reach these shores on April 9, and he will at once resume his duties at Baltusrol, where the Metropolitan Golf Association championship tournament is to be held the latter part of May.

Alec Smith, the former national open champion, who neither went abroad nor invaded the South during the past winter, has been content to spend his leisure hours in the vicinity of the Nassau Country Club, his home green. A brief trip to Edinburgh on the part of Tom Anderson, of Montclair, enabled the veteran professional to spend a few weeks with his family. Anderson, who returned to Montclair several weeks ago, is busy superintending work on the course, which is closed for the present.

Isaac Mackie will shortly be back to resume charge of the Fox Hills links, and his brother Jack will continue to add many needed improvements to the Dunwoodie Country Club's course. Jack Hobens has remained at the Englewood Golf Club throughout the winter, while Willie Norton has been doing well at Lakewood. Herbert Strong continues for another season at the Apawamis Club and Willie Tucker will again have charge of St. Andrews.

In accepting the Morris County Golf Club offer Dave Ogilvie seems to have done well. Ogilvie is ranked among the good players, and the chances are he will be seen in the open tournaments in the metropolitan district this season. Willie Weir, the former Morris County "pro," had the position for nearly twelve years.

Dave Hunter, who enjoys an all-year arrangement with the Essex County Country Club, is busy again. He recently closed the regular greens, so for the present the members are compelled to play over a temporary course. Hunter keeps in physical condition during the winter by playing squash. Dave Honeyman has been engaged for another season by the Arsdale Golf Club, while Tom Gourley continues on for another year at the Forest Hill Golf Club. George Pearson has wintered at the Yountakah Country Club, where he will continue another season.

Martin O'Loughlin, the popular homebred, is shortly to resume his duties at the Plainfield Country Club, after a remarkably successful engagement at one of the Southern Pines courses in North Carolina. An incident is told in connection with the memorable match between O'Loughlin and Gilbert Nicholls. It seems that O'Loughlin, who is scarcely more than a boy, became a great favorite with the Piney Woods colony, and during the match interest in O'Loughlin's success caused some of the enthusiasts to forget the etiquette of the game.

The women, it appears, were the worse offenders. When Nicholls was about to make a short put for the hole on one of the greens the customary silence was suddenly broken by a couple of excited women jumping up and down a few yards away exclaiming at the same time: "Hope you don't hole it! Hope you don't hole it!" Nicholls promptly told the women to keep quiet, and also reminded them that they were not in a dancing hall.

Alec Ross, the national open champion, will shortly leave Pinehurst and return to his regular green at Brae Burn, where the intercollegiate tournament is to be held in the fall. Nicholls goes back to the Woodland Golf Club, while Donald Ross will continue at the Oakley Country Club. Jack Pearson is still identified with the Richmond County Country Club, and George Thomson remains at Wee Burn. H. H. Barker, the former English amateur, is at the Garden City Golf Club, where the national amateur championship tournament is to be held in September.

Harry Simpson remains at Hackensack, as does Joe Doebel at Fairfield. John Inglis is also at Larchmont, Tom Chisholm at Canoe Brook, A. G. Griffiths at Westbrook, Alec Cunningham at Glen Ridge, Seymour Dunn at Wykagyl, Alec Pirie at Siwanoy, Jack Venters at Shinnecock, George Bouse at Marine and Field and William Collins at Oakland.

Report has it that no important changes are to be made among the Western professionals. Willie Anderson, the former open champion has signed a contract to return to Onwentsia, and he will come up from Bellaire, Fla., about the middle of April. Stewart Gardner, the "tall sycamore," formerly at Garden City, will continue at Exmoor, while Fred McLeod, the Western champion, is again at Midlothian. Dave Foulis is to continue at the Chicago Golf Club, while Robert White, formerly a school teacher in Scotland, has been engaged to once again instruct the Ravisloe Country Club members in the art of driving and putting. Dave McIntosh, who has been with the Westward Ho Golf Club since its organization, will continue there another season.

Harry Vardon displayed all of his oldtime skill in the first important professional golf tournament this year abroad, when he won first money in a thirty-six hole medal play competition near Nice, France. The four times champion of Great Britain returned scores of 72 and 71 for a total of 143, or four strokes better than Arnaud Massy, present open title holder, who was his nearest opponent. Massy's rounds were 73—74—147, while James Braid, with 73—75—148, and Jean Cassiat, with 77—71—148, tied for third and fourth moneys. Vardon's prize amounted to 1,000 francs. The winner's card was as follows:

Out	4	5	4	4	4	5	5	3	3	—37
In	5	4	3	4	4	4	4	3	4	—35
Out	4	4	5	3	4	5	3	4	2	—34
In	6	3	3	5	4	4	5	3	4	—37—143

A new golf ball has recently been placed on the market abroad. The manner of covering makes it a decided departure from custom. Hitherto it has been the core and the rubber wound round it which have varied with different makes, but no variety save in the matter of thickness, or quality, was made in the guttapercha cover. The innovation makes a bold departure by the introduction of a rubber "cord" cover, which is composed of pure Para rubber, twisted spirally and then wound round and round in concentric circles. The claim has been made that by this method a thin and perfectly homogeneous casing has been secured, which, while being highly resilient, will not crack or gash.

STONE WINS AT TRAPS.

Liberal Handicap Gives Him Match at Larchmont Shoot.

A. J. Stone, with a handicap of twenty-two, smashed ninety-five clay pigeons and won the weekly cup shooting at the Larchmont traps yesterday in the one-hundred-bird match. Stuart Scott was second with a score of eighty-eight. A. C. Bostwick won a leg for the Accumulation Cup, with a score of forty, and in the shoot-off in the Sauer gun contest between Scott and Ballou the latter won. A. J. Stone won a leg for the Lyon Cup with a full score to his credit. The summaries follow:

WEEKLY CUP—100 BIRDS—UNKNOWN ANGLES—HANDICAP.

Name.	H.	T.	Name.	H.	T.
A. C. Bostwick	12	84	E. S. Ballou	5*	81
A. J. Stone	22	95	J. Ross Collins	4	73
Stuart Scott	3	88	E. L. C. Robins	6	75
J. A. Pisani	4	75	L. G. Young	0	81

A. J. Stone won.

ACCUMULATION CUP—50 BIRDS—UNKNOWN ANGLES—HANDICAP.

J. Ross Collins	4	38	Stuart Scott	0	38
J. A. Pisani	4	38	A. C. Bostwick	8	40
E. S. Ballou	0	38			

A. C. Bostwick won the leg.

SAUER GUN—50 BIRDS—UNKNOWN ANGLES—HANDICAP.

A. C. Bostwick	6	44	E. S. Ballou	3	45
A. J. Stone	12	44	J. R. Collins	2	41
Stuart Scott	2	45	E. L. C. Robins	5	41
J. A. Pisani	3	41	L. G. Young	0	42

Shoot-off—Ballou won.

LYON CUP—50 BIRDS—UNKNOWN ANGLES—HANDICAP.

E. L. C. Robins	1	34	L. G. Young	0	39
S. Scott	1	43	J. A. Pisani	1	34
A. C. Bostwick	8	40	E. S. Ballou	2	36
A. J. Stone	10	50	J. R. Collins	8	[illegible]

A. J. Stone won the leg.

PLEA FOR RACING MEN.

Dr. Hyde Writes an Open Letter to Governor Hughes.

Dr. Thomas Alexander Hyde, the rector of a church at Sheepshead Bay, has written an open letter to Governor Hughes on the anti-racing legislation at Albany. He says, in part:

> You have expressed yourself and the constitution as more anxious about the breed of men than of horses. As regards the patrons of the racetrack, they are very much like other men. There is nothing in the races more essentially wicked than in any other amusement, or, for that matter, in any other kind of business. You may say that it is a sport and could be abandoned without much loss to the country.
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> While men who love horses and who breed horses might use powerful arguments to prove that it was a useful industry, as well as a healthful amusement, it is not at all necessary to argue that point, because a moment's reflection will show that there are really only three occupations that are necessary—the farmer, the grazer and the manufacturer—to maintain life.
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> All other business is unnecessary, yet more than three-fourths of all the people in the United States are occupied in an unnecessary business. The liquor and the tobacco traffics are not only unnecessary but more detrimental to the breed of men than racing. Stop them suddenly and millions would not only be starving but compelled to become dishonest. Then look at the many trades that manufacture things that stimulate low passions and develop pride and envy—the manufacture of gaudy adornments, jewelry and foolish trumpery. Look at some of the newspapers, which have no ideals, which spread gossip and scandal, and the great volume of literature that sets before the youth impurity and ideals of heroes who are burglars, thieves and cutthroats. There are ninety-nine boys and youths ruined by bad literature to one on the racetrack. . . .
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> The patrons of the races are many of them religious people, and their business, respected sir, never violates Sunday, as some other business, including politics, does. I have not touched upon the business features at all of the subject, because that may not concern me nor you, sir, neither one of whom have to be unduly anxious as to where the necessities for the morrow may come from. But, respected sir, do you think that if these bills should become law immediately that thousands of houses could be easily rented or disposed of and debts paid, and all honorably employed in the racing business dismissed, without great injustice and suffering?
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> I am writing as a pastor in charge of a flock that I know and honor, and whose character I am more than willing to bear testimony to. I am writing you as one whose life has been happily, and, I hope, profitably, spent among these people whose morals are so malevolently assailed. I write you as their pastor, and in their behalf, and I challenge and characterize as wholly unfounded the alleged moral sentiment manufactured against them by reformers from foreign states, who would find their occupation gone the instant they ceased to bear false witness against their neighbors.

TIGER SCHEDULES STAND.

Faculty Thinks Reduction Should Be Confined to Winter Sports.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Princeton, March 29.—There is no probability that Princeton will follow the lead of Harvard in cutting down athletic schedules of the major sports. Careful inquiry in well informed circles in the faculty and of men in a position to reflect closely the views of President Wilson discloses the fact that the tendency is rather the other way, toward lengthening football and baseball schedules. At the same time there is a growing opposition to certain minor sports that consume much time in the winter, when, in the opinion of the faculty, the student body should make up for the athletic activity of the fall and prepare for that of the spring by doing serious work.

This idea is shared by many students, and a step in this direction was taken the other day when it was decided to withdraw from the intercollegiate basket ball league. Hockey is another sport that seems doomed to die an early death at Princeton, for the men on the seven have to go to New York for practice, and this is frowned on by the faculty.

"Cutting down schedules in the fall and spring won't solve the trouble," said one member of the faculty, whose word means a lot in Princeton athletics, to-day. "What we want to do here is to get the middle of the year free; the time, say, from Thanksgiving until shortly before Easter. I don't think Wednesday football games are harmful. I think they do good. The men don't have to work as hard in a game with a small college as they do against their own scrub, and it promotes good spirit, too.

"Then, it's a good thing for the small colleges, both in football and baseball. Every one knows how much the average of play has improved among the smaller colleges since the beginning of numerous games with big colleges. A man enjoys a game with an outside team, and it is very seldom that a football team, for example, really enjoys a gruelling afternoon with the scrub.

"The big question of whether intercollegiate athletics should go altogether or not I am not discussing. Intramural sport might make for a better spirit, but I think a readjustment of the whole American nature would be needed, and I don't think we can do that. Here at Princeton, then, in a word, we see no trouble with fall and spring conditions, but we do think that a part of the year should be devoted mainly to college work. That leaves plenty of time for athletics, and at a time when they are most enjoyable."

OFF FOR DEATH VALLEY.

Italian Automobile on Homestretch Across the Continent.

Goldfield, Nev., March 29.—The Zust (Italian) car in the New York-to-Paris automobile race left here for Death Valley to-day on the homestretch across the continent.

The De Dion (French) car, from latest reports, was on its way to Ely.

The Protos (German) car is still at Ogden, undergoing repairs.

PROPOSED OCEAN RACE.

Spanish Yachtsmen Enthusiastic Over Contest to Canary Islands.

Boston, March 29.—Spanish yachtsmen are becoming enthusiastic over the proposed ocean race next August from Palos to the Canary Islands, on the 416th anniversary of the sailing of Columbus, according to advices recently received in this city.

The affair has been placed in charge of the alcalde of Palos and the officers of the Royal Mediterranean Yacht Club, of Malaga, and every effort is being made to obtain entries from this country, as well as from Central and South America.

While the details of the race have not as yet been fully perfected, it has been decided to start the race from the harbor of Palos on August 3, at 6 a. m., which is exactly high water. This is the same day and the same hour on which Columbus sailed, and the records of that event, which are still extant in Palos, show that the Santa Maria, the Niña and the Pinta also put to sea at high water. In fact, tide has considerable to do with navigation in the harbor of Palos, and the announcement is made that yachts drawing over sixteen feet will be obliged to anchor a short distance outside.

It is expected that a hundred thousand people will line the shores of the river on the morning of the start of the parade and race and that King Alfonso will be among the number.

CREW PRACTICE AT PRINCETON.

Princeton, N. J., March 29 (Special).—C. N. Titus, Princeton's rowing coach, is expected to return from New York this week, when active work will begin on Carnegie Lake for the spring season. The facilities for rowing will be greatly increased this year. Wealthy alumni of New York and Philadelphia have presented four new eight-oared shells of the latest type to the association. These, together with the four four-oared shells already in the possession of the association, will afford ample opportunity to a large number of men to practise at the same time. Another urgent need will be met by the erection of a boathouse on the north shore of the lake, between Harrison street and Washington Road. The building will be completed in a short time, and will afford storage for the eight shells and locker room for the crew candidates.

Princeton will not be represented by a 'varsity crew this year, but next spring an eight may be chosen to row in one of the minor regattas. A spring regatta, which in the future will be an annual affair, will be held on the lake in commencement week. Four class eights will row for the college championship and the handsome cup presented by Andrew Carnegie last fall.

ARMY-NAVY GAME OFF?

DEADLOCK OVER DATE.

Soldiers Want to Play Annual Gridiron Battle on November 22.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.]

Annapolis, March 29.—There appears to be a strong possibility that the Navy and Army will not meet on the gridiron this year for their annual game, which is one of the features of each football season. The Army has thrown down the gauntlet by demanding that the game be played one week earlier than is customary, or on November 22. It has delivered this ultimatum to the Navy: "If you do not consent to the earlier date we will not meet you on the gridiron this year."

The Navy picked up the gauntlet without overmuch hesitation and has delivered this ultimatum to the Army: "If you will not meet us at the usual time you will not meet us at all." Nevertheless the midshipmen to a man are hoping that the game will be played, for they fondly believe that it would result in another Navy victory.

Several weeks ago the manager of the Army football team wrote to Midshipman Welsheimer, manager of the Navy eleven, asking if the Navy would consent to play the game the Saturday preceding Thanksgiving this year instead of the Saturday succeeding Thanksgiving Day.

He gave as his reason for this request the statement that the weather in West Point was so bad during the latter part of November that it seriously interfered with the practice of the Army team, whereas Annapolis, being further south, did not have to contend with such climatic difficulties.

After some consideration the Navy Athletic Association decided not to accede to this request, taking the position that the Army's argument for putting the game forward one week was not of sufficient validity when all the circumstances governing the football situation at both academies were taken into consideration. Manager Welsheimer wrote the Army manager refusing the request and saying that the Navy would insist on the game being played at the usual time or, this year, on Saturday, November 29.

Midshipman Welsheimer, in his letter, called West Point's attention to the fact that the three senior classes at Annapolis were on leave throughout the entire month of September, and for this reason the Navy could not begin regular practice until October 1, although some of the football men give up half of their annual leave and return to the academy about the middle of the month for practice; that on the other hand the West Pointers return from their furlough September 1, and thus are able to and do start regular practice at that time, giving them a full two weeks' start on the Navy.

Welsheimer added that it would be "obviously unfair" to ask the Navy to meet the Army a week earlier than customarily, and that there was no precedent for such a request.

The Army manager promptly replied that the Army football candidates would agree not to begin practice until the middle of September if the Navy would consent to play the annual game on November 22. Midshipman Welsheimer replied that the Navy would refuse to consent to the change of date.

Again the Army manager wrote to Welsheimer, insisting upon the earlier date and intimating in no uncertain tone that unless the Navy yielded the point the Army would refuse to meet her on the gridiron this year.

That is the situation as it stands at present. The sentiment at Annapolis is entirely against yielding to the Army's request, which the midshipmen regard as unreasonable. The Army seems equally determined to have its way, and there are no indications to point toward breaking the deadlock in the near future.

Navy officers here hope that the matter will be adjusted and the game played as usual. If there are no new developments within the next month or two and the prospects of the annual service gridiron battle being fought this year do not grow brighter, it is practically certain that Army and Navy officers will take a hand and bring pressure to bear upon the cadets and midshipmen to force them to agree on some date and play the game. At present the officers are inclined to let the embryonic admirals and generals handle the matter themselves without interference, hoping that they will be able to reach an amicable agreement.

It has been rumored here that the Army's insistence upon an earlier date is merely a pretext to get out of meeting the Navy this year. As foundation for this rumor it was pointed out that the Navy will have all except two of last year's winning eleven eligible to play this year, while the Army has lost many of her best men.

The naval officers attached to the academy and the midshipmen themselves do not credit this rumor. They do not think it consistent with the Army ideas of sportsmanship.

BRANDT WILL LEAD NAVY.

Elected Captain of Sailors' Fencing Team—Losses by Graduation.

The Navy fencing team, which on Saturday lost the intercollegiate championship to the Army by a single bout, elected E. S. R. Brandt, of New Jersey, captain of the 1909 Navy fencing team. Midshipman Brandt has the distinction of being the only midshipman to win his fencing "N" during his "plebe" year.

The Navy's new captain has fenced on the Navy team three years. He is a member of the second class and is rated as a fencer of considerable ability and great steadiness. His attack is especially good. His lunges are made with remarkable quickness.

The Navy team returned to Annapolis yesterday morning. The men were much disappointed over the loss of the championship.

Captain Brandt will have to develop a new team, as the Navy loses Midshipmen Burdick, Knauss and Everson by graduation. Burdick won the individual championship this year, and his loss will be a severe one. Midshipman Knauss did consistently good work this year, and he, too, will be hard to replace, as will Midshipman Everson, who has had four years' experience and has developed into a remarkably good fencer.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Clarendons and Camerons Score Shut-outs in Yesterday's Games.

With the championship of the Sunday series of the New York Amateur Association Football League at stake, the Clarendon, of Hoboken, and the team from Port Chester, N. Y., met at Bronx Oval yesterday, with the result that the Clarendons won the match by a score of 4 to 0, and with it the privilege of meeting the champion Camerons, winners of the Saturday series, in the final game for the championship. This game probably will take place on April 19.

The ground was very muddy, but in spite of this a fast game was played by both sides. The line-up follows:

Clarendons (4).	Positions.	Port Chester (0).
W. Gregory	G.	Martin
H. Speller	R. B.	Rentouk
T. Dewar	L. B.	Watt
N. Agar	R. H.	McBride
H. Davis	C. H.	Grant
H. Agar	L. H.	Golightly
J. Lee	O. R.	Freelande
J. Ellis	I. R.	Spence
W. Balding	C. F.	Donaldson
A. Revegno	I. L.	Shand
E. Millett	O. L.	Keillor

Goals—E. Millett (2), A. Revegno and J. Lee, for Clarendons. Referee—H. Flay, Cameron Field Club. Time of halves, 45 minutes.

W. Cameron distinguished himself in the game at Van Cortlandt Park, where the elevens of the Camerons and the steamship Carmania met in a friendly struggle. Cameron shot three goals in the first half and another in the second, when C. Foster, inside left, added another, the home team winning by 5 goals to 0. The line-up:

Camerons (5).	Positions.	Ss. Carmania (0).
T. D. Lane	G.	Tinley
J. Linn	R. B.	Jackson
D. Curry	L. B.	Maylor
P. Marshall	R. H.	McQuaire
W. Hastings	C. H.	Henderson
J. Ewen	L. H.	Townsend
J. Sinclair	O. R.	Tillary
H. Crowe	I. R.	Loyd
W. Cameron	C. F.	Thompson
C. Foster	I. L.	Hennesey
G. Goodman	O. L.	Murray

Goals—W. Cameron (4) and C. Foster, for Camerons. Referee—T. Kane, of Liverpool. Time of halves, 35 minutes.

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MANY ATHLETES IN RACE.

Fred Lorz Wins 'Cross Country Run with Comparative Ease.

Fred Lorz won the special handicap 'cross country run of the Mott Haven Athletic Club yesterday from a field of ninety-four starters, with almost ridiculous ease. The handicapper had favored him with the limit allowance, five and a half minutes, and Lorz covered the course of about five and one-half miles in 35 minutes 20 seconds. He finished one hundred yards ahead of E. Kisby, of the Mercury Athletic Club, who was second.

This race was the biggest one held by the Mott Haven club this season, and proved to be one of the best. Of the field that started only four dropped out, despite the fact that the course was transformed into a sea of mud by a heavy downpour of rain, which started shortly before the race and continued the entire time.

The time prize was captured by the veteran Xavier runner, Eddie Carr, who finished the course in 33 minutes 55 seconds. H. J. Smith and J. P. Edwards, both of the Pastime Athletic Club, took the other time prizes. The team prize was won by the runners of the Mohawk Athletic Club, with 36 points, while the Mercury Athletic Club was second, with 47, and the Mott Haven Athletic Club third, with 106. The novice prize was won by J. H. Dowd, of the Mercury Athletic Club. The order of finish follows:

Position. Name and club.	Handicap. M. S.	Time. M. S.
1—Fred Lorz, Mohawk Athletic Club	5:30	35:20
2—E. Kisby, Mercury Athletic Club	5:30	35:32
3—R. L. McKenzie, Mohawk Athletic Club	5:15	35:41
4—A. Hayden, Mercury Athletic Club	5:30	35:48
5—H. Meyer, Mohawk Athletic Club	5:30	35:54
6—J. H. Dowd, Mercury Athletic Club	5:30	35:55
7—J. Guerin, Trinity Athletic Club	5:15	36:08
8—T. P. Morrissey, Mercury Athletic Club	4:00	36:09
9—G. Obermeyer, National Athletic Club	5:30	36:22
10—T. Hogan, Holy Cross Lyceum	4:00	36:25
11—W. Debaum, Mohawk Athletic Club	4:45	36:33
12—H. Anderson, Mott Haven Athletic Club	4:15	36:34
13—J. Gilbert, jr., Mott Haven Athletic Club	4:15	36:35
14—H. J. Smith, Pastime Athletic Club	3:15	36:36
15—E. T. Fitzgerald, Holy Cross Lyceum	4:45	36:37
16—J. Riley, Mohawk Athletic Club	3:15	36:45
17—T. S. Harris, Star Athletic Club	5:30	36:50
18—J. Walsh, Xavier Athletic Association	5:30	36:51
19—L. H. Evans, Mohawk Athletic Club	5:30	36:52
20—T. Kearin, Xavier Athletic Association	4:30	36:54
21—J. P. Edwards, Pastime Athletic Club	3:00	36:57
22—R. J. Doody, Mohawk Athletic Club	4:15	37:08
23—E. Smith, Mohawk Athletic Club	4:15	37:08
24—C. Westcott, Mott Haven Athletic Club	4:15	37:08
25—E. P. Carr, Xavier Athletic Association	2:15	37:10

BENNING ENTRIES FOR TO-DAY.

FIRST RACE—For fillies and mares three years old and upward; $400 added. Five furlongs, Columbia Course.

Name.	Wt.	Name.	Wt.
Pantoufle	108	Nanno	92
Lady Isabel	99	Kingsessing	92
Margot	95	Donna Mobile	92
Coincident	92	Winning Star	92
Tea Leaf	92	Lykers	92
Javotte	92		

SECOND RACE—For fillies and geldings, maidens, two years old; $400 added. Four furlongs, old course.

Cheek	99	Flatcreek	99
Dan De Noyles	99	Aralia	99
Daly's Lane	99	Bluestock	99
Elizabeth Sweeney	99	Nutmeg	99
Jack Glenn	99	Alice Navarre	99
Tony S.	99	Scotch Lass	99
Arondack	99	Takahira	99
Chaperone	99	Tiana	99

THIRD RACE—For colts, maidens, two years old; $400 added. Four and a half furlongs, old course.

Epifon	102	Von Lear	102
Demetrios	102	Witching Hour	102
Sir Cannon	102	Puddin	102
Great Jubilee	102	Flatfoot	102
Young Roe	102	Sig	102
High Range	102		

FOURTH RACE—For maidens three years old and upward; $400 added. Seven furlongs, Columbia Course.

Grandpa	118	Oroonoka	99
Umbrella	114	Cartwheel	99
Coppers	102	Water Bridge	99
Tennis	99	Chorus Girl	97
Ferrylanding	99		

FIFTH RACE—Handicap; for three-year-olds and upward; $500 added. Six and a half furlongs, Columbia Course.

Berkeley	117	D'Arkle	108
Bellwether	116	Woodlane	100
Smoker	116	Giles	90
Comedienne	110	Glaucus	86

SIXTH RACE—Selling; for three-year-olds and upward; $600 added. One mile, Columbia Course.

Holscher	115	Delphie	110
Reidmoore	115	*Poquessing	109
Ivanhoe	112	Higginbotham	108
Lally	111	Gilvedear	107

*Apprentice allowance.