Reconstructed Yanks May Upset the Celestial Dope

Donovan's Team, Fourth on Form, Liable To Be Season's Sensation.

OFFENSIVE STRENGTH WILL DECIDE ISSUE

Unknown Quantities on Wild Bill's Ball Team May Cause Trouble.

By GRANTLAND RICE.

On Wednesday afternoon, as the village chimes proclaim the starting hour, Smiling Bill Donovan will catapult his Yank machine against the curtain of fire that Walter Johnson carries. It is almost a certainty that Ray Caldwell, the Pennsylvania Sycamore, will oppose the Weiser Wizard where the presence of one lone run is likely to have a depressing effect upon the team that hasn't got it. Caldwell, without Baker, Magee, Gedeon and Gilhooley as aids, overpowered Johnson twice last season in his only starts against the Blond Shrapnel; so the Yanks have no intention of curling up before Johnson's stuff.

But the main point, after all, is this—when the last echoes of the village chimes have died away on Wednesday (barring another snow) the Yanks will be on their way. We know where they will start in April, but where will they finish in October? The celestial Dope awards them fourth place; but there are strong possibilities of batting power and pitching puissance that may carry them much higher, even unto the shadow of the flag itself.

A Yankee Preamble.

There are three clubs now placed above the reconstructed Yanks in the April forecast. They are the Red Sox, Tigers and White Sox, listed in the order of their supposed strength. Suppose we compare the Yanks, club for club, against these three barriers now blocking the way to the top. The Red Sox come first.

CATCHING—About even. Not enough difference to figure strongly in the final result.

PITCHING—The Red Sox, with Shore, Ruth, Foster, Leonard, Mays and Gregg, have a big advantage—not only over the Yanks, but over any other ball club in the game.

INFIELD—The Yanks, all the way. They look stronger at first, short and third, with a chance that Gedeon will make up in batting what he lacks in Barry's infield brilliance.

OUTFIELD—The Red Sox again—through greater experience and the super-excellence of Tris Speaker. But the time is near when this incomparable outfield is due to crack, even should Speaker come to terms with Lannin. If the Cleveland deal goes through and Speaker leaves Boston the Yankees will at least be on a parity with the champions.

The Yanks, with Baker, Magee, Gedeon, Pipp and others, have greater attacking possibilities than the world champs, but run shy on defence through less powerful pitching. The advance edge is still Boston's.

Against Detroit.

CATCHING—No great difference. Not enough to count.

PITCHING—Yanks have the advantage, with more first class pitchers than the Tigers and a stronger second team. Caldwell and Fisher will pair off neatly with Coveleskie and Dauss, while Shawkey, Keating, Cullop, Mogridge and others are well beyond the range of Dubuc, etc.

INFIELD—The Yanks again have the best of it. They are as good at first, better at second, about 50-50 at short, where both are fine fielders and light hitters, and stronger at third by a brace of miles.

OUTFIELD—Magee, Maisel and Gilhooley are first class, but they are not Cobb, Crawford and Veach. It is here that Detroit forges on beyond the New York club in the early dope. This Tiger outfield alone scored over 300 runs last season, an average of nearly two to the game.

So, unless Magee, Maisel and Gilhooley bat up around .300, there will be very little chance for the Yanks to beat the Tigers out. If the three named do pole somewhat over the tri-century mark there is a stout chance that Donovan's crew will top Jenning's.

Against the White Sox.

CATCHING—The White Sox lead with Ray Schalk, the greatest catcher now in the game; a hustler good for 110 or 115 games, who can bat over .270 and peg like a shot.

PITCHING—What advantage there is belongs to the Yanks, not so much in what has been, but should be with Donovan's added pitching strength.

INFIELD—Close to a stand-off. Fournier and Collins have it on Pipp and Gedeon by several strides, while Peck and Baker look better than Terry and Weaver.

OUTFIELD—The White Sox, with Jackson, Felch and Murphy, have more power, but are hardly as strong defensively. White Sox advantage here lies in greater experience.

The Yank Chance.

This comparison shows that three clubs have something on the Yanks; but it also shows that none of the trio has any extended margin of superiority to work on.

The point is this: We know about what the Red Sox, Tigers and White Sox have for their spring, summer and fall display. The chance of the Yankee blend is still a guess. Magee, Maisel and Gilhooley, for example, have it in them to make one of the great outfields of baseball. They are the fastest trio playing. They should all bat around .300. They are all good hustlers. But they are three men thrown together in one spring; inhabitants last fall of three different leagues. Two of them are big league outfield debutantes.

The infield is sure to hold its own against all comers, as sure as anything can be seen in this quaint game of upsets and overturns. It has nothing to yield to either of its three man competitors.

The catching, with Nunamaker, Alexander and Walters, looks to be good enough, where a month ago it looked uncertain.

As for the pitchers. Here, once more, there are striking possibilities of power. Roy Caldwell is one of the game's greatest, an undoubted star, a worthy rival to Walter Johnson. Ray Fisher won eighteen games last season and lost but eleven, with a ball club that batted .233; a ball club without an attack and nothing of this season's inspiration. Bob Shawkey and Ray Keating are both first class men. They have the experience and the stuff. For lefthanders there are Cullop, Mogridge and Love, and not one of the trio is a flivver.

Here are seven men, not counting the youngsters, who should help break up almost any attack over the long route. Donovan's need is to get four from this lot who can go the route. Four regular pitchers should look after the bulk of the work. Four men should be good enough to pitch at least 125 of the 154 games. And from these seven named at least four should prove the winning power of their stuff.

They May Surprise.

So, while the Celestial Dope awards fourth place to the Yanks, the ingredients are there for brighter days. If the outfield has the punch it looks to have—if the pitching has the power it has shown under far greater handicaps, two "ifs" that are by no means stretched out of proportion, the Yanks have it in them to go out and give battle on even terms with the best there is and make a fight of it down the long, dry, dusty highway into September's stretch.

Donovan has the material, with Maisel, Gilhooley, Magee, Baker, Gedeon and Pipp, rushing in Paddy Baumann and Doc Cook for batting reserves, to develop a smashing offence—one only a shade back of the Tiger attack.

And if all this defensive and offensive power happens to swing together where the blend is quickly made, no one can say how the Yanks may finish.

It is a possibility that this blend will not develop the first year that crowds the Yanks back so low in the dope. For this is something beyond any guess, as it verges too far into the mental, the strategic and the psychological to be apprehended before the box scores begin their summer bloom.

YACHT CHARTERS CHANGING HANDS

Many a Pretty Craft Will Have a New Lessee This Summer.

Although the first yacht race of the season of 1916 is still eight weeks away the old timers agree that there has never been such activity among lovers of the sport as there is at present. The bad weather has caused much delay in the fitting out of the great fleet of sail and motor craft which will race and cruise this year.

There is every indication that the coming season will be an unusually busy one for the yachtsmen, especially for those who engage in the racing game, in the large as well as the small type of yacht. Reports from yacht brokers show that twice as many sales and charters as were consummated at a similar date on any previous year have already been closed. Many of the larger steam and power yachts have changed hands since the first of January.

The 200-foot oceangoing steam yacht Nirvana, designed by Tams, Lemoine & Crane for Daniel G. Reid, and subsequently purchased by the late Senator Aldrich, has been sold for the Aldrich estate to Rodman Wanamaker. The Nirvana, which is in command of Captain Iverson, has been cruising in West Indian waters this winter and has just returned to New York to be overhauled for her new owner.

John H. Hanan, of the New York and other yacht clubs, has chartered his 200-foot steam yacht Surf for the season, to a well known Eastern yachtsman who will use her for coastwise cruising. Captain Hanan has purchased from Mrs. Hugh D. Auchincloss, through Tams, Lemoine & Crane, her 125-foot twin screw motor houseboat Nirodha. The Nirodha is one of the largest of the shallow draft motor driven houseboats. She is in commission in Florida waters at present, but is soon to leave for New York.

Houston Wyeth, of the New York Yacht Club, has chartered his 100-foot twin-screw motor yacht Nemaha, for the season, to another member of the club, who will use her in Eastern waters this season.

Senator Hawkins has chartered for the season the 100-foot twin-screw motor yacht Itasca. The 100-foot twin-screw houseboat Conewago, now at Miami, has been chartered for J. D. Cameron to one of the flag officers of the New York Yacht Club.

Clinton H. Crane, of the N. Y. A. C., has bought the 50-foot express cruiser Elsie IV from St. George Barber. The yacht is now at Annapolis. Her name will be changed to Momo.

Dog Show Notes.

The officials of the Nassau County Kennel Club have decided to donate the proceeds of their coming show, to be held at Belmont Park, on Saturday, May 20, to the Blue Cross Society. This association is worthy of recognition, and the support of all lovers of dumb animals should be given; their field is world-wide. Their work at this time among the warring nations of Europe is attracting great attention. The purpose of this society is to care for sick and disabled horses in times of peace and war. A number of women well known in the social and philanthropic life of the metropolis have volunteered to act as patronesses at this event, and there is no doubt that a substantial sum will be realized to aid the society in its noble work.

The Long Island Kennel Club officials are endeavoring this year to make their coming show, to be held on May 30, the banner show of the club's existence, and the list of judges will, no doubt, please the most exacting dog fanciers. They hope to have a four-point show, and ask the aid of its supporters to make their coming show a success.

The next event of importance in the metropolitan district will be the all-breed open show of the Richmond County Kennel Club, at Grant City, Staten Island, on May 6. The officials have secured the services of a number of well known dog fanciers to adjudge the various breeds at this show. Over two hundred specials have been donated up to date, including a number of handsome trophies. This event should appeal to all Eastern exhibitors, owing to the fact that the show grounds are only thirty-five minutes from New York City. M. Mobray Palmer, Stamford, Conn., will judge Russian wolfhounds and Dalmatians.

Mrs. Harry Taylor, Hollis, L. I., French bulldogs; Mrs. M. Thorpe, Brooklyn, N. Y., Pedigree Pomeranians, English toy spaniels, Yorkshire terriers, Brussels Griffons, Italian greyhounds; Mrs. George W. Quintard, Bayside, L. I., foxterriers (smooth and wire); F. N. Anderson, Plainfield, N. J., Russian wolfhounds, Irish wolfhounds, Scottish deerhounds, greyhounds; Edgar W. Baker, Jr., New York City, Airedale terriers; Joseph Borkart, Long Island City, N. Y., Great Danes; James H. Draper, Philadelphia, Pa., whippets, collies, Shetland sheepdogs, Irish terriers, Welsh terriers, Skye terriers, Bedlington terriers, black and tan (Manchester) terriers; Edward F. Ford, Long Branch, N. J., toy poodles, Maltese terriers, toy black and tans, Chihuahuas; J. W. Gillis, Rochester, N. Y., Scottish terriers, West Highland white terriers; Hamilton Hadden, Hempstead, L. I., Scalyham terriers; A. G. Helm, New York City, bulldogs; John Keenan, Brooklyn, N. Y., St. Bernards; C. F. Nelson, Middletown, N. J., sporting spaniels; William Neuhoff, Harrington Park, N. J., Belgian sheepdogs, German sheepdogs; Harry W. Lacy, Boston, Mass., bloodhounds; Inglis, Newfoundlands, wire haired pointing griffons; Old English sheepdogs, Esquimaux, Alaskan poodles, Chow Chows, Samoyeds, Boxers, Finnishes, Dandie Dinmont terriers, schipperkes, Japanese spaniels, miscellaneous members, Long Island class, children's class, variety class, unclassified specials; George S. Mott, Babylon, L. I., pointers, English setters, Irish setters, Gordon setters; Raymond Belmont, New York City, foxhounds, beagles; George F. Parsons, Greenwich Heights, N. Y., Boston terriers; Alexander A. Stewart, Chicago, bulldogs; S. T. Stafford, Elmford, N. Y., Dalmatians.

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Wild Bill Donovan and Some of the New Blood Bought by Colonel and Captain.

LARGEST ENTRY EVER IN ANNUAL PENN. CARNIVAL

Many Relay Aspirants in Different Classes Assure Good Races.

Final classification of the colleges for the class races at the Pennsylvania relay carnival at Franklin Field on April 28 and 29 has just been announced. The classes have filled better than ever before.

Because of the engraving of the prizes and the lettering of the banners, it was necessary to have the entries in early. The championship entries are still unsettled, but the big colleges have been asked to let the management know their intentions by the end of this week. The review of the colleges given below shows that practically all of the institutions, both of the East and of the West, will be at the relay carnival this year.

Though the big colleges have not sent in their championship entries fully as yet, it is assured that all the championship relays will be better filled than usual. The one-mile race has the entries to date of Harvard, Chicago, Princeton, Dartmouth, Kansas, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania. These six named include the one-mile relay teams that have made a good showing this winter. Chicago, Princeton, Dartmouth, Harvard and Pennsylvania have all beaten 3:30 at the distance indoors.

The two-mile race has Michigan, Kansas, Princeton, Yale and Pennsylvania now entered and some other teams will probably be heard from by the end of this week. Cornell's team will run in the four-mile race, where it will again meet the Massachusetts Institute of Technology team, victor over the Ithacans at the indoor intercollegiates. The other championships have also filled, so that these events are expected to produce sensational races, as was the case last year.

There are always a number of colleges with first class athletes who are represented in the special events. This is especially the case with some of the Western colleges, though most of them will be represented by relay teams. Following will be found the list of college teams that have entered for the championships and their various class races:

1—Colleges entered in the championships or special events. (This list, given in bulk as the different entries for the championship, are not called for as yet):

Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Cornell, Dartmouth, Michigan, Chicago, Illinois, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Wisconsin, Notre Dame, Kansas, Indiana, Occidental College, Brigham Young University, Iowa State College and Georgetown.

CLASS RACES.

Class B championship—Columbia, Syracuse, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Hamilton College, Michigan Agricultural College, Holy Cross and Pennsylvania State College.

Class 1—Swarthmore, Fordham, Johns Hopkins, University of Pittsburgh, Coe College and Buffalo University.

Class 2—Dubuque College, Carnegie Institute of Technology, New York University, Haverford, Wesleyan, Hamilton College and Newberry College.

Class 3—Colgate, Lehigh, Lafayette, Bucknell, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Rutgers, Dickinson and George Washington University.

Class 4—Washington and Jefferson, Franklin and Marshall, Gettysburg, Muhlenberg College, St. John's College (Annapolis), Catholic University and Brooklyn College.

Class 5—College of Jersey City, New York Law School, Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, College of the City of New York, Drexel Institute, Temple College, New York College of Dental and Oral Surgery, Indiana Normal School and Virginia Military Institute.

Class 6—Mansfield Normal School, Delaware College, Maryland Agricultural College, Ursinus College, Villa Nova College, Lebanon Valley College, Juniata College, Rhode Island State College and Trenton School of Industrial Art.

Class 7—Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, Art and Textile School, School of Pedagogy, La Salle College.

Cuban Chess Champion Makes Clean Sweep

On his way West to the Pacific Coast José R. Capablanca, of Havana, stopped off at Salt Lake City and engaged thirty of the leading Utah players in simultaneous play. The Cuban champion made a clean sweep on all of the boards.

It was his plan to journey to San Francisco, going by way of Spokane, Seattle, Portland and Sacramento. After that he will visit Los Angeles and San Diego and may possibly travel through the South by way of Texas.

Hundred Yards in Nine and Three-Fifths Seconds

Austin, Tex., April 18.—Frame, of the University of Texas, ran the 100-yard dash in 9 3-5 seconds in a triple meet here to-day. Texas won the meet with 178 points.

Activities of Athletes At New York University

Although New York University has played only one game, indications are that Coach Raymond Kellog will make no changes in his first line-up unless some of the second string men show signs of improvement. Egan, at first, did well against Dartmouth, while Tetleman appears to be the best man on the squad for the keystone sack. The outfield without doubt will stay intact, for the present, at least. The Violet nine will meet St. John's, of Brooklyn, on Wednesday at Ohio Field.

Frank H. Cann, the athletic director, has set the ground attendant at work on the quarter-mile track. Crowther, Many, McDowell, Captain Lent and a number of other track men have already been out limbering up. Eddie Houghton, last year's two-miler, who has been ill this winter, also is at the track and gives promise of being better than ever this year. The jumping pits are still in bad condition, which fact has kept the men from doing anything in that line.

At a meeting held last week the representatives from the several houses at the heights decided on the schedule for the first round in the Interhouse baseball tournament. To-morrow Psi Upsilon will cross bats with the faculty in the opening game. The other contests in the first round will be as follows: Phi Gamma Delta vs. Phi Kappa Alpha, Zeta Psi vs. Kappa Sigma, Gould Hall vs. Delta Phi and Delta Upsilon vs. Delta Sigma Phi. The winners will draw for opponents in the semi-final round. The cup, which is now in the hands of Gould Hall, will be awarded to the winner of the tournament.

Work is progressing slowly on the tennis courts, but they will be ready for the team to practise on before it visits South Field to meet the Columbia aggregation in the opening match of the season. The candidates include Captain Peardon and Fixman, of last year's team, and Fischer, Carlucci and Coburn. Last year the tennis team completed its schedule without a single defeat.

In preparation for the cane sprees which are held between the sophomore and freshman classes on the Friday night preceding prep. school day the under classmen have been holding tryouts. The sophs will be represented by Knox, who won last year, in the lightweight event; Miller, Cann, Yanosik and Hammerschlag. The freshmen will probably have Prokop in the lightweight, Vanderbeck in the middleweight and Egan in the heavyweight sprees.

Final preparations are being made for sthe prep. school day meet at Ohio Field, which is to be held this Saturday. Manager Webb of the track team, who is in charge of the games, has extended the time for the closing of entries to Tuesday. The medals and team cup have arrived and are the best that have ever been offered by the university for a prep. school meet. The cup will be presented to the school team scoring the largest number of points. The games will start at 2 p. m., while in the morning the baseball team will play Stevens.

Thirty men were working out last week at the Chelsea Park field for the N. Y. U. School of Commerce baseball team. The first game will be played with Cooper Union on Tuesday. Manager James F. Neagle has arranged a schedule of four games, as follows:

Cooper Union, April 11, Williamsburg Bridge playground; Peekskill Military Academy, April 19, Peekskill; Cathedral College, May 1, Van Cortlandt Park, and Hamilton Institute, May 10, Hamilton Institute field.

On Trail of the Golfers

Put that driver back in the bag, throw those hob-nailed golfing boots in the closet and adjust your ear-laps! Who said spring? A lot of persons who believe everything they read in the newspapers went to sleep on Friday night dreaming of how they were going to get out on the improvised links on the Van Cortlandt Park parade ground yesterday morning and enjoy the balmy air of April.

All preparations had been made before retiring on Friday night. The wives about to become golf widows had received the usual tearful farewells, the old golf kit had been left in the hallway near the hatrack and the clubs had been polished with the aid of the last box of Spic and Span. Nestling in the bag pocket were half a dozen bright new balls; even the faithful alarm clock was primed for its work.

Then it snowed! A peep from under the blankets along about 6 o'clock was enough to convince the golfomaniac that the ground was hidden under the pestiferous white stuff.

Should there be two or three days more of yesterday's climatic hifalutins it is doubtful if the Van Cortlandt Park course will be thrown open much before the first of May. Some of the optimists had begun to believe that they would be going full tilt at their favorite sport about the middle of this month, but the greens and the fairways are so soft now, having just recovered from a long siege of winter snows, that they are liable to be set back considerably.

The sound of hammer and saw is heard daily now on the grounds of the recently organized North Hempstead Country Club, for a force of carpenters is remodelling the Colonial farmhouse that will serve the members as a clubhouse, and the big, rambling barn, built in 1832, will soon smile through its wrinkles and take on the appearance of youth once more.

When the carpenters and decorators get through the ancient building that once housed the lowing kine and the fragrant hay will be transformed into a most unique dancing hall and entertainment rendezvous.

The club held a meeting recently, and the following officers were elected: President, John H. Love, of Roslyn; vice-president, John C. Baker, of Great Neck; treasurer, F. H. Filley, of Plandome; secretary, Ernest M. Strong, and captain, Frank M. Belden.

The club is accessible both by the Long Island Railroad and the trolley of the North Shore Traction Company, lying as it does between Roslyn and Port Washington, on the easterly side of Flower Hill Road. The Plandome station of the north shore division of the railroad also is within a short distance of the grounds, thus making it easy to reach both from uptown New York, through the Pennsylvania Station, and from the downtown section of Manhattan and Brooklyn by train to Roslyn.

Swimming News and Notes

Seven entries have been received for the national 220-yard swimming championship, to be decided at the New York A. C. to-morrow. Experts, however, look upon the event as virtually a triangular fight for the title between Perry McGillivray, of the Illinois A. C. (Chicago), the present holder; Herbert Vollmer, of the New York A. C., the world's indoor recordist, and Duke Kahanamoku, of Honolulu, who has the world's open water championship to his credit.

The other entrants are Teddy Cann and Joseph Wheatley, of the New York A. C.; Harry Hebner, of the Illinois A. C., and Clement Browne, of the Hamilton Club, Chicago. On past performances Hebner is the only member of this quartet who figures in the contest, and he has not shown his best form this season.

Of the first mentioned three men Vollmer is the logical favorite on recent work. His record of 2 minutes 24 4-5 seconds, made in a 75-foot pool, is faster, when conditions are considered, than the 2 minutes 22 seconds marks set by McGillivray in a 60-foot bath last Thursday, in defeating Kahanamoku.

The margin is very small, however, and Kahanamoku, who is not a good wheeler, should do better in the longer New York A. C. tank than he did in Chicago. There is no telling where victory will alight.

No championship sanction will be granted for the marathon swim from the Battery to Sandy Hook and back, which the "L" Street Club of Boston proposes to hold in July. The reason given by the A. A. U. authorities is that the long distance title goes with the Mississippi River 10-mile race in St. Louis.

From the standpoint of ascertaining the question of supremacy, an ordinary sanction will serve just as well, provided the Boston club can secure the entries of the several claimants, as it expects.

The action of the governing body in again favoring St. Louis, however, is likely to cause dissatisfaction in two ways.

Exponents of aquatic endurance will feel once more that they are denied a championship to which they are entitled, for the Mississippi course is reduced by the current to an actual swim of barely three miles, and they do not consider it a long distance test at all. At the same time, Eastern candidates for the so-called ten-mile title must undertake a long trip to bid for it, and will undoubtedly maintain, as they have in the past, that it is unfair to ask them year after year to travel far from home for the purpose. It is their opinion that the race should go to the various districts, in rotation, as do all the others.

Helen Ruddy, a nine-year-old niece of the veteran Joseph A., captain of the New York A. C. water polo team, is swimming the trudgeon-crawl in excellent form and showing quite unusual speed for her size. Helen expects to enter the competitive field soon.

The national fancy diving title will also be competed for at the same meet. The leading entrants are Arthur McAleenan, jr., Albert Downes and Joseph Dunn, of the New York A. C.; Arthur Hartung, of the Illinois A. C., and William Heyn, of the Chicago A. A. McAleenan is the defender.

Miss Claire Galligan, of New Rochelle, national 500-yard swimming champion of her sex, has been invited to take part in the 100-yard A. A. U. title event in San Francisco on July 4, at the expense of the Arrow Swimming Club, which has received sanction for it. She will accept.

FRENCH HORSES TRYING HARD TO LEARN ENGLISH

Meanwhile, Trainers Must Talk French to Many Racers Now Here.

One of the aspects of the season's racing about New York that is expected to heighten the general interest of the public will be the appearance for the first time in every big race of horses bred in England or France. The animals had been hurried to this country because the war has put a stop to the racing activities of the owners abroad. In other seasons the appearance of an isolated starter with a foreign pedigree and reputation in any race has always been a potent attraction to racegoers, and, with the appearance of the French or English horses on the daily cards, every stake will become an international contest.

The fine weather of the week has enabled the trainers to begin moving their horses at fast gallops at Belmont Park, Gravesend and the Empire City tracks, and nearly two hundred foreign racehorses are in the strings being exercised. The two-year-olds predominate, the master tallying to 140, but thus far, while conceding that there are some good looking ones in the lot from abroad, the owners who have nothing but home breds to depend on have not become panicstricken at all.

No individual youngster or aged horse among the importations at work in the opinion of owners of homebreds and trainers, may be favorably compared to such three-year-olds as H. P. Whitney's Bromo or August Belmont's Friar Rock, or with the four-year-olds Regret and Trojan. Everything that heightens the public appreciation of racing is an augury of bright hopes to the owners, whether they have only homebreds in their strings or not, and thus far they regard the unprecedented international racing complications as a straw to show the season is to be of exceptional brilliancy as to the attendance of the public and the class of the racing.

Racers bred in France do not understand English, and this fact is causing the trainers, hostlers and stable lads a heap of trouble. A few of the trainers and many of the older jockeys have been employed from time to time in France and their services are in demand as interpreters at the tracks these mornings. The situation would be wholly farcical but for the owners fear that they will not have the highly valued imported horses properly groomed and ridden through the lack of understanding between the men and the French equines.

When an exercising boy wants a racer to stop he forgets his lessons and shouts "Whoa!" The French horse understands only "Garde" and breaks into a fast gallop unless the jockey is strong enough to check him by main strength, which is seldom the case, happens to recall the French word he needs.

"Get up!" shouts another boy, as he urges his mount from a walk into a canter, but the horse, who has his ears cocked to hear the order "Allons" maintains a snaillike rate of progress. Then the boy starts something, and the trainer has an uneasy moment until he restores peace between horse and rider.

"Swipes," as the hostlers are always dubbed about the racing stables, have even greater woes. The French horses, in their ignorance of good old racecourse slang, simply won't "get over there," or "come, back up, now!" or "quit your kicking, dang you!" but continue to baffle by a stupid misunderstanding the painstaking efforts of the stable hands to currycomb, brush down or to saddle and bridle their charges.

No sign language has so far been discovered to bring about a mutual good understanding between the human beings and the French horses. The owners and trainers are in a quandary, for slow training will have the horses backward in condition when the time comes to send them to the post. Meantime, every barn o' nights is an experimental school of languages.

There is no chance to break the deadlock by importing French hostlers and exercising lads, for the ones needed are fighting for their country. Either time must be taken to teach the horses American words or training must go forward in a halting manner until the "swipes" and the stable lads learn the French code words.

The owners of two-year-olds and older French or English bred horses in training at the three tracks include C. K. G. Billings, William R. Coe, James Butler, A. K. Macomber, H. P. Whitney, Irving Wheatcroft, Frederick Johnson, Grant Hugh Brown, Gifford A. Cochrane, Archibald Barklie and P. Wanamson, of the Mirasoll Stable.

There are forty imported two-year-olds entered, to treat only of one division of the international aspect of racing, in the Jamaica stakes, sixty-eight in the Belmont Park events, sixty-six at Empire City and seventy-five at Saratoga. Each race day this season is likely to recall the thrills of the international polo cup matches.

SWEENEY STARTS HOUSECLEANING WITH YALE MEN

New Athletic Adviser Begins Task with Cooperation as His Motto.

New Haven, Conn., April 8.—Michael F. Sweeney, Yale's new athletic adviser, has already begun the task of reorganizing Yale athletics. Mr. Sweeney has spent the week at Yale sizing up the situation and has come to the conclusion that the performance of the task will take a full year, the time he has allotted to it. After numerous conferences in New York and much other preliminary work, Mr. Sweeney is now on the ground getting first-hand information about prevailing conditions.

In speaking of the task before him, the new athletic adviser puts it this way: "If we wish quickly to win back our former standing and confidence in the eyes of the college athletic world our efforts must not be confined to athletics alone, nor to the management direct, but must come from every corner of university life.

"Yale has had some severe shocks within the last six or eight years, and it is only by the most intelligent, united effort that she can restore herself. The two main weaknesses which I see in Yale athletics are the lack of sound, mature organization and the attitude of the student body. Unless these weaknesses are considerably improved, Yale's troubles will continue indefinitely.

"At present Yale is about the only university in the East encouraging athletics that does not fully appreciate the direct value to athletics of the intelligent coöperation of the student body. From the standpoint of athletics, I know that a team loses at least 20 per cent through the loss of this coöperation. There has been considerable improvement in the attitude of the students during the last few months in this respect, but something more definite must be done to bring them together in an organized way, and concrete suggestions must be made to show how they may more fully realize their influence and responsibility."

The fruits of such coöperation were shown yesterday and to-day at Yale Field in a striking manner. Until this week there had been far too few candidates for the Yale track team. Captain W. M. Oler, jr., engineered a track smoker, which was held this week. Every student in the university was invited, and more than four hundred of them accepted and crowded the Palm Room in the Taft Hotel to capacity.

An appeal for more candidates and more coöperation on the part of the undergraduates in general was made. John Kilpatrick, a former Yale track captain, a member of two all-America football teams and a member of the new Yale football committee which has in charge the reorganization of Yale football under Sweeney's direction, spoke.

He laid great stress upon coöperation among the students. As a direct result of the track smoker held this week the Yale track squad doubled in numbers yesterday when the men reported at Yale Field for the first outdoor work of the season. Two hundred and thirty-five candidates appeared for the varsity and freshman teams. This breaks all records at Yale.

Coöperation among the different branches of Yale sport will be aided by a change in the office arrangements in the Yale ticket department. Formerly the captains of the various teams have had separate offices with their managers. Hereafter, if a plan now being considered works out, the captains of the various teams will all have an office together, thus throwing them into more direct contact.

DOWD, OF SYRACUSE U., BEST COLLEGE BOWLER

New Haven, April 8.—Dowd, of Syracuse, won individual honors in the intercollegiate bowling tournament at Yale late to-day over a field of thirty-two, representing Stevens, Yale, Lehigh, Cornell, Syracuse and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

The contest was decided by elimination, Dowd being matched against Strickland, of Yale, in the final contest. Dowd had a total of 191 pins to Strickland's 169.

TOO MUCH WATER ON SIDE FOR SYRACUSE

Syracuse, April 8.—Several weeks behind in its usual early season schedule, the Syracuse University navy has begun its outdoor practice on the barge canal near this city. Crew quarters at the John D. Archbold gymnasium have been deserted, and now all candidates for the varsity and freshman crews are taking their daily workouts on the water.

During the last week the work of the crews has been retarded to a certain extent by the exceptionally high water, which has changed the channel to a degree which makes navigation dangerous except to those who know the lines. James A. Ten Eyck has been forced to use only veteran oarsmen in the shells because the newcomers are too apt to take their crews on to submerged logs and other danger points in the course.

The landing float and docks have been raised considerably by the water, which is higher than at any time during the fourteen years of Coach Ten Eyck's association with Syracuse crews. A pontoon bridge has been built by the oarsmen, stretching from the road to the boathouse, some hundred feet away.

BROOKLYN Y. M. H. A. WINS TRACK GAMES

Athletes from Wrong End of the Bridge Take Majority of Points.

Members of the Brooklyn branch carried off the point honors in decisive fashion in the first district track and field meet of the Young Men's Hebrew Association, held at the 14th Regiment Armory, Brooklyn, last night. The victors gathered a total of 38½ and 2 points, respectively.

Keen competition was seen in every event, the only first place taken by the winning team coming in the sixty-yard dash for seniors, although it placed many of its runners in second and third places in the other contests on the programme.