

In All Fairness

By W. O. M'GEEHAN

THE ARRIVAL of the football season is decidedly refreshing after the late lamented baseball series, which has just perished miserably on a strictly 60 and 40 per cent basis.

The defeat of Harvard by Tufts, while it was entirely unexpected at Cambridge, is no indication that the Crimson team is deplorably weak this year.

Both Princeton and Yale have strong teams this year. At both universities they are quietly confident that they will take Harvard's measure, though the coaching staffs are very lugubrious.

Last year the Princeton eleven seemed to be keyed to battle strength a little too early. In the preliminary games the Black and Orange eleven seemed to be perfect, but in the games where it should have looked its best it was at its worst.

The Winter Boxing Prospects

THE winter boxing season is approaching in a coy and bashful fashion, perhaps because the bouts in sight are nothing much as indicated. The chances of a bout in which a title will be involved to any serious extent are slim.

There is no middleweight championship to be fought, because the alleged title holder, Al McCoy, of Brooklyn, is only called champion in a humorous sense.

In the lightweight division Freddie Welsh still has the strangle hold on the crown. There is half a chance that he may risk it in an encounter with Johnny Kilbane, the legitimate featherweight champion.

No wonder the coming boxing season approaches coyly and with a hesitating step. It has the same sheepish look and the same cauliflower ears that we saw last year.

Ban Johnson's Arraignment

BAN JOHNSON, president of the American League, let forth a wholesome blast against commercialism in baseball, basing his arraignment on conditions shown during the late lamented world's series.

If Mr. Johnson is sincere—and there is no reason to believe that he is not—he will follow his words with a few deeds, as some of the campaign orators so practically suggest.

Mr. Johnson's outburst gives some hope that there will be some readjustments in organized baseball next year. There are men in it who are temperamentally unfit to guide its destinies.

Are Still Discussing McGraw

SINCE John J. made what the players insist upon calling his celebrated "squawk" Pro Bono Publico and Vox Populi have been very busy with the pen and stationery.

That the game was a listless one must be admitted, when Grantland Rice, the fairest and most observing of the sporting writers, says so.

A lot of betting people suffered through the apathy of the Giants. One speculative person stood to win a small fortune if the Giants won third place.

So much for that side of it. McGraw either said too much or too little. If he is certain that any players were purposely apathetic and listless it is his duty to press home specific charges.

The Democrats and Baseball

THE RUMOR that Washington will lose its American League franchise persists. It seems that the present Administration does not patronize baseball very extensively and that Walter Johnson has been pitching to empty seats too many times during the current season.

The best year of the Washington team was the last of the Taft Administration. The predecessor of Wilson was a patron of the game and an enthusiastic fan.

One statesman of the present Administration declares that the lack of interest in the Washington ball team is rather to the credit of the present office holders.

The franchise which Washington will lose most probably will go to Toronto, Canada. The Canadian city has developed a tremendous interest in baseball, and the American League magnates, who are business men first, figure that the interest will develop to a greater extent if the Canadians see a chance of getting some big league baseball.

When a Feller Needs a Friend

By BRIGGS



Yale Bulldog Recovering Old-Time Ferocity That Bodes Ill for Foes

With Tad Jones at Helm Eleven Is Terribly in Earnest

By GRANLAND RICE

That ancient war song, "Here's to good old Yale, drink 'er down, drink 'er down," will come closer to a revival this fall than it has come since 1916.

These few lines are not meant to indicate any Blue war dance upon the prostrate forms of Princeton and Harvard.

It isn't that Yale has any wonderful material piled up. The change is more moral or spiritual or psychological than physical.

Now, with Tad Jones at the helm and Cupid Black leading the daily exhortation, Yale is terribly in earnest. She is headed somewhere, and the somewhere isn't down in the morass and the bogs.

ALL-LEAGUES LOSE TO JERSEY SKEETERS

Winding up their barnstorming trip, the All-Leagues, composed of members of the New York Giants, were defeated in eleven innings by the Jersey City Skeeters at Lenox Oval yesterday.

Schupp and Clinton engaged in a five-inning pitching duel in the second game, each team scoring one run.

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Six More Games for Yale Eleven

Oct. 20—Virginia Poly vs. Yale, at New Haven. Oct. 21—Washington and Jefferson vs. Yale, at New Haven.

Nov. 4—Colgate vs. Yale, at New Haven. Nov. 11—Brown vs. Yale, at New Haven. Nov. 18—Princeton vs. Yale, at Princeton. Nov. 23—Harvard vs. Yale, at New Haven.

Yale's season is over. She is headed somewhere, and the somewhere isn't down in the morass and the bogs.

Better Sign

Yale beat a good High team 12 to 0 Saturday, but in place of being content Captain Black, Tad Jones and most of the squad left the field scowling and muttering things because it wasn't a good deal more.

Yale's main assets this fall will be the earnestness and the field leadership of Captain Black. This already young citizen in Blue regalia is out to make a success of his regime or know the reason why.

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TY AND COLONIALS TIE THE RED SOX

New Haven, Oct. 15.—The champion Boston Americans and the semi-professional Colonials played a tie exhibition game here to-day, the contest being called at the end of the ninth inning, with the score 3 to 3.

The course was seven and a quarter miles. A handicap of seven and a quarter seconds was given to the one-design yacht, which started at 11:20 a. m.

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Most Prominent Weakness So Far Is in Kicking Department

Rush has a wonder in Briggs and a drop kicking star in Tibbitt. But given the needed improvement in this part of her play, an improvement that should come with Le Gore at his best, and the Yale team of 1916 will be the best eleven Yale has sent to the field since the days of the old Yale.

Yale's Chance

Yale must still go quite a distance to beat the eleven that John Harlan Rush will send to the field on November 18. For Rush is one of the best football instructors in the country and the experience he picked up last fall will add more to a trifle to his 1916 worth.

Harvard, too, will be another eleven by the time Percy Haughton has put in a few weeks on the job. But despite these two powerful barriers, Yale can look forward now to the best season she has known since Walter Camp stepped down and out.

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MALLORY YACHT WINS AGAIN ON SOUND

Greenwich, Conn., Oct. 15.—In a good, stiff breeze from the southwest to-day the Rant, owned by Commodore Clifford B. Mallory, was the first to cross the finish line in the second race between the arrow class and one-design yachts for the cup offered by a member of the club in the October series.

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ATHLETES FROM U. S. WIN MEET AT STOCKHOLM

Loomis and Meredith Stars in Contests Against Scandinavians

Stockholm, Oct. 14 (via London, Oct. 15).—American athletes carried off the lion's share of the honors on the opening day of the track events at the stadium here. Competing against athletes of the Scandinavian countries, the Americans to-day captured three races—the 100 and 400 metres runs and the 800-metres relay race.

In the 400-metres run Ted Meredith, the former quarter-mile American national champion, defeated J. Bolin, the holder of the 800-metre Swedish record, the winner's time being 49.7 seconds.

Americans took first, second and third places in the 100-metres event, the winner being Jo Loomis, of Chicago. The high jump was won by the Swede, Kullerstrand, Loomis being second and Fred Murray, of Chicago, third.

The national executive committee of the Swedish athletic associations gave a dinner this evening in honor of the visitors.

The summaries follow: 100-metres run (109 yards 13 inches)—Won by Jo Loomis, of Chicago; second, Andy E. Ward, of Chicago; third, Bob Simpson. Time, 109.10 seconds.

400-metres run (437 yards 16 inches)—Won by Ted Meredith, of Philadelphia; second, J. Bolin, of Sweden. Time, 49.7 seconds.

800-metres relay race—American team, composed of Jo Loomis, Fred Murray, Bob Simpson and Andy Ward, defeated the Scandinavian team. Time, 1 minute 20.2 seconds.

High jump—Won by Kullerstrand, of Sweden, with a jump of 183 centimetres (6 feet); second, Jo Loomis, 180 centimetres; third, Fred Murray, 178 centimetres.

FASHION HALTS BEFORE FLOCK OF RUNNING SUITS

Athletes Battle for Prizes as Fifth Avenue Promenaders Look On

Promenaders along Fifth Avenue received warning yesterday afternoon that the winter season was approaching when a field of forty-five runners dashed along the fashionable thoroughfare.

As a rule, the competitors kept close to the curb, but in several instances some of them had to do a running, hop, step and jump to avoid being struck by the automobiles and carriages.

With the start at Twenty-seventh Street and Ninth Avenue, the pack ran east to Fifth Avenue and up as far as Fifty-seventh Street, where the trail continued west. Turning down Eighth Avenue, it then was a straight run for home.

Eddie Mayo, of the Brooklyn Athletic Association, led the contestants home by more than one-quarter of a mile advantage, a check that stands in record of twenty-four minutes.

When the pack was released there were many aspirants for the lead. They soon slackened down to their regular speed, however, and the more seasoned runners took command.

When the time came, going east on Avenue A, Frerich was unable to answer the challenge of Mayo. With a few bounds the Brooklyn runner had leaped away to a five-yard lead, and after a few more minutes of racing lost sight of his rival.

Team honors were captured by the Ninety-second Street Young Men's Hebrew Association track team, who finished second, 1 minute and 30 seconds behind Mayo, found that he could not match his speed with the victor.

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Winter League Gets Ready for Trouble

Planning to Put Up Stiff Fight Against Football and Kindred Sports

SQUIRE EBBETS FACES PAINFUL TASK TO-DAY

Must Return \$50,000 to Purchasers of World Series Tickets

When, last winter, peace was effected between organized baseball and the Federal League it was believed that this professional sport would have an opportunity to emulate the shrinking violet during the off season.

But now it appears the winter league will put up a stiffer fight against football and kindred sports than the Robins showed against the Red Sox.

Charles H. Ebbets, the general manager of Flatbush, is not the only major league likely to command some sporting space between now and the annual meetings in this city next December.

Brooklyn, the office force of the Robins will begin the painful task of returning checks, money orders and cash sent in with a check for world series reserves that for one reason or another were never honored.

"You will kindly inform the public, I hope, that presentation of the unused third tickets will meet with prompt payment of face value. Patrons may apply in person at our office or mail the tickets in to us. In any event our obligations will be most promptly met."

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owner at the time of the world series during a chat with the writer estimated the value of the Robins at between \$1,000,000 and \$1,250,000.

"I am sure Ebbets would jump at a million and a quarter," said Mr. Ebbets. "He would be foolish not to. The property includes 200,000 square feet of real estate that locality is a generous estimate for real estate. That would be \$400,000. The stands and improvements represent an outlay of \$400,000, as near as I can figure. That brings the total to \$800,000."

"Now the question resolves itself into one of value of the franchise. Colonel Ruppert and Captain Huston own \$400,000 for the more than 100-year-old franchise. Certainly Brooklyn's franchise is worth no more. I doubt if it is worth much. But in any event you can readily see that \$1,250,000 would be a good price for the club free of all encumbrances."

There is more in the wind for the coal stove season than the possible sale of the Robins. On the last day of the season it has been learned that no less than three clubs in each of the two major leagues are on the market.

Common sense associates the names of both Boston clubs with possible change of ownership. The world's champion Boston American League club might have been bought at any time within the last year. Joseph J. Linnin, it is said, is anxious to devote his entire attention to his business interests in New York. He is satisfied to retire with the same and funds that accrued from successive world pennants.

The Boston syndicate which controlled the Braves is said to be sick of its bargain. The patronage of Stalling's did not come heavily this season because of inclement weather. Those on the inside of the deal profess to know that it is possible for this syndicate, with out great financial sacrifice, to turn the club over to the Boston Braves.

St. Louis, of the National League, is the third club of the Tender circuit that can be had for a reasonable price. The Brittoners are the more desirable with the Cardinals than they were a year ago, it is said. They are willing to shade the price greatly since that time. This club did no better than the Cincinnati for last season. The ownership is unpopular in the Mound City because of its alleged miserly policies.

Through the last season the management was charged with relinquishing its control by the sale of stars without consideration for the sale of new talent. In the American League changes of administration are expected in Washington and Philadelphia, as well as in Boston. Conditions in Washington have reached such a pass that a transfer to some other city is seriously considered. Toronto is regarded as a possible base for the future, though the Canadian city may not be favored until the close of the season.

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