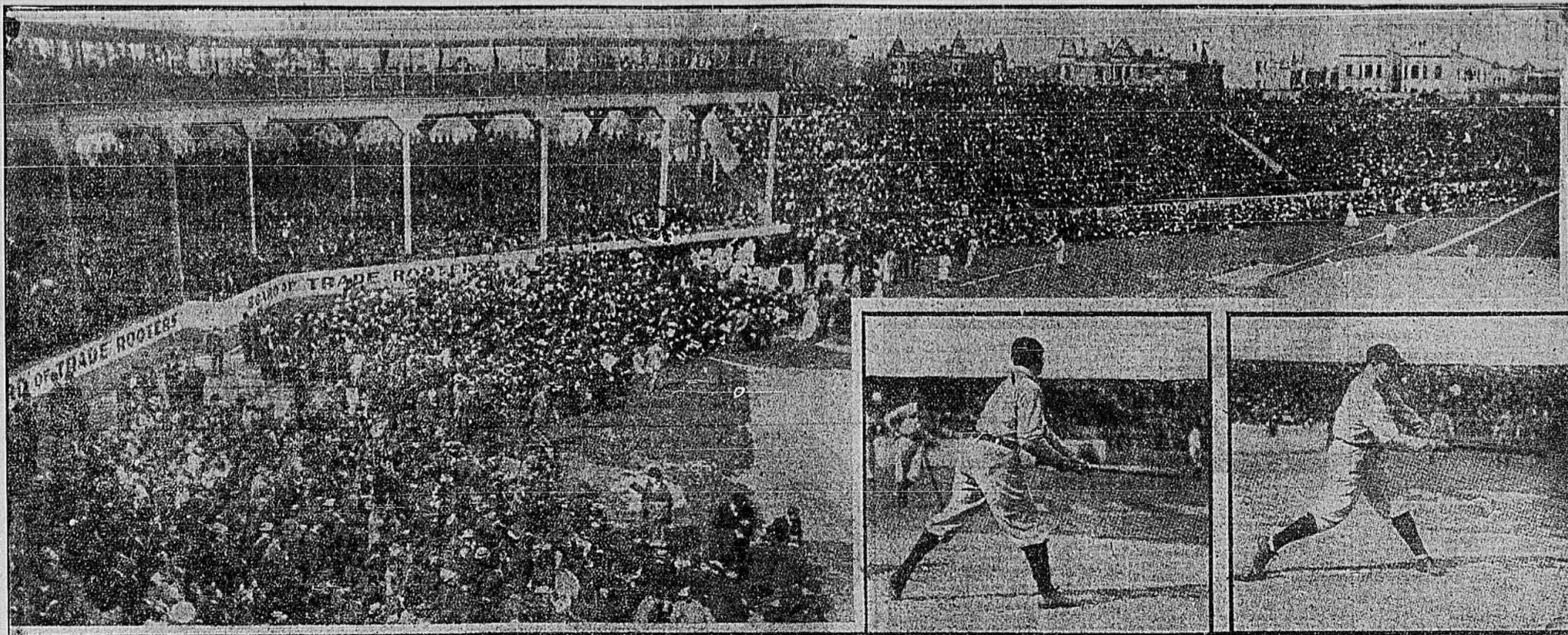


HOW BASEBALL, THE MOST POPULAR OF ALL OUTDOOR SPORTS, DRAWS IN THE MAJOR LEAGUE CITIES



The above is a picture of but one-half of the record crowd which witnessed the last series in Chicago between the Cubs and the Giants. The individual pictures are Sheekard, left-field, and Captain Chance, both of Chicago.

PITCHERS ARE NOT ALL IN WINNING PENNANTS

The Team That Has the Heady Backstop is the One That Generally Comes Out on Top--Brainy Catchers Essential to Would-Be Champions

Crack pitchers are all right—a baseball team has to have them to win a pennant. Nevertheless teams that have won pennants and have not had capable, brainy catchers are as scarce as hen's teeth.

The catcher stands there behind the bat lining after inning and game after game, taking a pounding and filling a most spectacular role than any other member of the nine. His work is not as showy. Superficially viewed, he is more of a dray horse than any of his fellows, but in reality he is a great power in the team's success, though often he doesn't come in for as much credit as the players who work more in the open, so to speak.

In the old National League days of '70 the Chicago won the pennant and they had for chief catcher Jim White, a backstop who used his head. Law Ewing, who caught for the champion Boston of 1877, was another thinking catcher, as was Charley Snyder, who caught for the Boston when they won the pennant in 1878.

Here is a list of the pennant winners from that day down to the present, together with the principal catchers, and there isn't a backstop in the list who did not use his head as well as his hands.

- 1879, Providence, Lew Brown; 1880 and 1881, Chicago, Silver Flint; 1883, Boston, Myrtle Hackett and Mike Hines; 1884, Providence, Gilligan and Nava; 1885 and 1886, Chicago, Flint; 1886, Chicago, Mike Kelly; 1887, Detroit, Bennett and Ganzel; 1888 and 1889, New York, "Buck" Ewing; 1890, Brooklyn, Charley Combs; 1891, Jim McGuire; 1892 and 1893, Boston, Bennett, Ganzel and Kelley; 1894, 1895 and 1896, Baltimore, Robinson; 1897 and 1898, Boston, Martin Bergen; 1899 and 1900, Brooklyn, Charley Combs; 1901, Jim McGuire; 1902 and 1903, Pittsburgh, Zimmer; 1904 and 1905, New York, Bresnahan; 1906, Chicago, Kling.

Great catchers were Bennett, Ewing, Combs, Kelly, Gilligan, Hackett, Martin Bergen, Robinson and Farrell. And great present day catchers are Roger Bresnahan and Jony Kling, both identified strongly with pennant winners and pronounced factors in the success of the New York and Chicago teams.

Mike Kelly caught for the Boston Brotherhood team, which team won the pennant of that organization in 1890, the only year of its existence. As propos of Flint, there is in one of the old guides the interesting statement that in a period of thirteen years he caught 335 games of the 1,325 that his team played. Jim McGuire must have a still more extended record of service.

"Doc" Bushong was with the St. Louis American Association team when it won the pennant under Combs in 1885, and Charley Snyder, with Cincinnati, when they won the American Association flag in 1882. Not all the great catchers have been confined to championship teams, but a material share of the success of the various pennant winners was due to the presence behind the bat of such masters as Bennett, Ewing, Daly, Bushong, Kling, Bresnahan, Snyder, Kelly, Gilligan, Farrell, Robinson and other experts with whom the mere physical duties of their position was a matter of secondary import. They were generals, thinkers, planners and originators.

Sullivan's Great Record. American League success, too, have been made by teams that possessed this same shrewd, capable type of backstops. A star in every department is Billy Sullivan, of the world's champion White Sox. Chicago won the American League pennant in 1905, 1906 and 1908, Sullivan being with them in all of those years.

The catchers of the Athletics, who won the American League pennant in 1902 and 1905, are Schreck and Powers,

the latter being a good general. The peerless Lou Criger was Boston's mainstay behind the plate when that club won the American League pennant in 1903 and 1904. The world's championship teams since the American-National series began have been Boston, of the American League; New York, of the National League; and Chicago, of the American League. Sullivan, Bresnahan and Criger are the respective catchers for those teams, and the value of each in helping to win the highest honors in baseball is a matter of record.

HAS BOB GANLEY REPLACED KEELER

It now looks as if Bob Ganley, the captain of the Washington team, had ousted Wille Keeler from the honor of being the best bunter in the American League. For many seasons the diminutive New Yorker has been alone in his class, but years ago he had the effect upon the veteran, and he no longer shows the speed that once made him famous. He is still a fairly fast man, but he does not beat out his bunts with the regularity that he did a few seasons ago.

On the other hand, Ganley is a faster man than Keeler, and seems to be just as capable in outguessing the opposing pitchers and infielders as ever was Keeler. In recent games he has had the Washington fans fairly going wild with enthusiasm with his work. One time he will lay the bat down along the first-base line and beat it out; again he will bunt it along the third-base line, and the opposing third-sacker will never have a chance to nail him at first. Then, with the opposing fielders playing for a bunt, he will hit the ball, and crowd it down the field for a base or two, his speed enabling him to grab two cushions on the bag, and would merely be singles for other batters.

All in all he looks to be about as valuable a player as has come into the American League in a season or two. Just why Pittsburgh ever let him go is not known, but it is said in the Smoky City that the older players on the team took a dislike to him and crowded him off. At any rate, the Pittsburgh rooters are still knocking because he was allowed to go.

His case seems to be similar to that of Harry Bay, Cincinnati had no use for Harry Bay, and tried to farm him out to Indianapolis. Harry, however, refused to be farmed, and came to Cleveland, where for four years he was one of the greatest stars of the league. An accident impaired his ability this spring, but he is still far better than many of the men who have been in the Cincinnati outfield since that time.

Fitz To Fight Johnson. PHILADELPHIA, July 6.—It has developed that there is one white heavyweight in America who is not afraid to meet Jack Johnson, the herculean negro, whose title he has won. Squires out of Australia, pursued him to San Francisco and then was unable to get an interview with him. Robert Fitzsimmons, the Nebuchadnezzar of the prize ring, has consented to meet the gifted Mr. Johnson in the ropes square on July 10th, at Philadelphia, in a six-round bout. It seems that Fitz is too old a man to exchange thumps with so robust a person as Johnson, but the chances are good that old "Freckles" will land a few blows before the end of the last round.

The bout also should prove rather conclusively whether Johnson is lacking in gameness, as has been charged. If the black fellow takes the thumps that the old chap can and will hand to him and then comes back and wins the battle, it will be unnecessary to say "quitter" at Johnson in the future. Fitz has lost much of his speed, but there is no question that he has the same old mule's kick of a blow that has laid so many champions low in the past.

JOHNNY KLING WILL WEAR SHIN-GUARDS

Great Chicago Catcher Is Latest Convert to Bresnahan's Innovation.

CHICAGO, July 6.—When Roger Bresnahan, the New York Giants' catcher, resorted to wearing shin-guards, he was unmercifully "kidded" and guyed by players and spectators, and yet no less a personage than John Kling, of the Chicago club, purposes to wear the shin-guards in future. Kling recently said: "As soon as I can muster up nerve enough, I intend to wear those shin-guards. I believe they are a good thing, and eventually every catcher in the country will use them just as they use the mask and chest-protector. The roasting the rooters gave Bresnahan during the New York series here has taken away my nerve, and I cannot believe I have enough courage to wear them at home. I guess I will try them away from home first, and then it won't be so bad."

"It isn't often a catcher gets hit on the shins nowadays, but when he does it hurts," said Mike Kahoe, Newdays here are more or less fabled nowadays than there were two or three years ago, and one's shins are likely to get hit any minute. Also they are a good protection when a man is sliding into the plate, although I have never been injured, to speak of, in this manner.

"One baseball man told me that he thought the guards were not needed, and pointed to the fact that for years catchers had gone without them, and few of them have been injured. That is true. It was not many years ago that we used to catch without chest-protectors, and a good many years ago the mask was unknown. Nowadays they tell me Sheridan, umpire in the American League, never wears a chest-protector. That may be true, and he may never get injured, but on the other hand, one of those foul tips is likely to get him any day."

International Horse Show Plans. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 6.—James Trevelyan Hyde, assistant secretary of the National Horse Show Association, returned from the International Show in London, is enthusiastic over the success of the first show, and declares that the judging was singularly impartial. Mr. Hyde said that Lord Londale, the chairman of the International Show, at which would be decided the rendezvous for next year's show. Paris is believed to be the city for 1909.

WESTERN CREWS MAY ENTER RACES

Washington University is Latest Aspirant—More Talk on West Point's Chances.

In addition to the Navy and probably West Point next year, Washington University may send a crew to Poughkeepsie, and then there will be a big time. Also, Princeton will be asking for admission in a couple of years. Coach Titus, of Princeton, where rowing has just been established, was at Poughkeepsie for several days looking over the conditions there, and he said he thought the Tigers would have crews in two years, and would likely want to come to Poughkeepsie. Next year Princeton will devote her time to class racing in order to build up a rowing spirit.

Washington University, whose eight defeated Leland Stanford and California in the first eight-oared collegiate affair in that part of the country, has written a letter in which the hope is expressed that Washington will be invited to the Poughkeepsie races next year, and a member of the board of stewards of the regatta this season said this would likely be done if Washington again conquered in that section, and expressed a willingness to come to Poughkeepsie.

Capt. Palmer E. Pierce, of West Point, was an interested visitor at the Poughkeepsie races, and several days previous to that occasion he came up from the Point to make inquiries concerning the cost and time consumed in rowing practice. Captain Pierce was surprised when informed by Coach Courtney that a crew could get all the work it needed in an hour, and as he said the Army School would take it up if they had the time for practice, it is inferred from his remark they will be able to do so.

WHO MADE FIRST PERFECT TRIPLE

John Darmody, of Cincinnati, Claims the Honor of This Distinction.

MARION, O., July 6.—John Darmody, society man, and one of the city's wealthy retired merchants, though still in his fifties and prime of life, not only claims to have made the first triple play unassisted in the history of baseball, but emphasized it by declaring he to be the first and only clean one so far, despite the stories that Hines made the initial triple play. In his day Darmody was one of the crack players of this section. Had it not been for the pleas of his aged mother, the season of 1873—the same year he made his famous triple play—would have found him with the St. Louis Browns. While a student at Notre Dame, Darmody held down second base, and also played as backstop for the college team. It was here that his playing attracted attention, and he signed with the Browns. He had his trunk packed and was ready to go, when his mother pleaded with him, and he remained in Marion, later to wed a banker's daughter and grow rich.

Would Have Made Good. "I believe I would have made good," said Darmody. "Still, I may have gone to the bow-wows and the poor-houses."

"I know positively that I am the man who made the first triple put-out unassisted," continued Darmody, when asked to tell about it. "It was in the spring of 1873. Baseball was something new around in this part of the country then, but I had been playing with the college team, and we organized the Stars, and the first season we won thirty-two out of thirty-five games. We played Delaware the day I made the now famous triple, and it's laughable when I think of it now, because it was done so quickly the people did not know what had happened, and hooted and yelled at me to throw the ball home when a man was running from third."

Crowd Didn't Know. "But I just walked slowly in from second, where I had been playing, held the ball till I got to the pitcher's box, then I threw it to 'Red' Dickerson (now Postmaster Dickerson), and 'Dickey' was wise to it all. When it devolved on the crowd what had occurred they nearly tore me to pieces in their crazy enthusiasm. The town was John's."

"This is how the play was made: It was the first 'half' of the second and the bases were full. I was playing second base, and was about ten feet off to the left of my station. The man at bat sent me a hot liner that I had to reach up for. When the pitcher swung to deliver the ball the men on bases were off. I got the ball in a flash, and leaping to second base, planted my feet thereon. My first thought then was to throw the ball to first, but on second thought I concluded I was a good sprinter, so I ran down the bases, and the crowd was roaring, and the three were out, though it was a good while before the crowd tumbled to it."

NEW AUTOMOBILE LAWS. Massachusetts Governor Has Signed the New Registration Bill. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., July 6.—Governor Gulliver, of Massachusetts, has signed the new automobile registration bill. The bill does not mention the much-discussed sliding scale registration system, but provides for a flat annual registration fee of \$5 for automobiles and \$2 for motorcycles. The fact that the new law becomes effective on August 1st will mean that 15,000 or more automobile owners in the Bay State will be obliged to have their cars registered and will be compelled to pay \$5 for the process, no matter if they have just paid \$2 under the former law. Moreover, the first of next January they will have to pay another \$5, as the law provides for an annual registration on the 1st of January of each year.

NAPS HAVE CORNERED ALL YOUNG SLABMEN

Cleveland Seems to Have the Pick of the Youngsters. Liebhardt's Record.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, July 6.—Cleveland has the pick of all the young pitchers for 1907. Size 'em up. See who's who. Count the games won and lost by the youngsters in the league. Then doff your bonnet to the sagacity of Scout Tommaso O'Brien, the judgment of Napoleon Lajoie, and the bar of C. Somers. The pitchers who were not in the league last year, and who have done enough work to give them a rating in the official averages for pitchers, are: Thielman and Liebhardt, Cleveland; Keefe and Brockert, New York; Prutzel and Oberlin, Boston; Graham, Washington; Morgan, St. Louis; Willet, Detroit, and Vickers, Philadelphia. Of this number, only two—Liebhardt and Thielman, who were nearest more than half of their games. Thielman has won five out of seven; Liebhardt has won eleven out of sixteen.

The youngster who comes nearest this record is Keefe, of New York, who has just split even—won three and lost three. Liebhardt is higher than the team's percentage. A pitcher is considered successful if his percentage of wins is as high as his team's.

Want Big Cup Race. Bill Introduced at Trenton to Fave Way for Auto Contest. TRENTON, July 6.—Some probability that the great Vanderbilt cup race may be run over the smooth, hard roads of this State occurred yesterday, when some of the leading automobile enthusiasts of this and other States met in session. Wilbur F. Sadler, Jr., of this city, one of the foremost promoters, saw Governor Stokes and his staff in session, and he was aided by other leaders of the sport of racing and touring.

When Assemblyman Perkins's bill came up there was a sharp debate, some of the opponents of the measure declaring that the proposed race would be a menace to the people, and that it would injure the roads, but Perkins stoutly defended the bill, declaring that it was the consent of the people that he was indemnified against loss, that the race would bring thousands of people and many thousands of dollars into the State, and that it would not cost the State a penny.

The bill was passed by a narrow margin, and when it came to the Senate it is said to have an even chance of passage. Governor Stokes is also said to look with favor upon the measure.

ENGLISH AGAIN KNOCKING. This Time It Is the American Jockey's Style Which is Objected to. LONDON, July 6.—Richard Marsh, King Edward's trainer, says the adoption of the American seat for riding has ruined the English jockeys. Agitation is in progress here to get the Jockey Club to abolish the starting gate altogether, mainly because jockeys now riding are unable to control their horses behind the barrier.

This is largely ascribed to the American monkey seat, which gives a jockey a little chance to master his mount. Marsh says numbers of young horses are being spoiled through the inability of the boys riding monkey fashion to hold them together. He contends that the Sloan style had a disastrous effect here, and that the old-fashioned way of riding, with long stirrup leathers by such great horsemen as Fred Archer and George Fordham, is the right one. Sam Darling, another trainer of great experience, also condemns the American seat.

With the exception of Danny Maher, there is now no American jockey who has any reputation in this country. "Hotspur" of the Daily Telegraph, a leading English sporting writer, says: "Reaction against Americans has set in with a vengeance, and by degrees the American jockey has almost disappeared from this country. The younger boys are still strenuous imitators of Sloan, but their efforts are mostly ludicrous, though the Jockey Club has not yet effectually grappled with the problem abundantly clear, though it is alive to the gravity of the situation."

DISCIPLINE THE SECRET OF COURTNEY'S SUCCESS

Iron Rules of Cornell's Famous Rowing Crack Are Greatly Responsible for Ithaca's Numerous Victories at Poughkeepsie.

Cornell and Courtney are synonymous in rowing, for the very good reason that he has been turning out record-breaking crews at Ithaca for the last twenty years. As a coach he has an international reputation, but he belongs to Cornell and Lake Cayuga. No offers to change his colors have ever been seriously considered.

Even the West Pointers sent to Cornell to drill freshmen in military tactics are not such sticklers for discipline as is Courtney with the crew men. Absolute obedience, unbroken training, and no back talk are rules with him. He does not hesitate to send a crew candidate ashore for a single violation, even though it costs the services of his strongest oarsman.

Yet Cornellians regard him so highly that they have built a handsome residence for him on Eddy Street, near the campus, and one never hears a word of criticism of his czar-like rule. There is much of the Courtney personality in a story he told the other day about a favorite coxswain who died in his junior year. Here it is:

"How do I select my coxswains? I can't tell you that; it's one of my secrets. But I will tell you of Nat Sherman, as fine a coxswain as ever was. "We were rowing Pennay in July, and for some reason the place selected was Lake Minnetonka, way down near Minneapolis. "Well, the crews got away at last, with any number of steam yachts in their wake and the usual pandemonium of whistles and cheers. For two miles it was as pretty a race as any one could care to see, nip and tuck, with Pennay about two feet the best of us. Then a strange thing happened, and this is how little Sherman won the race."

"You see it had been growing dark all the time, and when the crews were about half over the course it was almost like night. The steamers were forging ahead full speed, to keep up with the crews, and high columns of fire shot up from their funnels every row and then. With the screeching of whistles, the darkness, and all it was enough to scare any one. "Up now the finish the excursion boats stopped putting in for shelter when they heard the whistles and huddled as in a panic in the centre of the course."

"Nat saw that tangle of boats dead ahead and realized that everything depended on his being able to clear them. He never lost his nerve for a second. He veered to the right and circled around the big clump, and then steered in and out among the others—Heaven only knows how—and brought the boys in at the finish, safe and sound, three good lengths ahead of Pennay! "Golly, I was proud of the lad! "He was as pure and clean as any girl, and it would have touched any one to see how fond my boys became of him and how gentle they were with him. He was such a little chap, you see, and most of them were strapping big fellows."

NATIONAL GOLF DRAWINGS. Pairings of Prominent Contestants in July Tourney in Cleveland. NEW YORK, July 6.—The drawing of pairs for the qualifying round of the national amateur golf championship tournament, which will begin next Tuesday and last throughout the week at the links of the Euclid Club, Cleveland, was announced yesterday by Secretary F. W. Jones, of the United States Golf Association. Among the most prominent players mentioned in pairings are: Eben M. Byers, of Pittsburg, the title holder, vs. F. L. Griffith, Arlington, Mass.; H. Chandler Egan, Exmoor Country Club, Chicago (who won the title twice), vs. Jerome D. Travers, of Montclair, N. J. (the metropolitan and New Jersey champion); Walter J. Travis, of Garden City (also a former double winner and British champion), vs. R. L. James, of Pittsburg; Charles B. Macdonald, Garden City (who while a member of a Chicago club won the first national championship), vs. Richard Garlick, Mahoning, O.; and George S. Lyon, of Canada (the runner-up last year), vs. G. W. Butts, of Altoona, Pa.

On Tuesday and Wednesday each pair will take part in 18-hole medal play rounds, the leading 32 to continue at match play rounds of 18 holes on Thursday and Friday. The two survivors will meet in the 36-hole final round on Saturday.

COLLEGE PLAYERS SHOW GREAT FORM

From reports of the games played by the big Eastern college lines this year, there seems to be some excellent material on the teams.

Yale is said to have the classiest catcher that has appeared on any Eastern college nine in years. In Jones, he is rated as the fastest in the Eastern ranks. A few years ago Lafayette had a crackerjack in Tom Irwin. Jim Cooney, of Princeton, could be rated as second best. DeShon, of Cornell; Hyniger, of Princeton; Pitt, of Brown; and Dreyer, of Princeton, are looked upon as the best slabmen. Tift and Dreyer are southpaws.

There are no stars among the first-basemen. Carney, of Holy Cross, is regarded by some who have seen the big teams work to be the best fielder, although he is weak with the stick. McLean, of Princeton, is second. Yale nor Harvard either was strong at first base. Yale, second, Vaughn, of Princeton, and Dreyer, of Princeton, are looked upon as the best shortstop of the year, with Beach, of Amherst, and Kenney, of Yale, following.

Kenney is better at third, however. Leonard, of Harvard, is the best third-baseman in the college ranks. He is a left-handed hitter, and is very fast. The best outfielders are Harlan, of Princeton; Newcomb, Princeton; Webb, University of Pennsylvania; Cahill, Holy Cross, and Madden, Yale.

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