

The "Daily Bonanza's" Page of Sporting Events

NEW RULE MAY WORK HARDSHIP

SOPHS AND JUNIORS ONLY ARE ELIGIBLE OWING TO FOUR-YEAR RULE.

CHICAGO, Sept. 21.—The football rooters of the west are looking forward with some misgivings to the approach of the gridiron season, for this fall the reform legislation of the western conference will hit the majority of the former "big nine" teams full force, and the coaches find the supply of available men for the teams out down just about one-half. For the first time in western football history only sophomores and juniors will be eligible for places on the teams, owing to the four-year rule, which the conference has enforced this year, and this leaves many good players, now seniors, on the side lines. The under-graduates became fairly accustomed to the lack of freshmen in the games last season, but they put off the evil day wherein they must realize the deprivation of the seniors, and now that it is upon them they grieve sorely.

Notwithstanding the handicap, the coaches of the various teams are mentally arranging their forces and they hope for the best. Coach Alonzo H. Stagg of the University of Chicago says that he has little idea how his team will shape up, but with a few first class men remaining as a nucleus the others may be worked up into form more easily. He has two veteran halves in Captain De Tray and Harold Iddings, and there are a number of prospective backs of good ability, chief of whom is Taylor, who has speed enough to play at end with advantage. The quarterback position left vacant by Walter Bekersall will probably fall to the lot of Walter Steffen.

The Maroon team will have a large number of new plays to master this season, for after the game with Minnesota last fall, Coach Stagg still had several left over which he had not brought into use, and for the past month he has been darning out more maneuvers calculated to worry an opposing team. He is confident of formulating a plan of offense and defense before practice begins on September 23, that will insure a string of victories for Chicago. Captain De Tray is as confident of the success of these new plays, but both he and his men will find the task of mastering the details of each far from easy. Signals for 100 or more different plays must be well studied, lest they be confused and bring woe instead of triumph to an eleven.

However uncertain the outlook is at Chicago, the football men of the University of Wisconsin feel confident of a victorious season. The Badger team will again be coached by Dr. C. P. Hutchins, who returned recently from the east, and he will have as an assistant a man who is as yet unknown to the under-graduates, but who is said to be a well-known football star. All but four of last year's team will return to college, and all will be available this fall if two or three of them work off their study conditions successfully. The official training, as allowed by the conference rules, will begin on September 20, but several of the men who have been attending the summer school have been training on their own hook and will be in good trim when they get out to fall on the field. The first game of the Badgers' season will be played on October 26 with the University of Illinois.

Illinois, by the way, will very likely produce a speedy team this year. The alumni has decided to get to work and help in the coaching line this year in order to try and get out a team better than the rather mediocre eleven which has represented the Blue and Orange during the past two seasons. Artie Hall, a former captain of the team and one of the four coaches who turned out the strong team in 1904, will be the head coach, and his permanent assistant will be Jus Lindgren. Also Hall expects many of the alumni to descend upon the practice field before the first game with Chicago, on October 19, and give their advice to the players. There is much interest felt in the game with Chicago, for it will be the first time that the Maroon players have appeared at Urbana since 1897, when Chicago won, 18 to 12. Coach Hall is confident that this year he will be able to give Stagg's men an even closer rub if he is not able to conquer them.

STARS LEAVE YALE.

NEW HAVEN, Sept. 21.—Several rumors bearing on the athletic situation in all its branches are floating about at Yale, and although they are most disquieting, they will not dawn. The principal report is that Captain

Charles Ide, who was re-elected to the position next year, will not return to college. It is also said that William Goebel, guard on the varsity football team and record-breaking shot putter, has given up college because of his father's death, and that Fred Murphy, a freshman football star of last season, who was expected to make the varsity team this fall, had decided to go to Princeton.

PITCHER'S GREAT RECORD.

Indian Bender Holds the Major League Advantage.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—If the American league pennant of 1907 goes to Philadelphia, Connie Mack will find no one to whom more thanks are due than his big Indian pitcher, Albert Bender. Bender has made a most remarkable record this season. He not only holds the major league record for the present season for consecutive victories, but he has proven a star with the willow and came to the rescue of his team in many a pinch. But it is his pitching record that commands most attention.

Beginning on June 25, Bender won every one of the eleven games he pitched until August 25. In those games the Athletics scored forty-five runs, while their opponents scored but eleven, an average of one run to a game. The opposing teams never scored more than two runs on Bender. And the remarkable part of it is that Bender was used against the strongest teams on the league, the teams that are racing the Athletics for the pennant. On August 25 Bender's streak was broken when he lost a one-score game to the White Sox. Bender clinched the hold of the Athletics on the pennant two years ago. Wise ones in baseball say that Bender is to play an important part in winning from the Tigers this year. Jennings places his hope on young Summers, whom he got from Indianapolis. But Bender is the more experienced man and the experience counts heavily in baseball.

SCHAEFER AFTER SUTTON.

Issues Challenge For the Billiard Championship.

CHICAGO, September 21.—Jacob Schaefer has formally challenged George Sutton for the 18.2 billiard championship of the world, depositing \$250 with the Brunswick-Balke-Collender Company, donor of the emblem, to bind the match.

Schaefer holds the 18.1 championship title, having won it from Sutton in Orchestra Hall last spring. George Sutton, who is now in the city, said that he would accept the challenge. By the conditions under which the trophy was offered he must accept formally within ten days or forfeit the title and the trophy.

The match undoubtedly will be played in this city, both men now living here. It must be played within sixty days. The championship cup and \$500 are at stake. Schaefer's backer is the North Clark street billiard room proprietor, Charles Tennessee who backed him in his successful match against Sutton last spring.

Schaefer has been showing good form in several weeks of practice at Sennet's and is regarded as having a good chance to wrest the other billiard title from the heavyweight holder.

While the 18.2 permits of closer nursing than the 18.1 style, and therefore is supposed to favor Sutton's remarkably delicate touch, Schaefer, at the same time, does such phenomenally brilliant execution with the cue at times that his chances are regarded as equally good.

In the 18.1 match with Sutton the "Wizard" seemed to be beaten until just before the finish, when he got in a wonderful run of over 100. Sutton holds all records at 18.2, having made a run at New York in a big tournament last year of 234, and averaging 100 in one of the 500-point games.

ARRANGE FOOTBALL DATES.

Colleges Have Distributed Them So As Not to Work Hardship.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—In arranging the football dates for the coming season some of the colleges have distributed their games in such manner that they are not asked to face so many hard contests as they were in 1906.

Yale has dropped one or two of the teams which were formerly strong against the Elis in the early part of the year, and West Point, after the sorry experience of last fall when the team was played against the stronger elevens until it was stale, has arranged for a more sensible schedule for this year.

Harvard no longer meets Pennsylvania, and now has but one nerve-racking contest to play, that against Yale. Princeton's schedule is, if any-

thing, a trifle easier than that of last fall.

Yale still clings to old traditions and plays both Harvard and Princeton, but the Elis have been doing that for so long and frequently with so much success that they seem not in the least embarrassed by the fact that the games with these beat of the varsity elevens in the East come but a week apart.

The Yale-Princeton game will be played at New Haven and the Yale-Harvard game at Cambridge. The army and navy will close the general season Nov. 30 at Philadelphia on the gridiron of Pennsylvania.

WANTED.

Some One to Whip Big Al Kaufmann Quick.

Now some strong young man will have to lick Al Kaufmann again, says C. E. Van Loan in the Los Angeles Examiner.

Schreck's defeat was a bombshell in Chicago. Certain loud adherents of the fat boy from Cincinnati have been proclaiming him the only real live heavyweight champion of the world and baiting Tommy Burns with repeated inquiries as to when he would fight the big Dutchman. Schreck is now pounding the floor of the Down and Out Club and of all the men who might have whipped him, Kaufmann seems the most likely. His last fight in Los Angeles was a wretched exhibition of incompetence. It showed no improvement over his first fight here—in fact, he seemed to be worse than when he fought Barry. A real fighter would have whipped Gardner in one round. Kaufmann stalled and fooled around for three-quarters of an hour when a well-directed punch would have ended the fight at any time.

Schreck was never classed as a topnotch fighter, but with the heavyweights at such a distressingly low ebb, Mike figured as one of the headliners. His defeat at the hands of Al Kaufmann puts Mike in a very poor light. Unless he has a manager who is good at inventing new excuses, Mr. Schreck is due for the wet blanket and a wide slab in the catcombs.

But that does not dispose of Al Kaufmann. Somebody must whip him and whip him quick or he will parade his claim (?) to the heavyweight championship and make a lot of noise about it. Some people do not believe that he will make a claim. Watch him. He will find some loophole to get at Jeff's toga and unless whipped soon and hard, will make a tour of the East. He is in good hands, managerially speaking, and will have none the worst of the publicity thing.

Tommy Burns is going to lose his voice one of these days saying nothing but "show me money," and the little Canadian does not seem overly anxious to make a match right away. In this he is within his rights. At last he is recognized as the best white heavyweight in the county, if not in the world, and should have a chance to do as all the other champions have done—make some money on the road. This road business will not last long with Burns. He has not the Jim Corbett temperament or the O'Brien poses. The stage makes him tired and before very many weeks he will be looking about for a fight.

Kaufmann's defeat of Schreck puts Al in line as the next victim of T. Burns, and with Tommy's natural speed he will have the big muscle-bound quince tied up in a thousand knots and as defenseless as a sheep. A fine line of heavyweight fighters we have in these stirring times! And some people are still growling because Jeff prefers to stay in retirement.

AFTER THE TITLE.

Hassan and Sali Camping on Trail of Russian "Lion."

LONDON, Sept. 21.—George Hackenschmidt, the "Russian Lion," who has been champion of the world at wrestling for so long, will shortly have his position seriously threatened. His old opponent, Antonio Pierri, "The Terrible Greek," who "produced" Madral, Hackenschmidt's greatest rival, has just returned to London from a journey to Macedonia, where he has succeeded in finding two Turkish wrestlers whom he is confident are the best the world has yet produced.

Arif Hassan and Memet Sali are the selected pair of a troupe of fifty wrestlers in the employ of the Bey of Serres, who is the greatest patron of the sport in Turkey. Both splendid specimens of humanity—Memet Sali is over six feet high, and weighs over 240 pounds, and his fellow-countryman is scarcely less solidly built—the two Macedonians are as clever and agile as they are strong, and in their own country, which is the home of catch-ascatch-can wrest-

ling, they have carried all before them.

Antonio Pierri is anxious on their behalf to issue a challenge to the world, and he particularly wishes them to meet George S. Hackenschmidt. Pierri has also brought back with him a German wrestler named Schneider, whom he is confident has no superior in the Graeco-Roman style.

PREDICTS FAST FOOTBALL.

New Rules Stand Test and Interest Will Be Increased.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—College football this season promises to produce the fastest game ever seen on the gridiron. The new rules successfully stood the test of last year, and the masters of the game have wisely made the two changes which were necessary. The possibilities of the forward pass, so popular with spectators, have been increased by making the play less risky to use on the first and second downs. Instead of losing the ball in case the forward pass strikes the ground before striking a player of either side, the same side now retains possession of the ball, but loses fifteen yards. When the forward pass is essayed on the third down, however, and it strikes the ground without striking a player, or is otherwise made illegally, the ball must be surrendered to the other side, as was the case last season.

Lengthening the game ten minutes is undoubtedly a good thing because it gives a team a better opportunity to work out its campaign. Lack of time last year prevented several elevens from doing the little bit more necessary to prevent a tie after the weaker point in the defense of their opponents had been discovered and the best attack to use against them set in motion. There is no denying the fact that the team capable of altering its system of play should have the limit of time in which to carry out its complete program.

The forward pass will probably be the most popular play of the year. No team last year, unless it had a man who was very accurate in passing the ball, cared to take any chances with the innovation. The players like it, but they were afraid of it. Rather than make a mess of the play and lose the ball, they fell back on the old game. But things are changed now, because the possibility of making twenty or thirty yards or possibly a touchdown with the long pass will make the loss of fifteen yards, should the play go wild on the first or second down, look very small. Then again, many men behind the line who were not very successful in making the pass last year should be capable of handling it this year and approach the splendid achievements of Halfback Veeder of Yale, who was peer in this department of the game in 1906.

Another change which will stop much argument permits a lineman to carry the ball, provided he does not leave his position on the line until the ball is put in play. The ten-yard rule is preserved exactly as before, having met with almost general approval, in that it made far less effective anything like mass plays, and forced the open play, which everybody so much desired.

DAD CLARKE'S BLINDNESS.

Eccentric Old Player Is Called By the Umpire.

When Dad Clarke was pitching for the New York club he was known as one of the most eccentric players in major league baseball, and Dad lived up to his reputation.

As a pitcher who dealt in glaring personalities his equal has never been seen, although it is probable that Curt Welch was a close second to Dad when it came to conversing with batters in a language that would hardly be permitted in any one's parlor.

Dad used to detest the umpires and he would try to "bull" them on any and all occasions. For this reason the men who handled the indicator in those days were perfectly willing to shoot it into the chesty Mr. Clarke and the umpires then were mep—they had to be.

Once Clarke was pitching a game against the Chicago club, and if ever he wanted to trim one team worse than another, that team was Anson's.

This particular day, following a night out with the boys, Dad was unable to locate the plate, and the umpire, "Honest John" Kelly, who was the man who refereed the fight between Sullivan and Corbett, as well as the one who officiated when Bob Fitzsimmons took the championship away from poor Jack Dempsey, kept calling the balls on Clarke, while the Windy City lads kept on taking their bases.

"Hully gee," cried Clarke, who had a Chuck Connors vocabulary, "I can't see the dashed plate; my eyes are so

weak; I wonder what is the matter with them, Kelly?" he asked as he turned to the umpire.

"I suppose they are merely in sympathy with your brain," airily replied Kelly, as he coolly called another ball on Clarke.

WILL HAVE HOT TIME.

Boston National League Club Has Signed Negro Pitcher.

NEW YORK, Sept. 21.—The announcement that the Boston National league club has signed a negro pitcher for next season has started a zephyr along the baseball circuit which is liable to develop into a hurricane before Manager Tenney solves the hotel and dining car problem which stares him in the face. The fact that baseball is strictly an American game has caused a general resentment against foreigners, except the Irish and German, by players as well as the public. The players will take a man of foreign parentage into the fold with all the welcome that the game offers, but as a rule they make it so bumpy for a foreign-born player that he usually backs out with good grace after the first whirl around the circuit. These affairs have been smoothed over by diplomatic managers, but the employment of this negro from Honolulu is like a match in a powder magazine.

Some ten years ago or more the same thing was tried in the National league, but the negro second baseman who was with Boston found it so uncongenial that he had to quit. The negro infielder who played with Harvard for several years and then signed a contract in the New England league, lasted little more than a month. Bill Joy (that is his name) is a cracking good pitcher (and a native-born Hawaiian).

NOT SENDING BEST MEN.

Reply of Baseball Idol When Defeated for Political Office.

When Silk O'Loughlin, the much-admired umpire, made the race for state senator a couple of years ago, he was representing the Rochester district, for it is in Rochester that this notable dictator handler hangs his hat after the baseball season is at an end.

Well, Silk made a tremendous fight for the job, but he failed to get the decision, although his canvass was said to have been the hottest pulled off in the Flower City for many a long day.

Just after he had been declared defeated he was walking along the street in Rochester one day when he happened to meet Johnny Evers, who is a native of Troy, but who was visiting relatives in Rochester, and, after shaking hands with O'Loughlin, Johnny said to the umpire:

"I'm mighty sorry, Silk, that they turned you down on your run for the senate. How do you account for your defeat?"

"Well, I'll tell you the whole secret, Johnny," replied Silk, as he put his arm about the little second baseman. "Rochester is not sending her best men to the senate this year."

AUTO PUFFS.

Again the professional promoter has glanced about the horizon and exclaimed: "Lo, the poor amateur!" And now a great "motordrome" is being prepared for him in New York at Morris Park race track, where the same thing was tried unsuccessfully a few years ago.

L. L. Benedict of New York, who has just returned from a European trip, is one of the most strenuous of amateur tourists. According to O. J. Beyers, his chauffeur, Mr. Benedict has a record of traveling nearly 15,000 miles in four months in his Berliet this summer, 5000 miles being done in England. Often the party were on the road from 9 a. m. until midnight, and 2000 miles were made in eleven days. Although the car was a year and a half old, being one of the first turned out by the American Locomotive Automobile Company, Beyers says that beyond cleaning the carburettor once and putting in three new ignition springs, nothing whatever was done to it during the entire trip except to fill the gasoline and oil tanks, and that in spite of its length the tour was free of cares.

There are men "hacking" automobiles in the public squares of New York, who hire them by the month from dealers and yet make money renting them by the hour and keeping them idle a large part of the time. And still New Yorkers deny that they are easy marks.

In evidence that there still are cakes and ale in the "Importers' Saloon," despite the dry season intervening since the salon show of 1905 in a dry goods store, the remaining dealers in foreign cars will keep open house at their own and only show in New York on January 1, and court a revival of the custom

OUTLOOK FOR FOOTBALL BRIGHT

HARVARD WILL NOT SUFFER BY FEW MEN WHO HAVE GRADUATED

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., July 20.—

The outlook for a successful football season at Harvard next fall is brighter than usual. Only three regular men of last year's eleven and one substitute will be lost, leaving ten men who played in the last Yale game to form a nucleus next fall. There will be a fair amount of first-class and good second string material available. The center position will be cared for by Captain Parker, who has played in that position three years. He will have an able substitute in H. B. Barney, who played two years ago. Other candidates will be C. J. Nourse, M. Dore, D. Plumb, and G. Haddon. The loss of Kernburg at right guard will be seriously felt, but one of the many subs under Coach Crane's eye may develop into valuable material. It is expected that Waldo Pierce will return and hold down right tackle. At present there is no prominent man for left tackle. Warren and Phillipbar or some of the guard candidates may prove good men. There will be a fair number of good ends available next fall; Orr, Starr, Macdonald and Kennard of last year's team will all be back.

Unless Starr is moved back to quarterback, it will be difficult to find a good substitute for Newhall. Taylor, who was injured last year, is now a promising candidate. Back field material is plentiful. Wendell, who played fullback last year, will probably be shifted to halfback, where he played two years ago.

Prospects are good for next year's crew. Three men will be lost out of the eight by graduation and one out of the four. Farley's place at stroke of the varsity four-oar and his brother, F. C. Bacon, who this past season was stroke and captain of the freshman crew, will be the most likely candidates for the position. No. 4 will not be so difficult a place to fill. It is quite probable that only one preliminary race will be rowed before the Yale contest next year.

FAMOUS "FANS."

Of the nation's fans, those to whom baseball has become synonymous with life and freedom, none has been so celebrated as "Hi-Hi" Dixwell of Boston, and old "Well-Well" of New York. When the former died he was characterized as Boston's "most unique citizen." For a generation he had delighted and amused baseball patrons with his high-pitched staccato "Hi-Hi," emitted only upon the accomplishment of some especially meritorious play. It was considered something to boast of that one had been seated "right long side of Hi-Hi," and the ambitious novitiates in fandom were accustomed to wait for him to put his stamp of approval on a throw, hit, or catch before they joined in.

The popularity of old "Well-Well" with laymen is undeniable. Verse writers have long employed his name as synonymous with spring. Indeed, it is never reckoned a genuine opening at the Polo grounds unless the long-drawn, sonorous bass notes, "Well, well, well!" caroming against Coogan's bluff, usher in the season.—Everybody's.

of New Year calls. C. Mabley, junior partner in Smith & Mabley till their failure, will be master of ceremonies and especial attention will be paid to women on that day.

As the American Automobile Association is recognized not only in this country but abroad as the national body in control of the sport, its officials are not really bothered when once in a while some retailers seek to attract attention by framing up a new regime of control.

An automobile designer who has been more prolific in invention than most of his compeers is J. D. Maxwell of Tarrytown, N. Y. When one is investigating the car bearing his name that has become standard in the medium priced field, it is learned that practically all its features are the invention of the designer. To the questions of "What carburetor is used, what oiling system, what radiator?" etc., the answers right through are "Maxwell." It is doubtful if there is any other machine so homogeneous in respect to having its parts designed by one man working with a harmonious whole in mind. This is perhaps one of the secrets of the car's success, yet Mr. Maxwell is a man who habitually dodges the limelight.