

# Win, Lose, or Draw

By FRANCIS STANN

## A Little Country Boy Reports

The letter is dated October 24—a week ago yesterday—and the signature is T. A. McCarthy, faculty, Georgetown University, and the theme . . . well, Army versus Notre Dame. Maybe the gentleman hasn't got the right slant, but at least it's different.

"I am just a little country boy," begins Mr. McCarthy. "but I have had pretty good luck winning football pools during the past 15 years by studying teams carefully and disregarding comments by sports writers."

"Every one is placing a lot of emphasis on Notre Dame this year. Yet Notre Dame has not been tested. Washington is one of the weakest teams on the Pacific Coast. Purdue and Indiana are weak. Tulane hasn't played a strong team, and almost lost to very, very weak Auburn. Yet Notre Dame is touted to the skies."

"Look at Army. You have severely criticized her, yet she has played a tougher schedule to date than Notre Dame. Michigan and Penn State are better than any on N. D.'s list to date. As for the future, N. D. plays no undefeated team—North Carolina, Michigan State, Southern California and Southern Methodist all having been beaten."

## Army Should Rank No. 1, He Says

"Yet Army," pursues the relentless McCarthy, "has already defeated one powerhouse after three years of victories (Michigan) and now must play Penn—undefeated and will be undefeated." (Oh, what that man put on paper! Bet he didn't win any pools last week.)

"Why shouldn't Army be the No. 1 team?" he demands. "Could it be prejudice, as usual? She has a tougher time to get up a team, less practice time, higher academic standards to meet, and is a small school (2,400). Yet you sports writers never give her credit."

In McCarthy's book, Coach Red Blaik can do no wrong. Says he's the most scientific coach in the field today, etc. Then he switches to sectional football, to wit:

"Many others have discarded other Eastern eleven's," he writes, "yet most good Eastern teams have been defeating Southern and Western teams. Examples: Army over Michigan, Villanova over Texas A. and M., Detroit and St. Mary's; Pittsburgh over Northwestern, Virginia over Miami of Ohio, Navy over Duke."

## 'He's on Leave,' Said the Sarge

"Army is playing two undefeated teams this year—Michigan and Penn. (Ed note: Sure was confident back on October 24, wasn't he?) Notre Dame has and will be playing only one—Tulane."

"I have seen Army, Michigan, Michigan State, Maryland, Penn, Navy and a few others this year. Army is as alert, smart, well-conditioned and able as any team I have ever seen, including the great Army teams of 1945-1946. No stars now—just a good all-around team. They would beat Notre Dame by two touchdowns."

The gentleman closes on a note calculated to send shivers down the spines of all loyal Irish by saying, "Notre Dame will get its next test (Ed note: Didn't he say earlier that N. D. was 'not yet tested?') when they play Michigan State. They might get licked."

"I suggest," he concludes, "you examine your facts before you ballyhoo, and give credit where it is due. Yours sincerely, Tom McCarthy."

A telephone call to Georgetown University verified McCarthy's status. "I think there's a McCarthy in the military department," said the university's operator. Sure enough, there was—Lt. Col. Thomas A. McCarthy, U. S. A.

"He's on leave," said a sergeant in the department. "Think he went out West, somewhere."

## Tain't Guns, but Headline Writers

Appropos of the hunting season, now in full swing, C. B. Lister, executive director of the National Rifle Association, sternly wraps the wrists of newspaper headline writers who "unwittingly are causing a semihysteria in their manner of announcing accidents in the hunting field."

Seems that in the first six days of the Colorado hunting season, Denver papers reported 10 deaths attributed to hunting. "If you read the fine print," comments Lister, "you will see that half of those deaths were caused by heart attacks due to over-exertion."

"Those are no more hunting accidents than heart deaths at the wheel of a car are traffic accidents. Yet, all over the country, deaths of any kind occurring after a man has picked up his gun and started for the hunting field are publicized as hunting accidents. As a result of that sort of publicity, the hunting game is getting a terrific black eye in this country as a dangerous sport."

Actually, according to Lister, whose headquarters are in Washington, deaths due to firearms run about 2,500 a year, and approximately half occur in the home. "Even if you call those 1,250 other deaths 'hunting accidents,' you'd have to figure the accident rate into the third and fourth decimal point when compared with the number of hunting licenses issued," he says. "It's much the lowest accident rate of any recorded category in the country."

Pass me my 30-30, Junior, I'm a-going hunting.

# McCarthy Ends Rumors, Will Pilot Red Sox Again

## Manager Renews His Contract, Will Manage Club for Third Year

BOSTON, Nov. 1.—The Boston Red Sox announced today that Joe McCarthy had renewed his contract as manager of the club, climaxing speculation whether he would return next season.

McCarthy's two-year contract expired at the end of the season. Owner Tom Yawkey and General Manager Joe Cronin told newsmen they were "very pleased" McCarthy had made up his mind to handle the team again.

In 1948 McCarthy's Red Sox were edged out of the American League pennant in a playoff game won by Cleveland and this year the Red Sox lost out to the New York Yankees on the final day of the season after having a one-game lead with two games to play.

Despite that disappointing finish an enthusiastic crowd greeted McCarthy upon his return to Boston and he told the throng: "I'll be back if you want me."

Cronin later added that McCarthy could be Boston's manager as long as he desired.

During the past season the Red Sox, who had been picked as a pennant contender, were in second division during much of the first half of the race. After July 4 the team surged forward and cut New York's big margin steadily.

During the club's lean days it was questioned whether or not McCarthy would return.

McCarthy managed some of the New York Yankees' greatest clubs for 15 full seasons and part of another.

In that time the Yankees won eight American League pennants and seven World Series, losing only to the St. Louis Cardinals in 1942.

Recognized as one of the game's top strategists, McCarthy never played major league baseball, but was manager of Wilkes-Barre in 1913, piloted Louisville from 1919



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## Colonials, Terps Plan Strategy for Tough Tussle Saturday

By George Huber

Bo Rowland, the George Washington University football coach, has been one of Maryland's most ardent football fans recently. He flew all the way down to Raleigh two weeks ago to watch the Terrapins in action against North Carolina State and last week he had an early reservation for a good seat high in Byrd Stadium for the game against South Carolina.

He saw enough to convince him that Maryland has a mighty good football team, but he can't joke about it because his G. W. eleven tangles with Maryland Saturday afternoon at College Park. Maryland will be a hefty favorite to end G. W.'s three-game win string, although many hope the score won't be as high as it was last year, when the Terps won, 47-0, as the schools renewed grid relations after a 37-year lapse.

Any way, both teams buckled down to work yesterday. George Washington players looked at movies of last year's game and heard their scouts report on Maryland's strength. The report was fairly complete, as the Colonials had four men in addition to Rowland on hand for last week's Maryland-South Carolina game.

After that the Colonials hied to their Frog Island practice field to work on the defenses they hope will slow the Terps a bit. Among the missing was Tackle Jim Feula, who had a leg broken in the last play of Friday night's game against Lafayette. He was an important cog in the G. W. offense as the running linemen who pulled out to lead interference for Al Du Goff and other Colonial ball carriers. His place in the lineup was taken by Clarence Dreyer.

If it's any consolation to the Colonials, the Maryland player who did them the most damage last year now is missing. Quarterback Vic Turyn, who threw three touchdown passes, has been graduated. Also gone are Hubie Werner and John Baroni, who scored on long runs. Still with Maryland, though, are several veterans of last year's scoring spree, such as Stan Lavine, whose 88-yard punt return for a touchdown was the longest scoring play, and Elmer Wingate, Jim La Rue and Earl Roth, who caught touchdown passes.

At Maryland, Coach Jim Tatum also gave his squad a scouting report on George Washington—mentioning such as Du Goff, Andy Davis and Bill Szanyi in particular—and then the Terps took to the field for a workout. Missing from the drill were Bob Ward and Dave Cianelli, both guards. Ward was voted the outstanding lineman in last week's 44-7 rout of South Carolina. Yesterday he was in the University Hospital in Baltimore getting X-rays. He suffered severe chest bruises last week. Cianelli has a twisted leg and may not be in shape to play this week.

## Hockey at a Glance

By the Associated Press  
Roulette East-Night. No games in any league.  
NATIONAL LEAGUE.  
No games scheduled in any league.  
AMERICAN LEAGUE.  
New Haven at St. Louis, 7:30 P. M.  
Kansas City at Louisville, 8:00 P. M.  
Fresno at San Diego, 8:00 P. M.  
Los Angeles at Oakland, 8:00 P. M.  
New Westminster at Tacoma, 8:00 P. M.  
Victoria at Vancouver, 8:00 P. M.  
EASTERN-AMATEUR LEAGUE.  
No games scheduled.

## Ax Ready to Fall

## Coaches' Jobs Are in Jeopardy At Eastern, Southern Colleges

By Merrell Whittlesey

If the athletic departments heed the fickle football fans, there'll be some coaches' heads chopped at the end of this season—if the fans can wait that long.

Some of the local coaches and scouts were talking the other day about their less fortunate friends in the profession.

At Braves' Field in Boston, the Boston College crowds are singing "Good-by Denny, We're Glad to See You Go," to the once-popular Denny Myers. The Eagles have won one game. Before Wake Forest bounced back to drop William and Mary and Clemson, Peabody Walker was getting the same treatment after the Deacons lost four straight.

Everybody figured Bill Osmanski had a lifetime job when he took over at Holy Cross last season. But now after the Crusaders have dropped six straight they're saying Bill won't last out the schedule at his alma mater. The N. C. State fans were second-guessing Beattie Feathers out loud as the Wolfpack dropped its eighth straight game to Maryland.

At Blacksburg, the V. P. I. students and alumni barely can wait until the season is over to see what happens to Bob McNeish, whose Gobblers haven't won a game in two years. And there's reported to be great disappointment in Easton, Pa., where the ex-Boston Yanks coach, Clipper Smith, inherited some supposedly fine material. Lafayette, which lost to G. W. 14-7, last week, has won only one of five.

West Virginia has won only three out of seven to date, but a local scout who watched the Mountaineers reports that Coach Dud De Groot, formerly of the Redskins, will forgive everybody and in turn expect forgiveness if he can win one game. You guessed it—over Jim Tatum and Maryland. The Mountaineers reportedly are working on the Maryland game already.

West Virginia meets the Terps at College Park on November 24. The Mountaineers beat Maryland, 16-14, with a field goal in the last few minutes last year.

Indiana's 48-14 rout of Pittsburgh two weeks ago was regarded as one of the mysteries of the season, but for mysteries, how about Tulsa's 21-19 triumph over Villanova in the game that separates the Wildcats from an unbeaten season? Villanova plays Georgetown here Friday night.

Tulsa has won two games, one over a school named McMurray by 27-26 and the other over Bradley, famous for its basket ball teams, but certainly not for football. Tulsa lost to

## Trainer Is Suspended After Doping Inquiry

By the Associated Press

BALTIMORE, Nov. 1.—Owner-trainer Salvatore J. Cicero was suspended yesterday by Pimlico race track stewards pending a Maryland Racing Commission hearing of charges that one of his horses was stimulated.

The horse, Rough Ordy, won the second race at Pimlico Friday and paid \$45 for a \$2 win ticket.

The stewards said that tests showed presence of a drug (benzedrine).

Cicero is a Baltimorean. His trainer's license was suspended pending the hearing, which probably will be held on November 9. The \$1,300 purse will be held up until after the hearing.

Rough Ordy and five other Cicero horses have been barred from racing until the case is decided.

## S.M.U., Michigan State Climb Into Top Ten; Irish Still No. 1

By the Associated Press

NEW YORK, Nov. 1.—Southern Methodist and Michigan State today wedged into top 10 teams of the Nation, as voted by 161 sports writers and sportscasters in the weekly Associated Press football poll, replacing Pennsylvania and Minnesota.

Southern Methodist's Mustangs, 7-6 winners over Texas on O'Connell Field, placed 11th, while Michigan State's Spartans, who face Notre Dame's powerhouse on Saturday, moved up to 10th place.

Minnesota's 13-7 loss to Purdue dumped the Gophers among the also rans and Penn's 22-21 upset by Pittsburgh dropped the Quakers into a 10th-place tie with undefeated Fordham.

Notre Dame continued to roll up the score with 83 per cent of the first-place votes in the fifth weekly ratings. Nobody was close to the Irish who were ranked first by 133 of the 161 voters.

It's getting monotonous. Notre Dame in the No. 1 spot and the other members of the Big Four rushing along behind them. Army is second, Oklahoma third and California fourth, just like last week.

The top four clubs cornered all but three of the first-place ballots. Oklahoma drew 11, Army 10 and California 3. The others went to Michigan State (2) and to seventh-place Cornell (1).

The total vote with points figured on a 10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 basis (first-place votes in parentheses):

1. Notre Dame (133).....1,560  
2. Oklahoma (11).....1,323  
3. Oklahoma (4).....1,308  
4. Michigan (2).....1,070  
5. Michigan (1).....859  
6. Baylor (1).....851  
7. Cornell (1).....447  
8. Rice.....447  
9. Southern Methodist.....249  
10. Michigan State (2).....248  
11. Southern California.....218  
12. Tennessee.....177  
13. Kentucky.....174  
14. Duke.....173  
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17. Louisiana State.....168  
18. Boston University.....167  
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## Caps Open NBA Play Against Bullets, Old Rivals, Tomorrow

By Bill Fuchs

Under a new coach and in a new league, the Washington Capitals will face an old foe tomorrow night when they open their National Basketball Association season against the Baltimore Bullets at Uline Arena at 8:45.

This will be the fourth year of play for the Caps, but their first under Player-Coach Bob Feerick and their first in the NBA. The NBA was formed last summer by combining the National Basketball League with the Basketball Association of America as the end of a three-year war for stellar players and paying customers.

The 29-year-old Feerick, captain of the Capitals in their previous three years of operation, has stepped into the coaching job vacated by Arnold (Red) Auerbach, who since has been taken on as assistant basketball coach at Duke University.

There will be some familiar faces showing up at Uline tomorrow night. Feerick, Fred Scolari and Norlander have been with the Caps since the team first took the floor three years ago. Bones McKinney also still is with the Caps, but Bones has a leg injury and will not see action for some time.

Dick O'Keefe will be starting his third season for Washington, while Dick Schulz, former Baltimore star; Jack Nichols and Leo Katkavec are back for the second time.

## Newcomers to Play

There will be some new members seeing action. Joe (Slick-Chick) Reiser, who started his pro career with Kate Smith's Celtics in 1934 and has been going strong ever since, was picked up by Feerick after Baltimore let him go. Reiser and Scolari got on each other's nerves considerably last year. Chuck Halber, 6-foot-9-inch star who played for Boston and Providence last year; Chuck Gilmer, who came from Chicago in exchange for Kleggie Hermesen, and John (Moose) Mandic, who played for Indianapolis last year, are other newcomers.

The NBA comprises teams and play will be divided into three divisions:

Eastern—Washington, Baltimore, Boston, New York, Syracuse and Philadelphia. Central—Chicago, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Minneapolis, Rochester, N. Y., and St. Louis. Western—Anderson, Ind.; Denver, Indianapolis, Sheboygan, Wis.; Moline, Ill., and Waterloo, Iowa.

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## Birthday and Tough Games Put Age on Hoyas' Bob Margarita

Georgetown's Bob Margarita is the country's youngest football coach at a major college, but he's aging rapidly. Tomorrow, for instance, he'll be 29 years old and after what happened to the Hoyas against Fordham last week he probably feels it. Also enough to make a man feel older than his years is the Villanova team coming here Friday night to play in Georgetown's homecoming game.

With all due respect to Maryland and Fordham, the two teams that have beaten Georgetown this season, the Wildcats could be the toughest outfit the Hoyas have faced this year. They've beaten Texas A. & M., Penn State, Detroit, St. Mary's, Duquesne and Boston College, mostly by healthy margins, and lost only a very close one to Tulsa. There's no gray in Margarita's hair yet, but take another look on Saturday.

Margarita still is shaking his head unbelievably about that 42-0 Fordham affair last Saturday. "Actually," he recalls, "it seemed to be a pretty even game except for that score. It was a funny thing, but our two teams looked almost identical. We had practically the same plays, we both used the same defensive set-ups and everything else looked even. Except that scoreboard."

To cap it all, physically the Hoyas will be in their worst shape this week. Margarita isn't the morning type of coach, but he could take the list of injured players posted in Trainer Joe Kuczo's office and almost make a good starting team. Sideline has been such as End Jim Resch, Backs Johnny Preston and Johnny Hughes, Guards Bob Fortunato and Paul Wintermyer, Tackles Dick Imbornoni, Jim Rice and Art Sheridan and Center Tom Burde. Practically every one is a grade A player and most of them will be on the bench again this week.

Most of the other players are banged up in a minor way, and



BOB MARGARITA.

Margarita actually doesn't plan even one scrimmage session this week. Nobody put on pads yesterday. Instead, those who were able to walk donned sweat suits and walked through defenses against Villanova plays and through Georgetown pass plays. Of those badly injured players, Preston seems most likely to be in top shape this week. He's seen brief action on defense in the last two games and now appears ready to take his place on offense. Hughes was injured last week and was left in New York over the week end and is expected to return home today. His fullback spot will be shared by Lou Miller and Don Kitzowski. The latter has been used solely on defense up to now.

## Pro Basket Ball

By the Associated Press  
Basketball Night.  
No games scheduled in any league.  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.  
Tri-City vs. St. Louis at Chicago, 8:00 P. M.  
New York at Indianapolis, 8:00 P. M.

## A. U. Opening Drive For Arena Fund

A two-month campaign to raise \$225,000 for American University's War Memorial Athletic Center will be inaugurated tonight in "kick-off night" ceremonies that will attract high-ranking military men and big names of the sports world to the A. U. gym.

Harold Russell, national commander of the Armvets and a double Academy Award winner in moving pictures for his work in "The Best Years of Our Lives," will be the principal speaker.

The program starts at 7:30 in the gym.

## Cavalier Players Suffer From Chemical Burns

By the Associated Press

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va., Nov. 1.—Painful skin burns handicapped most of Virginia's regulars yesterday as the Cavaliers started practice for Saturday's big test against Pennsylvania.

Doctors said the burns apparently came from a strong fertilizing compound sprayed on Scott Stadium prior to last Saturday's game against West Virginia.

Halfback Ralph Shoaf, one of the Cavaliers' big ground gainers, was the most seriously burned.

## G. W.'s Burak, Davis On List of Ailing

Two more important George Washington players are on the ailing list today. Blocking Back (Quarterback) Stan Burak has a chipped shoulder and will miss Saturday's game against Maryland, and Tailback Andy Davis has a heavy cold.

Davis was confined to his bed today, but may be ready to play Saturday.

