

# UNCERTAINTY OF FOOTBALL DOPE GIVES CORNELL AGGREGATION CHANCE AGAINST PENN

## CORNELL WILL DEFEAT PENN, DECLARES VETERAN EXPERT; TEAM WILL SPRING SURPRISE

Says Big Red Squad From Ithaca Is Going to Spring Great Surprise—Gridiron Dope Always Uncertain

THE uncertainty of football is one of the principal features of the game. It is seldom that one team has the advantage over the other in the late games of the season, and picking the winner merely is a matter of guesswork. Of course, there is a favorite, like Princeton against Yale, Harvard against Yale and Dartmouth against Penn, but if you look back over the scores you will find that something always happened to the first choice. It is a five-to-one shot any way you look at it, and that is the reason why we have such enormous crowds watching the struggles on the gridiron.

Penn and Cornell will meet on Franklin Field tomorrow, and the football dopsters have been working overtime picking the winner. In Philadelphia the Red and Blue team is the favorite—as it should be—but still there is a great difference in opinion. We will not attempt to tell who will win the game until late Thursday evening. All dope must be taken with several pounds of salt, so we will allow some of the "experts" to unload their very best dope, which may be accepted for what it is worth.

A football coach who has done much scouting in his time and who has seen both Penn and Cornell in action insists that the followers of the Red and Blue are underestimating the strength of the "Big Red Team." He declares that Harvard's easy victory and the early lead obtained by Michigan have caused the Penn men to look upon Cornell as an inferior aggregation, which is missing the truth by several miles. This coach, who is recognized as one of the keenest students of the game, boldly asserts that if he were a betting man he would unload the family bankroll on Cornell to beat Folwell's team, despite the fact that comparative scores would indicate that Penn is slightly stronger than the Ithacans.

### Lack of Practice Blamed for the Early Defeats

"CORNELL," says our expert, "did not begin practice on time this year because of the infantile paralysis scare. The first two games were canceled, and the team did not get into action until Monday, October 9, against Gettysburg. As a result, the team went into the Harvard and Michigan games with about one-half as much preparation as it had in 1915, when both Harvard and Michigan were decisively beaten. When Cornell met Harvard it had been practicing only nineteen days, against thirty-eight in 1915. The same was true when Michigan gave Sharpe's men such a terrible scare. This lack of practice, together with the absence of the incomparable Charley Barrett and the sensational Cool, necessitated the building of an entirely new system of offense and defense, and this is blamed for the apparent weakness of the Cornell team this year.

"I have seen enough of the Ithacans this fall to convince me Al Sharpe will use a new offense, something similar to the Warner system. I believe that Cornell has adopted the Pitt style of play, placing an extra man just behind the line of scrimmage on the end on every play, which produces better interference and increases the effectiveness of forward passes. When Penn met Pitt, the Red and Blue ends found it impossible to take care of this extra back, and as a result, Hastings and DeHart shot outside of tackle for big gains. The only way Penn stopped these plays was to bring an extra man close to the line of scrimmage, but this weakens the defense against forward passes. Cornell not only has a good line-plugging team, but also excels in forward passing, so Penn is likely to be treated to a big surprise.

### Declares Cornell Is Stronger on Wings

"SUPERIOR end play, partly due to a faulty system at Penn, and a general advantage every time kicks are exchanged are two other reasons why I think Cornell is a favorite over the Red and Blue. Shiverick will outkick Berry from ten to fifteen yards on each exchange, according to the dope, and the Cornell ends will cover the punts much better. There is a weakness in the Penn style of end play which has often been commented upon. The Red and Blue secondary defense makes no attempt to pick off the opposing ends as they rush down the field under punts, and it requires unusual work on the part of the receiver to return kicks any great distance. On the other hand, both the ends and backs take a shot at opposing ends under the Sharpe system which should enable the two backs to get off to a good start after receiving punts.

"Eckley and Zander are better ends than they are rated and will outplay Miller and Urquhart. The Penn ends are considered clever men in the open and flashy plays, but they will not be effective against the Cornell style of play. They failed against Pitt because they were the victims of a superior system and will encounter a serious handicap again in the Cornell game.

### Penn's Tackles Are Greatest Asset

"PENN'S greatest chance lies in the ability of its tackles to smother Cornell's plays before the interference reaches the end of the scrimmage line and upon the secondary defense play of Lud Wray and Ben Derr. Against Michigan the Cornell secondary defense fell down twice on long forward passes, each of which was responsible for a touchdown, but these mistakes have not been repeated, and it is said that Penn profited by the experience of the Ithacans and succeeded in following the proper man when the Maize and Blue tried the same play. As a result, one of Michigan's best ground-gaining plays, which had proved effective against Cornell, was valueless against Penn. All things considered, Cornell has almost as powerful a defense and a much more versatile offense unless Penn has perfected a defense for the Pitt style of attack, perfected by Sharpe in the last two weeks.

"A few brilliant individual efforts are Penn's only hope. Berry or some other Penn back may be able to star on trick plays or possibly turn the tide by a sensational run, but on straight football the Red and Blue is not an even-money bet. Cornell may make the mistake of watching Berry so closely that it will be tricked on other plays, but the same is true of the Penn defense, which must cover Shiverick closely to stop him."

### Great Turnout of Former Penn Stars

NOTHING succeeds like success. This is particularly true in the sporting world, where the fans are most fickle. The turnout of former Penn stars at White-marth yesterday, where Coach Bob Folwell is putting the finishing touch to Penn's preparation for the Cornell game, was the greatest in years. Men who have drifted away from football affairs at Penn and who have not been very much interested in the Red and Blue eleven in recent years were on hand to watch the practice. Among those present were Charley Gilbert, generally considered the greatest end ever turned out by Penn; Bill Hollenback, "Dutch" Sommer, Danny Hutchinson, Tom Crooks, Mike Bennett, "Curley" Davidson and a host of lesser lights. Some of them have been on hand in other years just prior to Thanksgiving Day, but they never were so much interested in the success of the team.

### Revival of Rumors of Yale-Penn Game

THE presence of Coach "Tad" Jones, the members of the Yale team and other athletic authorities of the New Haven institution at the Varsity Club rally at White-marth tonight, and the fact that the Ells are to be the guests of the Penn Football Committee at the Cornell game, have revived the rumor that the Red and Blue and Yale will soon resume football relations. Nothing could be more pleasing from a local standpoint, as the Ells are more welcome than Harvard, Penn's ancient gridiron rival. A Yale-Penn football game would pack the Bowl just as easily as a Yale-Harvard or Yale-Princeton battle, and the alliance would be a great help to the game in general.

### Elimination of "Dub" Players Right

THE proposed action of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association to eliminate "dubs" from competition in the national event each year will meet the approval of every one interested in this great international pastime. There is no reason why a player with no ability whatsoever should be allowed to enter. Neither is it right that a player who is really good be excluded because he has not had an opportunity to be ranked or play in many tournaments. But the committee, according to the tentative wording of the rule, will have the right to make exceptions in individual cases.

It often happens that a player is so tied in business that he is not able to enter the tournaments which would give sufficient reputation to be chosen for the tournament. In this event, the committee proposes, on the request of a would-be entry or his club, to look up his status as a lawn tennis player and judge him in that manner, rather than by his tournament record, which might be nil.

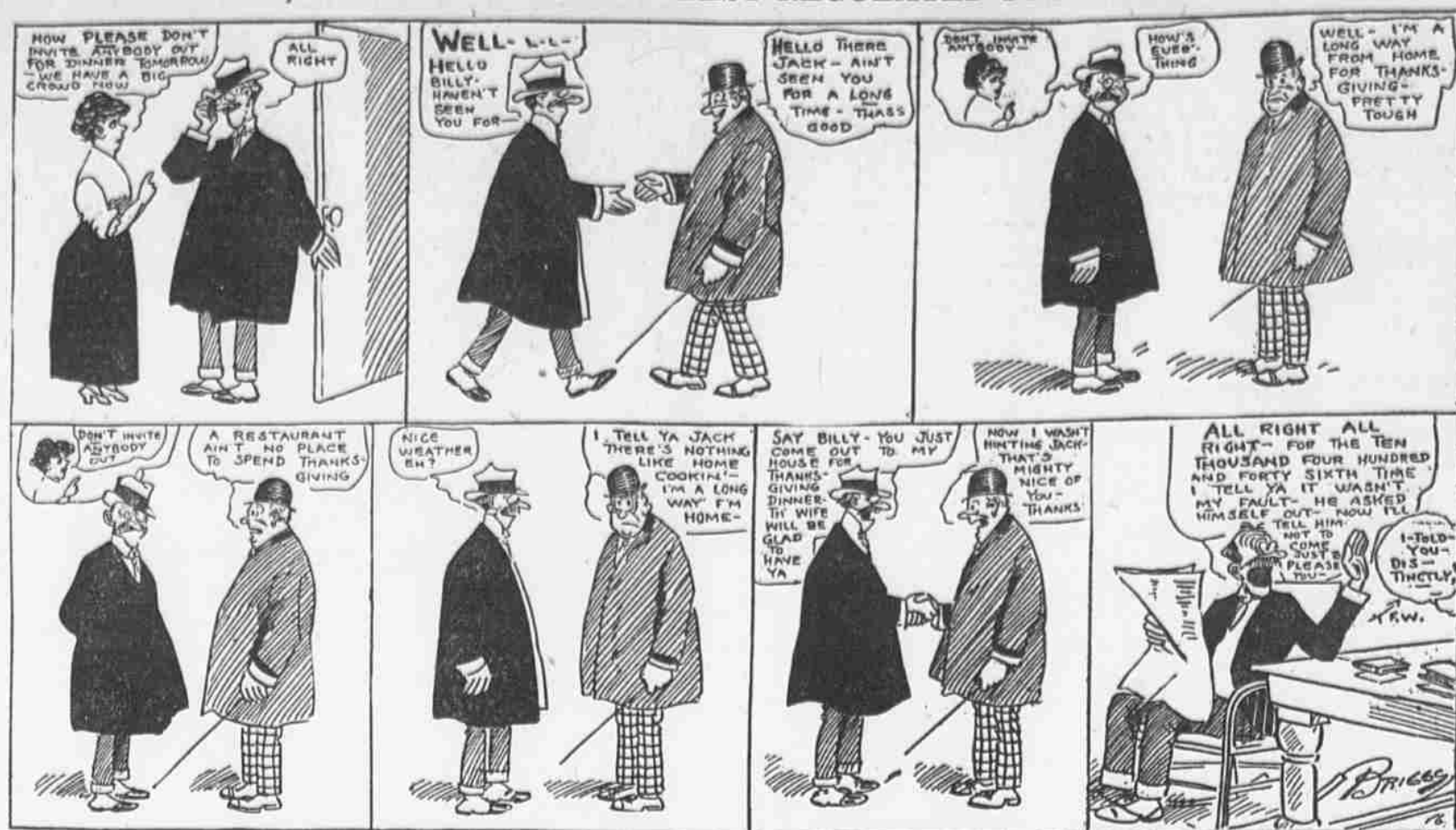
### Baseball Back in Limelight

THE baseball magnates are becoming restless. Football has held the stage since the close of the world's series and the baseball magnates want to get back in the limelight. As the time approaches for the meetings of the National and American Leagues and the reorganization of the National Commission rumors are flying. It is evident that there is going to be plenty of excitement at the two annual meetings, even if nothing comes of the reported change in the National Commission. Ban Johnson evidently is determined to ignore the Players' Fraternity, which means a fight to the finish between the players and at least one major league.

IT HAS been years since a Penn team entered the Cornell game as confident as it will be the case when the Red and Blue trots out on the gridiron tomorrow. Many veteran Penn players fear that the team is likely to be overconfident, but Folwell is not permitting the idea that Cornell is weak to gain headway. He insists that Penn will have to play better football than it has shown to date if it hopes to win from the Ithacans.

COACH BY DICKSON, who has charge of the Red and Blue ends, is not worried over the report that Cornell has built a powerful series of plays which will be directed at Miller and Urquhart. Dickson believes that Cornell will have its hands full watching the Red and Blue wings and that Sharpe will find Urquhart and Miller capably backed by the secondary defense.

## IT HAPPENS IN THE BEST REGULATED FAMILIES



## CAMDEN PRIMED TO TAKE LEAD

Game With Jasper Tonight Is One of Features of Eastern League Race

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### By SPICK HALL

The Skeeters' opportunity to gain first place in the race for the first Eastern League pennant comes tonight at 9 o'clock. Camden time, in the well-known army across the Delaware. The Jasper team, proposed victims of the Camden Eve, will be accompanied by a band of followers from Kensington, who have already reserved a big cluster of seats. Indications are that this contest is going to be the most largely attended of the local (hereby honoring Camden) season.

Manager Henry, of the Camden team, will send his regulars into the game this evening, with Jackie Adams playing the role of captain and foul tosser. The living exponent of "Silver Threads Among the Gold" will be accompanied at forward by Steele, as usual. Against this Camden offensive duo will be the famous Jasper double "P" combination, Fox and Friedman. The battle between this quartet is one of the anticipated pleasures of the evening. Fox and Friedman have done brilliant work this season, and it is due in a great measure to their fine defensive work that the Jewels have suffered only one defeat. On the other hand, Steele and Adams have played exceptionally good basketball afloat and otherwise in every game, and have been factors in Camden's continued success. All of which leads to the belief that there will be something stirring at the forward end of the Camden cage this evening.

### Dolin Has Advantage

At the center position Camden is stronger than Jasper. Dolin has a decided advantage on Dave Kerr, who has played comparatively few games in the Eastern League, although he has been engaged in the cage pastime for many years, beginning his present scintillating career at Central High School.

Considering the fact that he has been engaged in professional and semiprofessional basketball such a short time, Kerr is playing a noteworthy game. He is tall, fast, strong, and has ever aspect except major league experience, a quality which he is gaining rapidly.

If Kerr can "play better than he knows how," which has occurred more than once in the case of a supposedly inferior athlete or team, he may be able to outplay Dolin, but it is not probable. Dolin is too old at the game and knows too many of the little twists of play to allow himself to be outwitted by a player of Kerr's present caliber.

Jimmy Brown and Diegan will have their hands full guarding Barney Sedran and Harry Hough. At the same time, Camden's guards under normal conditions should be able to hold their opponents to a less number of goals than Jasper's defensive pair can hold their man. Sedran has shown exceedingly well ever since the season began, and Hough, although well up into veteranhood, has done better than any fan in Kensington believed he could do, exclusive of his foul shooting.

### Tie Is Probable

Camden will be tied for first place if they trim the Jewels, and for the first time this season since the first week Kennedy's men will be routed out of exclusive possession of first place.

## HARLEY'S SENSATIONAL WORK AND STRENGTH OF MINNESOTA WESTERN FOOTBALL FEATURES

Brilliant Playing of Ohio State Halfback Revives the Memory of Heston—Gophers Ranked With Pitt and Brown

By GRANTLAND RICE

THERE were two features of western football this season of far more than passing interest.

One was the brilliant playing of Chic Harley, of Ohio State, who not only proved himself to be one of the game's leading stars, but who also accomplished more for his team than any other individual of the year, with the possible exception of Pollard, of Brown.

It is only about once every decade that an entry accomplishes such phenomenal achievements in game after game. Those who star in one game are many. But to play with spectacular effect straight through the schedule is another matter. Harley's work this season was second to that of no man in American football. The long list of his long runs in one big game after another revives the memory of Heston.

Another leading feature was the mighty power of the Minnesota team at the end of the campaign. After a poor display against Illinois, Minnesota finished with an eleven that many believe to be the strongest in the country, East or West. Wisconsin and Chicago, for example, were two standard western teams. Yet Minnesota beat these two eleven by the scores of 54 to 0 and 49 to 0, margins too overwhelming for anything but an unusual eleven to roll up. Probably a three-cornered battle among Minnesota, Brown and Pittsburgh would be a dull affair! And then again, probably it wouldn't.

### An Even Mele

Brown beat Yale 21 to 6; Yale beat Colgate. Yet there are a surprisingly large number of football insiders who believe that Colgate will win from the Providence line-up on Thursday, and thereby end its championship dream.

We have run across as many favoring Colgate as we have favoring Brown to finish on top. Captain Black, of Yale, played against both teams. "There is one thing," he says, "which a good many persons overlook. We were in far better shape for Colgate than we were for Brown. So the Yale games against the two teams are hardly to be taken as complete tests. Brown had a fine eleven, but in my opinion Colgate had one of the best teams I ever saw."

### Back to Stay

With Tad Jones and ten of his regulars on hand at Ell Town next season, Yale has come back to stay. Jones, by beating Princeton and Harvard his first season in camp, has proved his rare effectiveness and has shown beyond any debate that Yale at last has found the man who was after to lead her back to the Promised Land.

The one man that Jones will lose is Harry Legge, one of his stars, and possibly Captain Black, but there will be an abundance of fine material on hand to continue the system which began with such a rush.

As Haughton returns the bulk of his young team with material in bulk, the next November battle between these two instructors even this far ahead holds out promise for a spectacular afternoon. Haughton's work and his long record are too unusual for one defeat to leave any dent in his fame. Any coach who can hold Yale to one

## TENNIS AUTHORITIES HOLD ANNUAL BANQUET

Philadelphia and District Association Host to National Body Executives Tonight

More than 200 tennis players from New York, Trenton, Wilmington and Philadelphia will attend the second annual banquet of the Philadelphia District Lawn Tennis Association at the Hotel Walton this evening. Among the prominent out-of-town guests will be George Townsend Adee, president of the United States National Lawn Tennis Association; Fred B. Alexander, former Davis Cup player; Julian S. Myrick, president of the West Side Tennis Club, where the national championship was staged in 1915 and 1916; and James Messier, of Trenton, the well-known after-dinner speaker.

Paul W. Gibbons, president of the Philadelphia and District Association, will act as toastmaster, and some of the local players and authorities who will speak are Frank H. Sykes, president of the Cynwyd Club, which plans to apply for the national clay-court championship next year; Dr. Edward B. Dewhurst, Albert L. Hoskins, vice president of the U. S. N. L. T. A.; William P. Rowland, well-known Beifield all-around athlete, and William T. Tilden, 2d.

Team and individual trophies for the last season in the Tri-State and Suburban Leagues will also be presented at the dinner. Cynwyd will be presented with the Tri-State League championship trophy, and the individual prizes will go to Dr. Philip B. Hawk, singles champion, and P. W. Gibbons and P. S.

Sports' grip, the outdoor, competitive call, is developing so swiftly in this country that accommodations are being swamped. More than 200,000 would have gladly paid the price to see the Army-Navy and Yale-Harvard games, but more than 75,000 of these had to be turned down.

A big sporting event today can fill any space at almost any price. For, in addition to the crowds listed above, there is still a vivid recollection of the thousands last spring who were willing enough to pay from \$15 to \$25 to see Jess Willard box Frank Moran in a ten-round affair that was almost sure to go one way.

Boston lost the football championship, but her Red Sox still maintain one section of her supremacy. They can't quite crowd her out of the kingdom, for as one machine slips another makes good.

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### THURSDAY AFTERNOON, NOV. 30, 1916

Osborne, doubles champions. Beifield won the Suburban League title, and in winning the individual championship was captured by W. H. Marshall, of Beifield, and Dr. L. E. Johnson and T. C. Leonard, University courts, won the doubles.

McCoy Draws With McCarron  
ALLENTOWN, Pa., Nov. 29.—Al McCoy, of Brookline, and Jack McCarron, of the city, went through ten times rounds to a draw at the City A. C. here last night. McCoy did not seem to have any knockouts and the men came out of the encounter with no scratches. The semifinal of six rounds started with McCoy and T. C. Leonard, of University courts, won the doubles.

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