

### The "Summer Base Ball" Question.

A recent issue of "The Daily Princetonian" comments favorably upon the suggestion to make "summer ball" players eligible for membership on the 'Varsity nine, and the College publication of the University of Virginia, along with many others, has fallen in line with this most sensible idea. "The Daily Princetonian" editorial in entirety is as follows:

"The new baseball ruling which is proposed at Cornell, whereby members of the 'Varsity team are allowed to play summer baseball for compensation, except with a major league team, or with a New York State league team, although a radical step, is one which is well worthy of the consideration of the Athletic Advisory Committees of other universities. From this, we are led to infer that the playing with a hotel or with any other semi-professional team is legitimate at Cornell. In consideration of the fact that in conjunction with this new rule, other rules were proposed, the substance of which is almost identical with that of those passed by Princeton, Yale and Harvard a short time ago, it appears to us that Cornell has taken a brave step in the right direction.

"Another rule states that a man, in order to be eligible for the team must not in the past have received compensation directly or indirectly as a member of a professional team. The injuries which professional baseball playing does to the average college athletes are too numerous to need discussion. The new eligibility code only allows a college athlete three years in which to be a member of the team of his respective college, thus doing away not only with commercialism but also with the possibility of a man's entering college for the sole purpose of competing in athletics.

"As a result of this new code,

the possibility of even having candidates for teams, who have at any time played for compensation is reduced to a minimum, and in addition to this, the rigid scholastic requirements which are now necessary for competition in athletics at Princeton, gives us every reason to believe that this new rule should receive a great deal of attention here. We do not wish to assert ourselves as being in favor of this new ruling, but we do believe that it is a system worthy of the careful consideration and investigation of the Committee on Outdoor Sports."

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