

TALKING IT OVER

BY JOE WILLIAMS

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—This should be a football column, I know, but Sunday night I sat in a broadcasting station and listened to the greatest men in sports talk, and it seemed to me that some of the things they said should be boiled down and put in cold type.

Steven Jerome Hannagan of the Lafayette (Ind.) Hannagans, working for Newton D. Baker, the employment commission, called it the "Parade of Champions." It was all of that. Hannagan brought before the mike such headline figures as Jack Dempsey, Babe Didrikson, Johnny Weismuller, Willie Hoppe, Vincent Richards, Ted Cox, Red Cagie, Tommy Hitchcock, Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig and Gene Sarazen.

It was because I had just seen the Yale-Army game that I was most interested in the joint appearance of Ted Cox, the old Yale footballer and Red Cap, the old Army footballer. I had never seen Cox before. There are but two greatest men in the Yale stars. Cox belongs to an earlier time. But I have never heard him talk. Cox, I read, had a hard Army experience; he had been against an Army team. It came in the 1909 game, the year Cox was born. He was 19 years old at the time. But he had only ten minutes left to play and the ball was in his territory. The Yale kicker was knocked out.

I decided to go in and kick out of danger. I did. I had recovered the ball. I thought it was Army's ball. Army made an on-side kick, a popular strategy in those days. I didn't dare run with it, so I thought the next play would be a kick and that I could do my job and get out of there. But Army's Howie Green had a bright idea that he would cross the Army line. He called for an end run from a fake. I got about as far as the fifteen-yard line when four giant Army tacklers came down on me. I was thinking about my operation. This was no place for a one-armed player. So while running, I fell, punched and became freak of chance my toe caught the ball just as it was about to go down the field. I never made a greater kick, nor a more desperate one.

Indeed, it was the greatest of all the greatest of all Yale teams. Not only did the team go through the year undefeated, no team came dangerously close to scoring on it.

OU GEHRIG told the customers in the other bleachers something they had never heard before when he said:

"I get almost as big a kick out of seeing Ruth hit a home run as I do hitting one myself."

It seems that even the Bams' colleagues and rivals on the field thrill to the majesty of his swing and the roar of his heavy artillery.

"It just a four base hit when anybody knocks the ball over the fence," said Gehrig. "I mean when the big guy gives it a ride."

Ruth was asked whether he was being kidded and demanded to know if Gehrig was trying to soften him up for a touch or something. "I'm not trying to get you to take a home run away from you; you'll bleed murder," barked Ruth.

Both Ruth and Gehrig are in the gold standard even in radio reprises.

Cast in a career, Ruth used to say his greatest fear was that he would be a left-handed pitcher against the Tigers who were then the best hitting team in the world. He had that fear out on ten pitches.

Later on when he became a great slugger he changed his mind and put the fear in the home run king in the last game of the 1928 world series against St. Louis. "That's what I call smacking 'em."

But now he has made another revision in his greatest fear, and that is to baseball. Those two home runs beat against the Cubs in the third game of the world series.

This was the game in which the Cubs razed him to the ground, and he was surprised. The great man replied by striking to the plate on two different occasions. He intended to show how bush-leashed he intended to show how bush-leashed the Chicago pitching was by driving the ball into the stands. In the next instance, he promptly proceeded to do.

Ruth was asked if he really believed he was about to come to the plate.

"I knew I was bound to hit him, but of course I wasn't sure that's what gave me such a big kick—after saying to myself, 'I'm not going to hit that goddamn home run but those two hits of Charlie Root will always stand out above them.'

As an aftermath Ruth roared into the mike: "Can you imagine what a mug I would have been if I had missed them?... say those people in Chicago would be laughing at me... and I wouldn't blame them, either."

POWERFUL WOLVERINES RIDE AT BIG TEN TOP

Draw With Northwestern Shad Boilermaker Hopes; Indiana Bows

Whew!

By United Press

DES MOINES, Ia., Oct. 24.—Spectators who watched a football game yesterday between the Harwood Drive All-Stars and McCullum's Ramblers saw a touchdown scored an average of once every two minutes.

The All-Stars won, but they didn't do all the scoring. The final count was: All-Stars, 104; Ramblers, 78.

Fistic Stars Close Training for Local Battles Tuesday

Workouts this afternoon were to constitute the final conditioning efforts of the six scrappers scheduled to be seen in action at the state fairground here Tuesday night on the Tracy Cox-Prince Saunders fight card opening the local indoor season.

Both Cox and Saunders, as well as Sammy (Kid) Slaughter, Jackie Purvis and Danny Delmont, went through hard drills Sunday at the Victory gym before a capacity house.

Cox is the only one of the fighters who still had some heavy work to do today, as he tipped the scales

at 139½ pounds after Sunday's session and still needed to lose some tonnage to make 137 pounds for his ten-round scrap with Saunders.

Bill Miller, promoter for the Pontiac A. C., announced today that the ring and the 10,000 seats have been installed, and the Manufacturers' building at the fairground is in readiness for the show. Quite a few out-of-town boxers will be here for the bouts. These will include Nate Lewis, matchmaker for the Chicago stadium, who is anxious to sign the winner of the Cox-Saunders fray to meet Barney Ross in the Windy City.

Chicago forged into the Big Ten race at least temporarily, by giving Indiana its first setback, 13 to 7.

Minnesota scored its first conference victory by defeating Iowa, 21 to 6. Fred Robinson scored two touchdowns on passes and Jack Manders plunged for the other. Iowa scored on a pass late in the game, the Hawkeyes' first Big Ten score since 1929.

Ohio State, beaten by Michigan and tied by Indiana, rose to unexpected heights and held Pittsburgh to a 0-0 tie in an intersectional battle. Wisconsin had little opposition in Cee, and won a hollow victory, 39 to 0.

Notre Dame kept up its relentless touchdown march by smashing Carnegie Tech, 42 to 0. The Irish have now rolled up 177 points in three games, three points shy of a point-a-minute record.

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